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## MANAGING EDITOR'S KEYBOARD

Some old issues re-surfaced at the recent South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Annual Meeting last month. The tempest roiling the teapot was whether money was being wasted at the Bay Club. As a sample: "Do we need all the fancy stuff we have and/or are thinking about buying?" "Is management too bloated and are they being paid too much?" "Are there too many non-club members using the facilities without chipping in a fair share?" "Are rental fees high enough?" "How many members actually use the Club?" "Why should the non-users pay dues?"

These questions have been asked before, usually concurrent with a dues increase, special assessment or threat of one or the other. They arise in both Clubs.

As a function of where I bought my house, I am a member of the Bay Club. I use it a lot and enjoy it. The members of the Beach Club enjoy their facility, too. The management does a fine job of keeping the Bay Club going, as does the Beach Club management. The two Clubs have slightly different problems, but that is a function of their differing ages and physical facilities, not their management. Personally, I like to see my Beach Club friends at Arts Council and other community events in the Bay Club. Community is about sharing and we are richer for it. Suggestions that we limit that interaction shock me.

When I hear others complain that they never use the Club, I think, "Really, and why not? There are numerous activities available to the membership, everything from weight lifting to knitting. Does nothing interest you?" If you think you get no value out of your membership because you are not a frequent user, I must disagree. Our Clubs influence whether people want to buy homes in Port Ludlow. Your home value and salability is increased by the fact that they are here.

When I have visited friends at some of the larger retirement communities, I often feel that I have landed in Monte Carlo. Their Clubs are opulent and grand with fancy restaurants and large numbers of professional staff. By comparison, ours are modest and much less expensive. Personally, I like it that way. My Club is a friendly place and does the job without too much fanfare and hoopla. To non-users I say, "What's holding you back? Come on down."

*The views expressed in this editorial are the author's opinion and may not represent the opinions of others on the Voice staff.*

*Beverly Browne*

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#### ON THE FRONT COVER

Colorful trees on West Ludlow Point Road.  
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#### ON THE BACK COVER

Classical crossover artists IL VOCE.  
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# Feature Articles

## Fall Color on the Olympic Peninsula

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

We live on the “The Other Side”—across the waters of Puget Sound from Seattle, in the strangely dry shadow of the Olympic Mountains. That means that Fall is a wonderful time to travel around the Peninsula enjoying the mountains, rivers, seashore and forests and revel in the changing colors of the vegetation. It is also a wonderful time to be in Port Ludlow. We are not as dry as Sequim, but Port Ludlow is still in the “blue hole,” where rain is scarcer than Seattle and the sky is freer of clouds. Our cover this month celebrates the changes that fall brings.

You might not have to go very far. As I look out my window I see the birch trees beginning to turn a gorgeous yellow. They aren’t quite there yet but they are trying. My maple is looking very red and the fall-blooming chrysanthemums that I planted for their brilliant color are shouting in the garden. With the startling blue of Ludlow Bay in the background, the landscape is a riot of color. It is calling out for photographers and painters.

There are any number of excellent places for fall walks in Ludlow. Tops among them is Ludlow Falls. It is a cool green leafy place with white water boiling over the basalt base of the stream. Tucked among all this greenery are bright bits of foliage showing off their fall dress in the crisp air. The carefully tended natural garden at the top of the trail is worth investigation. The vine maple will be turning a beautiful shade.

Teal Lake also is worth a look. The pretty, placid lake mirrors the surrounding vegetation so that the observer gets a double hit of visual opulence. The bird life does not detract from the pleasant view. You may even spot an eagle on a fishing expedition. A walk or a short drive up Teal Lake Road will get you there. There is a picnic table. You can rest and eat a snack before the return trip.

Any of the numerous trails around Port Ludlow will provide the walker with the opportunity to enjoy Fall’s bounty. I also like going down to the totem pole and walking along the beach at low tide. The golden grasses sing on the bank and numerous small creatures are hiding under the rocks. As a child I used to enjoy watching them frantically scurry away when a rock was lifted. I still like it. Maybe you will too.

## New Rules Affect Reserve Funds

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

Do homeowner associations (HOAs) need Reserve Funds? Effective **January 2012** the Revised Code of Washington 64.34 and 64.38 will be amended by House Bill 1309 to say that HOAs with “significant assets” totaling 75 percent or more of the gross budget (excluding reserve monies), or with more than ten homes, or if the cost of a reserve study does not exceed five percent of the annual budget, must prepare an initial reserve study and update it annually. Oddly the law only encourages establishing a Reserve Fund despite what the study finds.

The goal of a reserve study is to eliminate the need for special assessments. By law such studies cover a span of 30 years and are meant to be a long-term budget for the predictable replacement of large capital items and large repairs. They have four phases. First, a visual inspection is made to identify major reserve components and assess their age and condition. Then replacement costs (in today’s dollars) are analyzed for each component by consulting cost manuals, tradesmen and known costs from other projects in the area. An economic forecast of the long-term inflation rate for the economy as a whole and construction prices as a subset is determined. Finally, a financial contribution schedule appropriate for the specific needs of the association is recommended. A reserve study is not a structural audit to find hidden problems; it is only an informed assessment of the state of major assets.

There is no “industry standard” for the percent to which a reserve should be funded. HOAs are considered unique and therefore their reserve requirements are unique. Washington State law says only that yearly notifications to members must include a contribution rate for 100 percent funding by the end of 30 years, a baseline funding plan to maintain the account above zero throughout the 30-year period without special assessments, and a contribution rate recommended by the “reserve study professional,” vaguely defined as “an independent person who is suitably qualified by knowledge, skill, experience, training, or education.”

A reserve study’s reserve components must be major items, whose costs to maintain, repair, or replace is “infrequent, significant and impractical to include in an annual budget.” It sets a minimum individual cost for each as being more than one percent of the gross annual budget, excluding yearly reserve contributions. Generally 30 to 50

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components are identified, items such as roofing, painting, paving, decks, siding, plumbing and windows. A building's framing, foundation, water lines, and other long-lived pieces are excluded, as are minor items like televisions.

North and South Bay Boards have been proactive in addressing Reserve Funds and although South Bay Community Association (SBCA) did not hire a professional, it did appoint a Committee to create a reserve study. They identified 84 reserve components and recommended substantially increasing Reserve Funds. However, a review of the Committee's component list shows long life span and donated items and 36 items whose individual costs are less than \$4,000 (roughly one percent of SBCA's yearly operating revenues of \$405,322, excluding the yearly contribution to the Reserve Fund). These items will need further scrutiny.

Boards are responsible for maintaining common amenities for the benefit of all, but when money is tight, overfunded reserves are an unaffordable luxury, and underfunded reserves open the prospect of a special assessment. Choosing the "just right" level is a challenge.

## Snowbird Alert!

*by Eline Lybarger, Contributing Writer*

It is that time of year when Port Ludlow's snowbirds prepare to drive south. Instead of the usual route, how about a side trip east of Medford or south of Bend, Oregon to Klamath Falls? Klamath Falls has the brown pelican and, even better, The Favell Museum, a small gem of a privately owned museum that is impossible to separate from its founder Gene Favell of nearby Lake View, Oregon. There is a picture of him in the Museum at five years of age wearing an eagle feather headdress and Indian buckskins—evidence of his lifelong love of all things western. The Museum is located at 125 West Main Street in Klamath Falls.

As an adult Favell moved to Klamath Falls, bought a men's store and married Winifred. They had six children, who went with him on "hunts" around the lakes and in rocky areas to find artifacts. Other collectors were amazed at his ability to pick out artifacts from the clutter. On his first "hunt" near a lake he found 115 perfect projectile points, including the famous fire-opal arrowhead. Driving through the brush he would holler "stop," hop out and start digging. At other times he and a friend flew a small plane over areas and identified likely spots to search on foot. He was rarely disappointed.

Before the Dalles Dam was constructed, Favell hunted below Celilo Falls on the Columbia River where he found some 10,000-year-old artifacts. Later he purchased additional Columbia River and Mexican artifacts to round out that part of his collection.

By the 1960s his collection was hard to contain, so Favell started looking for a museum site. He found the perfect place on the west bank of the Link River that connects Lake Ewauna to Upper Klamath Lake, where Klamath Indians had camped while fishing. On September 5, 1970 ground was broken and, during excavation, they discovered artifacts. These were carefully removed and some are on display in the Museum, others are cemented into the wall in the parking lot and the stone waterfall entry. The museum, which opened on April 15, 1972, is entirely stone, some 300 tons of native rock.

The first painting Gene purchased was by Ina Pruitt when the Favell family was on a guided horse camp tour of Oregon's Steens Mountains. Ina painted the mountains while her husband Veltie took care of camp duties. Ultimately Favell purchased several of her paintings and her most famous work, "The Proud Chieftain," is on display.

Once Favell discovered western art he couldn't get enough of it, purchasing 150 originals in one year. He liked the story-telling ability of Don Cook's work so he commissioned four paintings commemorating the Modoc War (1872-1873). He also acquired "The Scouts," a Russell original. By 1985 there was an inventory of more than 800 originals by 300 different artists, 60,000 Indian artifacts including baskets, pottery, jewelry and clothing and arrowheads. The Museum also houses one of the largest collections of operating miniature guns—108 to be exact. The Favell family still owns the Museum and continues to acquire western art and artifacts.

On a snowy winter day, we spent four hours in the museum and wished we had more time. Everything is displayed for easy viewing accompanied by written explanations.

## Maintaining the Heritage of Builders' Crafts

*by Pete Leenhouts, Guest Writer*

The Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding, located in Port Hadlock, is celebrating its 30th anniversary this year. Locally known as "The Boat School," it began classes last October with 57 full-time students from across the U.S. and 3 foreign countries, the largest class in its history.

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The School carries on the vision of Master Shipwright and founder, Bob Prothero, to teach and preserve the skills and crafts associated with wooden shipbuilding. The School strives to impart sound, practical knowledge in traditional maritime skills, using wooden boats as the training medium. Students range from recent high school graduates to a 75-year-old retired surgeon. About 30 percent of the School's students are retired and 15 percent are women. A typical day runs from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and includes classroom and shop time.

The School's waterfront campus includes five active boat shops in addition to the School's administrative offices and an extensive library. Northwest Sails, associated with the School, maintains a large sail loft over the administrative offices. The School also has welding and blacksmithing shops and partners with the community boat-building program in a dedicated on-campus shop.

Well over 2,000 students have graduated from the School's vocational programs and thousands more have attended summer and community workshops. Many Boat School graduates work across the Pacific Northwest and other states and in Canada where their craftsmanship, creativity and artistic talents enhance their communities.

During the first semester, all students take the Basic Skills course. Students gain familiarity and hand tool expertise through a series of progressive exercise projects that include a series of joints, boatbuilding tool construction, a dovetailed toolbox, wooden plane and a half model. Classes and practical skills in drafting and lofting culminate in student-built wooden skiffs by the holidays.

From January through mid-June, students work in small teams to build at least two and occasionally three progressively more complicated boats in each of the major classes. Repair and restoration as well as interior yacht construction classes round out the academic year. The School builds boats both on commission and on a speculative basis. Contact the school for details.

The U.S.-based Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges (ACCSC) accredits the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding. It grants diplomas in 9-month Traditional Small Craft, Traditional Large Craft, or Contemporary Wooden Boatbuilding, and Associate Degrees of Occupational Studies in 12-month Traditional Small Craft, Traditional Large Craft or Contemporary Wooden Boatbuilding. The School also offers a 3-month Certificate program in Comprehensive Sail Making and Rigging and shorter summer workshops as well. The Community Boatbuilding programs are also accredited for high school student participation.

