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News & Community

Port Ludlow Connects: Something for Everyone

This summer, the Port Ludlow Village Council invites you to Port Ludlow Connects: Connect with Purpose, a new name for the beloved Community Opportunity Fair.

On **Friday, August 28**, at The Bay Club from 4 – 6 p.m., you will find over 60 exhibitors filling both indoor and outdoor spaces. This free community event is your chance to explore the clubs, classes, businesses, and service organizations that make Port Ludlow such a vibrant place to live. Come ready to discover something new, reconnect with familiar faces, and meet your neighbors.

The afternoon promises to be a festive one. Enjoy live music by Port Ludlow's Stringalongs, take home a gift bag, and enter our raffle for a chance to win some great prizes.

This event is made possible by the generous support of our sponsors: Port Ludlow Brokers, Active Life Physical Therapy, South Bay Community Association, and Ludlow Maintenance Commission.

Whether you're a longtime resident or new to the area, Port Ludlow Connects is a wonderful opportunity to see just how much is happening right here in our community. Presented by the Port Ludlow Village Council. More information can be found at portludlowvillagecouncil.org.

Jefferson County will Auction Surplus Equipment

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners has declared numerous items of county-owned equipment and vehicles as surplus. This action authorizes the sale of these items via public online auction throughout the 2026 calendar year.

The surplus inventory includes 21 vehicles and pieces of equipment, as well as one boat and trailer, from departments including Public Works, the Health

Department, and Juvenile Services. Notable items include Ford Escapes, pickup trucks, a Ford Focus, Crown Victorias, Dodge Chargers, Volvo tractor trailers, a snowplow, and various utility vehicles and attachments. Many of these items are in working condition.

The public will have the opportunity to purchase these items through online consignment auction services provided by GovDeals, a platform widely used by government agencies for surplus auctions. Listings will be posted incrementally throughout the year. Information regarding item availability, inspection opportunities, and bidding procedures will be provided directly on the auction website at: <http://www.govdeals.com/JeffersonCountyWA>

For additional information regarding auction listings and procedures, interested parties are encouraged to contact Jefferson County Public Works at (360) 385-0890 and press 1 for Fleet Services.

Wills and Trusts:

What is Right for You and Your Family

Amanda Wilson, locally based Estate Planning Attorney with Northwest Estate Planning & Probate P.S., will present this free seminar and answer questions as time will allow.

Join us at the Bay Club 120 Spinnaker Pl, Port Ludlow, WA on **Wednesday, July 22, 2026**, from 1-2 p.m. Walk-ins welcome but RSVP appreciated at (360) 437-4172 or info@nwpepp.com.

Port Ludlow Garden Club – On Roses

“Loveliest of lovely things are they, on earth, that soonest pass away. The rose that lives its little hour is prized beyond the sculptured flower.”

~William Cullen Bryant, American poet (1794-1878)

For thousands of years, the rose has been a symbol of beauty, love, and passion, and it remains so today. Growing roses can be demanding or carefree. Says

who??? Roses are shrubs of many forms, available for every bloom season and in a range of colors. Knowing rose classifications helps in understanding their growth habit, climate preferences, and general requirements. If you would like to learn more about how to grow our U.S. national flower then you will want to come to this garden club presentation at 11 a.m. on **Wednesday, July 8** at the Beach Club. You might even hear about what a rosarian is.

There will be multiple varieties of roses available for purchase on a pre-order basis at \$25 each from members of the Kitsap Rose Society which are said to be of a high quality. The list has been emailed to the garden club members so they could be ordered in May. Please look at it and select what you would like to order by responding to the form, so those will be available.

Cash only for payment. All are welcome with a guest charge of \$5.

Please RSVP to portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com. Refreshments are served.

Coming Up This Summer at JCHS: History Hikes Explore the North Olympic Peninsula

Three guided outdoor experiences highlight the people, places, and stories that shaped our region.

The Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) and North Olympic History Center (NOHC) invite community members to discover the history and cultural landscapes of the North Olympic Peninsula through the 2026 **History Hikes** series.

Led by North Olympic History Center Executive Director David Brownell, the popular annual program combines outdoor exploration with engaging historical interpretation at significant regional sites. Participants experience local history firsthand while visiting some of the Peninsula's most remarkable landscapes.

The 2026 series includes three guided hikes:

Saturday, June 20 – Port Williams / Marlyn Nelson County Park Today a quiet county park, Port Williams was once a thriving commercial center serving eastern Clallam County. Participants will explore the area's transformation and learn about its former post office, hotel, wharf, and role in regional transportation and commerce.

Saturday, July 18 – qatáy Prairie and Lagoon This hike examines one of the region's remaining camas prairie landscapes, once a vital ecosystem for Indigenous communities. Participants will learn about the prairie's cultural and ecological significance and visit the remnants of the historic qatáy lagoon to explore environmental and cultural change over time.

Saturday, September 19 – Dungeness and 3 Crabs This walk explores the intersection of natural and human history in the Dungeness area. Topics include the Dungeness River, ecosystem restoration efforts, the historic town of Dungeness, and the Dungeness Wharf, which once connected Peninsula communities to Seattle and Victoria markets.

Each hike lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 1.5 to 2.5 miles round trip. Two hike times are offered on each date, and participation is limited to 12 people per group. Advance registration is required.

Proceeds support collections care, research, exhibitions, and educational programming at both organizations. For registration and complete program details, visit www.jchsmuseum.org/history-hikes. Questions? Contact Kelsey Caudebec, programs@jchsmuseum.com.

PT Wednesday Farmers Market's 2nd Season

The Port Townsend Wednesday Farmers Market kicked off its second season on June 3, running Wednesdays from 3 – 6 p.m. on Tyler Street Uptown. The reopening featured a ribbon-cutting, dog treats, kids' activities, and lawn games.

This year's market features 19 vendors offering produce, flowers, bread, prepared food, and more.

Newcomers include Sourdough Social Club and A Place on Earth, a draft-horse-powered farm from the Dungeness Valley.

A highlight this season is the Power of Produce (POP) Club, a weekly kids' program from 3 – 4 p.m. where children earn \$2 in market bucks for fresh fruits and vegetables. Monthly chef demonstrations and live music round out the programming.

Come join us at Port Townsend's Uptown **Wednesdays** 3 – 6 p.m., Tyler Street Uptown, Port Townsend.

Summer Reading at the Jefferson County Library District

Summer reading and activities at the Jefferson County Library District (JCLD) are going full speed ahead! Visit jclibrary.info to check out our programs and events calendar. On **Saturday, July 4**, the Library District will be closed for Independence Day.

Don't miss this year's Adult Summer Reading Program. Play Plant a Seed Book Bingo and read *Close to Home: The Wonders of Nature Just Outside Your Door* by Thor Hanson. Join us at the end of the summer to enjoy an author talk by the author of this year's summer read, Thor Hanson.

JCLD's summer reading includes programs and events for kids of all ages. Sign up at

cleoreads.beanstack.com or pick up a paper tracker at the library or bookmobile to get started. Join us for Kids' Summer Fun at H.J. Carroll Park in Chimacum on **Mondays**, and Worthington Park in Quilcene on **Tuesdays**, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Reading and dogs merge on **Thursdays, July 2, 9, 23, and 30**, from 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. Bring your favorite book or choose one from the library, then build reading skills and confidence by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog. Register on site for a 20-minute session.

Dive into the art of expression by creating masks with Thaddeus Jurczynski on **Thursday, July 2**,

2 – 4 p.m. Tissue mâché masks can reflect animals, historical figures, or fictional characters. Along the way, explore balance, proportion, and engineering!

Join WSU Master Gardeners on **Saturday, July 11**, from noon – 1 p.m. for a talk and Q&A session on a select topic. This month's topic is Starting from Scratch: Your First Steps in Landscape Design. Afterward, ask any other gardening questions at the WSU Master Gardener's Plant Clinic, 1 – 3 p.m.

Join us on **Thursday, July 16**, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for Emergency Preparedness. This month's topic is Neighborhood Organization: Beforehand and in the Moment. Learn the basic components of working together with your neighbors to help everyone become better prepared in case of an emergency or disaster. Find complete details for these programs and more on the calendar of events at jclibrary.info. Visit the Jefferson County Library at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock.

For questions or assistance, call 360-385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info.



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Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, EJFR Community Outreach Volunteer

Meet Jason MacDonald, battalion chief on shift “A” for East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR). He was promoted to deputy fire chief, effective July 1, to replace the retiring Pete Brummel. Jason was promoted after a prominent



firm specializing in the recruitment of executive leadership in government conducted a comprehensive review of candidates scouted from across the West.

