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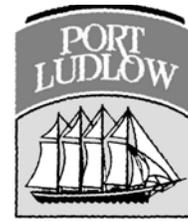
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News & Community

From the Editor's Desk

by Carol Riley, Copy Editor

From all accounts, the *Port Ludlow Voice* is a valuable part of the Port Ludlow community. I am often told by readers that they look forward to receiving the magazine, read it “cover to cover,” find the articles interesting, and the information about happenings in our area invaluable. We recently received this positive comment from Gail Parrish about an article that appeared in the August *Voice*:

"Gail Wellenstein's article on Kakantu, the giant Pacific octopus, and Pinky the large spiny sea star, was so beautifully written you felt you were there watching the action. Her story is certain to bring more people out to the Port Townsend Marine Science Center. Thanks, Gail, for sharing the intrigue."

Of course, our all-volunteer staff is happy to hear that, and we are heartened by the enthusiasm because the production of a monthly publication is a great deal of work!

As I am sure many of you are aware, the *Port Ludlow Voice* also has a web presence. The monthly publication in its entirety, online advertisements, and Breaking News that did not make it into the print edition is available at plvoice.org.

Just as we changed and updated the look and feel of the print edition a few years ago, we are in the talking stages about possible changes to our website.

What drives you to the website? What about the look and feel would make you more interested in viewing the web version of the *Voice*? Is the ease of following a link to an advertiser's webpage a draw for you? Is it more about your discomfort with all websites that keeps you away? The answers to these questions and any other information you would like to share with us would be so valuable as we examine the design and format for an updated website. Please forward your comments, ideas, and suggestions to criley@plvoice.org.

To that end, the *Voice* staff is meeting in September to review and discuss our existing website. Our webmaster tracks the number of unique visitors and the number of visits. The numbers ebb and flow but to give you an example, in July of 2024 there were 5,510 hits on the website. Encouraging, but those numbers could be higher.

While you are preparing your response, please do enjoy this beautiful September print version of the *Voice*, and if you have not done so, please visit plvoice.org as well.

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December *Voice* Cover Photo Contest!

Dig out your best winter-themed photos and enter the 2nd Annual *Voice* Cover Photo Contest! Have you ever wanted to see your image on the cover of the *Voice*? Well, now is your chance! Please enter the December 2024 *Voice* Cover Photo Contest. The winner, as selected by the *Voice* staff, gets their photo on the cover of the December *Voice* magazine.

We are looking for a winter-themed, or holiday-themed cover photo. Got a great image of that snow from last year or a winter scene? How about a scenic image of holiday lights? Candles in the snow? Dogs in the snow? Snow people? Trees lit up? The winning photo will likely be an outdoor and/or landscape-type image. However, we are open to indoor shots, too, so take your chances and enter! Ooh... maybe a holiday food cover would be fun...

While we are certain that your family holiday card photo is very cute, we're not looking for that sort of image. Let's celebrate the beautiful place we all live in and get our best image on the cover of the *Voice*. We look forward to seeing your best work!

Criteria, Rules, and Details:

- Please send the **HIGHEST RESOLUTION** image you have. No matter how lovely your image is, if it's not large enough, then it won't print well. Hopefully, it is at least 1 megabyte, but larger is always better.
- You may submit up to three images. Please attach all your entries to the same email if possible.
- Please use a **VERTICAL** (portrait) orientation instead of horizontal (landscape). Think 'magazine cover' format.
- Images must be in JPEG (jpg), PNG, TIFF, or PSD formats. Most cameras and smartphones today take JPEG images. The other formats are used by people really into photography, so don't worry if you don't have those other formats.
- Please email the image(s) as an **ATTACHMENT** to photoeditor@plvoice.org. Please do NOT send the image(s) through a link, or a download from the cloud, or any other method except as a direct email attachment.
- Please name the file with your name. Example: Joe_Smith_1, Joe_Smith_2, etc...
- You must live in the greater Port Ludlow area to enter, but the image need not be taken locally (although local photos are preferred). If your household receives the *Voice*, then you are eligible to enter. All ages are allowed, but if under 18 you will need parental permission for your name and photo to be used. Please note that your name will be listed as the photographer.

- Any submitted images must be yours, taken by you, and that you have full copyright to. You will retain copyright to your image but by entering the contest you automatically grant permission to the *Voice* to print your image on the December cover and in any future previous-winners-type articles.
- The *Voice* reserves the right to reasonably modify or adjust your image as they see fit to make it fit the magazine cover and to print well. This might include adjusting colors, cropping, adjusting exposures, enhancing, masking, etc.
- Any persons who are recognizable in the image must give their express written permission to appear on the cover. Any recognizable property must have permission from the property owner to appear on the cover. Example: If your image has the local coffee company in the background, then the coffee company owner must give permission for your image to be used.
- **DUE DATE:** Your image must be mailed to photoeditor@plVoice.org by midnight on **October 31** – Midnight on Halloween!
- The *Voice* staff will select their favorite image for the December issue.

CHECKLIST:

- Is your image in **FOCUS**?
- Is your image in **VERTICAL** format?
- Is your image clear enough to print well? Not too muddy? Has enough contrast?
- Is your image file in a high enough resolution? Look at the file size... is it at least 500 kilobytes, or hopefully a megabyte or so?
- Have you named your file(s) clearly? Example: Joe_Smith_1, Joe_Smith_2, etc...
- Are recognizable people or property in it? If so, we'll need a letter from them giving permission to print them on the cover.

September Programs at the Jefferson County Library District

September brings an exciting lineup of programs to the Library District. Visit our calendar of events at jclibrary.info for all the details and to ensure you don't miss anything!

On Fridays beginning **September 6**, from 2 – 3:30 p.m., the Library District will present an eight-week **Introduction to Microsoft Excel**. This entry-level class series will focus on the fundamental tasks performed in Excel, including data entry, basic formula calculations, and formatting and style operations. You will learn how to build a spreadsheet from scratch and practice using the most common Excel commands and functions. Master the basics of Excel in this fun and stress-free course.

Don't miss the chance to meet author Margaret Mizushima on **Wednesday, September 18**, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Margaret will be sharing her newest novel, *Gathering Mist*, the thrilling ninth installment of the beloved Timber Creek K-9 series due to be released on **October 8**. Margaret skillfully blends K-9 cop action, veterinary work, family relationships, and a murder investigation into page-turning adventures you won't be able to put down.

Join us for a special screening of the documentary film *Flyways* and take a bird's-eye-view into the world of migratory shorebirds. Shorebirds fly thousands of miles each year along ancient and unknown migratory routes called flyways. They are the world's greatest endurance athletes, and their navigational skills on these marathon migrations are as extraordinary as they are mysterious. But the migratory shorebirds and their epic flyways are threatened. Follow the efforts of bird-loving experts and citizen scientists as they rise to the challenge of understanding and saving these shorebirds. The screening will be held on **Tuesday, September 24**, from 6 – 7 p.m.

On **Wednesday, September 25**, from 6 – 7:30 p.m., you can meet Captain Bill Collier, who may be the most experienced helicopter pilot in the world! Bill has piloted 40 distinct types of helicopters in 13 countries and 27 states, working for 22 companies and government entities. Throughout his career, he has encountered at least a dozen perilous situations while flying helicopters. Captain Collier has authored three books detailing his adventures as a helicopter pilot.

Outdoor Storytime for Toddlers and Preschoolers will continue at HJ Carroll Park until the end of September before moving back into the Library's Humphrey Room beginning October 7. Join Rosaletta on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. for stories, songs, and physical movement to build children's love of reading and learning.

Our popular **LEGO® at the Library** program will return in September! Build your Lego creations in an open, imaginative space on **Thursday, September 12**, from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. LEGO® at the Library takes place on the 2nd Thursday of each month and kids of all ages are welcome to take part.

For complete program details and our calendar of events, go to jclibrary.info. Visit the Jefferson County Library District at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. For questions or assistance, call 360-385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info.

Estate Planning

Amanda Wilson, locally based Estate Planning Attorney with Northwest Estate Planning & Probate PS, will present a free seminar on Preparing for Costs of Long-Term Care Through Your Estate Plan (Medicaid Planning) and answer questions as time will allow. The seminar will be held at the Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow on **Wednesday, September 11**, from 1 – 2 p.m.

Walk-ins welcome but RSVP appreciated at 360-437-4172 or info@nwpepp.com.

A Special Collaboration

Finnriver Farm and Cidery and the Jefferson Land Trust have announced a new collaboration between Finnriver's newest cider and the Land Trust's much-anticipated opening of the Chimacum Ridge Community Forest.

The Chimacum Ridge Community Forest comprises 918 acres of forest land, replete with miles of trails, sites for nature study, and, thanks to the efforts of local tribal communities, access for indigenous traditions. The Chimacum Ridge Community Forest is expected to open to the public in 2025.

Protected forever by the Jefferson Land Trust, Finnriver's 50 acres of organic farmland lies close to the slated community forest. For its part in the Chimacum Ridge collaboration, Finnriver is introducing Chimacum Ridge Toasted Fir Cider as part of its Community Cider Series. At the heart of this beverage is the infusion of toasted Douglas fir, harvested from the ridge itself, along with Finnriver pears, Stellar J Farm blueberries, locally sourced apples, plus Chimacum Valley wild plums. For each bottle of the new cider sold, Finnriver will donate \$1 to the Chimacum Ridge project.

Dine and Discover Starts a New Season

by Allan and Nancy Kiesler, Guest Writers

Whether it was a family member, or friend, or oneself – everyone has experienced the stress of dealing with a significant health problem. This challenge becomes even greater if needed treatment involves a long car trip. On **Monday, October 7**, a representative from Jefferson Healthcare Foundation will share with us their efforts to “enhance the excellence of our region’s medical services.” Recent accomplishments include the purchase of a 3D mammography machine and a rejuvenated cardiac rehabilitation program. They are now in the midst of their biggest project to date which is the purchase of a linear accelerator so that radiation oncology can be provided locally to cancer patients. Join us to hear about their progress toward this amazing goal and how it could impact all of us.

Since it has been 5 months since we had a Dine and Discover evening, and we hopefully have caught the attention of new residents or folks who have not yet attended, we will review the procedures in more detail than usual. To attend, you need to sign up at either the Beach Club or the Bay Club. Sign-up sheets will be available by **September 15** and will be removed on **October 4** or sooner if we reach our maximum.