## Live Like Royalty While Visiting London

by Diane Ruff, Contributing Writer



*London's Sofitel St. James.*

Courtesy photo

It's not often I find a hotel in the middle of an international city with quiet rooms, cloud-like beds and within walking distance to major West End Theatres, restaurants, Underground trains and places of interest. The Sofitel London St. James was just such a place located near Trafalgar Square and Regent Street. Online travel sites all agreed this hotel was a gem and it did not disappoint. See [www.Sofitelstjames.com](http://www.Sofitelstjames.com).

We took a nonstop flight from Seattle to Heathrow, then the Heathrow Express directly to our hotel. Upon our arrival we toured the hotel where High Tea was being served and the award-winning Spa offered a Turkish steam room. The hotel is owned by The Crown Estate and was originally built as a bank in 1923 giving it a Grade II Historic listing. Its English décor and French elegance made it one of the best hotel experiences I've ever had.

The Hotel's bountiful breakfasts enabled us to sightsee much of the day without running out of energy. The "Hop On-Hop Off" bus gave us an overview, then we explored from there. I knew we had been on the bus too long when after plugging in our headphones all day to the English-language narration, we boarded a bus with a live English narrator and were looking around for a plug-in for the English translation.

We took the Underground to the Museum of London located on the site of a Roman fort. This museum takes you on a trip through time, viewing London from its prehistoric beginning to present day. It was presented so

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that you were viewing screens, original clothing, tools, weapons, cooking items and details of every era. Plagues, the Great Fire, wars, and Beatlemania were brought to life.

We stopped by the discounted ticket kiosk in Trafalgar Square to purchase theater tickets. I had seen *Phantom of the Opera* at Her Majesty's Theatre several years ago so we chose *The Jersey Boys Musical*.

Whether it is your first visit or you've visited before, London should be on your "bucket list" of places to explore.

## From the Commissioner's Desk

by John Austin, Jefferson County Commissioner

I recently attended a lecture in which generational differences were discussed. The speaker asked some younger members of the audience if they could define or describe a slide rule. My contemporaries and I smiled as our younger colleagues offered their wild guesses. Later in the day, I attempted to explain the wonders of that ancient instrument and how clever it was to use a slip stick to add logarithms as an aid to multiplication. My listener's eyes glazed over in boredom. Why consider such an anachronism when a pocket calculator or a computer is available?

I thought of how much the personal computer has simplified not only calculations, but also our access to information. For example, information about Jefferson County is readily available to anyone with access to the Internet. If you Google or Bing *Welcome to Jefferson County Washington*, you will see an image of the County Courthouse along with much useful information. Details on the Shoreline Master Program (SMP), information on road projects, a draft strategy for public forests and an opening for the Planning Commission are all on the "front page." On the left side of the screen are links to Animal Services, Court Calendars, employment, a staff e-mail directory, parcel lookup tool and the ever-popular *Jefferson County's Most Wanted*.

One may scan the Commissioners' Agendas for the coming week, which are usually posted each Friday, as well as agendas for each year going back to 2005. In addition to the Monday agenda, a weekly correspondence and the weekly schedule for each Commissioner are posted with that document.

The County website also contains some historical documents, a video cam on top of the Courthouse, information about the County and links to other sites. I encourage my neighbors to surf the site and learn more about your County government. Technology is wonderful.

## Growing Edible Crops in Ornamental Gardens

by Judy Arnold, Contributing Writer

Having been a past gardener of a regulation vegetable plot, I have missed stepping out my kitchen door to load up a basket with fresh carrots and varied greens. After a little reckless contemplation, I decided to try and grow a few of my favorite edibles within the confines of my perennial beds.

I have, so far, harvested small, round Parisian Market Carrots and several bunches of Olympia Spinach. Swiss Chard 'Bright Lights' is producing a colorful, leafy plant. Garlic is a crop that requires a lot of patience to grow. Last fall I broke apart a few sprouting garlic heads and planted them in an east facing bed that gets lots of rain-water. The plants are now growing to about two-feet tall. When the tops die back, I'll pull them up and check for harvest. Herbs like oregano, parsley and dill are planted in with astilbe and mallow. Some of the herbs look a little wild, but you can always prune them and make a nice herbed chicken. The herb flowers also attract beneficial insects. Broccoli loves this cooler summer and is spouting large grey-green leaves and healthy heads.

So, does growing these vegetables make the garden look unkempt and wild? Well, you have to put up with a certain amount of messiness. Garlic, for instance, has to die back before harvest. Overall, edible plants have varied leaf shapes and interesting flowers.

Seeking professional advice, I recently interviewed Gayle Larsen, C.P.H. and owner of Dancing Raven Design in Poulsbo. She is an instructor at Edmonds Community College teaching vegetable gardening classes. Her advice was to, "Treat edibles in your landscape as fussy annuals." She also advised that you plan on removing the plants after they have fruited. She stated, "It is best to plant vegetables as a border in ornamental beds." You are rewarded for your extra work when it is time to harvest.

When discussing vegetable plant care, Larson suggested consistent watering and organic fertilization at planting time. Some of her recommendations for vegetables to add to your landscape included green onions, chives, colorful bush beans and Italian and Curly Leaf Parsley.

Larsen says that seed catalogs are an excellent source of information regarding edibles. An additional source of good information would be *Maritime Northwest Garden Guide*, by Carl Elliott and Rob Peterson, produced by Seattle Tilth. This is an expensive book, but it is available at Jefferson County Libraries. The Master Gardener Programs of both Kitsap and Jefferson Counties offer excellent help to the home gardener.

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Kitsap sponsors a four-week class in vegetable gardening in January and February.

As with any type of garden, soil preparation is the most important step. Adding organic material to the soil loosens the texture and helps to hold moisture. Late fall cleanup, and removing dead and decaying material, keeps soil healthy and reduces the population of harmful insects.

## Towards Energy Sustainability: Forest Biomass

*by Faye Beuby, Contributing Writer and Environmental Consultant*

Since 1920 Nippon Paper Industries USA Co., Ltd. has manufactured telephone directory paper at its Port Angeles mill at the base of Ediz Hook on the Strait of Juan de Fuca. On June 21, 2011, the company received approval to construct a 420 million BTU/hr. cogeneration plant on one acre of the existing mill. As fuel the cogeneration plant will use a mixture of forest biomass fuel, dewatered sludge from Nippon's wastewater treatment plant and number 2 fuel oil. Only a small percentage of the fuel will be derived from sludge and fuel oil. The new plant will generate high quality steam sufficient to produce up to 20 MW of electricity in addition to meeting the steam needs of the paper mill. Electricity not required for mill operations will be sold to utility companies. In addition, the project is expected to preserve hundreds of Clallam County jobs dependent on the financial integrity of the Nippon mill.

Forest biomass consists of both slash (remains from wood harvesting) and residue from sawmills (bark, sawdust, trim and other leftovers from lumber production). This high-energy biomass is abundant and can be converted to energy in a number of ways: direct combustion, pellets, gasification, and co-firing. Forest biomass intended for fuel does not include wood treated with creosote, pentachlorophenol or copper-chrome-arsenic; neither is it wood from old growth forests, nor wood required by regulations to be left on site.

Officials in Olympia have been concerned about the effects that climate change might have on the State's forests. Warmer weather and drier conditions increase the risks for forest fires. Unmanaged forests add to this fire hazard as biomass accumulates more rapidly within them, rather than within managed forests. Accordingly, in 2009 the Washington State Legislature enacted House Bill (HB) 2165 authorizing the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to partner with private industry to

initiate forest biomass-to-energy pilot projects. Nippon was selected as one of four proposed project sites in the State.

During the application process—and preparation of the mandatory Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) and Environmental Assessments (EA)—the public has been able to participate through hearings, forums and submittal of comments on the various draft documents. Public concern has focused on a number of issues: air quality, greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions/ climate change, water demand and cultural resources.

The majority of concern has centered on air quality fears and the potential for added emissions from the new plant, in particular, small particulate matter, potential carcinogenic releases and increases in greenhouse gases. Agency response has been that Nippon will be required to comply with new Federal air quality standards and existing Olympic Region Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) standards. Compliance would be made part of the permit conditions. Consequently, Nippon must incorporate the Best Available Control Technology (BACT) to meet these applicable standards into its pollution control equipment in the cogeneration facility. The facility also must employ continuous monitoring systems. In regard to GHG emissions, the Department of Energy (DOE) has concluded that the Nippon project will likely result in a small decrease in GHG emissions or that it will be “carbon neutral.”

Concerning water resources, commenters stated that the Draft EA did not evaluate impacts on nearby fisheries of either the project's added water demand during low flows or the discharge of additional warm water produced from cooling the steam turbine. The DOE addressed these issues in its Final EA and specified how they would be mitigated and managed. To reduce water intake the heated turbine discharge water will be recycled with the use of new small cooling towers.

In response to cultural comments and concerns, the various State and Federal administering agencies sent letters to seven Federally-recognized native tribes potentially impacted by the Nippon project. The DNR, DOE, Nippon and the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe entered into a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) to minimize the potential for adverse impacts to tribal cultural resources. The MOA describes the precise archaeological work that would be done before and during construction.

For more information on Nippon's project, the DOE's Final EA of June 2011 can be found at: [http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/nepapub/nepa\\_documents/RedDont/EA-1858-FEA-2011.pdf](http://energy.gov/sites/prod/files/nepapub/nepa_documents/RedDont/EA-1858-FEA-2011.pdf) or you may contact the author at [fayebeuby@yahoo.com](mailto:fayebeuby@yahoo.com).

## A Bunny's Tale

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

I have noticed a great many rabbits hopping about my section of Ludlow. So, Dearly Beloved, I decided to write a story about them. Make of it what you will.

Once upon a time there was a family of bunnies who inhabited a pleasant warren in a field in Port Ludlow. They consisted of Mamma and Papa Bunny and their children, Flopsy, Mopsy, Cottontail and Peter. Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail were quiet, well behaved little bunnies but Peter was a real hellion. He would run from one end of the warren to the other, kicking up dust and knocking the cups off the shelves. Nothing could be done with him.

Mama and Papa Bunny worried about Peter—and about their other children. Flopsy needed an operation to repair a genetic defect in her ear, a pre-existing condition not covered by insurance. Mopsy had come down with a bout of enteritis requiring hospitalization. Cottontail, while clearly the most attractive of the bunnies, was not the brightest star in the firmament. She needed expensive tutoring just to pass Basic Bunny I. They all needed braces.

When the mortgage payment came due there were just not enough carrots to meet expenses and still pay Big Bunny, the mortgage holder. Papa went to Big Bunny to ask if something could be done. Big Bunny, who had not become Big Bunny by playing fast and loose with carrots, replied, “Give me my carrots or out you go!” Papa argued that most of the carrots had been paid already. He pleaded that the coyotes in the field would eat the bunnies for lunch, but it didn't matter. Big Bunny wouldn't budge.

Peter was blissfully unaware of all this. He was playing Dodge Truck, a game which caused truck drivers to slam on their brakes and skid into the blackberry bushes, with his delinquent bunny friends. They had played the game for quite a while when a carrot truck came to a particularly fast stop and lost half its load on the roadway. There were carrots everywhere. “Wow,” the bunnies said. “We can use these.” Ignoring the protesting driver, they rolled the carrots off the roadway and carted them to the warren.