Jason started his career while in high school as a cadet firefighter. He joined the Port Townsend Fire Department in 1996 at age 16. In 1998 he became a volunteer firefighter/EMT then a career firefighter in 2003. In 2009, after his promotion to lieutenant, Jason took paramedic training at Harborview Medical Center, the first paramedic trainee from East Jefferson. He was promoted to battalion chief in 2021.

Originally from Port Townsend, Jason now lives in Port Ludlow with his wife Blair, whom he met while both attended Western Washington University. The MacDonalds have two children, Harper, nine, and Henry, six. Jason is a third generation firefighter; both his grandfather and father were volunteers in the Port Townsend fire service. Sitting in a firetruck at age three when his family visited the fire station, Jason dreamed of being a firefighter.

Jason enjoys the spontaneity of the work at EJFR. Never knowing what problems need solving, or what else the day will bring, stimulates him. The hardest part of the job is dealing with the grief that comes from lives lost or irreparably harmed.

Jason remembers an incident, years ago, where he was called to administer CPR to a patient who was

in distress. It was his grade school principal. Jason succeeded in reviving the gentleman, and it gave him the satisfaction of knowing he'd returned the kindness his principal had shown him when he was young. Very satisfying.

Jason would like to continue to grow in his role as deputy fire chief and take the classes that will benefit him in his assignment. He looks forward to continuing to support the residents of East Jefferson County.

Away from the job, Jason is interested in old cars and camping. He enjoys playing with his young daughter and son and building relationships vital to his family.

2026 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

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

May Alarms

Fires	15
Rescue/Emergency Medical	336
Non-Emergency	28
Hazardous Condition	16
Service Call	65
Other	11
Total Alarms	471

May Ambulance Transports

911 Transports	203
Hospital Requested Transport	0
Non Transports	131
May CARES Contacts	128

Recycling in Action at PTPC

Recycling is more than an environmental effort at the Port Townsend Paper Company (PTPC); it is the foundation of the mill's daily operations. By turning used cardboard into new products, PTPC demonstrates how large-scale recycling can benefit both the environment and the local economy.

At the heart of PTPC's process is the recycling of old corrugated containers (OCC), such as used shipping boxes. The company processes a significant portion of the recycled cardboard collected in Washington State each year, making it one of the region's largest and most important recycling operations. All this material comes from post-consumer sources, meaning everyday items like used boxes are given a second life instead of ending up in landfills. This impressive

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effort produces more than 500 tons of recycled pulp every day, providing a steady supply of raw material for paper manufacturing.

This recycling process is not only environmentally responsible but also economically important. According to a recent economic impact study, PTPC supports hundreds of jobs and generates hundreds of millions of dollars in economic activity throughout Jefferson County and Washington State. By combining sustainability with strong economic contributions, the mill plays a vital role in the community.

PTPC is a clear example of recycling in action, where waste is transformed into valuable resources, and environmental responsibility goes hand in hand with economic strength.

If you have corrugated cardboard to recycle, you can bring it directly to the mill, recycling bins are located at the entrance to the employee parking area.

Port Ludlow Tangle Club Meeting

Anyone can tangle because it's easy to learn, fun, meditative, and awakens your creative muse. Attend the next Port Ludlow Tangle Club meeting on **Thursday, July 9**, at the Bay Club from 1 to 3 p.m.



*Zentangle Cartouche
by Alice Clive*

This month's meeting will focus on learning more about cartouches and ornamental frames. Using predetermined patterns called tangles, a cartouche can be drawn around anything such as family photos, jewelry like locket or pins, ornamental buttons, or even an initial. Come and

learn the technique and then tangle around anything!

Monthly supply kits will be available for a nominal fee and first-timers will be able to purchase beginner kits. To RSVP, email Alice, Certified Zentangle Teacher, at foureyes22@outlook.com. Space is limited, so it's first-come, first-served.

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, August 13** to attend a *Chat and Tangle* meeting to just tangle, socialize, and share ideas.

Chimacum Dedicates Auditorium in Honor of Duane L. Montgomery

Community celebration honors longtime Chimacum music educator, founder of the marching band and author of the school Alma Mater

On June 4, Chimacum students, alumni, families, staff and community members gathered to dedicate the newly named Montgomery Auditorium at Chimacum Jr./Sr. High School. The evening honored the life and legacy of Duane L. Montgomery, longtime Chimacum



teacher, band director, coach, mentor, founder of the Chimacum Marching Band and author of the Chimacum Alma Mater in 1955.

The dedication followed action by the Chimacum

School Board to rename the high school auditorium in honor of Montgomery and the enduring legacy of the Montgomery family. The Jefferson County Board of County Commissioners also proclaimed June 4, 2026, as Duane L. Montgomery Day in Jefferson County, recognizing his decades of service to students, music and community life.

Built as part of the 1959 high school, the auditorium has long been central to Chimacum history and the Jefferson County performing arts scene. Many remembered it as the “House that Duane Built,” a tribute to Montgomery’s vision and influence on community arts. Duane and Mary Lou Montgomery came to Chimacum as teachers in 1954 and helped make music a lasting part of the school experience. Mary Lou, who was seated in the front row at the dedication, also served generations of students as a general music teacher, chorus director and drama club director.

The June 4 celebration was filled with student music and community pride. Students from second through twelfth grade performed, including music classes, drumlines, the Chimacum Jr./Sr. High Band and a combined finale singing the Alma Mater. Duane and Mary Lou’s great-grandchildren, Hayden and Hailey, also performed.



As Chimacum’s marching band prepares to represent our state in Washington, D.C. on July 4 for the nation’s 250th

anniversary celebration, the dedication reminded everyone that “the blue and white lives on forever.”

Quilcene Food Bank: A New Home at the Masonic Hall

The Jefferson County Food Bank Association (JCFBA) has moved the Quilcene Food Bank to the Quilcene Masonic Hall at 170 Herbert Street. This change is now in place.

The move to the Masonic Hall marks a meaningful upgrade in the Food Bank’s ability to serve neighbors in need. The new space is larger and more welcoming. It opens the door to future expanded service hours, including evening operations, to better reach community members with daytime work or transportation constraints.

The transition is made possible through a partnership with the Quilcene Masons. JCFBA is grateful to the Masons for their generosity in opening the hall to this vital community resource.



JCFBA also extends sincere thanks to Jefferson County for its longstanding hospitality at the Quilcene Community Center, which served as the Food Bank’s home for many years.

“This move is about more than a new address,” said Laurie Engelbeck, JCFBA Secretary and Quilcene Food Bank Volunteer. “It reflects our ongoing commitment to showing up for every person in this community who needs us, and includes our gratitude to the partners who make that possible.”

New location details:

Quilcene Masonic Hall
170 Herbert Street, Quilcene, WA

Hours as of Friday, June 5, 2026:
Wednesday 11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

About JCFBA

JCFBA provides nutritious food with dignity, respect, and care to anyone in our community in need. JCFBA operates food banks in Brinnon, Port Townsend, and Quilcene. They also operate pop-up locations, which are expanding this year.

JCFBA invites all community members to visit our new home. To confirm current hours, contact Laurie Engelbeck at secretary@jcfba.org, or (360) 774-4680.

Features & Stories

“Don’t Give Up The Ship! Fight Her ‘Til She Sinks!!”

by Nelson Rivers

Those heroic words were the dying command and rallying cry of Captain James Lawrence, United States Navy, issued to Lt. Augustus Crommelin Ludlow on June 1, 1813. Lawrence was commanding officer during the USS Chesapeake’s fateful battle against HMS Shannon near Boston during the War of 1812. Now under the command of Lt. Ludlow, the Chesapeake fought on. But Ludlow’s command was short-lived. He was mortally wounded, succumbing to his injuries 12 days later at age 21. He died in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and he and his commanding officer are buried in the Trinity Church graveyard in Manhattan.

Augustus C. Ludlow was born in Newburgh, New York, on January 1, 1792. He was appointed

Midshipman on April 2, 1804, age 12, and commissioned Lieutenant June 3, 1810 at age 18.

“Don’t give up the ship” became a lasting U.S. Navy motto, famously inscribed by Commodore Oliver Hazard Perry on his battle flag during the Battle of Lake Erie on September 13, 1813, to honor his friend, Captain James Lawrence. Augustus Ludlow had been a close friend of Lt. Charles Wilkes, eventually a rear admiral, not to be confused with Scarlett O’Hara’s first husband. In 1841, Wilkes, who led the U.S. Exploring Expedition into Puget Sound and elsewhere, bestowed the name of Port Ludlow on our community, and adjoining bay, in honor of his deceased friend. The name has graced our community for 185 years.