This is a potluck so when you sign up, you will do so on a sheet that indicates what item you will bring. For instance, if you want to bring a salad, sign up on the salad sheet. Please do not sign up to bring one thing and change your mind as we monitor what is being brought to ensure that we have enough of each type of dish. Since we tend to run short on main dishes, we ask that everyone consider signing up to bring a main dish at least once during the year. Whatever you choose, please bring enough to serve 8-10 people and put a note on your dish if it contains any of the

following allergens: wheat, soy, eggs, milk, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, or shellfish. Since appetizers are served to each table by our volunteers, please bring one that lends itself to this. Appetizers need to arrive by 5:20 p.m.

In an effort to reduce waste and keep costs down, we ask you to provide your place setting (plates, napkins, eating utensils, glasses). You will not be able to rinse your dishes in the kitchen, so please bring a plastic bag for your dirty dishes. Coffee/tea/water are provided, but if you want something else to drink, you're welcome to bring your beverage of choice. The cost is \$3 per person payable at the door which covers the cost of the speaker and the coffee/tea. If you sign up and then are unable to attend, please let us know because no-shows can significantly affect the food selection. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. See you there!

Crying in H Mart - Martha's Book Group

Michelle Zauner's 2021 *New York Times* bestselling memoir, *Crying in H Mart*, will be the subject of discussion at Martha's Book Group on **Tuesday, September 10**, at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club. Zauner's book is her way of grieving the loss of her Korean mother who died of cancer in 2014. H Mart, a Korean supermarket, was her refuge to both grieve and maintain contact with her mother's culture. Zauner conveyed that experience in a 2018 essay published in *The New Yorker* which evolved into her 2021 memoir.

Martha's Book group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 4 p.m. and welcomes all readers. The book to be discussed in October is Adrienne Harun's *On the Way to the End of the World: A Novel*. Information about books to be discussed may be obtained by contacting Sarah at bookclub@plvoice.org.

Christian Women's Fall Conference

Oak Bay Baptist Church is hosting a conference for women, "Our Journey with the Lord," on **Friday, September 6** at 6:30 p.m. and **Saturday, September 7**, 8:30 a.m. - noon To register, call 360-385-2897. Please leave a message with your name and phone number.



Oak Bay Baptist Church is located at 1314 Oak Bay Road in Port Hadlock.

Reminder to Dog Owners

So we all can enjoy our walks, please carry doggy-poo bags and clean up after your dog.



2024 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

Effective 01/01/2023 Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue merged with East Jefferson Fire Rescue. Our monthly statistics will now include information for the entire Fire District.

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

July Alarms

Fires.....	14
Rescue/Emergency Medical	325
Good Intent	24
Hazardous Conditions	6
False Alarms	23
Service Call	79
Total Alarms	471

Ambulance Transports

911 Transports	222
Hospital Requested Transport.....	1
Non Transports.....	111
Total Transports	223

CARES Contacts.....	139
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Mark Your Calendars for Upcoming Events

Plan on joining East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) at the 2024 Fire & Rescue Fest on **Saturday, October 12**, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) Fire Station on Harrison Street. This event celebrates the history of emergency services in Jefferson County and National Fire Prevention Week, **October 6 – 12**. There will be firefighter demonstrations, interactive activities, and a chance to see some antique equipment and new apparatus. This year's Fire Prevention Week theme is "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You!™"

According to the National Fire Protection Association data, the majority of U.S. home fire deaths continue to occur in homes with no smoke alarms or no working smoke alarms. If you need help installing a new smoke alarm, contact EJFR at 360-385-2626 to make arrangements for first responders to install a smoke alarm.

We look forward to seeing you at the **October 12** Fire & Rescue Fest!

The annual Great Washington Shakeout will be held on **Thursday, October 17**, this year. At 10:17 a.m., you can practice Drop, Cover, and Hold On from your home or office. This short but important exercise helps to establish muscle memory

in the event of an earthquake. Go to: shakeout.org/downloads/ShakeOut_individualsfamilies.pdf for more information about the Shakeout drill. This is also a good day to check the 'best if used by' dates on your emergency food supplies and make sure you have what you might need in your GO KIT.

Dinner for Ukraine

Spirits Bar and Grill, at the Old Alcohol Plant Inn in Port Hadlock, invites you to attend a special dinner in support of Ukraine. You will enjoy a buffet featuring authentic Ukrainian cuisine, raise a glass to our guests from the Ukrainian Community Center in Seattle, and hear about the war on Ukraine and its effects. Net profits from this event will benefit UNICEF in Ukraine, supporting vulnerable children and families in Ukraine since 1997.

The event will be held on **Thursday, September 12**, at 5 p.m. with the presentation beginning at 6 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$100 each and seating is limited to 75 attendees.

To purchase tickets or for more information, contact James Holthaus, 360-215-0852, or jholthaus@baysidehousing.org.

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All Are Welcome at Port Ludlow Tangle Club



The next meeting of the Port Ludlow Tangle Club will be **Thursday, September 12** at the Bay Club from 1 – 3 p.m. Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT) Alice Clive will introduce some “grid” tangles. What are tangles? They’re hand-drawn structured patterns used in the Zentangle Method to create beautiful images and mindful art. Bring your own pumpkin (real or plastic) or choose to tangle on the paper placemats provided. No experience is necessary, so come meet your neighbors and just relax for a couple of hours as you explore your own unique creative style. All are welcome—but please RSVP for each club meeting by contacting Alice at foureyes22@outlook.com. Bring your own sketch book, micron pens, and black markers or purchase a \$5 beginner’s kit. Monthly supply kits are \$3. And... mark your calendars now for **Thursday, November 14**, the last meeting of 2024.

First Wednesday Luncheon

Red Dog Farm, community supported agriculture, will be highlighted to kick off our new season. The luncheon will be held **Wednesday, September 4**, at the Beach Club from 11 a.m. — 1 p.m. Red Dog provides diverse, delicious, and conscientiously grown food for our community. You most likely have seen examples of their bountiful harvests at one of our local farmer’s markets. Come learn more about their *CSA* and *Dog Bucks* programs.

BYOL (bring your own lunch) is the name of the game this month. Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided.

RSVP to firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com or sign up at either the Bay or Beach Club by **September 2**. This is a courtesy to the club and luncheon coordinators so we can have the appropriate number of tables set up in advance.

The food bank need is ever-present, and we’ll continue to collect donations for them at our luncheons. You may want to consider bringing donations in the form of non-perishable food items, rather than cash or check. In addition to food, the following is

a list of the additional items the food bank needs, and we will happily accept them at this luncheon and see that they get to the food bank.

- Both men’s and women’s socks
- Women’s urinary pull-ups, size Small, Medium, and Large. They have plenty of larger sizes.
- Men’s urinary pull-ups, size small and medium. They have plenty of men’s Shields.
- Baby food
- Multivitamins
- Laundry soap—small size bottles
- Bars of personal soap

Other personal toiletries such as deodorant, both for men and women, hand razors, toothbrushes, toothpaste, and small-size hand sanitizers.

Thank you for your support and please mark your calendars for the **October 2** program, *Learning to Die Well*, presented by Karen Griffith, a seasoned Volunteer Client Advisor for End of Life Washington.

East Jefferson Rotary Car Show in Port Ludlow Again



Past entrants in the Rotary Car Show in Port Ludlow.

Submitted photo

The East Jefferson Rotary Club will be putting on a fund raiser car show again this year. The date is **Saturday, September 28**, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Yacht Club parking lot above the marina in Port Ludlow. Any make, year, or model of car can enter. Advance registration, prior to **September 24**, is \$20. Registration at the door is \$30. The registration form can be found at ejcrotary.club.

Past events have drawn hundreds of spectators who also enjoy the cars, food, music, and prizes. It has been a party! A donation of \$5 per person, or \$20 per family, for spectators will be accepted.

Rotary raises funds from this and other events throughout the year to support local scholarships, the bus barn at the library, the shelter at HJ Carroll Park, and many other local and international causes. Bring yourself, your car, and/or your family to this fun local event.

Port Ludlow Garden Club Presents: *Dynamic Drought Tolerant Gardening in the Pacific Northwest*

Today's gardens need to do multiple jobs: conserve water, create wildlife habitat, and be beautiful and inviting spaces. Longer and drier summers require a shift in the plant choice, plant situating, and installation methods to create and sustain these new types of gardens. Water usage in our urban areas is becoming more expensive and we need to create a new garden paradigm.

On **Wednesday, September 11**, at 11 a.m., Jason Jorgensen CPH, will show you how to adapt to these challenges in this presentation. His talk will cover an introduction to our Pacific Northwest climate, summer-dry gardening history, suitable plant choices, planting techniques, and some gardens of inspiration. You will leave the presentation inspired and ready to tackle new gardening challenges.

Jason is the founder and owner of Third Spring Landscaping Design and is currently on the Board of Directors for the Northwest Horticultural Society, Seattle; a member of the Association of Professional Landscape Designers, WA Chapter; and a Perennial and Grasses Plant Selection Committee Member for the Great Plant Picks Program. He holds a degree in Landscape Design and Ornamental Horticulture from Edmonds College.

This event will be held at the Beach Club, 121 Marina View Drive, Port Ludlow, and is open to Port Ludlow Garden Club members with advance reservations. Non-members are welcome to attend for a \$5 donation. Those without reservations may be admitted only if space is available.

RSVP to Michelle Pelkey at portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com or 360-710-3547, Deadline for reservations is **September 4**.

A Special Shine

Here is a service with a unique slant and a very special place in the hearts of pet owners facing individually unique sorrows.

This is Shine Mobile Veterinary Services. It has no formal offices, no bustling techs, and no cold steel tables. As the name implies, Shine Mobile's Dr. Jackie Imai carries her veterinary office with her to wherever pets live. A 2007 graduate of Western University of Health Sciences, Dr. Jackie offers a complete roster of veterinary medicine including wellness checks, pharmaceuticals, ER, urgent care, and that saddest of all pet needs: euthanasia.

"This really started during the first phase of Covid," she notes. With fear of the disease running high, Dr. Jackie took to meeting clients outside. There they could help their pets out of misery without the risk of contamination.

Even as Covid fear faded, Dr. Jackie found that many clients still wanted a vet who would come to their home. "There are a lot of people in my area who don't drive, so they need this kind of service," she notes. Plus, some pets, particularly cats, "are scared to leave their house. It's just so much easier for them at home."

That ease continues its appeal today. "At least 50 percent of my business is euthanasia," Dr. Jackie says. "It's a hard thing to do, but in someone's home you can take your time, with no rush so the people and their pets can settle in their own place."