The rest of the story is no one went to jail and there were more than enough carrots to pay Big Bunny. Flopsy, Mopsy and Cottontail stopped crying and got health-care and tutoring. They all got braces. Everyone stopped complaining about Peter's rambunctiousness and, truthfully, he grew into a very fine rabbit but never a stodgy one.

## Timeshare Equals Charitable Tax Deduction

by Barbara Adams, Contributing Writer

Are you timeshared out and exhausted with expensive, ever-increasing maintenance fees? Do you no longer travel or exchange this week and your kids can't afford to take them on either? And, you can't even give them away? There are those Timeshare relief companies that offer to take them off your hands for only \$5,000? Do you really have to pay coming and going? Yes! But it can be a deduction on next year's income taxes and you can be free of the yearly cost.

Donate your timeshare through a guaranteed donation program. You can even name the charity of your choice from their extensive list. Within a month of sending your original signed and notarized deed, you will be issued the necessary tax documents to show your donation. Resort Closings, Inc., will perform the verification of maintenance fees paid on a lien-free property, appraisal and sale of the week, close of escrow, transfer of ownership and recording of the new deed with the resort. You are given a file and pin number to follow online the status of your donation and sale to the new buyer.

The appraisal fee and cost of about \$2,000, your current maintenance fee (if usage is available) and the appraised value are all tax-deductible with IRS Form 8283 included. The entire process takes about three months and it's handled in a very professional and appreciative way.

Go to this website and check it out: [www.donateforacause.org](http://www.donateforacause.org) or call Isabelle Campbell at Donate for a Cause, 877-822-2873, ext. 249.

## Elwha River Restoration

by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

The road to the dam on the upper Elwha River closed on August 1, 2011, at 5:37 a.m. Crews will shut down Olympic Hot Springs Road south of Altair campground as removal of the Elwha and Glines Canyon Dams gets closer. A gate is up and locked in order to allow U.S. Bureau of Reclamation employees to begin the six-week process of decommissioning the Glines Canyon Dam. Following decommissioning, the contractor will assume control of the area and prepare the site for dam removal work to begin next month. The closure will last for the duration of removal, which is expected to take three years.

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Construction began on the Elwha and Glines Canyon Dams in Clallam County in 1910 and the opening date was 1913. Now removing these two dams, which have blocked salmon and degraded recreational opportunities on one of the Pacific Northwest's most spectacular rivers, will restore the Elwha River. The restoration will return the river to its natural free-flowing state, allowing all five species of Pacific salmon and other anadromous fish to once again reach habitat and spawning grounds. Restoration of salmon to more than 70 miles of river and tributaries will return vital nutrients to the watershed, restoring an entire ecosystem.

The Elwha watershed is the largest in Olympic National Park and this dam removal project is the largest in the country! For the Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, the project will bring cultural, spiritual and economic healing as salmon return after a century's absence and flooded sacred sites are restored.

**Thursday, September 15 through Sunday, September 18** marks the start of the dam removal phase of the restoration project, and a full slate of educational activities, entertainment events and more are being planned for "Celebrate Elwha." There will be a Science Symposium, a commemorative ceremony at the dam, tribal storytelling, musical performances, a street fair of interactive booths showcasing the beauty of the North Olympic Peninsula, guest speakers, artwork, photography and more. Visit [www.celebrateelwha.com](http://www.celebrateelwha.com) for more information. For additional assistance, contact Barb Maynes, 360-565-3005 or Dave Reynolds, 360-457-0715, both of whom are with Olympic National Park.

## Debt Deal Done

*Summarized by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor*

Last month Congress tried to avert government default on its loans and a downgrade of its triple-A credit rating. It reached a last-hour agreement on a plan to cut \$2.1 trillion from government spending over the next 10 years. The House voted to accept the proposal, 261 to 161. Senate vote was 74-26. Sixty votes were needed to pass the bill. The essentials of the debt agreement are:

- The borrowing limit rises in stages to \$2.1 to \$2.4 trillion from the current figure.
- Spending is reduced; there are no tax hikes. Loopholes remain.
- The bill establishes a bipartisan "super" committee to identify reductions.

- Congress votes on reductions by **Friday, December 23** with no amendments. The President retains the right to veto. Cuts take effect in **January 2013**.
- The House and Senate must vote on a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution by the end of the year. Passage is not required.

The expected effect on the military is a reduction of \$550 billion over the next 10 years. Medicare will see payments to healthcare providers reduced up to 2 percent. No cuts were proposed for Medicaid or social security.

Washington State Senators Maria Cantwell and Patty Murray voted for the bill. State Representatives Adam Smith and Jim McDermott, both Democrats, voted no. The State's three other Democrats and all Republicans voted yes.

According to Moody's Investment Services, a downgrade of the nation's credit rating was still a possibility unless further budget cuts are made. Standard and Poors downgraded the credit rating from AAA to AA+ on Friday, August 5. Subsequent declines in the stock market were attributed to investor lack of confidence.

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# Local News

## Used Book/Media Sale

The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) Book and Media Sale is **Saturday, September 3**, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and on **Sunday, September 4**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Beach Club. Here is a perfect chance to purchase all those books you have been meaning to read.

Hardbacks will sell for \$1.00. Paperbacks and children's books, DVDs, CDs and jigsaw puzzles will be 50 cents each, and sets of cassettes 50 cents for each set.

The first 100 people who come on Saturday will enjoy a lemon cookie, Emily Dickinson's favorite.

Sunday will be "bag sale" day. Fill one of our grocery bags with books for just \$2 and you can buy as many bags as you like.

Proceeds will go to the Community Enrichment Alliance's Scholarship Fund, which benefits Chimacum High School Seniors.

See you there!

## Walk to Wellness with Wellness Center

Come join the wellness team of Ludlow Bay Massage and Wellness Center for its Autumn Wellness Walk! Walking is a safe, low-impact, aerobic activity that boosts energy, increases circulation and promotes deep breathing and lymphatic flow. Come and meet your wellness professionals here in Port Ludlow. Start at the Ludlow Bay Massage and Wellness Center, 91 Village Way in the Port Ludlow Village on **Saturday, September 10** at 10 :00 a.m.

The Wellness Center offers a variety of services including massage, skincare, hand and foot care, acupuncture and Chinese herbal medicine. Come learn more about any of these modalities from the Center's experienced staff. Meet and greet and get an introduction to meditation by Anna Scofield, licensed acupuncturist, followed by your choice of an easy or moderate walk. Refreshments and healthful snacks will follow.

The staff of the Wellness Center wants to support you in achieving your personal wellness. Take a step toward wellness! If you have questions, call 437-3798 or e-mail [growinghealthacupuncture@gmail.com](mailto:growinghealthacupuncture@gmail.com).

## New Lecture Series

The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) is pleased to announce a new series of Live and Learn beginning on **Wednesday September 7**, 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., at the Beach Club.

"Dark Matter, Dark Energy: the Dark Side of the Universe" may sound far out but the California Institute of Technology (Caltech) lecturer explains astrophysics so that the layperson can understand the subject. We also will gain a better understanding of quantum mechanics and the general theory of relativity.

There will be two video lectures per class for 18 weeks with time for our now infamous lively discussions. The classes will break at Thanksgiving and resume in January for the final six weeks. We will alternate both location and discussion facilitators as needed.

If you are up to an interesting, challenging, life-long learning experience, they say this stuff is as easy to understand as world politics—with today's standard, perhaps easier! Come join us for a series that will enlighten even the Dark Side.

The cost of the course guide is \$6.50 per book and the registration fee for the 18-week series is \$18 per person. This is payable at the first class. Call Mary Stuart at 437-8140 or e-mail her at [martianandmary@msn.com](mailto:martianandmary@msn.com) to enroll. If you enrolled by Monday, August 22, you will have the course guides for the first lecture. Late enrollees will receive guides later.

## Join CEA for a Tour of Pike Place Market

Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) is offering a unique experience on **Wednesday, September 28**. We will meet at Seattle's Pike Place Market at 10:00 a.m. for a two-hour "Savor Seattle Food Tour of the Market" walking tour. You'll hear entertaining stories of the market's rich history and culture and sample offerings from 10 vibrant market merchants. The cost of the tour is \$39 plus tax.

Space is limited so call Vicki Tallerico at 437-4065 by **Wednesday, September 7** for further details and to reserve your place. You won't want to miss this event.

## Espresso Stand Opens



*Coho Coffee baristas, from the left, Jennifer Boeck, Katelin French, Sumiko Vandenberg and Kristan Madden.*

Provided photo

Michael and Michelle Holland have opened a new espresso stand, Coho Coffee, in Port Ludlow. It serves organic, fair trade and locally roasted coffee, Pane d' Amore muffins, scones and artisan sandwiches, Pastry Design cookies and treats by local baker Anca and 100 percent natural fruit smoothies.

Coho Coffee opened in mid June at 21 Shine Road and Highway 104 in the parking lot of the real estate office near the foot of Teal Lake Road. See the Facebook page "Coho Coffee" for more information.

The Hollands say opening the espresso stand has long been a dream of theirs. Michael Holland has lived and worked in the area for over 20 years. He worked out of the Olympic Hood Canal Real Estate office first as an agent, later buying it and becoming the Broker-Owner. Stop by and try the high quality, locally produced goods offered by this new business.

## A Calamity Gulch Gang Reunion

Ludlow Village Players (LVP) will host an open house on **Monday, October 3**, at the home of Vallery Durling, 11 Foster Lane, from 3:00-6:00 p.m., to honor Janet Stark, a founding member of LVP. Janet portrayed Ma Culpepper in LVP's debut production of the popular "mellerdrama" *Last Chance Inn, Calamity Gulch*. She entertained Port Ludlow audiences with her beautiful soprano voice and acting talents for 29 years prior to her recent move to Everett.

You are invited for wine, cheese and chocolate with Janet if you are:

- Cast and crew, spouse or partner, of *Last Chance Inn, Calamity Gulch*.

- Casts and crews, spouses or partners, of all LVP productions.
- Faithful LVP fans and playgoers.

Please RSVP by **Wednesday, September 21**, if you plan to attend. Contact Val at [rkd@waypoint.com](mailto:rkd@waypoint.com) or 437-2861 and include your contact information.

The Players' active season has begun as they madly read plays seeking the right one. Watch the *Voice and Port Ludlow Today* for announcement of the title. Auditions are scheduled for mid-November and performance dates are the last weekend of March 2012.

Reader's Theater is also going strong, and meets monthly on the third Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. You may read a part or just listen and enjoy. Recent readings include the classic thriller *Wait Until Dark*, and the comedies, *Murdered to Death* and *Take a Number, Darling*. We're looking for a Shakespeare spoof, so if anyone has one and is willing to share, please let us know.

If you want a reminder of the Reader's Theater meetings or are interested in acting or helping out with productions, contact Val at the address above.

## Call for Exhibitors: Quilters and Crafters Show and Sale

Port Ludlow quilters, crafters and artisans should circle **Wednesday, November 2**, as the date for the sixth annual "South Bay Quilters and Crafters Show and Sale." Get your creative juices flowing and begin stocking up on the beautiful and clever things you love to make.

As in the past, last year we had another very successful show with the Quilters by the Bay and many other exhibitors. Lots of shoppers came from inside and outside the community to purchase items for Christmas gift giving and their own personal use.