Augustus C. Ludlow has been further honored by the U.S. Navy. Two ships have borne his name, USS Ludlow (DD-112), a Wickes-class destroyer (1918-1930), and USS Ludlow (DD-438), a Gleaves-class

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destroyer (1941-1951), which served in both the Atlantic and Pacific theaters during World War II. She earned six battle stars, participating in the invasions of North Africa, Sicily, Salerno, Anzio, and southern France, and she survived WWII.

So, what happened to the USS Chesapeake on June 1, 1813? Unfortunately, once Lt. Ludlow was wounded, the crew eventually gave up the ship to the British, who recommissioned her HMS Chesapeake.

Porch Talk with Thysen Scott

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer

You might have heard about the famous “fall-off-the-bone” ribs, or the Sweet Thai Chili Salmon, or the brats with a side of warm potato salad garnished with bacon. Maybe you’ve seen the cars lined up for curbside pick-up every Tuesday and Friday, or attended a catered event at the Beach and Bay Clubs in Port Ludlow. Chances are you’ve eaten some of Thysen Scott’s food.

Thysen and his wife Debi started GBF Catering, also known as God Bless Food Catering, in 2013. After a fortuitous floor installation, a sampling of Thysen’s cooking at Port Townsend Paper



Thysen Scott at GBF Catering

Photo by Samiah McKnight

Company resulted in a catered Christmas party. At the time, Thysen was a master installer of flooring, having worked for Precision Floors in Oregon starting at the age of 15, Westport Yachts in Port Angeles, and Dana Point Interiors in Port Ludlow.

It was his wife’s idea to start gifting food samplers to his flooring clients once he’d finished a job. She already knew he was quite the cook; she’s been sampling his food since their first date in 2009. As GBF began to take root, Thysen perfected his recipes,

cooking three to five different dishes at home every week for four years. They didn’t always turn out like he wanted, so he’d tweak the ingredients until he thought everything was perfect. He said his chocolate chip recipe probably took six years to master. Now he tries out new recipes on friends when they come to his house for Seattle Seahawks’ games. If they don’t like what he makes, he tweaks it. Sound familiar?

The guy’s not afraid to start over, not with recipes and not with his life. When he crossed the Hood Canal nineteen years ago and decided to try something different, the bridge was more than just a way to get across the water. For Thysen, it represented a new beginning, a new future. That’s when his whole life changed, when he met Debi, when he started his catering business, and when he finally found his home.

He comes from a family history steeped in cooking. His grandfather started the Taco Time franchise, and his father owns seven restaurants in the Seattle area. Even his aunt has a large catering company in Tukwila. Thysen says he is known as the best cook in the family, often preparing dishes for family reunions, but he wanted to do his own thing.

When I asked him how he met his wife, he laughed. Said it was a setup of sorts, but a long time in the coming. For six months, a friend of his tried to set him up with Debi, but Thysen didn’t have the nerve to do it. Finally, they happened to be in the same place at the same time, and they ended up talking for a few minutes. It was enough to get both of their attentions. They were a couple after that.

And look at what they’ve accomplished together with GBF. Thysen’s won so many Best Chef and Cook awards, it’s hard to count them. He’s been voted the #1 Chef in Jefferson County a number of times. I know one thing for sure. He’s probably the only guy who’s won an award for best floor covering **and** best chef in the same year. Who does that?

Thysen’s catered all kinds of events, like Dove House in Port Townsend, Young Life in Port Angeles, and ANA (Association of Naval Aviation). He provides

meals for Jerry Cantrall and his rock band, *Alice in Chains*, when they're back home in Seattle. He delivers cookies, probably those famous chocolate chip cookies six years in the making, to *Shinedown*, another rock band, though this one's from Jacksonville, FL. I've no idea how they met, but wow.

Thysen's just a busy, busy guy. You can check out his website to see more of what he's up to at gbfcatering.com. He also does group cooking classes and sometimes posts YouTube videos on what he's making. I watched a video of him chopping a head of iceberg lettuce in less than thirty seconds without breaking any skin. It was wild to watch, and so I did, twice. He just laughs and says if he's going to do something, he needs to be the best.

Now he's thinking about creating a cookbook, sharing all those famous recipes with the public. He showed me his two handwritten recipe books, what he calls his "holy grail." It'll take some work to pare the recipes down to four-six servings, and he'll probably have to include more directions for people like me who require more cooking instructions. Wouldn't you like to get your hands on a cookbook like that?

Thysen wants to keep building, doing the best he can every single day he wakes up. He ministers through food, one plate at a time, donating 1700 meals last year. "Everybody has to eat," he says, but it's more than just the food. It's about community.

He's quite a humble guy. He credits his success to his wife Debi and his faith in God. In fact, that's how he came up with the name God Bless Food Catering. He says God made the food; Thysen just puts it together.

Interested in swapping stories? Let's sit on the porch, share a cup of coffee or tea, and have a conversation. Drop me a line at sports@plvoice.org. Looking forward to hearing from you!

A Mansion in the Woods

by Milt Lum, staff writer

Once upon a time almost two centuries ago, there was a mansion in the woods. For a bright shining

moment it heralded the period when Port Ludlow was the queen of the lumber ports. Back then there was a virgin forest of first growth Douglas Fir trees to be harvested, Yankee entrepreneurs with savvy and money to harvest the trees, and a period of global prosperity to market those trees. For its short existence, the mansion brought the world to the little village by the bay.

Our story begins with Cyrus Walker, a Maine school teacher and surveyor, whose ambition was to make \$50,000 quickly. Viewing the recent discovery of gold in Canberra, Australia, as his path to instant riches, he purchased a ticket on a schooner headed there. As he viewed the aging ship in the New York harbor and contemplated the distance he was to travel, he decided that he could pursue his dream closer to home. He sold his ticket at a profit and returned to his hotel where he met E.S. Brown, a millwright from Maine. Brown was on his way to meet William Pope and Andrew Talbot, lumbermen also from Maine who were looking to expand their shipping and timber business to California. In their short time together, Brown convinced Walker that timber could be his road to riches.

During the trip to California, Walker assimilated enough knowledge of sawmill operation and timber harvesting that he convinced Talbot to give him a job. Upon arriving in San Francisco, Talbot realized that for their enterprise to prosper, they needed to explore new areas to harvest timber. Pope remained in California to establish their base, while Talbot took Walker with him to explore the Oregon Territory. On June, 1853, their ship, Pringle, anchored in Discovery Bay. Talbot, in the Pringle's longboat, and Walker in a dugout canoe, explored the western shore of Admiralty Inlet and Hood Canal down to Dabob Bay without finding a suitable place with enough timber along the shoreline and a good harbor. On their trip back along the eastern shore of the Hood Canal, they entered Port Gamble and discovered a two-mile long harbor, heavily timbered banks, and a level spit — an ideal site for Talbot's new lumber company, Puget

Mill.

At the end of his one-year contract, Walker opted to remain with the company as it improved and expanded its sawmills in Port Gamble. Eight years later, with the sudden demise of the Puget Mill's sawmill manager, Walker was offered the managerial position. He refused suggesting that he was about to move on. Talbot, recognizing the value of Walker's experience, countered with an offer of a \$30,000 loan to purchase a 10% share of their company. By then the Puget Mill Company had gone from a valuation of \$30,000 to \$300,000 in eight years. Walker saw his pathway to wealth come into focus.

In the subsequent years, Walker helped Puget Mill become the most profitable mill on the Sound. In 1878, during a period of low timber prices, Walker bought the Port Ludlow Mill Company. He revitalized it while accepting a subsidy of \$900/month from rival mill owners to remain idle. When the economy improved, he expanded Puget Mill's operations to Port Ludlow, creating a company town complete with homes for workers, a store, post office, and a school. The population swelled to over 300 residents including wives and children. At the center of it all was the Admiralty, aka "the biggest damn cabin on the sound".

Walker had ordered the Admiralty built in Port Ludlow after his company home in Port Gamble was destroyed by a fire shortly after he had married Emily Francis Talbot in 1885. Completed in 1887, the 12 bedroom mansion, located on the hillside overlooking the harbor, had an elevator, a wine cellar, and a dining room to rival any found in the best hotels in San Francisco. The rooms were furnished with carved black walnut furniture from New England and Europe, and adorned with memorabilia from around the world. A cupola on the top of the home was topped with a flag pole. The lawn fronting the home was graced with maple and elm trees, and imported cedars of Lebanon. A bronze cannon, a relic of the War of 1812, was prominently displayed and fired every Fourth of July.