That's something that the writer of this piece can attest to. When the oldest of our rescue dogs, Beignet, took a turn for the worse, we called Shine. Dr. Jackie responded to our distress call promptly, arrived at our house within a few hours, evaluated Beignet and helped us gather ourselves, and our other dogs, to make sure that Beignet could pass in her own home with those who love her and with a lifetime of familiar smells.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, EJFR Community Outreach Volunteer

Meet Captain Trevor Bergen, firefighter, paramedic, and fire captain in the East Jefferson Fire Rescue training division. Trevor has been with the fire department since 2006, all 18 years with the same department. He is originally from Eastmont, a suburb of Everett, Washington. Trevor became interested in the fire service while



in high school, then went to Olympic College where he became a resident firefighter in Port Townsend. Trevor has always wanted to join the department – as a youngster on Mother's Day he gave his mom a plate with a picture of a fire truck on it.

Trevor lives in the Chimacum area with his wife, Karissa, and their three children, Landon, Paisley, and Emmett. When away from the job, he has coached football and baseball for a number of years. Trevor also likes outdoor activities to keep his life in balance.

The things Trevor likes the most about his job are the teamwork with others, the service aspect to the community (which is very satisfying), and the opportunity to help others. The hardest part of the job is when, despite the best efforts, nature wins the race against time for a person needing medical help. Trevor says it is also tough spending time away from his family.

The most memorable positive event for Trevor was the day he became a full-time employee. As to his goals, Trevor wants to develop the training program so that when he leaves that assignment, his replacement can transition into the job seamlessly. His 10-year goal is to become a battalion chief.

Trevor says that many people see him as being tough. He cares about all who are on his team. Just as a strong coach does, in his capacity as the lead trainer, Trevor will always push people to do their very best.

Village News

Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association Update

by Bob Gilbert, President, SBCA Board of Directors

As your new Board President, I write with great pride and enthusiasm. Our community has always exemplified togetherness, resilience, and progress. Today, I celebrate our achievements, express gratitude to those who have served, and outline exciting initiatives designed to strengthen our community.

Gratitude to Outgoing Board Members

Join with me by extending our deepest thanks to our outgoing Board members – Christine Spagle, Peggy Thuotte, and Dave Jurca. Their dedication and hard work have guided our community through yet another year of the several challenging and exciting years they faced as our Board.

The countless hours you volunteered, the challenges you faced, and the thoughtful decisions you made have left a lasting impact. Thank you for your unwavering commitment and service.

Welcoming New and Continuing Board Members

I am thrilled to welcome our incoming and continuing Board members – John Cacho, Randy Edwards, John Goldwood, Carolyn O’Keeffe, Mark Schwendener, and Michael Stuber. Your fresh perspectives, enthusiasm, and willingness to serve are invaluable. Together, we will build on the solid foundation laid by our predecessors and foster a community where everyone feels heard and valued.

Reflecting on the Past Year

The effects of Covid-19 have been profound, but we have shown resilience and persistence. This past year, SBCA has regained its footing in a tangible way.

- \$10,000 in donations to charities: Through events like the pancake breakfasts, your generous contributions have supported numerous charitable organizations, making a meaningful difference in many lives.
- Entertainment events: From concerts to community gatherings, these events have brought us closer together, fostering unity and joy.
- Traditions restarted: We have come together to celebrate national holidays and honor present and past service members, ensuring their sacrifices are recognized and never forgotten.
- Art exhibits: Our commitment to the arts has been evident through various exhibits showcasing local talent and enriching our cultural landscape. Further support was manifested in providing the venue to several performances that were entertaining and of profound value to our members.

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday, September 12, 9:30am

Unless there are changes to county requirements, meetings are in-person. All SBCA members are welcome.

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

Committee meetings minutes are posted at sbca.club, then click on the Board Minutes page.

- Volunteer hours: Over 1,000 hours dedicated to Board and Committee service and more than 3,000 hours of other volunteer services, including maintaining trails, supporting veterans’ groups, enhancing education, promoting music and the arts, preparing for emergencies, caring for elders, supporting food banks, and preserving our forests. Your efforts are truly inspiring.

Your Board and Committees are engaged and planning the next years activities and events. Please continue to check the SBCA calendar and read the *Voice* to learn more about the many exciting events and activities we have in store.

Looking Ahead – Upcoming Initiatives

As we celebrate these achievements, a significant part of your Board’s role is to plan for the future; we look ahead with several important initiatives planned. One of the most significant is an amendment to our Master Declaration (CC&Rs), which will require all Lot owners to pay annual dues. This amendment aims to address a longstanding inequity that has resulted in significant revenue loss over the past 20 years and has had a negative impact on SBCA’s ability to deliver for our members.

The second important initiative is the recruitment, support, and recognition of all volunteers. Inclusiveness, appreciation, and respect for each and every volunteer, especially those who help us fulfill our mission at SBCA is the byword of this administration. Please contact Mark Schwendener, Board Member and Activities Chair at K.Schwendener@hotmail.com for information on how you can get involved.

In closing, I want to thank you all for your trust and support. Let us continue to work together, uphold our shared values, and make our community an even better place to live, work, and play.

Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

As we move toward fall, I'm thinking about the great summer we have had at the Beach Club. On June 1, Mark Pearson got things started by giving us an amazing performance as a kick-off to our Accessibility Project. Mark graciously donated the ticket proceeds to our project—Thank You, Mark!

LMC sponsored two Music on the Lawn events at the Beach Club which were open to the entire community. In July, Andy Koch and Badd Dog Blues performed, and then in August, we had Sound Advice back again treating Port Ludlow to hits from the 60s and 70s.

In late July, we held our annual North Bay barbecue that was attended by more than 250 people.

Of course, our LMC staff coordinates these activities, but I would be remiss if I didn't thank our incredible volunteers who helped us put on these great events. Thank you—we couldn't have done it without you!

Throughout the summer our members and their guests have enjoyed the outdoor pool which opened mid-May and will remain open throughout the month of September. Thank you to our maintenance team of Don, Liam, James, and Jack for keeping both pools in peak operating condition.

Previously I had mentioned our Accessibility Project. It is our goal to make the Beach Club accessible to all our members. Our two-story Beach Club building, with its stairs, can make access to the lower level of the building difficult if not impossible for some of our owners. It is those same members who may benefit most by being able to use the swimming pools and gym.

The LMC Board of Trustees believes all LMC residents deserve access to the lower level of the Beach Club facility.

To do so, we are going to improve our handicap parking, install an elevator, have a ramped walkway downstairs and add automatic door openers where appropriate throughout the building. These improvements will also be beneficial to other owners that have mobility limitations, owners that have children in strollers who want to get pool side, and responding emergency personnel and their equipment.

The preliminary cost estimate for these accessibility improvements is 1.5 million dollars. We are looking at several fundraising opportunities in an effort to reduce the cost of the project to our LMC members. Stay tuned for more information on this important project.

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

LMC and the Beach Club

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Email: GM@LMCBeachClub.Org

Sign up for our monthly e-*Navigator* by emailing the above address.

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

North Bay Potlucks Italian Night

Save the date! **Saturday, September 21** at 5:30 p.m. North Bay Potlucks kicks off the 2024 – 2025 season with a pasta night.

Sign up at the Beach Club to bring your favorite appetizer, salad, main dish or dessert. Bring a neighbor, mingle with friends, and share a relaxing evening of great food and camaraderie. BYOB and bring your own tableware.

For more information or to volunteer to help, contact Fran Bodman at franbodman11@gmail.com.

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Village Council

August PLVC Meeting Summary

by Tamra McDearmid, Vice President

Board members attending: John Goldwood, Paul Hinton, Joan Johnston, Dave Jurca, Tam McDearmid, and Jason Wright.

Stakeholders Reports

Port Ludlow Associates, Diana Smeland, President

Potholes on Breaker Lane will be repaired by an outside company because of the complexity. They propose putting barriers up across the road to prevent through traffic, because the road was not designed to be a main throughfare. PLA did approach the county about taking over maintenance; the county states there is no money in the budget for new road upkeep. JR's Sand Trap is now open at the Golf Course from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. serving breakfast, lunch, and dinner. The Fireside is having farm-sponsored meals to showcase our local food sources.

Greg Brotherton, Jefferson County Commissioner, District 3

The county is working with Clallam County to get a grant for \$50 million dollars. They are one of 22 out of 627 applicants that made it to phase two. They should know the results next week. The projects to be funded include fish barrier removal, on-the-job training to create more living wage jobs for people aged 25 to 54 years, \$2 million for the Wooden Boat School, \$9 million to expand the Port Townsend boat yard, as well as several other projects. They are looking to put a crosswalk with flashing lights across Hwy 20 to connect the Olympic Discovery trail. They are also looking for volunteers for the Growth Management steering committee. The Port Hadlock sewer project is going well. The Healthier Together committee is still discussing funding and location recommendations for the Port Townsend pool.

Jefferson County PUD - Jameson Hawn, Communication Specialist

They had a planning session for the 10-year outlook and a four-year financing outlook to be able to get loans and grants. The video of the session is posted on their website, jeffpud.org. They predict a one percent annual population growth rate but a higher electrical use growth rate with the addition of electric car charging. They are also looking into load-based rates: rates would be based on grid demand. For example, peak demand is between 6:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. If you use electricity during this time, you would be charged at a higher rate than normal. They are performing the rate study in August and September with a recommendation to be made in October. The last rate increase was implemented on July 5 of this year. The PUD had a booth at the County Fair, the Port Ludlow Opportunity Fair, as well as the County Picnic on August 18.

Committee Reports

Administrative, Tam McDearmid, Chair

The committee will be preparing the Village Council board candidate ballots for the annual vote that occurs in October. The vote will occur online. We are seeking interested

Village Council Meetings

PLVC Board Meeting

Thursday, September 5

3 - 5 p.m., Beach Club Bayview Room

PLVC Workshop

Tuesday, September 17

3 - 5 p.m., Beach Club Gallery Room

plvc.org

candidates. We have four positions available. We encourage anyone that is interested in giving back to the community by serving on the board, to let us know by contacting President Jason Wright at plvcpres@gmail.com.

Maritime, Phil Otness, Chair

Summer is going great; we have had lots of boats visit the marina. We have one vessel that has exceeded the 30-day maximum anchor stay. The Island Champion is a 90-foot tugboat from 1944. The person is living onboard full time with seven dogs. She refuses the green harbors pump-out for her waste. The Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR) knows about the vessel; she has been violating the 30-day stay for several years in various locations. Jefferson County water quality has tested the water at the point near the vessel and the water is at safe levels to swim. The Derelict Vessel Removal program has moved the vessel to category 2 from category 5, so hopefully some action will occur. The occupant claims that she is waiting for a haul-out in Port Townsend. The vessel was originally towed to its current location in the harbor.