All Port Ludlow artists and crafters are again invited to join us for this annual event. Each vendor is expected to donate 10 percent of their sales to the Jefferson County Food Bank to help make a Merry Christmas for others in our area who are less fortunate.

Our Publicity Committee will be working to inform the community of the event, so we will have lots of visitors to the show. If you are interested in participating, stop by the Bay Club and pick up an application form at the front desk. Details regarding set-up time and show hours are on the form. Space is limited, so get your application in early. Besides the contribution to the Jefferson County Food Bank, each exhibitor is asked to pay \$5 to help offset publicity costs. See you at the show!

## Artist of the Month



Derek Gundy's "Golden Years" from his *Artistic Wine* series.

Courtesy photo

The Port Ludlow Artists' League (PLAL) Artist of the Month in September is painter Derek Gundy. His artwork will be celebrated on the walls of Columbia Bank in the

Upper Village throughout the month starting with the League's First Friday Reception on **Friday, September 2**, 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the bank and at the Artist's Gallery adjacent to the bank, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. Guests are welcome to attend both the reception and the exhibit.

Primarily working in vibrant watercolors, Gundy also has begun to use acrylics. His focus lately has been on wine-related paintings due to his recent branching out into a new venture, "Artistic Wine." Gundy's whimsical touch shows up in his series of fish, mermaids and sea animals, each with bottles of wine, descending to the depths of the oceans. Gundy says, "Fish and water themes are a constant thread through my work."

Gundy's works also allow a lightness to shine through on even serious works, giving the subject of the painting a glowing focus. A recent commission was a portrait of a young soldier who gave his all in Afghanistan. In speaking of the project, Gundy said, "It was an honor to work on this project, and my heart goes out to all the family members."

Gundy also teaches drawing with an emphasis on the "space" that objects occupy, not just the object itself. His methods show students how to find new ways of seeing and how to take a different approach to their drawings, a process that he has mastered well.

## Garden Club Tour a Great Success

Visitors from as far away as Oregon and British Columbia who attended the Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) Annual Garden Tour, contributed to its great success. Nearly 120 people toured the five featured gardens. Besides enjoying the beauty and tranquility of Susan and Floyd Shelton's and Dorothy and Dan Kimble's gardens, guests were entertained by an equestrian exhibition while

touring Judi and Richard Smith's garden and were offered sedum cuttings by Peggy and Homer Evans at their garden.

The Native Plants Garden at the entrance to the Interpretive Trail was the fifth garden, and it showed the result of many hands working together. Garden Coordinator Patty Patterson acknowledged the monetary contributions and many hours of hard work provided by Larry Scott and his Trails Committee and by PLGC. Special thanks go to Kate Heinsberg and crew of Cedar Winds Landscaping Company for their donation of labor and to Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) for providing water to the garden without charge. With Patty's hard work and vision, this plot of land has become a Village treasure.

Nancy Kavanagh chaired this year's Garden Tour, assisted by Dee McConnell, garden selection; Sharon England and Bernard Super, brochures and posters; Rita Clark, garden docents; Sue Oemichen and Kathy Traci, registration; Peter Mercer, signs; Sue Platt, publicity; Judy McKay, organizational support; Tom Giske, garden collage photos; and twenty PLGC member volunteers. Local community organizations to benefit from proceeds of the 2011 Annual Garden Tour will be announced soon.

## Help Your Community Through Service

by Tom Stone, President Port Ludlow Village Council

Margaret Mead once said, "A small group of thoughtful people could change the world. Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has." If you're a thoughtful person, the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) needs your help instituting positive changes for your community.

PLVC is a non-profit, tax-exempt corporation established to be a unifying force within Port Ludlow. We do not concern ourselves with CC&Rs or Club's maintenance. We do not collect money through dues or assessments. We do receive funds from the vendor booth rentals at Friday Market, which we sponsor, and from community phone directory sales. This income supports the PLVC Disaster Preparedness Group and other Committees, the Trails/Natural Resource Committee and provides monthly financial support to the *Port Ludlow Voice*.

The Village Council identifies issues of community-wide importance and then acts to formulate a consensus of opinion among residents, merchants and the Developer to present a unified voice to public and governmental entities. Examples of these efforts are the ongoing Future of Port Ludlow efforts to plan for the day when the Developer completes its buildout, the PLVC provision of

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cogent arguments concerning the Iron Mountain Quarry mining application, and the investigation of the recent proposed water rate increases.

These diverse ventures, produced and staffed by PLVC volunteers, enhance our community, our quality of life, our property values and our sense of shared commitment. This past year's Council made tremendous progress in key areas by starting a Wellness Committee to provide community health and wellness information, improving Village-wide communications and enhancing Ludlow's image. There is work still to be completed.

This fall, the PLVC will hold its annual election. We will have three openings from North Bay residents and two openings from South Bay on our 12-person Board of Directors.

Whether you have the expertise to confront challenges brought on by emerging community-wide issues or you just want to serve your community, you are needed to serve on the Council. You will be committing to two years of service. In return for your efforts you will meet new friends, expand your horizons, gain a renewed sense of purpose and learn to better appreciate this area we call home.

If you are interested in supporting your community and becoming part of a "small group of thoughtful people," please contact Tom Stone at [tstone@q.com](mailto:tstone@q.com) or call his listing in the PLVC's Community Directory.

## Beginning Computer Classes

Registration is now open for the next session of Beginning Computer classes, sponsored by the Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC). Classes begin on **Wednesday, September 28**, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and continue on four consecutive **Wednesdays, October 5, 12, 19 and 26** at the Bay Club. PLCC has offered these classes as a community service for 14 years and membership in the Computer Club is not a requirement.

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

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

## Artists' League Celebrates 100 Members



*Laurie Dokken, the 100th PLAL member, markets her textile travel bags and jackets under the brand name Eulogia.*

Provided photo

Membership in the Port Ludlow Artists' League (PLAL), a not-for-profit group of artists and/or art lovers, has reached 100! Laurie Dokken joined the League in late July and now membership numbers have grown to 102.

Members gather monthly to nurture shared interests in the creative visual arts. They serve as volunteers in running the Art Gallery in a space made available by its good next-door neighbor, Columbia Bank.

Through its annual Spring Art Auction, PLAL provides some modest scholarships to several Chimacum High School graduates who wish to continue their studies in art-related fields.

Formed ten years ago, this is the first time the membership has reached 100! Anyone is invited to enjoy this great support group whether an artist, art lover, member or guest. Art is good for the soul and spirit!

## Pancake Breakfast Beats Expectations

For information about the Artists' League, visit the Art Gallery from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. You may also contact Wanda Mawhinney, President, at 437-9081 or e-mail [mawhinneyw\\_w@msn.com](mailto:mawhinneyw_w@msn.com).

The Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue Foundation (PLFRF) hosted its first Fireman's Pancake Breakfast at the Beach Club in conjunction with Festival By The Bay. To kick off the Festival, firefighters and volunteers cooked up a breakfast for approximately 200 residents, friends and visitors. Everyone agreed it was a great success.

Throughout the morning, community members expressed appreciation to the firefighters for the service they provide. In turn the PLFRF thanks the community for your support and donations.

Proceeds from the breakfast will help fund programs and training equipment for emergency medical services education as well as public education in fire prevention, life safety and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training.

## ECHHO Loans Medical Equipment

by Peggy L. Schafraan, Member, Wellness Committee Education Resource Center Group

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Wellness Committee Education Resource Center Group wants residents to know that medical equipment may be borrowed free of charge from ECHHO (Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization). Small items such as wheelchairs, crutches, walkers, canes, toilet risers, commodes, etc. are available here in Port Ludlow. Call Darlene Gronhovd at 437-7692 or e-mail her at [gronhovddr@aol.com](mailto:gronhovddr@aol.com) to borrow an item when needed.

Both large and small items such as hospital beds, electric scooters, lift-chairs, exercise equipment, bath seats, etc. are based in Port Townsend. Call 379-3246 ECCHO, between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday-Friday, and ask for Wilma or e-mailing [echhopt@qwestoffice.net](mailto:echhopt@qwestoffice.net).

ECHHO is a non-profit organization formed in 1997 and is supported by donations from a myriad of sources. ECHHO volunteers understand your urgent need and, in many cases, will deliver to your home. Donations of medical items are appreciated. Many Port Ludlow residents have utilized this free service through the years. An ECHHO brochure is available for review in the *Port Ludlow Wellness Resources Notebooks* now maintained in the lobbies of both the Bay Club and Beach Club.

## PLUSH Going Strong!

The PLUSH (Port Ludlow Unified Share Holders) investment club just turned 14 and is going strong! As of its 13th annual meeting in July, the partnerships' unit value was \$53.32, up from a starting unit value of \$10 at inception. This represents a compound average growth rate of 13.4 percent.

The past years were focused on methodologies promoted through "Better Investing." While highly successful, our partners were looking for a broader exposure to investment opportunities. Going forward, PLUSH partners have identified four specific areas of concentration for future investments: Large and Mid-Cap Stocks, Emerging Opportunity Stocks, Exchange Traded Funds and Income Stocks. These concentrations require each sub-group to investigate, learn and then educate all other partners, including their recommendations for club investment.

Our monthly meetings are an exciting mix of presentations, stimulating discussions and investment actions while having fun. Partners are required to bring forward multiple

recommendations each year that they believe will meet the Club's minimum expected returns. Followed by analysis and further discussion, partners vote on which presentations to take a position in. The results speak for themselves.

If you are interested in participating in an engaging experience while boosting your investing portfolio, PLUSH may just be the answer you are looking for. Our By-Laws limit us to 15 partners but currently we have 2 openings available. If you are interested, the Club meets at the Bay Club on the first Tuesday of each month from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Guests are welcome!

For more information please contact any of the following officers: Vic Draper, President, at 437-5112; Dwight Hauptman, Vice-President, at 437-8097; Ken Stahl, Treasurer, at 437-2037 or John Arscott, Secretary at 437-9461.

## A Wonderful Time of the Year: Silent Auction

It may be rushing the season a bit to think about Christmas shopping but traditionally the Silent Auction has been a great occasion to purchase unique Christmas gifts. Just because the date of the auction has been moved from November to October doesn't mean you can't get a jump on the season. The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) is hard at work preparing for the sale.

This year's event, "The Beauty of Autumn," will be held **Saturday, October 15**, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. It is "the" event of the season. Glorious gifts of all kinds are beginning to be gathered in the Co-chairs' garages and spare bedrooms. We need your help again this year to complete our inventory. Now is the time to scour your homes for those choice items that no longer suit your décor but would love a new home somewhere else.

Proceeds of the auction benefit the Tri-County Victims of Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse. Community members in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties are encouraged to participate in helping this worthy cause by contributing sellable items. Perhaps you have a nice piece of artwork, a lovely piece of jewelry, a porcelain figurine, a beautiful but seldom used chafing dish, a set of golf clubs or some nice silverware lying around your house, unused but taking up space. We can use it. Even if your item is small we can incorporate it along with other items in a gift basket.

If you have a particular talent such as calligraphy, painting or stitching and you like to donate a few hours of

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instruction in the form of a gift certificate—we will create the certificate for you. This is the month to begin sorting out and CEA members will be glad to benefit from your generosity. We will provide a receipt for your tax records.

The following CEA members are accepting your donations:

- Art: Teresa Forrest, 437-1191.
- Gift Certificates: Janet Force, 437-0419.
- Collectibles: Alana Morris, 206-920-4794 and Roz Plorde, 437-5071.
- Jewelry: Pat Nesbitt, 437-0323.
- Theme Baskets donated by Businesses and Organizations: Marilyn Durand, 437-7677.