For all of its opulence, the Admiralty neither reflected Walker's cultural tastes or a display of his material wealth. He was an austere New Englander who believed in hard work and eschewed fancy things. He was not a connoisseur of fine wines or international cuisines preferring instead cod fish and johnny cake cooked in the style of his hometown, Skowhegan, Maine. The Admiralty and its elegance were merely a backdrop for Walker to conduct his business and entertain his customers. He relied on a three-generation family of Chinese cooks to provide the meals for his guests. His wife, twenty-one years his junior and daughter of Andrew Talbot, managed the domestic affairs of the Admiralty with the decorum befitting the financial barons of the times. Walker's acumen for business and his wife's refined tastes accentuated the splendor of the mansion and Port Ludlow became the talk of the sound.

When Walker retired in 1910 due to infirmities associated with old age, the Admiralty became a hotel during the time when lumber was still profitable. It met an ignominious end by being destroyed in a fire. The only remnants of its grandeur remain in the photos buried in books and historical documents. "Sic transit gloria mundi".

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Arts & Entertainment

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

- **Friday, July 10** at 7:30 p.m. | Sam Grisman returns with Danny Barnes, Alex Hargreaves (fiddle), Victor Furtado (banjo), Max Flansburg (guitar), Dominick Leslie (mandolin), Nat Smith (cello) and Tod Livingston (dobro) feature music of David “Dawg” Grisman and Jerry Garcia. Tickets: \$45 - \$75.
- **Saturday, July 11** at 5:30 p.m. and 8 p.m. | The Chuchito Valdés Trio will perform two sets in the Thomsen Club. A seven-time Latin GRAMMY nominee, Chuchito is recognized as a master of Cuban music. Tickets \$45 - \$60.
- **Saturday, July 18** at 8 p.m. | It’s Comedy Night in the Sunset Lounge! Bring a friend (21 or older) and share a laugh with Kermet Apio and Quinn Fitzgerald. Tickets: \$30, \$130 for a VIP table.
- **Wednesday, July 22 - Friday, July 24** and **Wednesday, July 29 - Friday, July 31** at 6 p.m. Broadway at Sunset is a high-energy theatrical experience that weaves iconic Broadway songs with hilarious storytelling. Tickets: \$30.
- **Sunday, July 26** at 2 p.m. | Erin Hennessey (violin) and Gabriel Merrill-Steskal (piano) feature the music of composer Arnold Schoenberg’s *Society for Private Musical Performances*, where contemporary music of the 1920’s was performed away from the conservative concert hall crowds and critics. Tickets: \$28 - \$38 (adults). \$15 (youths up to 18).

For information, visit fieldhallevvents.org. The Field Arts & Events Hall is located at 201 W Front Street in Port Angeles, WA.

Open Studio Invitation

The Port Ludlow Art League invites you to gather with fellow makers at The Port Ludlow Resort on **Wednesday, July 15**, from 1 to 5 p.m. This free gathering is the perfect chance to work on your projects alongside fellow makers in a supportive and inspiring atmosphere with stunning views of the Olympic Mountains.


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

When it’s time for a break, the Fireside restaurant will have its full lunch menu, happy hour specials and drinks available for purchase.

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

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

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Port Ludlow Art League – Artists of the Month

Featured Artist: Misty Pilgrim

Misty is inspired by the natural world around her — vertical forms, strong shadows, moments of transition, and meandering paths that disappear into the distance. These elements motivate her because they speak to change, resilience, and possibility.



Edge of Morning by Misty Pilgrim

Many of Misty's paintings begin *en plein air* (on location) and are further developed in her studio. She works in oil, occasionally creating studies in acrylic or watercolor, using lightfast pigments to ensure the longevity of the work. Over time, she has transitioned to painting with palette knives that enables her to carve into thick paint, build dramatic impasto textures, and sculpt forms in a way that feels raw and immediate.

Misty's subject matter has been profoundly shaped by living in some of the most dramatically diverse environments. She spent time in the sunbaked regions of the Southwest, the lush, volcanic topography of Hawaii, and now makes her home in the Pacific Northwest. Painting locally, her palette and compositions are influenced by the coastal light and shifting tides. Through these landscapes, she hopes to capture not just a place, but a moment — light shifting, weather passing, and the quiet presence of the land.

During July you can enjoy Misty's artwork at Sound

Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org.

The public is invited to attend a reception for Misty on **Wednesday, July 8**, 4 – 5 p.m. in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. With summer in full swing and plein air painters capturing the essence of Port Ludlow, be sure to enjoy the gallery's *Summer Days* collection of work.

The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The bank is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from noon – 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League – Artists of the Month

Featured Jeweler – Pamela Raine

Mixed media artist Pamela went through her collection of Italian Florentine and Japanese Chiyogami and Shibori paper to create a collection of jewelry with eye-catching hues of cobalt, azure and indigo. The beautiful thing about paper jewelry is that it is as light as a feather, making it a delightfully comfortable and artistic statement.

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

The public is invited to attend a reception for Pamela on **Wednesday, July 8**, from 4 – 5 p.m. in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery.



Jewelry by Pamela Raine

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Jeweler of the Month - Pamela Raine (continued)

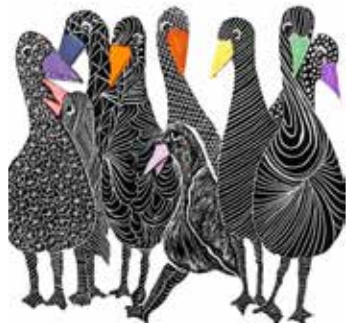
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Bay Club Art Exhibit – Doodle Art

The Port Ludlow Art League challenges traditional boundaries of fine art this summer with its upcoming exhibit, *Doodle Art*. Running from July through August, the showcase features original artwork from art league members who have embraced the doodle as a legitimate and powerful medium for visual expression.

While doodling is often dismissed as a mindless distraction, the exhibit aims to reframe it as a creative catalyst.

Doodling bridges the gap between subconscious creativity and structured storytelling. When the mind relaxes, the pen moves freely, uncovering



Goose Chats by Sheryl Goldsberry

unexpected symbols, patterns, and narratives that might otherwise remain buried beneath conscious thought.

Beyond its artistic merit, research reveals that doodling enhances memory retention, sharpens focus during complex tasks, and actively stimulates problem solving. A simple scribble can unlock innovative solutions to artistic and intellectual challenges.

After you stroll through the *Doodle Art* exhibit, try your hand at doodle art on the canvas in the lobby. You'll find all the supplies you'll need to unlock your creativity.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Lane in Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, please email Sheryl Goldsberry at info@portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Performing Arts Unveils the 2026–2027 Season

Port Ludlow Performing Arts is gearing up for the upcoming season of exciting and new performances. The fun begins with the Summer Concert on **Sunday, August 9**, from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., a community favorite that returns with the addition of fun activities for the entire family.

The Family Fun Zone, sponsored by the Jefferson Healthcare Foundation, will feature yard games and face painting for kids and families. Music for the afternoon will be provided by The Barn Cats, generously sponsored by Terri Ross. The Port Ludlow Art League will be sponsoring their annual art fair. To round out the festivities, we're hoping to welcome a visiting fire engine.

Port Ludlow Performing Arts proudly announces its 2026–2027 season, offering a dynamic mix of genres and artists, including:



Summer Concert

- Abby Posner & The Big Fall – **Saturday, September 26, 2026**
- Tap Into Soul with Solomon Jaye – **Saturday, November 14, 2026**
- Ultimi 3 Tenors – **Sunday, December 20, 2026**
- National Guitar with the Jenner Fox Band – **Sunday, February 7, 2027**
- Tom Rigney & Flambeau – **Sunday, March 21, 2027**
- Trevor Panczak – **Saturday, April 24, 2027**

Our heartfelt thanks and gratitude goes out to the volunteers and sponsors who made the 2025–2026

season such a success. From ushering and staging to financial support, their dedication continues to make world-class performing arts possible in Port Ludlow.