Community Opportunity Fair, Tam McDearmid, Board Liaison

The fair is on August 27, from 4 – 6 p.m. There are over 50 exhibitor booths in the Bay Club auditorium and outside on the terrace. There will be a pickleball demonstration on the terrace. There will be a wide variety of groups represented: book clubs, singing groups, sport and exercise activities, as well as service groups like Habitat for Humanity and Housing Solutions Alliance. Several of the sponsors will have a booth including Active Life and PL Brokers. The event has been advertised on several social media and print platforms, as well as posters throughout the Village. There will be musical entertainment, refreshments, and a free raffle with great prizes. Prizes include an hour visit to Active Life PT for personal training or PT session; a massage in Port Townsend; a gift basket from Port Ludlow Brokers; a gift certificate from Habit for Humanity; two gift certificates from El Molcajete, and a 4-hour Bay Cruise sponsored by the Port Ludlow Yacht Club.

Citizen Comments – None

Board Business

John Goldwood was voted to chair the Utilities committee until October.

Paul Hinton read the treasurer report into the minutes. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to approve the Treasurer Report.

The July minutes were moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

The PLVC Board is looking for volunteers to serve in the Treasurer and Secretary positions.

President Jason Wright moved that the board meeting be adjourned. This was seconded and passed.

Next Board Meeting: Thursday, September 5, from 3 – 5 p.m. in the Beach Club’s Bay View Room

Next Workshop: Tuesday, September 17, from 3 – 5 p.m. in the Beach Club’s Gallery Room

Your Port Ludlow Village Council - What We Do and Why it Matters

by John Goldwood, PLVC Board Member and Chair, PLVC Utilities Committee

There are several critical issues that will confront our “Village in the Woods by the Bay” in the months ahead. I’m writing this with the hope that readers will recognize the impact of those issues and will be energized to participate in finding appropriate solutions. Here are some of the critical questions and concerns:

- 1) Is the Port Ludlow Village Council, as currently structured, a viable entity that is truly capable of representing the interests of all who live within the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort (MPR)?
- 2) Have the operations and finances of Olympic Water and Sewer (OWSI) been managed to the benefit of the residents of the MPR?
- 3) Should timber harvests be permitted on tracts of forest owned by Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) located within the Port Ludlow MPR?

Although many residents may view the Village Council primarily as an umbrella organization that supports our Trails Committee, hangs the holiday lights in the median of the Village Center, and/or as the coordinator or supporter of the Community Opportunity Fair and other interest groups, the reality is that your Village Council carries far greater responsibilities.

In the context of larger issues, such as OWSI and timber harvest challenges, the Village Council is recognized by both Jefferson

County and the State of Washington as having legal standing to communicate and negotiate on behalf of all residents within the MPR. By the time you read this, the current Village Council members will have started a focused effort to determine the future of the Council.

Regarding OWSI, the Village Council Utilities Committee has been working to address several issues. Our first priority has been to determine if our drinking water supply contains manganese levels that are higher than those recognized as safe for human consumption. Testing has begun with volunteer homeowners from both the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (North Bay) and South Bay. The testing laboratory expects to have results back for us in September. I emphasize that we currently have **no** confirmation of any critical issue regarding manganese. We are coordinating the testing program to determine if there is a problem, and if so, how extensive the issue is for our residents. Other OWSI issues include determining what must be done to eliminate the “brown water” problems that periodically affect residents in both North Bay and South Bay.

On both the water and sewer side of OWSI, we are trying to understand how profits from the fees we pay each month are being used to ensure the future of those utilities. Specifically, we are trying to determine what financial reserves are available from OWSI to address infrastructure components that have reached, or are approaching, the end of their useful life. The most recent financial guidance from PLA proposes an increase of approximately 100% in our monthly fees for water and sewage services over the next ten years, but we are currently unable to determine how those fees will be used (or have been used in the past) to insure that profits will be used to maintain the utilities themselves.

Finally, the existing agreement between PLA and Jefferson County, which governs the land use permitted within the MPR, expires in May 2025. That agreement was modified in 2016 to address the issue of timber harvests on land owned by PLA and located within the boundaries of the MPR. The outcome of that settlement in 2016 significantly restricted PLA from any further timber harvest. If Jefferson County does not approve an extension to that agreement, your Village Council is working on your behalf to develop another solution to protect those lands from further logging.

I hope that this article will raise awareness of the challenges we must address on behalf of our residents. The Village Council is in critical need of volunteers to fill open board positions, including treasurer and secretary, as well as board members to fill general board vacancies. I encourage those of you with any questions to attend our next PLVC board meeting at 3 p.m. on **Thursday, September 5**, at the Beach Club.

For additional information regarding PLVC, go to plvc.org for an overview. For additional information on the development agreement between Port Ludlow Associates and Jefferson County, enter Port Ludlow MPR in your search engine.

Arts & Entertainment

Northwest Expressions at Northwind Art

by Diane Urbani, Communications Manager, Northwind Art



Mountains Revealed, by Scott Pascoe, is one of 40 works in the new "Northwest Expressions" exhibit at Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery.

Submitted photo

With 40 works selected from 600 submissions, the "Northwest Expressions" exhibition is a celebration of creativity from artists across Washington and Oregon. This show, on view through September 29, has just been installed at Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery in downtown Port Townsend. Photography, paintings, sculpture, and printmaking all appear in this exhibit; artists Richard and Jesse Watson served as the jurors.

Jeanette Best Gallery, 701 Water St. in Port Townsend, is open seven days a week during this show. Hours are 12 noon - 5 p.m., and more information is found at NorthwindArt.org.

Meanwhile, September is a big month for photography at the Northwind Art School in Port Townsend. The nonprofit school, located at Fort Worden State Park, is offering photography and other art classes for all levels of experience, from beginners to professionals.



(tintype by Jono Melamed) Jono Melamed, maker of this image, will teach "Making Tintypes," a September course at Northwind Art School in Port Townsend. Participants will get to use large-format cameras and the wet-plate collodion process.

Photo by Jono Melamed

For a series of pinhole camera workshops this month, Dutch photographer Martin Vanners will travel from the Netherlands to Northwind Art School, to co-teach with Jen Cohen of Port Townsend.

Also in September, globetrotting photographers Lisa and John Merrill, based in the Seattle area, will come to the school to teach two workshops, including Creative Smartphone Photography. And then there is the Making Tintypes course, in which participants will learn how to use large-format cameras and explore the wet plate collodion process, a highly analogue method that's virtually unchanged since its invention in 1851.

Details about all of the school's classes are at NorthwindArt.org.

A sample of the offerings:

September 11: Beyond the Postcard Shot: Evocative Travel Photography with Seattle instructors Lisa and John Merrill

September 12: Creative Smartphone Photography with Lisa and John Merrill

September 13: It's a Pinhole Party for Everyone! With Jen Cohen and Martin Vanners

September 14: Instant Analogue Pinhole Photography for Everyone with Cohen and Vanners

September 15: Four specialty pinhole photography workshops with Cohen and Vanners

September 26: Mindfulness Practices for Artmaking with Meg Kaczyk

September 28 online: Introduction to Abstract Art with Xin Xin

September 28-29: Making Tintypes: Intro to Wet Plate Photography with Jono Melamed

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Barbara Grondal



Sea Whorl, by Barbara Grondal.

To make inanimate objects seem alive, artist Barbara Grondal utilizes acrylics and pastels in sweeping brush strokes that overlap to create depth and dimension in her artwork. The rolling bends and curves in her paintings often create the illusion of motion.

Barbara is inspired by the things she loves, especially the natural world. The forest, mountains, and water provide Barbara with endless subjects for her paintings, whether it's the sunlight filtering through moss-covered cedars or the cascading tendrils of a sea nettle jellyfish.

During September, you can view Barbara's artwork at Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. A reception for Barbara is set for 4 – 5 p.m., **Wednesday, September 11**, in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery.

Jeweler of the Month – Mara Mauch

As a science lover, Mara Mauch understands the properties of glass and how it reacts with heat and time. Using a kiln, Mara fuses multiple layers of glass to create cabochons that become stunning necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. After applying shimmering metallic coatings to the fired pieces, Mara further

shapes the pieces by hand and then re-fires them, often repeating this process until she obtains the ideal result.

Mara never gets tired of experimenting with glass. As Mara stated, "Every time I open the kiln after a firing, it's like opening a present on Christmas morning. It never gets boring."

During September, Mara's jewelry will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, Sound Community Bank, and online at portludlowart.org. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, noon- to 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.



Pendant by Mara Mauch.
Submitted photos

Ludlow Village Players Comedy

by Jim Gormly, Ludlow Village Players



Foggy Port Townsend, a 24 x 48-inch painting, acrylic on canvas by Steve Hammond, to be raffled at Murdered to Death.

Submitted photo

Murdered to Death, a comedy/mystery by Peter Gordon, is coming to a stage near you this month! Performances are in the Bay Club auditorium on **Fridays and Saturdays, September 13, 14, and 20, 21**, at 6 p.m., and **Sundays, September 15 and 22**, at 2 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes before the show starts. Wine is available on opening night, **Friday, September 13**.

As a spoof of murder mystery tales, the play could be subtitled, "The Pink Panther meets Miss Marple." The hilarious cast of characters includes the noble lady of the manor and her long-suffering niece, an inept inspector who is missing some gray cells, the accommodating constable, a retired colonel and his scornful spouse, a boozing butler, a spying spinster, a double-dealing art dealer, and a pseudo-socialite. The title of the play hints at foul play, but who might be guilty, and why?

After a month of rehearsing in the Coldwell Banker offices after hours, the cast members have been honing their lines since early August in the Bay Club auditorium. They have been working hard while having lots of giggles, even though they've heard the lines many times. Since the auditorium is a multi-use venue, the set can't be created on the stage until the weekend before the opening night, which adds to the challenge. As a result, the actors must use their imagination to envision the lounge of an English country manor of the 1930s. Come opening night, the real lounge will be there, fireplace and all, so get your tickets and check it out. Tickets are available via Brown Paper Tickets: [brownpapertickets.com/event/6346445](https://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/6346445).