This year there will be a \$5 entrance fee to the auction that will be credited toward your winning bid on one item. Everyone will receive bid numbers. The evening will include wine and refreshments as well as music provided by local musician Peter Mercer.

Mary Stuart, Vicki Tallerico, Ginger Steger and Karen Griffith are co-chairs of the auction. Please call Mary at 437-8140 for further information. We look forward to your participation and your generous donations.

## House Not For Sale

Not everyone in Ludlow is packing up and leaving. For a little humor, drive past the home of Bill and Rosanne McCaughey on Timber Meadow Drive. They have erected a sign in the front yard that says: “This beautiful home is not for sale,” signed, McCaughey Realty.

Why did they do this? Currently, they have a house for sale to the right, two homes for sale to the left, and one home for sale across the street. They feel surrounded even though they wish their neighbors well and support them. The second reason was to add a moment of light-heartedness to the dismal real estate environment. So far, everyone that has driven by is laughing when they see the sign. They bring the sign in at night, so it doesn't get stolen, like the Port Ludlow Arts Council banner, erected at the end of the Hood Canal Bridge.

If you have friends who are looking for a house, advise them to look on Timber Meadow Drive. There are some excellent residences that need an appreciative buyer. They would also have good-natured neighbors. What a deal!

## Bluebills Help Working Image

by Juliette Sterner, Executive Director, Working Image



*Myron Vogt and a team of Bluebills painted and constructed dressing rooms in the New Working Image facility.*

Provided photo

“They arrived with tools in their hands, smiles on their faces, and left with paint on their clothes and sawdust in their hair—but still with smiles on their faces,” I’m happy to report.

Fiscally sponsored by Jefferson County Community Foundation while awaiting 501(c)(3) approval, Working Image has moved to Mountain View Commons in Port Townsend, across the hall from the Port Townsend Food Bank. It’s the perfect location. And now the space is beautiful and wonderfully functional thanks to the efforts of the Bluebills, who painted and constructed dressing rooms where clients will be served. Bluebill Dick Ostlund and his wife donated funds to cover the cost of construction materials.

Working Image provides clothing to women in need during private, individualized appointments. Expanded from its original mission to serve job seekers, Working Image meets the growing needs in our communities: women in violent situations, pregnant women, homeless teenagers, those who have fire losses—any woman in need, regardless of age. Working Image serves women referred through agencies and organizations in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties.

We want the Bluebills to know that “Working Image is grateful to the Bluebills for their willingness, skill, knowledge, experience and good humor. The beautiful new space is a tribute to the Bluebills’ service and enables us to serve others.”

## Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

### Alarm Statistics July 2011

<b>Alarms</b>	
Fire	8
Rescue/Emergency Medical	45
Good Intent	9
Service Call	4
Hazardous Conditions	2
Total Alarms	68
<b>Ambulance Transports</b>	
Jefferson Healthcare	11
Harrison Medical Center	20
Harrison Silverdale	2
Total Transports	33
<b>Mutual Aid with Neighboring Districts</b>	
Provided	9
Received	5
Total Mutual Aid	14

## Chief Ed Wilkerson's Safety Tip

Recreational Vehicle (RV) fires can be dangerous and costly. Although you may love to get out and about in one, do it safely and protect yourself from fire. To reduce the chance of fire, here are some safety tips for travel trailer and motor home owners.

Before leaving home:

- Make sure the vehicle has working smoke alarms. Test them before you leave and at least once a week during your trip.
- Plan and practice an escape route. Make sure exits are not blocked.
- Install an ABC-rated (multipurpose dry chemical extinguisher) fire extinguisher near each exit and know how to use it.

Before operating the vehicle's stove or oven:

- Cooking appliances need fresh air flow for safe operation.
- Open overhead vents, windows or turn on exhaust fans to reduce the danger of asphyxiation.
- Keep combustible items like curtains or paper products well away from the stove.
- Cooking appliances should never be used for comfort heating.

If you smell gas:

- Extinguish all open flames including pilot lights.
- Do not operate electrical switches. Turning a switch on or off may cause an explosion.
- Shut off gas supply.

- Open doors, windows and vents and leave the vehicle.
- Have the gas system checked and repaired before using again.

Please don't hesitate to call us if you have any questions regarding this safety tip. You can also go to our website at [www.plfr.org](http://www.plfr.org) and click on the link to public safety information for more fire and life safety tips.

## Sheriff's Report

For the month of July 2011 there were a total of 84 recorded Port Ludlow events known to the Sheriff's Office. There were 798 events countywide during the same period. For purposes of the report, the boundaries of Port Ludlow are State Route 19, Tala Shore Drive, Oak Bay Road and Olympus Boulevard.

Agency Assist	5
Alarm or Incomplete 911 Call	8
Animal Control	5
Disturbance (unwanted persons, gunshots, etc.)	5
Drugs	1
Malicious Mischief	1
Miscellaneous/Informational	5
Suspicious Vehicle or Person	4
Theft/Burglary	7
Traffic Incident/Complaint	9
Welfare Check	5
Warrant Arrests	4
Traffic Violations	15
Assaults	4
Patrol Requests	6
Criminal Trespass	0

Let's keep our neighborhood safe: Please contact the Sheriff's Office if you notice any suspicious activity and always call 9-1-1 for an emergency!

## Fire Commissioner Needed

Due to the recent resignation of long-time Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue (PLFR) Fire Commissioner David Wheeler, a replacement for his vacant seat is being sought.

Interested persons are asked to send a letter of interest to the Fire Commission Board including a short biography that lists any past public service and professional work experience. Letters must be received at the District office at 7650 Oak Bay Road not later than **Monday, September 12**. The PLFR Board will review the letters at its regularly scheduled meeting on **Tuesday, September 13**.

Your Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue Board of Fire Commissioners is comprised of five elected Fire Commissioners operating under the auspices of Title 52 of the

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Revised Code of Washington (RCW). Commissioners have a statutory obligation to manage the affairs of the District and establish all District policies. Each Fire Commissioner is elected to serve a six-year term through the Jefferson County Office of Elections. Fire Chief Ed Wilkerson manages the day-to-day operations of the District.

It is not necessary to have a background in emergency services to be effective in this role. Most important is a desire to serve the community by working together with an elected body to oversee policy matters and District finances.

Anyone interested in the position must be a registered voter residing within the boundaries of Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue, and be willing to serve until the next election in 2013. If you have questions, contact Gene Carmody at 437-4024 or 301-3022.

## Living Well with Chronic Conditions Workshop

Because of the overwhelming response to prior workshops, Active Life Physical Therapy, Home Instead Senior Care, Madrona Hill Urgent Care, Olympic Elder Services, and Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) of Port Ludlow, in collaboration with the Olympic Area Agency on Aging has scheduled a series in Port Ludlow. The 2 1/2 hr workshops are free, open to the public and held one day a week on Wednesdays, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m., for six consecutive weeks. They will begin **Wednesday, September 14** through **Wednesday, October 19** at the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Bridge Deck, above the parking lot from the Beach Club.

Two trained leaders will facilitate the workshops. All materials being used were developed by Stanford University's Chronic Disease Self-Management Program and are designed to help individuals who suffer from chronic conditions, such as diabetes, asthma, heart disease, chronic pain, Alzheimer's disease and Parkinson's disease.

The classes are designed to help participants lessen their stress and frustration, manage symptoms, and deal with pain and fatigue. Caregivers and spouses also are encouraged to register. Each participant will have access to the book, *Living Well with Chronic Conditions*. The goal of the program is to help you live a healthy life by managing your symptoms. Space for the workshop is limited, so please register early. For more information and registration, call 1-866-582-1487 or 360-538-2457.

## PLFR Receives Donation



*PLFR Chief Ed Wilkerson receives \$10,000 check from Shawna Gammill Matthews.*

Provided photo

Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue (PLFR) has received a very generous donation from the Gammill Family Foundation. Shawna Gammill Matthews, a local resident representing the Foundation, recently presented a check for \$10,000 to Fire Chief Ed Wilkerson for the third year in a row.

Donated funds help fund programs and training equipment for emergency medical services, medical education, public education in fire prevention, life safety and Community Emergency Response Training (CERT). The CERT program educates people about disaster preparedness for hazards that may have an impact on their community. (See article on page 18) Proceeds will also help fund annual Firefighter Recognition.

## PLVC Wellness Committee Makes Progress

*by Annette Isaksen, Wellness Committee Co-Chair*

A very proactive and committed group of 40 health professionals met in April to form the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Wellness Committee. Tom Stone, President of the Village Council, serves as the Chairperson. There was agreement that the concept of "wellness" is basically one of "being the healthiest and best one can be" at any age or challenge of life.

The mission of the Committee is to provide relevant wellness information and to support residents in personal health care choices. This charter group defined three

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specific areas of need for our “Village by the Bay,” wellness education, wellness resources and special needs support groups. The needs defined align with the Wellness Committee’s goal of providing community members with supportive assistance for informed health choices.

Tom Boughner and Annette Isaksen co-chair the task of planning and producing wellness education forums. At the forum on **Wednesday, October 12**, 6:00 p.m. at the Beach Club, Dr. Michael Haberpointner of Active Life Physical Therapy will talk about “Balancing Your Body and Environment.” The next forum will be in January, when Sandy Boughner will discuss, “How to Survive as a Family Caregiver.”

Establishment of a Wellness Education Resource Center was the charge of Co-Chairpersons Ursel and Gunter Krumme. To date, they have developed and placed Health Resource Notebooks at the Bay and Beach Clubs. A website for health has been established for health and community resource information, [www.plhealth.org](http://www.plhealth.org). The subcommittee continues to explore a location for a physical site that will be easily accessible. The Computer Club through David Pike has graciously provided a laptop and printer for use by the Wellness Committee. If a site were found, volunteers with health care expertise would provide their time approximately one morning a week to look up and interpret health areas of concern.

Kathy Traci chairs the support group effort. Two support groups are presently available, bereavement support and cancer support. A caregiver’s support group is forming in late September. If you are interested in joining this group or if you are interested in starting a new support group for a specific chronic illness, please contact Kathy Traci at [tracipkt@aol.com](mailto:tracipkt@aol.com) or call 437-7874.

Port Ludlow is the only local community known to have health professionals and concerned community members addressing health care concerns of the community in such a focused way. Not surprisingly, many of the Committee members have innovated health care and educational programs in teaching hospitals, served on nursing and pre-med faculties at prestigious universities. Some have stormed Washington for drug reforms, served on State Wellness Committees, worked to pass the first Child Abuse and Neglect Law, provided health care in third world countries and continue to actively practice or volunteer for many organizations that support health care needs across age and socio-economic levels. Educators, physicians, pharmacists, physical therapists, educators, dieticians, clinical nurse specialists, nurse practitioners, geriatric and obstetrical nurses, caregivers and compassionate, concerned community members are eager to raise

hands, heart and experience to assist neighbors to live long and healthy lives in Paradise.

We invite anyone to volunteer who is willing to help and to serve on a Committee dedicated to Port Ludlow. If you are interested in offering your time and talent, contact any of the members of the Committee or PLVC President Tom Stone.