Port Ludlow Performing Arts remains committed to enriching our community through accessible, high-quality performing arts that inspire, entertain, and connect people of all ages. Through our educational outreach efforts, we also support and encourage fine arts education for students in local schools, helping to foster the next generation of artists, musicians, and arts enthusiasts. For more information, to volunteer, or to purchase tickets, please visit portludlowperformingarts.com

Bayside Art Gallery Presents *Roots. Chosen Exhibit*

Bayside Art Gallery is pleased to welcome Seattle-based abstract artist Bilonda Mireille Rommel for her first solo exhibit running from **July 12** through **August 31**.



Not Always Black and White
by Bilonda Mireille Romme

Titled *Roots. Chosen*, this evocative collection of oil and acrylic paintings delves deeply into the profound intersections of heritage, identity and deliberate belonging. While grounded in the ceremonial motifs, sacred geometries and living symbols of Luba, Bantu and Kongo traditions, Rommel’s work transcends borders. The exhibit examines the structural duality between the biological and historical foundations we inherit (Roots) and the communities, paths and

identities we claim for ourselves (Chosen).

A self-taught, Congolese-born artist, Rommel began painting as a form of visual journaling to preserve what words could not hold. Her visual language blends texture, form, pattern and bold color, inviting viewers into a personal yet universally resonant conversation about home and self-determination.

Rommel explains, “There is a language that makes me cry before I can explain why. When I hear Tshiluba, the language of my Luba ancestors, something in me answers before my mind can catch up. Joy and grief arrive together, inseparable. My exhibit is about that reaching, because we are all human, connected by threads stronger than our differences.”

A reception for Rommel will be held on **Sunday, July 12**, from 4 to 6 p.m. The community is invited to attend, view the vibrant artworks and meet the artist.

The Bayside Art Gallery is located at 310 Hadlock Bay Road, Port Hadlock. For more information about the exhibition, please contact Christopher Forrest at cforrest@baysidehousing.org, call 206-465-2193, or visit baysideartgallery.com.

July Watercolor Class

Watercolor Class – Friday, July 3, 10 a.m. – noon
at the Bridge Deck

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

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



Woodland Falls
by Pamela Raine

Northwind Art — July Exhibits and Classes

The popular summertime art exhibit *Northwest Expressions* is in full swing, featuring 60 pieces by 43 artists at Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery. From sculpture to mixed media works, the juried show is open Thursdays through Mondays from noon to 5 p.m. Gallery visitors are invited to vote for their favorite work in the *Northwest Expressions* People's Choice Award balloting that runs from now through **August 10**.

Showcase 2026, Round 2 at Northwind's gallery showcases wildlife photography by Kerry Tremain, interactive ceramics by Aleta Anderson and artwork by 10 other makers. This exhibit continues through **September 7**.

For information about *Northwest Expressions*, *Showcase 2026* and the participating artists, you can visit NorthwindArt.org. Jeanette Best Gallery is at 701 Water Street in Port Townsend.

Northwind Art School

Northwind's Art School hosts a fresh lineup of courses and workshops for the summer.

- Fabric Maché Bowls, **Sunday, July 5**
- Aging Creatively: art for people with memory loss and their caregivers, **Tuesday, July 7 and Tuesday, July 21**
- Watercolor Foundations: A Beginner Course, **Wednesday and Thursday, July 8 and 9**
- Shibori: Creating Unique Fabrics, **Saturday and Sunday, July 11 and 12**
- Make Your Own Hand Broom, **Sunday, July 19**
- Plein Air Painting in Gouache, **Sunday, July 26**
- Acrylic Still Life, **Mondays July 27 - August 17**
- Sketching around Town, **Saturday, August 1**
- Plein Woodcut Printmaking, **Saturday and Sunday, August 1 and 2**
- Make Your Own Floor Broom, **Friday, August 21**



Northwind Art School - Shibori

Ludlow Village Players – Behind the Scenes

by Jim Gormly, Ludlow Village Players

To be or not to be. Whether it's better to be chilling by the pool or to be hamming it up with Ludlow Village Players; that is the question. Apologies to William Shakespeare, but as Hamlet said, "The play's the thing," and putting on a play takes a lot of people both out front and behind the scenes.

What you see on the stage in Port Ludlow, the actors saying their lines, moving about, and entering and exiting the set, is only the visible and audible portion of all the effort that has been put into a production. There's so much more to putting on a production, and, just like the actors, volunteers fill those roles.

Do you like to go thrifting? If you do, you're the perfect candidate for prop master! Imagine combing through vintage and thrift stores to convert a stage into a 1950s living room. Do you like to sew and alter patterns to make a new design? It would be easy for you to transform that jacket from Goodwill into a cloak for an English country gentleman. Are you handy with a circular saw? Join the team that builds a room out of wood, trim, and a few screws. If you like to paint, unleash your creativity by designing a cozy parlor. Are you a detail-oriented person that leaves no stone unturned? If so, you're a natural as a stage or production manager.

All these tasks, and more, are critical to the success

of a production, including lighting, sound, hospitality, box office, and publicity tasks. The accompanying photograph shows the cast alongside some of the volunteers who supported the 2018 production of *Suite Surrender*.



Cast and Partial Crew of Suite Surrender

Help bring live theater to Port Ludlow while joining a fun community! Volunteering with the Ludlow Village Players offers the deep satisfaction of bringing a production to life, along with plenty of laughs and the chance to make lasting new friendships with your neighbors.

To volunteer, send an email to volunteer@ludlowvillageplayers.org. You can also stop by our booth at the Port Ludlow Connects Fair on **Friday, August 28**, from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Bay Club. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow.

Port Ludlow Art League – Art Around Town

The Port Ludlow Art League partners with local businesses that graciously offer locations for artists to exhibit and sell their artwork. From **July 7** through **August 31** you can enjoy original art by local artists at the following locations:

- Active Life Physical Therapy – Misty Pilgrim:
Oil paintings
- Coldwell Banker Best Realty – Jim Miner:
Digital paintings
- The Bay Club Lobby – Ann Arscott: Acrylic
paintings

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Don't miss these performances:

- **July 8**, 6:30 – 8 p.m. at Village Green Community Park in Kingston
For more information, please visit myvillagegreen.activityreg.com/calendar/wcs
- **July 10**, Noon to 1 p.m. at Nora Porter Commons Fort Worden
For more information, please visit centrum.org/event/free-fridays-at-the-fort-anzanga-marimba-ensemble-2/



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Bay Club / South Bay

SBCA Happenings

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

Welcome to July and warmer weather, picnics, family vacations and 4th of July parades!

South Bay has been quite busy with multiple activities. June's Pancake Breakfast was in support of the Salmon Coalition and there was a great turnout. On June 12th we had a lively Members Social with a BBQ of burger/hot dogs with many sides. The band, *Still Got It* played and many attendees danced to favorite songs of our youth!

July's big event will be our SBCA Annual General Meeting **on Monday, July 15** at 1 p.m. All materials were mailed out to members prior to June 15. We have six open Director positions. Current Director, John Cacho will continue as Board member, fulfilling the second year of his term. Current Board members, Christine Spagle, Donna Colosky, and Carolyn O'Keeffe whose terms are expiring this year, will be running again. Susan Shadrick, Mark Schwendener and Corey Wilkerson have volunteered to run for the board, and we are grateful for their dedication and willingness to support our SBCA community through leadership on the Board of Directors. We are thrilled to have a full slate of candidates for the six open positions. As always, members can vote for a write-in candidate.

In addition to the election of Board of Directors, we have four ballot issues to be voted on: approval of 2025 Annual Meeting minutes, ratification of the Operating and Reserve Fund Budgets for 2026-2027, whether to waive a financial audit for 2025-2026 fiscal year, and whether to adopt the proposed amended version of the SBCA Bylaws that reconcile any conflict with current changes in Washington State law (RCW 64.90).

We will also discuss our Operating and Reserve

Budgets. Several Board members, our General Manager, SBCA Committees and volunteers assisted in developing the Association budget for the year ending June 30, 2027. The 2023 Reserve Study (with site visits) influenced the recommendations for reserve contributions and reporting. Thorough explanations and details of both can be found in the annual packet that was mailed to each SBCA member household in June, specifically within the Budget Narrative document, Reserve Study/Funding Plan and Reserve Study Strength Calculations with Projected Reserve Balance Changes. We'll also discuss upcoming projects for the 2026-2027 fiscal year and recognize and honor our committees, volunteers and staff.

It is very critical that SBCA members participate in the Annual Meeting by proxy, absentee ballot or in person at the Bay Club on Monday, July 15. We will have a member reception following the meeting with appetizers, beer, wine and soft drinks. If weather permits, we will hold the reception outdoors on the patio. If you have any questions prior to the meeting, you can contact our General Manager, Mark Torres at gm@sbcclub.com or the board via the contact form on the SBCA website, sbcclub.com.