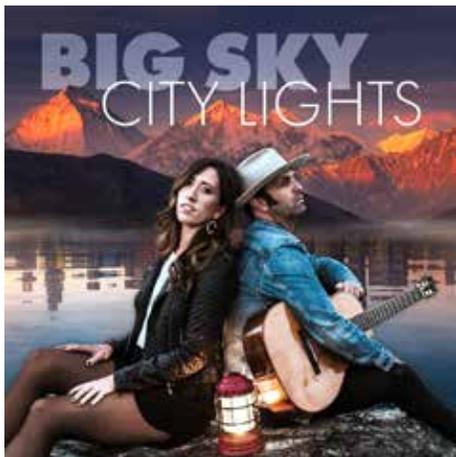
As a bonus, LVP is raffling a painting by former Port Ludlow artist Steve Hammond. *Foggy Port Townsend Waterfront* is a 24 x 48-inch painting (acrylic on canvas), and one of several that he gifted LVP for fund-raising purposes just before he moved to Arizona. Steve said that he was told by two galleries that the painting might sell for several thousand dollars in Seattle. It's a beautiful painting that captures the essence of a misty day in Port Townsend Bay, so participate in the raffle and maybe pick up a work of art for \$10. Raffle tickets will be sold at each performance and the winning ticket will be drawn at the end of the closing show, **Sunday, September 22**.

'Big Sky City Lights:' PLPA's Opening Concert

by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer

Although Port Ludlow Performing Arts always seeks out talented performers for its concerts, they also like to find entertainers that

are a little different – and that's just what they lined up for their September show.



For PLPA's annual season opener at the Bay Club on **September 28** at 7 p.m., they will bring an indie folk duo that comes from two completely different worlds to the

Bay Club stage. Known as Big Sky City Lights, Nick Spear and Susan O'Dea could be called The Odd Couple. She's urban, he's rural. She's a Millennial, he's GenX. She's a kale chicken Caesar salad, he's last night's cold pizza. But when they sing together, they are undeniably and effortlessly aligned.

Their dreamy, harmony-infused Americana sound is both vintage and of-the-moment. The project emerged as a remote partnership between Montana-based Nick (Big Sky) and New York City-based Susan (City Lights), initially creating unique covers

of well-known songs during the 2020 lockdown. This collaboration led to releasing their debut full-length album of original music, *Wake Me When We Get There* in June 2021.

Their sound is inspired by the landscapes of Montana, harnessing the dichotomy of its spaciousness and intimacy. The project's lush harmonies and yearning melodies draw comparisons to performers like the Indigo Girls, Brandi Carlile, and Simon and Garfunkel. Their brand of stripped-down, cinematic folk landed them a feature on the Good Morning America TV show and garnered the attention of major music festivals, including Sisters Folk Festival and Under The Big Sky Festival on the bill with Jason Isbell, Tyler Childers, Shovels and Rope, Emmylou Harris, and others.

Spear and O'Dea both play guitar and sing and were acquaintances for a long time before they decided to become a duo. They had spent time working with Alpine Theater Company in Montana together, and Spear directed O'Dea in her first show, so they had a musical connection early on in their careers. When the pandemic canceled their live music shows, they renewed that connection virtually. "Nick and I had been friends for many years doing theater together, and I reached out, asking if he wanted to do a virtual musical project," O'Dea said.

O'Dea sat in her bathtub in her apartment, the quietest place in her home, and recorded her vocal tracks. Spear recorded his vocal tracks at his home studio in Montana, and then they edited the tracks together. They released a few of their covers together online and got a huge response. "People really loved what we were doing, and we decided to keep doing by virtual recording and YouTube," O'Dea said.

Big Sky City Lights will be releasing their new extended-play album, *A Mountain to Go*, this summer, and will also be available to stream on all platforms in October. For more information, please visit bigskycitylights.com.

Tickets are available online at portludlowperformingarts.com where you can also purchase season tickets. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow.

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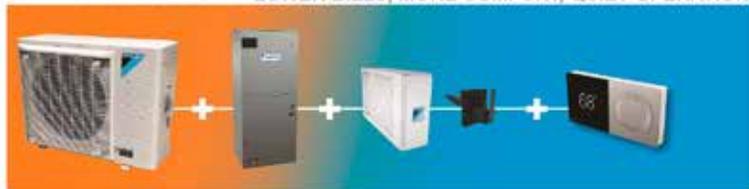
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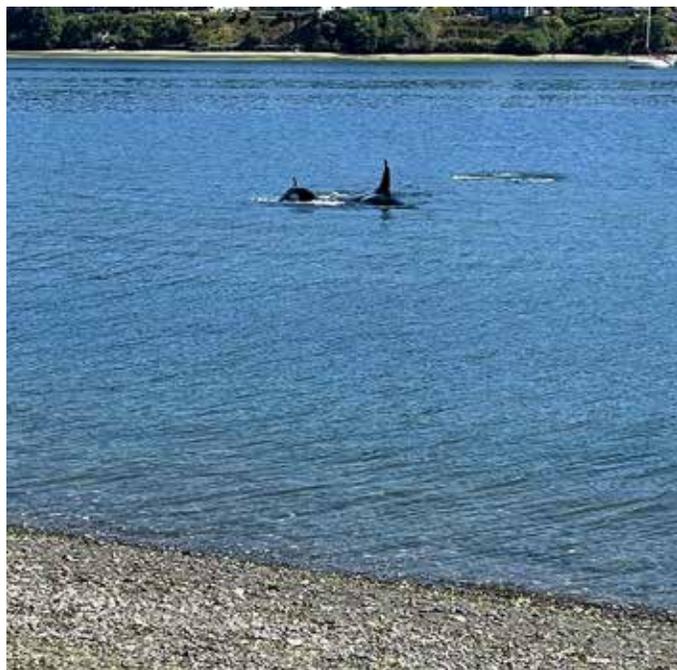
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Features & Stories

Orca Whales Visit Port Ludlow

by Peter Joseph, Guest Writer



Orcas off Burner Point.

Photo by Jeanne Joseph

On Friday afternoon, July 12, we had a never-before-seen visitor to the Burner Point Beach where the fixed navigation aid is located. A small pod of five transient orca whales, aka killer whales, came cavorting into the harbor in pursuit of a seal, which the pod promptly had for a snack right in front of us. While we have observed gray whales in the harbor as well as one minke whale in the southeastern shallows, this is a first in our 29 years of residence living on Burner Point. When first reported, it was thought they were probably black fins, a much smaller version of the orca except with no white markings on their backs. Not only were they orcas, they were inside the fixed aid in water no deeper than 10 -12 feet. In fact, the younger one, who they may have been teaching to hunt, dove close to shore and came to an abrupt stop when he hit bottom and then hit a perfect 10 on a synchronized swimming pirouette move.

The transient pod of orcas moves up and down the west coast taking up habitat wherever the food source is plentiful. Unlike the resident pods, the transient pod feasts on mammals, like seals. The resident pods prefer good old salmon or substitutes, but they demand fish on their menu. Every three or four years the transient pod shows up at the entrance to Hood Canal to do mother nature's work of culling out the seals, who, like the resident orcas, feast on the salmon stock. Of the approximate 300 seals in the Hood Canal, biologists estimate the pod will take about one hundred

seals. The salmon fishermen are delighted when the transient pod is finished with the thinning out of their competition.

Just offshore Port Ludlow, there is a small group of rocks with the predominant rock, Colvos, being about 40 feet high. When a local resident went out to pull crab pots the morning after the seal attack, they noticed over a hundred seals all crammed onto the rock trying to stay out of the water until they were sure the pod had moved into the canal.

Adding Color in Your Garden

by Dodie Osborn, PLGC President

Editor's Note: Eline Lybarger, a long-time resident of Port Ludlow, a member of the Port Ludlow Garden Club, and the author of a monthly article in the Voice focused on garden topics, passed away recently. The Port Ludlow Garden Club members have graciously agreed to continue these articles, so loved by our readers, in the Voice each month. We are grateful for their support.

You don't have to be an artist to get color in your garden. Color, especially flower color, is the first thing most people notice about a garden. Maybe you've dreamed of an elegant all-white garden or gazed admiringly at photos of a perfectly planned flower border in shades of pink and purple. Or perhaps you're one of those gardeners who likes a little of everything – pink, orange, red, yellow, purple, and more.



But planning your color scheme takes a little more than going to the garden center and buying a bunch of different plants that all have pink flowers. You may need a few splashes of other colors to highlight your favorite. The foliage has color too.

A multi-color garden is the ultimate casual look. A group of the same plants with the same color flowers look planned rather than being a haphazard type of planting. Choose either bright colors or go with pastels. Stick with a similar intensity of color.

You can also plan a single-color garden, which often has an elegant feel to it, like a blue-themed garden or all-white garden does. The most important tip is that when you choose your single, favorite color, that doesn't mean you go out and buy nothing but blue or white flowering plants. An example would

be to add splashes of other colors to really play up your favorite, like adding whites and yellows to offer a little crucial contrast to the blue.

This year, while planning my little secret garden (I do container gardening), I decided since this was an election year that I would plant a couple containers with red, white and blue flowering plants. So, I planted red and white geraniums with blue trailing lobelia in the containers. The color mix really added to my flower garden.

Cascadia Subduction Zone and Block Captains

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

The 12th annual *Great Washington Shakeout* is scheduled for **October 17**, at 10:17 a.m. This annual event, an exercise in earthquake response preparedness, is a reminder to residents of the state that Washington is especially vulnerable to a devastating earthquake. Such a quake may occur because the Cascadia Subduction Zone, an area where two massive plates are moving against each other, is located off the coast of Washington, Oregon, Northern California, and British Columbia. Earthquake scientists who have been studying the Cascadia Subduction Zone agree that it will be the source of a large earthquake sometime in the next fifty years. The devastation wrought by a quake of such magnitude has already been demonstrated by what happened in 2011 in Tohoku, Japan, which registered 9.0 in magnitude. The destruction resulting from the quake and ensuing tsunami caused widespread damage throughout Japan and around the world. That level of an event could happen in Port Ludlow.

Even if the village itself is not inundated by a huge tsunami that occurs elsewhere, although a tsunami is certainly a risk here, we could be adversely affected because of our idyllic location on the Olympic Peninsula. A simulated major disaster scenario conducted by the state's emergency services and FEMA (the Federal Emergency Management Agency) in 2016 revealed multiple areas of vulnerability at the state and county levels relative to transportation, resupply, and emergency services. For less populated areas such as ours, it translated to Jefferson County needing to develop an individualized emergency plan. For East Jefferson County that plan, at its most basic level, emphasized being able to shelter in place for a minimum of two weeks (and possibly for *months*) while the infrastructure is being repaired and emergency services mobilized. The reality is that Oak Bay Road, SR 19, and the Hood Canal Bridge could be severely damaged in a major earthquake, leaving Port Ludlow isolated.

Being prepared to shelter in place makes perfect sense. Earthquakes have occurred worldwide in distant lands and areas more remote than ours, but without the resources we possess. We have the ability to prepare and reduce the shock of the event when it occurs. Knowing you have the most critical items (food, shelter, water, and other emergency supplies) at hand goes a long way to stabilize the panic that follows this kind of disaster.