## Emergency Response Training

*by Pat Traci, Emergency Response Committee Chair*

Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue (PLFR) and the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Disaster Preparedness group will offer the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training course in October-November. The course teaches people to independently care for themselves and their neighbors in a disaster. While CERT training takes about eight days, belonging to a CERT neighborhood or area team does not usually require a significant time outlay. However, the community needs more trained CERT volunteers.

The CERT course is free for people living in the Master Planned Resort (MPR). Others would need to pay a \$30 fee. Those that have attended the course before, but feel they need some remedial training, are invited to attend all or a select number of sessions.

Eight topics are covered in the course, one topic per session. Each of the eight sessions would be held in the evening for about two hours. We can schedule one session a week for eight weeks or two sessions per week for four weeks. If you are interested in taking this course, please let us know your preference.

CERT Course Content includes the following topics:

- Disaster Preparedness: Hazards to which people are vulnerable in their community are addressed.
- Disaster Medical Operations, Part I: Diagnosis and treatment of airway obstruction, bleeding and shock by using simple triage and rapid treatment techniques.
- Disaster Fire Suppression: Fire chemistry, hazardous materials, fire hazards and fire suppression strategies.
- Disaster Medical Operations, Part II: Evaluation of patients by doing a head-to-toe assessment, establishing a medical treatment area, performing basic first aid and practicing in a safe and sanitary manner.
- Light Search and Rescue: Search and rescue planning, size-up, search techniques, rescue techniques, and most important, rescuer safety.
- Team Organization and Communications

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- Disaster Psychology: The psychological impact of a disaster on rescuers and victims.
- Terrorism: Definition of terrorism, terrorists' goals and CERT protocols for terrorist incidents and protective action following an event.
- Disaster Simulation/Graduation: Multi-city disaster exercise simulating an earthquake.

For information or to enroll, contact Pat Traci at [tracipkt@aol.com](mailto:tracipkt@aol.com).



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# Community Meetings

## Port Ludlow Garden Club

On **Wednesday, September 14** at 11:00 a.m., the Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) will meet at the Bay Club to hear guest speaker Tami Tegman from Sequim. Tegman will inspire creative gardening with her program, "You-See-Dum." She will demonstrate using sedums in unusual combinations to create imaginative wreaths, baskets and interesting pots and containers. Tami also will have some of her creations and individual sedum plants available for purchase.

This meeting will be a brown bag lunch, with beverages and desserts provided. Non-members are welcome to attend for a \$5 fee. Dues of \$20 for 2011 may be paid at the door or mailed to PLGC, P.O. Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Membership provides free attendance at meetings, discounted field trips, and an invitation to the members-only holiday tea.

Following the meeting Club President Tom Giske will conduct a planning session for next year's programs and field trips. Members are encouraged to bring their suggestions for guest speakers and trip destinations at that time.

Ann Radwick will be featured at the PLGC meeting in October. She will demonstrate the wreath machine for creating non-holiday wreaths. Using both dried and fresh flowers and foliage, she will show how to make wreaths suitable for year-round display. Any questions relating to PLGC may be directed to Tom Giske at 425-302-5925.

## OTL Heads to Kingston



The Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) Out to Lunch Bunch (OTL) will dine at the Main Street Ale House in Kingston on **Wednesday, September 14**, at 12:30 p.m. You will find this is not just a burger and brewpub but has menu choices to please a variety

of palates. If the weather is nice we will have the back deck overlooking Apple Cove to ourselves. If not, we will enjoy the front room.

Please sign up in the CEA folders at either Club or call Nancy Leahy at 437-9496. Reservation deadline is **Monday, September 12**.

## Senior Singles to Dine at Anthony's

We always enjoy the fantastic meal and water view at our annual outing to Anthony's in Bremerton. Our Sunset Dinner is scheduled for **Monday, September 12** at 4:00 p.m. This tasty four-course dinner consists of your choice of three appetizers, salad or chowder, entrée and dessert. The cost is \$19.95 plus tax and gratuity.

Free parking is located near the blue pillars in the garage beneath the Hampton Inn. Please call our hostess Peggy at 437-9935 by **Monday, September 5** to make your reservation and, since we advise carpooling, to let her know whether you prefer to drive or to be a passenger. Passengers, please offer your driver a few dollars to defray expenses.

If you would like to visit some of the interesting sights located near Anthony's, such as the USS *Turner Joy*, Harborside Fountain Park or Naval Museum, please let Peggy know so that your group may leave early enough to enjoy these sights.

We have changed our name from Singles to Senior Singles as we wish to convey to those interested that we enjoy getting together and would like to meet with new friends in similar circumstances. We welcome anyone who would like to join us. Don't forget your nametag.

## Duplicate Bridge Scores

*by Ian Feltham, Coordinator*

**July 4:** No game, holiday.

**July 11:** Lee Amundson/Eleanor Roden, first; Doris/Ian Feltham, second; Marilyn Linrothe/Barbara Sexauer, third.

**July 18:** Doris/Ian Feltham, first; Tom Stone/Ted Wurtz, second; Shirley and Sid Porter, third.

**July 25:** Ralph Phillips/Ralph Stroy, first; Dave and Nancy Clancy, second; Tom Stone/Ted Wurtz, third.

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

## Vacation/Event Pictures: What Do You Do With Them?

You have been on a picturesque vacation, to a family reunion, wedding or similar event, and have taken many, many pictures. How are you going to make them into a pleasing, easily stored, presentation? Do you have any creative choices?

Come to the Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC) Community Meeting on **Monday, September 12**, at the Beach Club. Social time is 5:30 p.m. and the presentation starts at 6:00 p.m. See what you can create to impress your friends or family—how you can make CDs, DVDs or a tabletop album of your pictures to share. Demonstrations of some of the ways to display photos will be shown at the meeting. Further help is always available at the Photography/Pro Show Gold SIG (Special Interest Group) meeting.

PLCC Special Interest Group (SIG) meetings scheduled for September:

- Office SIG meets **Monday, September 5**, 10:30 a.m. – noon.
- Special Topics SIG is **Monday, September 19**, 10:30 a.m. – noon.
- Mac SIG meets **Monday, September 19**, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Photography/Pro Show Gold SIG is **Monday, September 26**, 10:00 a.m. – noon.

All SIGs and Workshops meet at the Bay Club. Want to join the Port Ludlow Computer Club? Contact Dick Allyn at 437-7804 or e-mail him at [zither2@q.com](mailto:zither2@q.com). For up-to-date Club news and schedules, check the PLCC website at [www.pl-cc.com](http://www.pl-cc.com).

## September Hikes

### Friday, September 2: Deer Ridge

This hike starts at a low elevation and proceeds upward. There are spectacular views of the Gray Wolf Valley and its towering peaks. There will be two options. The short version will include a moderate climb of approximately 1,000 feet of elevation gain to a memorial bench and a 5.5-mile roundtrip. For those who do the full version, the elevation gain will be 2,800 feet and a difficult 10.4 mile-round trip. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange car pools and get directions to the trailhead. For information contact Dan Darrow at 437-9208.

### September 12-16: Mt. Hood Getaway

Your reservation should already be made. We previously enjoyed this area in 2007. Expect a variety of hikes and other adventures. For further information, contact Kathy Muir at 437-9522.

### Friday, September 23: Mt. Zion

Join us for a moderate 4.6-mile hike with 1,300 feet of elevation gain. Enjoy the walk through the rhododendron forest although they will not be in bloom. Be rewarded with views of the Salish Sea and Mount Townsend as well as the Gray Wolf Ridge. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, contact Bob or Jan Quick at 437-8126.

### Friday, September 30: Indian Island Nature Walk

This is a rare opportunity to join a naturalist-guided hike through the Indian Island Naval Ordnance Depot. This is a repeat of the April hike and we expect a large turnout. You must sign up for this event two weeks ahead of time due to access to government property. There will be no drop-ins on the day of the event. Hiking Club members will receive e-mailed information for signup and additional information. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information contact June deMers at 437-9546.

### Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the 4.5-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier. Meet at the trailhead on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m.

## First Wednesday Luncheons Resume

Our First Wednesday of the Month Luncheon will be held on **Wednesday, September 7**, 11:00 a.m., at the Beach Club. These luncheons benefit the Tri-Area Food Bank and are provided to you by the Food Committee. In lieu of paying for lunch, we ask that each of you make a generous donation of cash and/or foods to the Food Bank. For September, please donate cereals, Cup-a-Soup®, Ramen Cup Noodles, and as always, personal hygiene items. Donations of cash or check made payable to Tri-Area Food Bank are always appreciated.

The Choral Belles of Port Ludlow, directed by Mary Lou Montgomery, vocalist with the Dukes of Dabob, will provide our entertainment. The mission of the Choral Belles is to provide service through music.

Please invite all your friends and neighbors to join us. Make your reservations by signing up at either the Bay Club or Beach Club by **Friday, September 2**. If you are running late with your reservation, contact Fran Bodman at 437-5110.

Again this year we are “green.” That means we ask you to bring your own table service: Plate, silverware, etc. The less money we spend on expenses, the more money we can donate to the Food Bank.

## Port Ludlow Book Club

What a way to start the reading season!

Ken Follett's epic novel, *The Pillars of the Earth*, will be the topic of discussion on **Tuesday, September 13**, 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Club. The story is a radical departure from Follett's other novels. It takes place in 12th Century England and centers on the building of a cathedral in the fictional town of Kingsbridge. The story spans 40 years and deals with political unrest, corrupt church politics and the personal fortunes and follies of the people who develop and are affected by the building of a cathedral. The style of the building leaves behind Romanesque architecture and introduces England to the elegant Gothic structures being produced in Europe during this time period. This transformation of architecture also heralds a new age coming to the European continent and to Britain.

The book is complex, moving, and informative and moves at a breathtaking pace, highlighting a distant and neglected period of history. And in summary, a quote from the *New York Daily News* exclaims, "A towering tale...there's murder, arson, treachery, torture, love, and lust. A good time can be had by all." What more could you ask for? Join us for what promises to be a stimulating evening.

The book selection for October is *Cutting for Stone* by Abraham Verghese. All are welcome. For questions, please call Martha Dawson at 437-4167.

## Stamp and Paper Arts Group

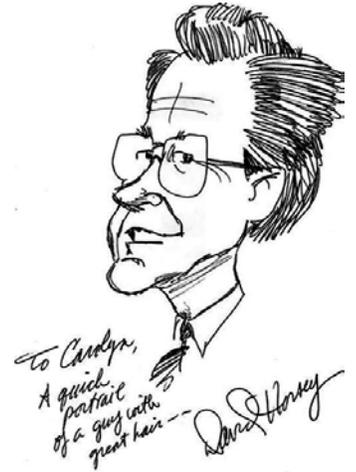
This month we will meet on **Wednesday, September 21**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Beach Club. As usual, we will have a busy but fun and enjoyable morning that will bring more joy later to a recipient.

The Stamp and Paper Arts Group sends a big thank you to the community for the 2,100 cards, both new store-bought and handmade, received so far this year for the troops. As you can imagine, members of the military are extremely grateful for these cards and excerpts from their touching letters of gratitude will be in an upcoming issue of the *Voice*.

Remember, we are always accepting new store-bought cards or handmade cards, plus recycled clean fronts of used cards that can be dropped off either at the Bay or Beach Club. Monetary donations are always welcome to help with mailing costs. We are about to send a shipment overseas so the troops can have them for the holidays, which are only three months away. Please contact Paula Davis at 437-2007 with any questions.