We hope to see you at our SBCA Annual Meeting!



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Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Mike Wilson, General Manager

Happy Summer, everyone!

As we move from June into the beautiful days of July, please remember to stay hydrated and take precautions while enjoying the outdoors.

The outdoor pool is now open for the season, and Lynn Hovde is once again offering swimming lessons through August. With over 20 years at the Beach Club, Lynn provides private and group lessons for members and their families. Contact her at lynnsswimschool@gmail.com.

Join us on the Beach Club lawn on **Thursday, July 23**, at 5 p.m., for a free community concert featuring the Sound Advice Band. Enjoy Motown, soul, and favorites from the '60s and '70s. Snacks will be available or bring your own—don't forget a lawn chair!

We've completed several improvements, including a new WiFi mesh network at the Beach Club, resurfaced sports courts at Kehele Park, and a new gravel pathway between Admiralty apartments and the Beach Club to improve pedestrian safety. As always, please remember to observe the 10 MPH speed limit in the Club's parking lot.

Regarding Kehele Park, recent vegetation removal is the first step in planned upgrades. An ad-hoc subcommittee is now working with professionals to enhance the park with improved landscaping and playground features. Revitalizing this underused space remains a key goal, and I'm excited about what's ahead.

Thank you for your continued patience and support, and have a safe and enjoyable summer.

As always, thank you for being part of our Ludlow community. I look forward to seeing you around the Beach Club and throughout North Bay. If you have questions or comments about this article or the ongoing work at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or email at GM@LMCBeachClub.org.

SBCA Important Dates:

All Thursdays 4 p.m. Member's Lounge

July 3 8:30 – 10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast benefitting Bayside Housing**

July 4 Happy Fourth of July!

July 15 1 p.m. SBCA Annual Meeting at the Bay Club with Reception**

August 7 8 - 10 a.m. Pancake Breakfast benefitting the Dove House**

August 11 1 - 2 p.m. Dove House: Senior Crime issues ***

August 13 9 - 11 a.m. SBCA Board Monthly Meeting **

August 18 1 – 2 p.m. Hood Canal Bridge ***

August 21 5 – 7 p.m. Members Dinner – Rib Night **

August 25 1 – 2 p.m. Pacific Northwest Seismic Network ***

August 27 1 - 2 p.m. Air Museum. Tour and a talk about "history of aviation of the peninsula" ***

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

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Village Council

Port Ludlow Village Council Election Season is Upon Us

by Geoff Lang, President, Port Ludlow Village Council

Over the next few months our Voice articles will primarily be focused on our Election Cycle (see Tam's article in this issue). However, if you want to stay in the loop with all things Port Ludlow Village Council or otherwise, drop *by portludlowvillagecouncil.org* to sign up for our biweekly emails. In the year and a half since we rolled out our new website with an emphasis on improving our communication with our community we have added nearly 300 residents to our list — but we are still short of reaching every home in Port Ludlow.

I asked each of our current Board of Directors to write a brief essay about why they give their time to the Council and will share some of those over the coming months. Our Activities and Events Chair, Lois Grazioli, wrote the following when asked “What is your Why?”

“The beauty of the Olympic Peninsula prompted my relocation to Port Ludlow from California in January 2024. Shortly thereafter, I was invited by a former Board member to join the Village Council as a way of learning about my new community. Other non-profit organizations also solicited me for membership. However, I quickly understood the unique role of the Council and its broader mission. Not only does it unify the entire Port Ludlow community, but also its influence reaches well beyond. The dynamic team of directors has a clear common purpose to improve the quality of life here by drawing people out of isolation, especially our seniors, to participate in activities with higher goals. Its various committees help protect the natural beauty of our environment and the safety of its residents. The Council is a delightful, dedicated group of volunteers who are fast becoming friends while we execute our mission. I often say that I did not choose the Village Council, but it chose me, and what a satisfying way to become a viable part of this worthwhile enterprise.”

I hope her words inspire you to consider joining us in the coming year as a Board or Committee member. Regardless, I look forward to seeing you out and about in the Village or perhaps at our next Board Meeting on **Thursday, July 2nd** at the Beach Club.

The first winner of our summer raffle was drawn at our June Board Meeting. Maria Abrams was the recipient of the coffee and chocolate basket. Congratulations Maria!

Informational and Educational Programs for the Port Ludlow Community

The following programs are **open to all Port Ludlow Community residents**. Programs are at the Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place, and will begin at 1 p.m. Programs are free of charge.

Informational and educational presentations provide a forum for increasing knowledge for members of our community. Just as one needs on-going exercise to strengthen the body, these presentations are intended to help on-going strengthening of the mind.

Let's begin by briefly reflecting on our first year. And wow, what a year! From the First Nations presentations by David Brownell to the CIA presentations by Gary Keeley, we were given great information spanning centuries of time. Jefferson Healthcare covered health issues literally from top to bottom. In between were presentations on “snails and slugs”, the “Jefferson Land Trust”, “crime prevention for senior citizens”, “earthquakes”, the “Salmon Coalition”, and “noxious weeds”, among others. The audiences have been attentive and asked thoughtful questions. So, you ask, what do we have in store for the new fiscal year starting in August? Well, here are some teasers for August — November.

August: Hood Canal Bridge, the Pacific Northwest Seismic Network, Dove House, and our first road trip to the Jefferson County Aero Museum featuring a free tour, and a presentation on history of flight on the Peninsula. The Museum was recently featured in the PT Leader.

September: Thor Hanson, recently written up in Seattle Times and internationally recognized author and botanist, will start our month. Also, David Brownell will be back along with Jefferson Healthcare, and our second road trip which will be a free tour of the Jefferson County Historical Society Museum and Rothschild House.

October: we start out with Margaret Mizushima, award winning author and mystery writer, and also recently featured in the PT Leader. Later in the month we will have a program on fraud prevention, along with presentations by David Brownell and Jefferson Healthcare.

November: David will be back one more time along with Jefferson Healthcare. We will also have a presentation on genealogy for those of us who are wondering about our own personal history. Finally, we are finalizing a date for a presentation on our ferry system.

Gary Keeley will also be joining us for more CIA! (Dates TBD)

Please join us for a little brain workout!



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Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) elections are coming up in September. Up to seven directors will be elected this year.

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Participation in the Village Council gives a broad look at the entire community and serves as a unifying body.

Additionally, it offers the opportunity to work with various members of the County government and related service organizations.

The time commitment is to attend two meetings a month that last a couple of hours each and to participate on one or two committees which serve our community. There are also special events, such as the Community Yard Sale, Port Ludlow Connects! Fair, or the Annual Tree Lighting Celebration, to which directors are encouraged to attend.

In order to be included on the ballot or to inquire about questions you may have, please contact the Port Ludlow Village Council's Information page at info@portludlowvillagecouncil.org as soon as possible.

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Recreation & Sports

Neither Goopy Nor a Duck

by Gail Wellenstein, Kitsap Beach Naturalist

Low tide walks bring out curious beach walkers happy to share their finds, or others who approach with a plastic grocery bag, offering to let me peek inside to reveal a denizen of the deep intertidal sediment. It's the elusive geoduck, mascot of Evergreen State University and the butt of many salacious jokes.

Geoducks are the largest burrowing clam in the world and one of the longest-living animals on our planet. Their age is determined by the annual rings deposited on the shell, with an average lifespan of 140 years. The oldest was 179 years old. Geoducks are "broadcast spawners"; males and females release millions of reproductive cells into the water simultaneously. Most eggs are not fertilized, but if it happens, the tiny baby will develop a foot within 48 hours that it uses to dig into the mud.



Geoduck

Photo by Gail Wellenstein

After the first year, that clam will be at least one foot deep in the sediment and this burrow becomes its lifelong home. They grow quickly the first five years, reaching their maximum size of seven pounds at the age of fifteen. By this time, they may be three or more feet below the surface of the sediment, with the depth being limited by the length of the siphon. The shell of an adult geoduck is six to eight inches long, but the siphon adds three or more feet to their total length. This depth is their main defense against non-human predators. Sea otters are known to dig for geoducks; sea stars will nibble at the siphons, whose tips are at the surface of the sediment.