Reducing panic provides the mental space for planning and resilience.

The Port Ludlow Village Council's PLEM (Port Ludlow Emergency Management) is tasked with the role of emergency coordination for such an event. Acting as the liaison between the Jefferson County Emergency Operations Center and Port Ludlow, PLEM has assembled an emergency management team that involves block captains and radio operators working out of four communication centers. PLEM will be coordinating the Shakeout exercise scheduled in October so that we know what areas need improvement in our emergency response.

On their website, plvc.org, under the Emergency Management committee tab, is the booklet *Think, Plan, Do! Repeat*. You can download the PDF today. This guide to preparing for emergencies and disasters was developed by the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management. It is the essential guide to sheltering in place in the event "the big one" strikes. The present version of this booklet is being revised, and the update will not be available until sometime this fall. However, the manual as it stands now is still a valuable tool that residents can use to prepare themselves for any type of disaster.

At a block captain meeting in July to prepare for this exercise, one critical lack of resources was revealed which would severely impact the Port Ludlow community's ability to respond to a large earthquake. The weak link in the chain is an insufficient number of block captains and radio operators to service the 38 neighborhoods in North and South Bay. Per the current roster there are many neighborhoods without block captains, and in some neighborhoods, insufficient numbers for the homes there. We presently have just over 100 block captains, but at least 25 neighborhoods have no or insufficient coverage.

Block captains are volunteers who are good neighbors who agree to cover a response area – homes near their own. They are tasked to connect their neighborhood by getting to know everyone in their response area and asking each household to complete a questionnaire. That confidential data is critical in the event of a disaster; it helps determine which residents might be more vulnerable in different situations. When "the big one" hits, block captains will ensure that their own families are safe, and then will coordinate teams to venture out to check on everyone. Having that data sheet allows them to be familiar with each household and their specific needs.

Assuming that cell towers and power lines will be inoperable for an extended period, block captains are equipped with two-way radios and will be able to contact the communications centers located at strategic locations in both North and South Bay. Repetitive exercises such as the annual Shakeout have prepared volunteers with the basics of providing critical information about the status of the people and structural damage in their area to the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management. Block captains will be in contact with the communication centers to receive and transmit information while awaiting assistance.

We hope that block captains will never have to be called upon in a real-life situation. Those that have preceded me in the Inner Harbor Village neighborhood have served with distinction and have never had to be activated. I hope my period of service will end without ever being needed. I enjoy the beauty and serenity of Port Ludlow too much to worry about “the big one,” but if it does happen, I will be ready to assist my neighbors. How about you?

Contact Jeannie Price, Block Captain Coordinator at PLEM.98365@gmail.com if you are interested in being a good neighbor and a block captain.

What’s Up, Neighbor?

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer

If you thought the Larry Scott Trail in Port Townsend was named after the same Larry Scott who writes the *Trail Mix* column for the Port Ludlow Voice, you’re not alone. I thought it was his trail too until he laughed and said, “If you give people enough money, they’ll name anything after you!” Joking aside, he told me that it’s a memorial trail for the Larry Scott who was with the Jefferson County Parks and Recreation department. This Larry Scott was instrumental in developing the trail that bears his name, which has become part of the Olympic Discovery Trail. Our Larry “G” Scott has led the effort to build and maintain trails in Port Ludlow since 2006.



Our Larry came to Port Ludlow in 1997 while he was still in the Navy. The Seabees were rededicating the Gardiner Cemetery gravesite for Navy Petty Officer Marvin G. Shields, the only Navy Seabee to be awarded the Medal of Honor. It was one of those rare sunny days, and it was beautiful looking out over Discovery Bay. He called home and said he’d found the place to retire. Larry and his wife Judi moved to Port Ludlow in 2005, but they’re in Port Hadlock now, and he said the most important thing he ever did was marry Judi. They’ve been partners for 25 years, with six kids between them. They have so many grandkids and great grandkids, he claims he’s lost count.

Larry has never been one to shy away from public duty. He was in the Marines for nine years, 1962 – 1971, as an aircraft radio repairman on A-4 Skyhawks, a single seat fighter jet used in the Vietnam war. When he got out of the Marines, he went into

construction and became an ironworker. But he missed military service, so in 1979 he enlisted in the Navy Seabees, the Navy’s Construction Battalion, as a steelworker, retiring 24 years later as a Master Chief. He gained a lot of confidence in Marine boot camp, learning what he could put up with under duress. He thought he was tough when he graduated from boot camp until “some old salt kind of straightens you around,” he said. He loved the Seabees because he was actually building something with his hands. There was a sense of accomplishment and a physical product he could see—kind of like building a trail.

His last job in the Navy was developing a Facilitated Distance Learning online version of the Senior Enlisted Academy. It took him three years to complete—two years to create the program and another year to work out the bugs. The Navy still sends senior NCOs (non-commissioned officers) through the online training course, a testament to his hard work. Larry did something similar for General Dynamics after he left the Navy. He says he was an early proponent of distance learning, since he was living in California and then Washington at the time and the main headquarters was in Florida. Does he miss the Navy? Yes, he says, the khakis. He misses the camaraderie too, but he gets a lot of that with the trails’ volunteers that work so hard to build and maintain the Port Ludlow trails.

Larry has been the chairman of the Port Ludlow Village Council’s Trails/Natural Resources Committee since 2006, with a one-year hiatus between 2019/2020. He’s the guy who scouts out possible trails and gets the required permissions. When he started with the group, there were three major trails: Around the Bay (ABT), Timberton Loop, and the Interpretive Trail. Now Port Ludlow has more than thirty miles of trails, and there’s more coming in the future. He knows they’re getting used – there’s always a well-worn path in the middle of the trail.

I asked Larry why he liked building trails and he said he enjoys being out in the *boonies* making something people can use. It feels good and it’s a benefit to the community. For a few hours, he gets to experience the same camaraderie he did in the military. It’s hard work, but it’s a lot of fun. All the men and women in the group joke with each other and if there’s not a current rumor or story going around, they’re happy to start one for fun.

When Larry’s not on the trail, he works for a car auction company called Motorsport Auction Group. It was started by his daughter and her then-husband, and he was just going to help them get started. Years later, he’s still involved, posting cars online for the sellers and participating in ‘Hot August Nights’ annually in Reno, plus two other auctions each year.

Something else he does when he’s not on the trails is coordinate the “Culture Gang” that goes to Seattle four or five Sundays throughout the year for the Pop Series performances at Benaroya Hall. They always follow up the concert with an exploration of different restaurants. It’s more of that camaraderie that he loves, “but with a meal.”

As you can probably guess, his favorite hobby is working. He likes to get things done no matter what it is, even rehabbing

Judi's yard art, painting and fixing the rusty frogs and flowers in their yard. I wondered how he had time to get anything else done, since he's always busy with the trails, and he said it takes a lot of juggling to make it all work. The grass at home may grow a little longer than it needs to, but he eventually gets to it. He just 'keeps leaning forward, trying to get things done.'

Larry's life motto is something he came across in an RV park, though he had to clean up the language before he could include it on his correspondence. *'Life's journey is not to arrive at the grave safely, in a well-preserved body, but rather to skid in sideways, totally worn out, shouting "Damn, what a ride!"'* I think that just about sums Larry up, don't you?

If you're willing to share some stories about yourself or you want to nominate someone else, please reach out to Donna at sports@plvoice.org to start the conversation. Looking forward to hearing from you!

My Name is Scott



The following is a story of connection, the result of a very late realization that our non-verbal son was basically invisible and inconsequential to those random persons he met at grocery stores, coffee stands, eating establishments and other destinations. While we rarely encountered outright hostility, the indifference or quizzical looks we often saw were palpable. With age, Scott has become noticeably different and clearly stands out in crowd. We eventually had an epiphany and realized that those he saw on a regular basis simply had no way of knowing who he is and how they should interact with him appropriately.

This communication is something we provided to those people who regularly come in contact with our son. It has been a resounding success. He is now greeted warmly and enthusiastically by an amazing group of sensitive and empathetic people. They call him by his name and give him the respect he richly deserves. Given the opportunity, a remarkable number of people have reached out to our son to make his life happier and more fulfilled. We are grateful for these small acts of kindness. Here is his story:

My name is Scott, but I have never been able to tell anyone. I have never spoken, not one word in forty-four years. My parents tell me it is time to introduce myself to all those people who see me at shopping malls, grocery stores, restaurants, and swimming pools. I am the guy clinging to my parent's arm walking through the store, a little unsure of my balance these days. I get exhausted easily and need to rest frequently. I admit I am a little messy and loud at restaurants. I am very excited to see everyone and try my best to make eye contact and coax a smile or friendly word. That little spark of love and kindness really makes my day and gives me the feeling that my life matters and has value.

I know that my awkward gait, loud noises, tongue thrust and occasional drooling draws a lot of stares from children, naturally curious about someone so different crossing their path. That is ok with me because I am also a small child, just in an adult body, and I share their innocence and honesty. For those adults I make so uncomfortable that they make me feel invisible and unwelcome in their world, I am sorry, but I am just being the only person I can be—the one God created.

I am not blessed with language or the ability to communicate in any other form. I have never been able to tell anyone whether I am happy or sad, hot or cold, thirsty or hungry, tired, or wired. I struggle with balance, stamina, weight control, tremors, and other physical conditions. I need help with all aspects of daily living, from walking and dressing to eating and bathing. I will not be experiencing too many of life's milestones, such as talking, playing sports, having a best friend, going to college, dating, marrying, having children, or starting a career. But these limitations do not define me as a human being and, to borrow a line from one of my favorite movies, my soul is intact. Do I despair and ask why me? Of course not. Is it fair? It is not for me to say. I embrace what life gives me and try to share some of my happiness with all of you.

My parents keep telling me that I have a special gift of soliciting unconditional love from those people who take the time to know me. This, I am told, is a profound contribution that plays forward in many unexpected ways. To love unconditionally is to discover and experience one of the great secrets of the universe. For whatever physical assistance I receive, I try to repay it with a strong spiritual presence.

Well, that is my introduction to the larger community and I hope to see your kind and supportive face as I continue my unique journey through this world. Thanks for taking a moment of your time to get to know me.

Sincerely,
Scott Springgate

As told by his parents, Lee and Jean Springgate

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Recreation & Sports

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



Progress building Corduroy Road/Trail on Niblicks Loop.