## League to Hear Computer Cartoon Artist

Port Ludlow Artists' League meets on **Wednesday, September 21**, 1:00 p.m., at the Beach Club. Guests are invited to join the League members by paying a \$5 fee. After a business meeting and social time, Dan Youra will demonstrate his talent of combining computers with his love of art to create a unique publishing enterprise that has sustained a successful career printing magazines, maps and editorial cartoons for over 30 years.



A caricature of Youra by Pulitzer Prize-winning editorial cartoonist David Horsey.

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Rather than using a pencil to draw cartoons, landscapes or maps, he "draws" directly onto his computer using the mouse as the pen. Colors, shading, backgrounds and three-dimensional effects are digitally enhanced with programs such as Adobe Illustrator and Photoshop.

In one of his 1988 columns in the *Seattle Times*, Emmett Watson described Youra as a "computer whiz," after visiting his studio in Port Ludlow. Even politicians who are subjects of Youra's editorial cartoons give his political caricatures generous reviews. Sarah Palin describes his art as "fun." Ron Paul labels it "interesting."

Recently, Youra's portraits of political leaders were presented to the chairman of the Republican National Committee and to the Governor of Wisconsin. His mural of political caricatures won the blue ribbon in computer art at the Jefferson County Fair in August. He lives in Port Hadlock and his art can be seen at [www.Utoons.com](http://www.Utoons.com).

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# Port Ludlow Village Council

## Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Report

by Beverly Browne, Managing Editor

President Tom Stone called the Thursday, August 4, meeting of the PLVC to order at 3:00 p.m., in the Bay Club. Other Council members present were Mike Larkin, Pete Leenhouts, Ned Luce, Larry Nobles, Shane Seaman, Tony Simpson, Tom Stone, Don Thompson, Elizabeth Van Zonneveld and Art Zoloth. Absent were Dave Armitage, Jim Boyer, Laury Hunt and Pat Traci. A quorum was declared. The meeting was recorded. Jefferson County Commissioner John Austin and Randy Shelley, Insurance Committee Chair, were invited but unable to attend.

More than 150 residents attended the meeting. President Stone welcomed them and expressed his appreciation.

### Highlight: Guest Speaker, Jack Westerman

Jefferson County Assessor Jack Westerman spoke about and fielded questions on the recent property assessments in the Chimacum School District, which includes Port Ludlow. Assessment notices were mailed to residents on August 1. Residents have 30 days to appeal their assessments or ask for a revaluation. The 30-day period started when the appraised notification cards were sent out on August 1. Appeals need to be filed with the Board of Equalization by **Thursday, September 1**. Forms may be obtained at the Assessor's office. He recommended that anyone with detailed questions or who is considering an appeal, call or meet with him to discuss the appeal.

Westerman said his message was not much different than it was in April of this year. Property values in Port Ludlow declined 30 to 35 percent as of January 1 compared to 2007 values. Condo values, especially Highland Greens, declined more, approximately 45 percent. There were only 122 sales in the whole revaluation area between July 2010 and 2011. Westerman noted that this number was relatively small for evaluation purposes. He stated several times that all appraisals must be uniform.

There were 22 foreclosure sales out of the 122 total sales in the evaluation period. Prices of homes sold through foreclosure averaged about 27 percent less than those sold privately. In the last quarter 11 sales out of 30 were foreclosures. He discussed the different motivations and processes that home sellers use, i.e., negotiate the highest possible price, as opposed to the Federal Government whose motivation is dominated by an interest in getting

## Port Ludlow Village Council Meetings

### General Meeting

**Thursday, September 1**

3:00 p.m., Beach Club

### Workshop Meeting

**Tuesday, September 20**

3:00 p.m., Beach Club

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the property "off the books." Westerman encouraged the audience to go to the assessors' website [www.co.jefferson.wa.us/assessors/Default.asp](http://www.co.jefferson.wa.us/assessors/Default.asp) for additional information.

Asked if he believed that the housing market has bottomed out, Westerman replied negatively. He said there are more foreclosures coming onto the market. There may be as many as two million properties nationwide in the "foreclosure pipeline." He noted that the valuations he calculates are not necessarily the long-term market values of the properties. He used as an example the sales in the past that were several times more than assessed valuations. He stated that one cannot build a house at the present time for the market value. Replacement cost will be much higher than appraised value.

Westerman also stated that due to the approximately 35 percent reduced assessments in the Chimacum School District, which is 40 percent of the Jefferson County tax base, property taxes in this area could decrease about 15 percent. The Fire District will lose revenue as they are at their maximum levy rate. Because our property taxes will decrease, others in the County such as Port Townsend will see an increase in their taxes until they have their new assessments.

Jefferson County revaluations have been executed every four years. The County, however, is moving to an annual assessment process. The transition to this timetable should be complete in 2014 with revaluations then occurring annually. In answer to a question, he noted that the potential development of the Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) had no effect on the revaluations.

### Council Actions and Committee Reports

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to accept the minutes of the PLVC General Meeting of July 7. Don Thompson gave the recent Treasurer's Report. At the beginning of August the IMQ

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Legal Fund contained \$7,699. The General Operating account held \$9,861. Certificates of deposit stood at \$10,911. General Operating funds available were \$20,772.

After discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the Treasurer's Report. President Stone noted the approximately \$3,000 in income from booth rentals at the Friday Market.

**Wellness Committee:** President Stone reviewed the progress of the Wellness Committee and noted the extensive and welcome support of Ursel and Gunter Krumme of the Committee at the Council's booth at Festival By The Bay (FBB). The Committee is inviting the health professionals who attended the Wellness Committee kick-off meeting this past April to a status meeting to obtain feedback on the progress of the Committee.

**Image Sub-Committee:** President Stone noted work done by the Committee led by Tony Simpson. President Stone noted the video prepared for presentation during the Festival By The Bay at the Council's FBB booth. Suggestions about the content were accepted. Homer Evans, Bob Graham and Matt Wallace prepared the video. Council member Leenhouts volunteered that he had some pictures and videos that he could provide to be a part of the video. The video will be used to provide a way to publicize and highlight the positive aspects of life in Port Ludlow.

**Publicity:** President Stone introduced Bill Browne who reviewed the current PLVC brochure. He noted the high quality and minimal expense of the well-received brochure.

**Nomination Committee:** President Stone noted that the Council has openings for four candidates, three from North Bay and one from South Bay, for election to the PLVC in this October's elections. He asked that each Council member attempt to recruit good candidates and let him know of any potentially interested people.

**Insurance Committee:** President Stone reviewed the status of our General Liability Insurance Policy. Concerns about coverage have been raised due to the insurance company misclassifying the PLVC as a flea market and not recognizing its multiple activities that include the Trails Committee, Utilities Committee, IMQ Committee, etc. Bill Hubbard, the broker, has been asked to contact the insurance company and resolve the issue. President Stone will contact Randy Shelley of the Insurance Committee for additional information and a status report on the resolution to the problems. Simpson stated he thought the PLVC was currently insured since the broker has cashed our most recent check for the premium due. Larry Smith from Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) volunteered that they are trying to be involved in investigating this issue also.

## Announcements

The next General Meeting of the PLVC will be **Thursday, September 1**, 3:00 p.m. at the Beach Club. The Workshop Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, September 20**, 3:00 p.m., at the Beach Club. Information about the PLVC and Port Ludlow is available at [www.plvc.org](http://www.plvc.org). The meeting agenda is posted on the website at least one day in advance of the meeting. The PLVC meets at the Bay Club on even numbered months and the Beach Club on odd numbered months.

## Trails

*by Larry Scott, Chair, PLVC Trails Committee*



*Working on the Timberton Loop, from left, Doug Huber, Anthony Simpson, Tom Carter, Kees Bouterse, Maureen Black, Neil Black, Jack Rikken and Stan Gustin.*

Photo by Larry Scott

In last month's *Voice*, as a twist on the old saw of "What have you done for me lately?" I posed the question, "What have you done for your community lately?" In this month's edition, I can tell you that there are a number of our neighbors who answered the call. Natural Resources held its annual Scotch Broom "Knock out Noxious Weeds" event and it was successful, thanks to the support of 31 of your Port Ludlow friends.

If you happened to read the *Port Townsend Leader*, you may have seen the photo of the 2011 Scotch Broom Gang in the August 3 edition. There are too many to name, but all deserve big community applause.

This year we used a different method by cutting rather than pulling, based on some recent Washington State University (WSU) studies. This allowed the multiple crews' efforts to affect a larger area. If the results show that cutting is as successful as pulling, next year's crews may be able to cover an even greater area.

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The Natural Resource Committee encourages a running attack on the Tansy Ragwort infestation by lopping the blooms off the stems (or as we say “Off with Their Heads”). As well as working better, this method is easier than pulling the stalks up by the roots. Then you merely put them into a plastic bag and send the bag to the regular garbage, not the yard waste recycle.

The Trails Committee has been busy and volunteers have answered the call there, too. In early August we worked on the upper section of the Timberton Loop to mitigate the continuous water problem that creates the big muddy section. We removed a large quantity of mud down to the existing hard road surface, added a minor drainage system, and thanks to a generous contribution from Port Ludlow Associates (PLA), placed four tons of new rock along the trail/road. On the initial day’s effort, we had eight shovels, McLeods, hoes and a Deere working away. These folks can say exactly what they have done for their community lately.

You can join the fun whenever you are ready. Contact Larry Scott at 437-9299 or speak to any member of the Trails/Natural Resources Committee.

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# Village Activities Calendar

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

## September

### Thurs., September 1

Deadline to File Appeals to Board of Equalization  
 9:00 a.m. – noon, Bayview Board Meeting (members),  
 Bay Club  
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Knitwits, Beach Club  
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC General Meeting, Beach Club

### Fri., September 2

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club leaves for Deer Ridge, Bridge Deck  
 9:30 – 11:30 a.m., SBCA Board Meeting (members), Bay Club  
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artists' League First Friday Reception for  
 Derek Gundy Exhibit, Columbia Bank  
 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Artists' League First Friday Reception for  
 Derek Gundy continues, Art Gallery

### Sat., September 3

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., CEA Book and Media Scholarship  
 Benefit Sale, Beach Club

### Sun., September 4

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., CEA Book and Media Scholarship  
 Benefit Sale, Beach Club

### Mon., September 5

10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Office SIG (members),  
 Bay Club  
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Timberton Board Meeting (members),  
 Bay Club

### Tues., September 6

9:00 – 10:30 a.m., PLVC Trails Committee Meeting, Bay Club  
 10:00 a.m. – noon, CEA Meeting, Bay Club  
 1:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLUSH Investment Meeting, Bay Club

### Wed., September 7

9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Foot Care, Beach Club  
 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon features  
 Choral Belles, Beach Club  
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture Series, "Black  
 Hole," Beach Club

### Thurs., September 8

10:00 a.m. – noon, North Bay Drainage District Meeting,  
 Beach Club  
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Tangled Threads, Bay Club  
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club  
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Bluebills Meeting, Beach Club

### Fri., September 9

9:00 a.m. – noon, A Day with Chef Dan, Northwest Seafood  
 Class followed by Lunch, The Fireside  
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club  
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Inner Harbor Board Meeting (members),  
 Bay Club  
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., SBCA Monthly Social (members), Bay Club

### Sat., September 10

10:00 a.m., Autumn Wellness Walk, Ludlow Bay Massage and  
 Wellness

### Mon., September 12

Hiking Club Fall Getaway, Mt. Hood  
 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., LOA Meeting (members), Beach Club  
 3:30 – 5:30 p.m., MGA Board Meeting, Bay Club  
 4:00 p.m., Senior Singles dine at Anthony's in Bremerton  
 5:30 – 6:00 p.m., Computer Club Community Social,  
 Beach Club  
 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Computer Club Community Meeting,  
 Beach Club