The siphon has two openings: one for taking in water filled with oxygen and plankton, its main food; and one for releasing water and debris. This filter feeding

is beneficial to the environment as it removes algae and excess nutrients from the surrounding waters, improving water quality. The siphon is the edible part of this clam. It's served sautéed in a stir-fry or eaten raw like sushi. Their meat is slightly sweeter and crunchier than most clams. It's been a part of the northwestern Native American diet for centuries.

If you have a shellfish/seaweed license, head to beaches with lots of sediment, such as Shine Tidelands, and go at a low tide of at least negative two. The limit is the first one dug per day per license. Geoducks are farmed commercially, with 95% going to China. Because they only live on the Northwest coast of North America, they are considered a delicacy with purported aphrodisiac qualities. A healthy live geoduck can go for up to \$100 per pound in Hong Kong. It's not a surprise that the limited harvest and high prices have led to new crimes of "clam rustling" and "shellfish smuggling". This might make an intriguing plot line for a Netflix crime series: beautiful setting, skullduggery, international travel. Any takers?

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association

by Kathleen Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson

The Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (PLWGA) plays on Tuesdays starting at 9 a.m. It is one of two Women's Golf Leagues at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. The Niners is the other PLGC league for women and men. Scores are entered by Golf Genius software into World Handicap System hole by hole. This results in a GHIN handicap that changes daily.

The PLWGA Captain's Cup Team Match Play Tournament was played on June 8 – 12. Tournament results will be posted in the August Voice article. The winners (Queens of the WGA Captain's Cup) will be honored at the mid-year luncheon.

PLGC Head Golf Pro, Jim Mancill, and Chairperson Bonnie Vahcic invited women from other WA golf courses to participate in the Women's Golf

Invitational on June 30. Participants from throughout the state are attracted to this invitational by the beautiful condition of the PL course, the fun basket raffle, and the delicious luncheon following play. Grace Allen organized the tournament's raffle that generated income for the WGA operating budget.

Everyone who attend the WGA "Play Away Day" at Wing Point Golf Course on Bainbridge Island had a wonderful time. The PLWGA Spring Fling two-day event featured two days of golf and was well attended. The Flower Power theme put everyone in a springtime mood and the luncheon at the Inn at Port Ludlow was delightful. Several PLWGA Members will participate in the WSWPLA's Championship.

E x c h a n g e
Chairperson, Sue Fechner, announced that former members of the Men's Golf Association/WGA exchange will take place on **Wednesday, July 8**. The men will host the women's league members for lunch at J.R.'s Sandtrap following play. The WGA/Men's Exchange will take place on **Tuesday, July 28**, with the women's league hosting the men for lunch at J.R.'s Sandtrap following play.



Team of Beth Weaver, Mandy Whipple, and Elaine Girard display "flower power" during Spring Fling

The Port Ludlow Niners have invited members of the PLWGA to participate in the July Putt and Pour Event. Future "Play Away Days" destinations and dates will be announced on Golf Genius by Chair Elaine Girard.

The Mid-Year PLWGA luncheon is being planned for **Wednesday, July 29**, by Chairpersons Sheila Schoen and Cherie Wight.

PLWGA Captain, Linda Aho, invites prospective

members to play with the WGA league on any Tuesday morning. Details regarding membership and events are available at the Pro Shop of the Port Ludlow Golf Course. PLGC membership is no longer a requisite for participation in the course's golf leagues.

Pitching – Proper Use of Body Rotation

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC

This month, we're looking at one of the most essential skills for lower scores – mastering body rotation on your pitch shots. Whether you're trying to nestle a wedge close from 40 yards or trying to clear a bunker to a tight pin, rotation is the engine that drives a reliable short game. However, for many of us, the pitch shot leads to "stabby" fat contact or those frustrating "skulled" balls that sail over the green.

First, let's look at the setup. A common mistake is standing too wide and staying too "square" to the ball. For a pitch, you want a narrower, slightly open stance. This pre-sets your body to rotate toward the target. Secondly, check your weight distribution. Keep about 60% of your weight on your lead foot to ensure a crisp strike. Lastly, remember that the big muscles run the show! You don't need to "flip" your wrists to get the ball into the air; your chest rotation creates the loft and the carry.

How to play the shot: The secret to a consistent pitch is "connection." Unlike a full swing, where we have a lot of moving parts, a pitch requires the arms and the chest to move as one unit.

Think of your arms and shoulders forming a "triangle" that stays intact throughout the swing. In the downswing, your belt buckle should lead the way, turning toward the target. If your body stops moving and your hands take over, you'll lose control of both distance, direction, and the bottom of your swing. To be more consistent, try this simple drill the next time you are at the range:

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Pitching - Proper Body Rotation (continued)

The “Glove-Under-Arm” Drill: Place a golf glove or a small towel under your lead armpit. Make a series of half-swings, focusing on keeping that glove tucked against your chest from the takeaway all the way through the finish. If the glove falls out, it means your arms have disconnected from your body rotation. Focus on “turning your shirt buttons” toward the target to keep the glove secure.

If you’re having a day where your touch feels a bit off, don’t be afraid to take a slightly longer club and



Jim Mancill demonstrating the Glove drill

make a smaller, smoother turn. Try your Gap Wedge, with a longer smoother swing, rather than using your Lob Wedge and getting too “handsy”. Golf is all about confidence and having fun, so keep that chest turning and I’ll see you on the trails!

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair

“Port Ludlow – A Destination Hiking Village”

Celebrate – Celebrate – Celebrate. Start your Fourth of July celebration with a short introductory hike. PLVC Trails is celebrating on the Fourth by offering to lead an official opening day hike on the last segment of the Oak Bay Trail (OBT). This will be a very short hike but with significance. The hike itself would take no more than 30 minutes. However, the significance (and celebration) will add a bit of

additional time.

What (you might ask) is the big deal about this little, short section of trail. Answer: It is the last leg in our Port Ludlow Trail System that allows a hiker to travel from the furthest ends of our community in either direction without leaving one of our trails. How many other communities can say that? There will be a “Golden Spike” driven (ala the Trans Continental Railroad connection at Promontory Point in 1869), and of course, someone may be compelled to say a few words.

Participants can gather at the Beach Club’s Bridge Deck building, with the hike starting at 9 a.m. There is some elevation gain and there are a few steps to navigate on this single-track route, so be aware if you plan to join us. This segment of the OBT will also introduce the Port Ludlow Historical Cemetery recently identified and developed by Tim Rensema, with the support of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission.



*Entrance to
Port Ludlow
Historical Cemetery
Photo by Larry Scott*

What else from Trails? Mowing, mowing, and more mowing, along with weed-whacking everywhere. It’s that time of year when our cadre of trail stewards lets the committee know what needs to be done on their patch to maintain our 35 miles of designated hiking routes in our “Destination Hiking Village”.

If you want to come out for a Fun Day of camaraderie while helping to improve our community, send an email to mclgscott@cablespeed.com. “Let’s Keep Improving our Trails.”

Friday: Hiking Group

by John Fillers, Port Ludlow Hiking Club

Beginning in July, the new informal **Friday: Hiking Group** will replace the existing formal “every other

Friday” Port Ludlow Hiking Club. The existing Hiking Club structure with semi-annual schedules, pre-hike notices, Voice articles and website did not match the participation level seen in the last year. There have been multiple hikes with less than five hikers, and it’s been difficult to get hike leaders. So we’re switching to informal hikes on the first and third Friday of each month. There will be no schedules, pre-hike notices or Voice articles associated with these hikes. The *portludlowhikingclub.com* website will be retired.

Friday: Hiking Group. Meet the first and third Friday of each month at the Bridge Deck **at 8 a.m.** to decide where to hike and arrange carpools. This is a no-leader hike. However, anyone who wants to lead the hike can gather potential hikers together and plan the hike. Hikers can select from a wide range of hikes in the surrounding area, and decide hike difficulty and length.

Wednesdays: Timberton Loop. Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. This is a no-leader hike. Meet other walkers at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Drive **at 9 a.m.**

Monday/Wednesday/Friday — 8 a.m. Join the “Trail Club Group” that meets at the golf club parking lot for a self-led walk on the abandoned golf cart path trail or another alternative route.

PLYC – Where the Fun Always Shines

by Greg Buscher, PLYC Communication Manager

Port Ludlow Yacht Club’s annual Commodore’s Cruise through the San Juan Islands and into British Columbia has wrapped up, giving members an opportunity to regroup before the next outing. At the same time, other Club members are cruising down Hood Canal or to the south Sound, while still others are making their way as far north as Juneau, Alaska.