Photo by Larry Scott

To-dos. Don't we all have to-dos and often make a list of them? Sometimes we make them up ourselves, sometimes our bosses give them to us (when we were/are employed), sometimes our spouses create them. Those are called honey-do lists. Well, Trails has a to-do list as well, and currently it's a growing list. It's growing for a couple of reasons. The primary reason is the distraction of spring maintenance, trying to keep vegetation under some reasonable control. Another reason is the multitude of good ideas that trails folks generate regarding potential new hiking routes. That creates the need to prioritize those ideas with reference to volunteer power and budget. *"If you put people, material, and tools together at the same time and in the same place, good things can happen."* Trails has a to-do list that includes the following. Some are small short-term items done fairly quickly, some are larger and take longer.

Here's Trails current list in no particular order:

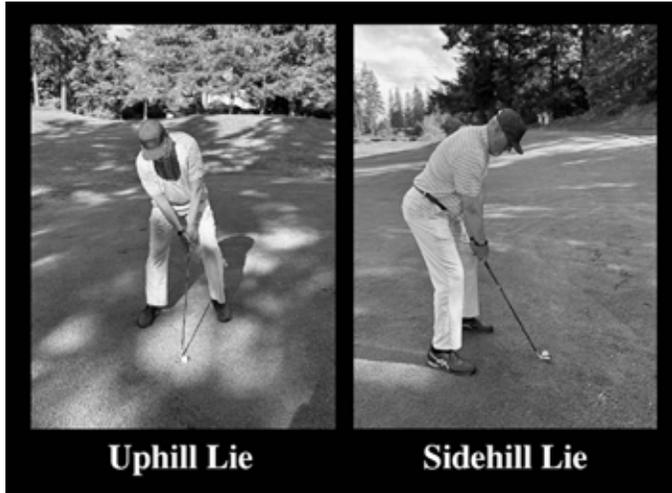
1. Add rock to Interpretive Trail entrance.
2. Build bridge from Interpretive Trail across Ludlow Creek to connect to McCormick Rail Trail.
3. Build connector trail from bridge end to McCormick Rail Trail (begun).
4. Complete pulling stumps on McCormick Loop Trail (to allow maintenance equipment access).
5. Create initial maintenance pathway for mowing and permanent maintenance capabilities.
6. Level ground for picnic table installation at junction of McCormick Loop Trail and McCormick Rail Trail.
7. Transport and install said picnic table.
8. Install another seating bench along McCormick Rail Trail (this one adjacent to the creek at water view level).
9. Extend Oak Bay Trail from Swansonville Road to Walker Way.
10. Place dirt topping to finish the corduroy road recently built on Niblicks Loop.
11. Pioneer the flagged Springboard Trail from the end of Mt. Walker to Niblicks Loop.
12. Build steps from Springboard Trail to Mt. Walker.
13. Flag potential trail connecting Springboard Trail to the Mt. Walker DNR access Trail.
14. Repair old logging bridge crossing Ludlow Creek near Oak Bay Road and Phillips Road.
15. Pioneer/build flagged new trail parallel to Oak Bay Road from Interpretive Trail to bridge in item #14.
16. Resolve the lack of electricity needed to charge equipment batteries at the storage shed.

In rereading Trail's to-do list, all we can do is prioritize and go back to the quote above in italics. Sometimes we will just want to reach out for the low-hanging fruit and check that one (whichever it is) off the list to shorten it up. As anyone who has ever dealt with one of those honey-do lists, you know that *the shorter the list, the better the list.*

If you would like to help, send me an e-mail at mclgscott@cablespeed.com. Let's Keep Improving our Trails!

Uneven Lies

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC



Uneven lies.

Photo by Jim Mancill

For most of us, when we do go out to practice, we end up hitting off of a relatively flat lie, working on our “basic” golf shots. The reality of playing golf is that depending where you play your golf, the majority of our shots may require us to play from a variety of uneven lies. Not to worry. There are some simple fundamentals that can help make these shots a little easier next time out.

Uphill Lie: Keys to success

- Use less loft than normal as this shot will launch higher than normal.
- Keep your shoulders level to the slope and keep the lower body turning, don't hang back.
- Never hit “into” the slope, let the club swing up the slope.
- This shot has a tendency to draw, so keep that in mind when you aim.

Downhill Lie: Keys to success

- Use a more lofted club as this shot will come off lower than normal.
- Keep your shoulders level to the slope you are hitting from and keep your swing moving “downhill.”
- Stance should be a little wider than normal and the ball positioned more forward as well.
- It's easy to “push” this shot so keep your knees bent.

Sidehill Lie: Ball below our feet

To measure to the ball, bend your knees more and utilize more of an arm swing to help maintain your balance. Widen your stance slightly and feel as though you are sitting down at

address. The shot will have a tendency to go right for right-handed golfers...the opposite for lefties.

Sidehill Lie: Ball above our feet

Adjust to the ball by gripping down on your club. Keep your chest up as you swing and more weight on your front foot. This shot will have a tendency to go left for right-handed golfers...the opposite for lefties.

See you on the trails!

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson

This year's Ladies Invitational was planned by Diane Kobz and PLGC Head Pro Jim Mancill. There were a whopping 64 players in the field, an increase of 40 players over last year. Feedback from the participants from all over the state was very positive. The Invitational raffle, chaired by Diane Kobz, generated a ton of good-



will and excitement. \$1,400 was raised by the raffle volunteers:

Sue Fechner, Champion of the Captain's Cup Match Play Tournament.
Submitted photo

Bonnie Vahcic, Lucinda Thompson, Debi Bozanich, Sue Fechner, Grace Allen, Kathy Traci, and Carole Fett.

The PLWGA was represented in a booth at the Port Ludlow Opportunity Fair on August 27 at the Bay Club. Debi Bozanich revised the league's information sheet that was distributed to potential new members.

The Mid-Year PLWGA luncheon was held in August at Beth Weaver's beautiful beach home. Chairpersons Beth Weaver and Kathy Williams served a scrumptious luncheon and members enjoyed the water views. Captain Bonnie Vahcic conducted the member meeting. Rules Chairperson, Debi Bozanich, made a short presentation regarding rules questions that occurred during WSWPLA and WGA events this year. Linda Aho, Handicap Chairperson, met the new USGA requirement that one person from each club pass a GHIN Rules Quiz in order for the club to be certified. Sue Fechner was crowned Queen of the Captains Cup, with Diane Germain, a close runner-up for the title.

The Club Championship took place on August 26, 28, and 30 and ended with a potluck that was enjoyed by all. The winners will be announced in the October *Voice*. The All Star Cup Tournament will be played on **September 16 and 17**. The All Star Cup is a two-day 27 hole match play event. For this tournament, all active eligible members are divided into two teams, Shooting Stars and Northern Lights. Tournament Chairpersons Sue Fechner and Diane Germain asked members to save the dates for the upcoming Port Ludlow Ryder Cup format tournament to be played on **September 23, 25, and 27**. Details to follow.

At the August WGA/MGA exchange, everyone had a good time playing 18 holes and at the luncheon that followed at the new JR's Sand Trap café. The July and August Home & Home with the White Horse Women's Golf League was also an enjoyable event that will hopefully be repeated in future years.

PLWGA Captain Bonnie Vahcic invites prospective PLWGA members to play with the league on Tuesdays. Please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop at 360-437-0272 to sign up to play. Please note: PLGC membership is no longer a requirement for participation in the PLWGA league.

Port Ludlow Niners' News

by Kathy Traci, Niners' Publicity Chairperson

The Niners' Putt and Pour putting contest event was well attended. Port Ludlow Niners' Captain, Barbara Burke and Port Ludlow Golf Course staff members, Elizabeth and Tristen, set up the multi-hole putting course on the practice green. After playing the challenging course, members relaxed at tables surrounding the green and enjoyed drinks and snacks provided by the Niners. The Lady Niner winners were Claudia Avicola, Sharon Russel, and Ann Nugent. The Men Niner winners were Ken Avicola, Ed Berthiaume, and Doug Durasoff.

The August 1 playday away at Dungeness at Seven Cedars Golf Course was enjoyed by all who participated, and the sunshine and good weather contributed to a great day. The Niners' "Best of Four Rounds Captain's Cup Tournament" continues play through September. The Captain's Cup round 4 will be played on **September 12**. The female and male winners will be announced at the end-of-the-year Niners' banquet. The Niners' end-of-the-year announcements will include the season's eclectic winner and a most improved player award for both groups.

The August 22 Niners' couples golf event was well attended. Niners' couples also participated in the August Dove House Tournament. Chairpersons Mike and Barb Burke always assign monthly games for couples' events that generate winners while still allowing participants to post their scores towards their GHIN handicaps. Members will be reminded by a Golf Genius email about the games scheduled for Niners' couples' events (**September 26 and October 17**). If members are interested in playing, they should sign up on Golf Genius.

Niners' Captain Barbara Burke welcomes new prospective members to play with the Niners on Thursday mornings. To

play as a guest on Thursday, players should contact the Pro Shop desk at the Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC). PL Golf Course membership is no longer a requisite for league participation.

Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Nuereberg, Port Ludlow Hiking Club

Hikers meet at the Bridge Deck in Port Ludlow on the day of the hike at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads, arrange carpools, and depart at 8:30 a.m.

Those on the hiking email roster receive an update the week of a scheduled outing. If you would like to be added to the email roster, send a note to plhikingclub@yahoo.com, or go to the club's website at portludlowhikingclub.com and click on "Contact" to send a message. Anyone may join in the hikes; you don't have to be a member of the email roster or club.

Friday, September 13 – Buckhorn Pass – Two Versions

The Buckhorn Pass hike begins at the Tubal Cain trailhead and continues through a campground and across Copper Creek before starting the climb up switchbacks. The hike to this point has been very easy, scenic, and quite beautiful. The next few miles are more moderate but very scenic and beautiful, very much like hiking in the Alps. No question, it is a climb to the pass, but every inch forward has you feeling the grand beauty of the Olympics. This hike will stay with you for a long time. The hike is 14 miles long with a 2,800-foot elevation gain. This is a difficult hike. A moderate hike of 7 miles may be available starting from the same trailhead for those interested. A National Park Pass is required. A toilet is available at the campground just a short distance away. Hike leader: Burt Peterson, 360-437-0849.

Friday, September 27 – Badger Valley

The Badger Valley hike is one of the top ten hikes in the park. From the very beginning the vistas will smack you in the face with their sheer beauty. The hike to Grand Lake is all down. Lovingly termed an "upside down" hike because you will be pulled down to the beauty of Grand, and then go on to Gladys and Moose Lakes before reality strikes and you realize that there is a long climb back up to the trailhead to finish. Not to worry, the many switchbacks make very convenient stopping points along the way. This is not a race; it is a chance to enjoy the beauty of nature up close and personal. The hike is approximately 10 miles long with an elevation gain of approximately 2,700 feet. A National Park Pass is required. A pit toilet is available at the trailhead. Hike leader: Burt Peterson, 360-437-0849.