Yup, it’s cruising season once again. PLYC members – boaters and land cruisers alike – are glad to see it arrive. At this time of year, you get beautiful days

and evenings, calm winds, less crowded destinations, and not too much traffic on the water nor the roads getting there, wherever “there” might be. But I’ve learned since we sold our boat that you can have a blast cruising without a boat. Land cruising by car or RV alongside the fleet is also an adventure and a challenge (remember those family car trips?) and it allows you to participate in all the activities, parties, picnics, and outings ashore with friends who’ve arrived by sea. No shoes, no boat, no problem!

While it seems that half of our members are out yonder, there are still many members here at home. So, how do you have fun in a yacht club when you don’t own a boat or care to travel during the season? How about monthly golf outings, Wednesday night Socials, and Saturday evening dinners of every kind? Women’s Group outings, Opening Day, and the Change of Watch gala add flair, camaraderie, and the right dash of formality. Events are well attended.

Whether your summer plans include cruising by boat or RV, traveling to see family, visiting a new destination, or just hanging out at home in one of the most beautiful places on earth, always something happening at Port Ludlow Yacht Club.

If you are interested in joining PLYC, we’d love to show you around as our guest. Just complete the inquiry form at *plyc.us/visit*, and we’ll be in touch. Have a great summer everyone!

Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament

by Yolanda Wilde, Development Director for Dove House

The 14th Annual Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on **Friday, August 21**, at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. This event is sponsored by the PSO Bluebills, a local service organization, whose volunteers work with local agencies and schools to improve the quality of life for members of the communities they serve. The tournament is the largest annual fundraiser for Dove House.

The entry fee is \$150 for general community and \$100 for Port Ludlow Golf Course members. There will be

a shotgun start at 11 a.m. Recommended arrival is at 9:30 a.m.

The registration fee includes a golf cart, box lunch, prizes for the winners, and an awards ceremony at The Bay Club, including a buffet dinner with an open bar. One of the favorite parts of the event is a raffle for gift baskets and gift certificates, generously donated by local businesses and individuals supporting Dove House services. Raffle tickets will be sold at the golf course and The Bay Club before the reception dinner. Golfers may bring a non-golfing guest to dinner for \$25.

This is a very popular event, and teams are already filling up! Please sign up as soon as possible to ensure a spot! Deadline is **Friday, July 31**. You can register and pay online on at dovehousejc.org/online-store, or send in your registration with a check.

One hundred percent of the proceeds raised go directly to Dove House to support survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and other crimes such as elder abuse and financial scams. This golf fundraiser enables victims to rebuild lives by giving tangible needs such as housing, food, hygiene items, transportation, and advocacy. As funding cuts from federal, state, and county continue to trickle down, the continued support from our community is priceless. Thank you for your continued support! Last year almost \$30,000 was raised. Help us tip it over this year!

Niners' News

by Kathleen Traci, Lady Niners' Publicity Chairperson

Men and women members of the Niners are appreciative of the excellent condition of the Port Ludlow Golf Course, due to the hard work of Course Superintendent Shawn Vetterick and his crew. Niners play on Thursdays starting at 9 a.m. throughout the season. Formats for Thursdays' games have included Alternate Strokes, Individual Stableford, Better Ball of Blind Players, Criars, Four Clubs and a Putter, Net Skins, and new this year, Beat the Pro.

Most games are posted by Golf Genius on the GHIN world handicap system. A new handicap is generated for members daily.

Niners' Captain John Bockoven announced that the Putt and Pour contest on **Thursday, July 16**, will take place on the putting practice green at 3 p.m. This year members of the PLWGA are invited to participate. The entry fee will provide beverages, appetizers, and prize opportunities for participants. League members should sign up through Golf Genius.

The last Port Ludlow Niners' Couples event on June 25 was a Scramble. The next Port Ludlow Niners' Couples Scramble event will be held on **Thursday, July 30**. Members' handicaps will be used to form the couple foursomes, ensuring equitable chances for winning scores. Cash credit prizes for Pro Shop merchandise will be awarded to the winning foursome. Couples are encouraged to stay for lunch at J.R.'s Sandtrap.

The first two rounds of the Captain's Cup were played on May 14 and June 18. The next round will be on Thursday, July 23. Scores are accumulated during this four-date all season event to determine the season's male and female winners of the Captain's Cup.

PLGC Pro Shop personnel set up the weekly Niners' games on the Golf Genius software program, print the score cards, and enter the score results in Golf Genius. This program also generates winners of the Captain's Cup, 2026 Niners Eclectic Winners, and Most Improved Winners.

Captain John Bockoven encourages prospective Niners' members to join the Niners for play any Thursday morning. Individuals interested in joining the Niners should contact the Pro Shop Desk at the Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC). Please note: PLGC Membership is not required for participation in the PLGC golf leagues.

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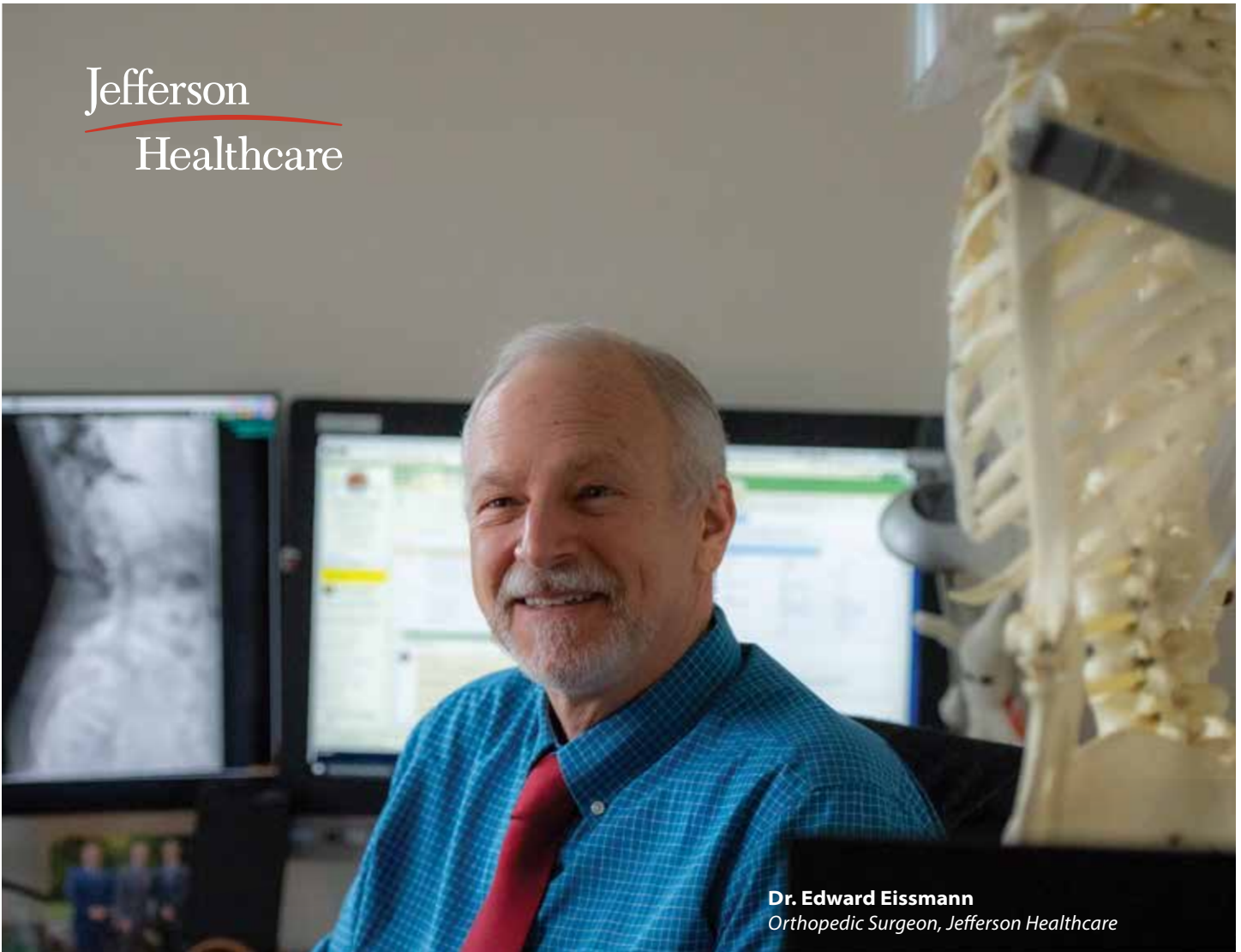
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