Friday, September 27 – Lower Gray Wolf

The Lower Gray Wolf Trail is 5.4 miles roundtrip with 800 feet of elevation change. The turnaround point will be a bridge that was washed out several years ago. The hike to this point is some of the best riverside hiking in the Olympics. It is considered a moderate hike. National Park Pass is required. Restroom is available at the Dungeness campground just before we get to the Lower Gray Wolf trailhead. Hike leader: Jack Rigger: 360-437-0370.

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What is That Bird?

by Linda Archer, Kitsap Beach Naturalist



Willet shorebird.

Photo by Linda Archer

When you're along any shoreline with birds, that may be the most frequently asked question – sometimes even by experienced birders!

Shorebird identification can offer a real challenge as some birds are very small; they can be very distant at low tide, and their appearance usually changes by season. They dress in their finest plumage for mating, then back to everyday wear for what can be shockingly lengthy migration journeys. These breeding, feeding, and migration patterns usually bring shorebirds through most areas just twice a year, for usually rather brief periods (10 - 20 days). This allows them to rest and refuel but can abbreviate our chances to view them.

So, just what are shorebirds? You've maybe named a few already. They are Dunlins, Sanderlings, Stilts, Avocets, Killdeer, Willets, Oystercatchers, Plovers, Curlews, Terns, Godwits, Turnstones, Sandpipers, Whimbrel, Dowitchers, Snipes, and Phalaropes. This list doesn't seem too intimidating or daunting for identification purposes. Some are quite singular and striking with unmistakable profiles and field marks. This list expands, however, when the varieties of Sandpipers, Terns, Plovers, Phalaropes, and others flesh it out.

Luckily, we can eliminate some birds found along the shore as shorebirds. Gulls, herons, and cormorants do not count as shorebirds. Neither do any of the sea birds or pelagic birds.

Shorebirds are birds that use the water's edge habitats for feeding, breeding, and nesting behaviors. They also can be found anywhere from shoreline mudflats, sandy beaches, and rocky areas to even freshwater wetlands, grasslands, plowed fields, flooded agricultural lands, and even large gravel roof tops.

There are over 200 species of shorebirds worldwide, 87 of which occur in the Americas for all or part of their life-cycle. North America has 52 breeding species, while 38 species breed in Central America, the Caribbean, and South America. These birds pass through the PNW June through October, peaking in July and August.

They feed mainly on various mollusks, small crustaceans, marine worms, and insects. They come in a wide variety of sizes (the smallest Least Sandpiper to the largest Long-billed Curlew), with varying bill lengths and shapes, and with different leg lengths, each specifically suited to the various feeding habits of each species.

For some shorebirds, these behaviors span from Alaska to South America, an annual migration trek of 20,000 miles! It can be a harrowing journey for each individual, with little help along the way and many threats. Shorebird populations are reflecting these threats as their numbers have seen disturbingly large reductions.

According to *stateofthebirds.org*, "Shorebird populations are down significantly in the last 40 years. Threats include disturbance and loss of stopover habitat along coastal beaches and estuaries, unregulated hunting in the Caribbean and South America, and continued draining of wetlands."

Most of these threats are related to human actions, both indirectly, and even directly, like walking right up to a nesting colony, causing the adults to fly, leaving chicks and eggs exposed to feasting gulls, thus wiping out entire breeding seasons, as recently happened locally on Rat Island. Dogs, even leashed, can have the same effect as they are perceived by the birds as predators. More threats come from diseases, most recently, the avian flu. This disaster killed nearly the entire local population of Caspian terns.

If you'd like to help these birds, give them space. Understand when some beach sites are closed for nesting colonies. Do not disturb shorebirds feeding or resting on the beach. Do not allow children to run toward flocks just to see them fly! The birds lose too much precious energy.

If you'd like to learn more about these amazing birds, there are many books available. There are many Audubon groups (some of which have changed their name), and all stand ready to invite you into birding with them.

Maybe you'll soon find yourself on a shore, with binoculars, and even a scope, watching wave-chasing Sanderlings, maybe seeing others and asking, "What is That Bird?"



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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 other alternative route.

For more hiking information, map of the Port Ludlow Trails, descriptions and pictures of previous hikes and other destinations, go to portludlowhikingclub.com.

Port Ludlow Yacht Club Open House

by Greg Buscher, *PLYC Communications Manager*

Everyone is welcome! Port Ludlow Yacht Club invites local area residents to come check out the Club. We’re holding an open house **Wednesday, September 18**, from 5 – 8 p.m., so set your course now to visit our “Wreck Room,” meet some amazing neighbors, relax, and enjoy a great view of Ludlow Bay. Our full bar will be open to purchase cocktails, beer, wine, and soft drinks. We look forward to seeing you there on September 18!

Memberships are open to boat owners and non-boat owners alike. We are an active club featuring a dozen cruises each year, and our Wreck Room is open every Wednesday and Saturday year ‘round.

For more information about PLYC membership, visit PLYC.us, or better yet, ask one of our members when you visit in person at 55 Heron Rd., Port Ludlow, WA, 98365.

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Botany Through the Ages, Part I

by Carolyn Ann Smith, *Guest Writer*

Editor’s Note: From Alpine strawberries to Pacific bleeding-hearts, ancient sword ferns, indomitable blackberry bushes, and towering Douglas fir, the Pacific Northwest offers a cornucopia of native plant life. It’s something we enjoy every day, as well as something most of us enjoy working at, whether planting, pruning, harvesting, or (well, sometimes) weeding. Given our close connections with the greenery around us, it seems suitable to take a look at how plant life evolved on our planet and how humans came to understand and study it. The following piece, Part I of II, comes from Carolyn Ann Smith, a master gardener intern at the Washington State University Extension Master Gardener Program of Jefferson County. We think you’ll enjoy it.

To make a prairie it takes a clover and one bee.
One clover, and a bee.
And revery.
The revery alone will do,
If bees are few.

~Emily Dickinson

About 470 million years ago, during the Ordovician geologic period, the first terrestrial plants arose. Liverworts and mosses were shallow-rooted, non-vascular plants. They were multicellular organisms in which there was no organization of the tissue into organs (thalloid). True roots, stems, or leaves were absent. During the Devonian period 390 million years ago, the first plants with roots, leaves, vascular tissue (xylem and phloem), and seeds evolved. Through the process of natural selection, genetic mutation and chromosomal rearrangements, varying plant metabolic processes and reproductive traits, plants have evolved to the current time. Plants afford us the opportunity today to not only admire and enjoy their cohabitation with us on Earth, but actually are essential to our very existence.

The contribution of humankind to the study and advancement of the botanical sciences cannot be underestimated. As we luxuriate in our modern vast world of plants, a brief historical survey collated from multiple references of some of the contributors to the field of botany is offered here with the hope of providing an interesting sojourn into the...*prairie of clover and bee*.

Theophrastus was born in 372 BC in Eresos off the coast of Asia minor. He is considered the “Father of Botany,” and studied at the renowned Lyceum as the student of Aristotle. Theophrastus was a prolific writer and researcher and began many of his studies in Aristotle’s extensive garden at the Lyceum. He considered the tree as the perfect plant. His observations were accurate as he described root, stem, branch, fruit, flower, and leaf. He catalogued and compared dozens of trees. His work extended beyond trees in his classic *Enquiry into Plants* in which he described plant anatomy, morphology, physiology, propagation, and ecology—all of which has endured to the modern times. He utilized “annual,” “biennial,” and “perennial” for flowering plants, and discussed both sexual and asexual plant reproduction. Theophrastus’ scientific method of the study of plants and all their properties was arguably not shared by the rest of Europe. The quest for discovering the medicinal properties of plants arose at that time and lasted for the next 100 years or so. One might say that this inquiry has persisted to the modern era, especially in the fields of traditional medicine and alternate and complimentary therapeutic sectors.

The work of Aristotle and Theophrastus was, unfortunately, lost to the Romans and Europe during the Middle Ages (5th-15th centuries). After the fall of Rome in 476 AD, Europe settled into the Dark Ages when little attention was paid to science. Any interest in plants was for their practical use only. The Roman, Pliny the Elder (23-79 AD), wrote an extensive *Natural History* and it was the only presentation of the works of Theophrastus that survived into the medieval times. Dioscorides (20-90 AD)

was a Greek physician who wrote a practical guide to medicine that included information on 500 different plants. His writings prompted the tradition of *The Herbals*, which were books with illustrations of plants and their proposed usefulness. Toward the end of the Middle Ages, interest in botany and other sciences emerged by way of the translation of Greek and Roman texts into Latin so that learning became more available to Europe. When movable type was invented around 1450, the stage was set for the reemergence of science and learning in the Renaissance and Enlightenment periods (14th-17th centuries).

A new cultural movement spread across Europe during the Renaissance. The narrow-minded insistence on tradition and dogma gave way to classical thinking and innovation. The first universities were founded in Italy and, along with them, the first botanical gardens of the modern era. Universities and gardens followed in The Netherlands, France, and Germany. It was the universities' influence that shifted the study of plants through books to the study of living plants. Native flora, as well as foreign plants, were cultivated in the botanical gardens. Research which had been directed mainly at the role of plants in medicine gradually shifted to studying the pure science of botany.

In Italy, at the University of Pisa, physician Andrea Cesalpino (1524-1603) worked on classifying plants according to their fruits and seeds rather than by their medicinal properties. He also worked in the field of plant physiology. His most important publication was *De plantis libri XVI*, in which he laid the foundation for the morphology and physiology of plants and presented the first scientific classification of flowering plants. His observation and description of seeds (before the invention of the microscope), and his description and selection of the organs of reproduction and fruit bearing in the foundation of plant systems, was pivotal.

Several German botanists made significant contributions to the field during this time. Otto Brunfels (1488-1534) was a theologian who abandoned the medicinal approach to plants and described plants indigenous to the area. Many of his descriptions were represented with woodcuts by the prominent Renaissance artist Hans Weiditz in his *Herbarum vivae eicones* (Living plant images), available today in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City. Hieronymus Bock (1498-1554) was a German botanist, physician, and Lutheran minister. He helped transition medieval botany to modern science by categorizing plants according to physical characteristics and in relation to other plants. Leonhart Fuchs (1501-1566) was a physician at the University of Tübingen where he founded one of the first German botanical gardens, presumed to be the oldest in the world. His legacy came from his book, *Notable Commentaries on the History of Plants*, in 1542. He departed from the conventional description of plants and instead gave reference to plants' habitat and flowering potential. He made comparisons of plant individuals of the same species from different field sites.

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