### Tues., September 13

Hiking Club Fall Getaway, Mt. Hood  
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Book Club, Bay Club

### Wed., September 14

Hiking Club Fall Getaway, Mt. Hood  
 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Garden Club brown bag lunch on  
 Sedums, Bay Club  
 12:30 p.m., CEA Out to Lunch Bunch, Main Street Ale House,  
 Kingston  
 1:00 – 3:30 p.m., Chronic Conditions Workshop, Bridge Deck  
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture Series, "Black  
 Hole," Beach Club  
 7:00 p.m., USCG General Meeting, Fire Station

### Thurs., September 15

Hiking Club Fall Getaway Mt. Hood  
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Niner Couples' Shotgun on Tide, Golf Course  
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Niner Couples' Dinner and Beverages,  
 Beach Club

### Fri., September 16

Hiking Club Fall Getaway Mt. Hood  
 9:30 – 11:00 a.m., South Bay ARC Review Meeting, Bay Club

### Sat., September 17

6:00 p.m., North Bay "Get to Know Your Neighbors" Cocktail  
 Party (members), Beach Club

### Mon., September 19

10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Special Topics SIG  
 (members), Bay Club  
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Teal Lake Annual Meeting (members),  
 Bay Club  
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Computer Club Mac SIG (members),  
 Bay Club

### Tues., September 20

1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Knitwits, Beach Club  
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLVC Workshop, Beach Club  
 6:30 p.m., Readers' Theater, Call 437-2861 for Location  
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Fly Fisher general meeting, Bay Club

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**Wed., September 21**

10:00 a.m.–noon, Stamp and Paper Arts Group, Beach Club  
 10:30 a.m. – noon, SBCA Long-Range Planning Meeting, Bay Club  
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists’ League Meeting, Beach Club  
 1:00 – 3:30 p.m., Chronic Conditions Workshop, Bridge Deck  
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture Series, “Black Hole,” Beach Club

**Thurs., September 22**

10:00 a.m. – noon, Tangled Threads, Bay Club  
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club  
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., LMC Board of Trustees Meeting (members), Beach Club

**Fri., September 23**

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Mt. Zion, Bridge Deck  
 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club  
 6:30 – 9:00 p.m., Kids’ Game Night, Bridge Deck

**Sat., September 24**

5:00 – 7:00 p.m., Performing Arts Pre-Concert Supper, The Fireside  
 7:00 – 8:00 p.m., Arts Council’s 20th Anniversary Gala Season Opener Reception, Bay Club  
 8:00 – 10:00 p.m., Arts Council’s “Performing Arts in Port Ludlow” presents the magical voices of IL VOCE in a Classical Crossover Concert, Bay Club

**Mon., September 26**

10:00 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Photography/Pro Show Gold SIG (members), Bay Club  
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., South Bay Potluckers (members), Bay Club

**Tues, September 27**

WGA All Star Cup, Golf Course

**Wed., September 28**

10:00 a.m., CEA meets at Pike Place Market for tour of market  
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, sponsored by Computer Club, Bay Club  
 1:00 – 3:30 p.m., Chronic Conditions Workshop, Bridge Deck  
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., CEA Live and Learn Lecture Series, “Black Hole,” Beach Club

**Fri., September 30**

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Indian Island Nature Walk, Bridge Deck

**Future Events**

LVP *Calamity Gulch* Gang Reunion, October 3  
 PLVC Wellness Education Forum with Dr. Michael Haberpoiner, October 12  
 CEA Silent Auction, “The Beauty of Autumn,” October 15  
 Free Spirits Halloween Dinner, October 29  
 Quilters and Crafters Show and Sale, November 2  
 Performing Art in Port Ludlow presents “Life in Motion” with The Cashore Marionettes, November 10  
 CEA Holiday Home Tour, December 3  
 Performing Arts in Port Ludlow presents “Under the Mistletoe with The Good Lovelies”, December 4

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## LMC July Board Meeting Highlights

by Vaughn Bradshaw, LMC Secretary

The monthly business meeting of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees was held Thursday, July 28, in the Bay View Room of the Beach Club. The following are highlights of that meeting:

The LMC is preparing to contract for an independent audit of our finances for 2010. State law requires an audit every year unless it is waived by the membership. It is the LMC's stated policy that an audit will be performed at least every three years. The membership voted to waive the audit for 2008 and 2009, so the last audit was for 2007.

The Board approved an amendment to the LMC Regulations clarifying the limitation on temporary parking of RVs, boats and trailers on private property. Previously the regulations allowed temporary parking for a maximum of 72 hours for loading, unloading and minor maintenance. Some owners were moving their RVs every 72 hours and keeping them parked on their property. The change explicitly permits such temporary parking only for a cumulative total of 72 hours in any calendar month.

Trustee Sharron Sherfick is taking a formal leave of absence for personal reasons. Her duties have been assigned to other Trustees until she returns in the fall. Elizabeth Van Zonneveld is acting as interim Treasurer during this time.

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees is on **Thursday, September 22, 1:00 p.m.**, at the Beach Club. Check at the Beach Club or on the website for announcements from the Board.

## Catch the Spirit of Autumn

by Teddy Clark, LMC President

As the summer ebbs away, I'm reminded of a party friends in Alaska held each year about this time; it was called "The End of Summer Blues Party." While it is true our summer has been far too brief, we enjoyed it while it

## Important Dates

### LOA Meeting

**Monday, September 12, 9:00 a.m.**

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### LMC Board Meeting

**Thursday, September 22, 1:00 p.m.**

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was here with community activities such as concerts and festivals, a treat extended to our summer visitors.

In the summer Beach Club activities orient around our outdoor pool and beach enjoyment, plus Lot Owner Association (LOA) concerts and other summer events. Now we begin to think about moving indoors with the transition into autumn, which has its own splendor and activities. We still can enjoy beach walking and our trails even after the outdoor pool is closed in mid-September. While you are enjoying one last swim outdoors or an autumn walk, check out the Beach Club bulletin boards to see what is next.

Our Beach Club bulletin boards contain a wealth of information about news and events. Near the hostess window the bulletin board consists of Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) news. The current LMC agendas and minutes of the meetings are posted. A list of our 50-plus volunteers is located on this bulletin board. You also will notice the current month's posting of Committee meeting dates and times, which are all open to our community association members. As a courtesy please call the Committee chair when you plan to attend a meeting or have an item to discuss. The Committee chair may want to include it in the agenda. Across the hallway you will find information pertaining to the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD).

The longer bulletin board on the east (water side) of the entry hall contains additional LMC information. Here you will find Committee minutes and notices, plus information

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about the LMC and when to call the Greenbelt Committee or Architectural Control Committee (ACC) with a question. A map of all the LMC area and lot locations is also posted here.

Our Governing Documents and Regulations are posted and available to all members. Please note if you do not have a copy of our LMC Governing Documents and Regulations, a copy may be obtained from the hostess. You also can access this information on our website.

On this bulletin board the Lot Owners Association (LOA) also posts information of meetings and upcoming events. I noticed the First Wednesday Luncheon is starting again in September with music from the Choral Belles. This is a great way to meet new friends and neighbors, plus support the Food Bank with donations of food, other needed items or a financial contribution.

An amazing array of community events are posted on the bulletin boards. You will find everything from art events, computer classes, car washes, health care and music events to back-to-school information on donating items for children needing school supplies.

This is an amazing community, filled with people who volunteer their time and energy, as well as taking time to enjoy life in Port Ludlow. Visit the Beach Club soon to savor the last days of summer at the outdoor pool. As we transition into autumn continue to visit the Beach Club to learn about events in the area and especially about our LMC. Join a Committee, work out at the Beach Club, enjoy the indoor pool and spa and attend meetings to learn more about our special community association by the bay. Catch the Spirit!

## Manager's Report

*by Brian Belmont, General Manager*

For many years Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) has counted the number of individuals using the recreational portion of the Beach Club; however, we didn't begin tracking the non-recreational visitors until August 2010. Non-recreational usage includes committees, groups and boards that meet at the Beach Club. In addition, this type of usage also includes rental activity such as weddings and private parties.

The data collected during the previous 12-month period indicates that our busiest recreational month was July 2011 with 4,496 visitors and our busiest non-recreational month was August 2010 with 1,358 visitors. It is then no surprise that August 2010 and July 2011 were our two busiest months during the past year with 5,724 and 5,574 total visitors respectively.

The 12-month total combining both recreational and non-recreational visitors was 43,338. Please keep in mind that there are limitations to the accuracy of this data. Our Beach Club staff uses the lobby sign-in sheets to track recreational usage and they count attendees at non-recreational functions.

Because the outdoor swimming pool opens in May and closes at the end of September recreational usage is much higher during that period. The 12-month average for non-recreational usage was 984 visitors per month.

Now that LMC has some baseline data to work with, new usage data can be compared and over time, trends and patterns identified. This type of information will be extremely useful as LMC continues to develop long-range planning strategies.

## North Bay Potlucks Return

We are pleased to announce the return of these popular dinners, with new activities and themes each month. The kick-off will be a "Get to Know Your Neighbors" cocktail party on **Saturday, September 17**, 6:00 p.m., at the Beach Club. Invite a neighbor or two and introduce them to these fun events. Bring a hearty hors d'oeuvre to share. Wine, beer and soda will be provided. The cost is \$3.50 per person. Please sign up at the Beach Club.

Later this year our dinners will be set with themes that should be quite enjoyable. Planned are an October Halloween costume party, a catered Christmas luncheon, a western barbeque with a square dance lesson, a talent show night, bingo party and a chili cook off. Sound like fun?

These dinners are also community building events and North Bay Potlucks is looking for people to help organize and host. It's not hard. Assemble your own team, be creative and have a great time putting on a party! Get involved. Call Fran Bodman at 437-5110 to be part of the North Bay Potluck 2011-2012 season.

## New North Bay Kids' Game Night!

Goodbye Friday Movie Nights; Hello Kids' Game Night! That's right—beginning in the fall, a change to the familiar Friday Family Movie Night—a Kids' Game Night instead!

Once a month on a Friday night, bring your favorite game and come ready to play. Meet at the Bridge Deck from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.; snacks will be provided. Mark your calendar for the following **Fridays: September 23, October 21, November 11 and December 9**. For more information, contact Michelle Moseley at 360-301-6463.

## Future Walking Trails in North Bay

The Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Trails Committee recently approached the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board with a proposal for the construction of new walking trails on the Greenbelts in North Bay. The proposal was referred to the Greenbelt Committee (GBC) to review and to make recommendations to the LMC Board regarding the proposal. After conducting an in-depth review and discussing the proposal at several meetings, the GBC made its recommendation to the LMC Board.

While there were a number of possible trails in the proposal presented, the GBC recommended approval of the following: the construction of a new walking trail in the Greenbelt along the west side of Talbot Way from Walker Way to Swansonville Road; the construction of a new access trail to the Lower Rainier Loop Trail off Cressey Lane; and the formalizing of an existing social trail from Camano Lane to the Lower Rainier Loop Trail. The LMC Board of Trustees adopted these recommendations. The approved new trails are part of the PLVC Trails Committee Long-Range Plan and no date has been set to begin their construction.



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## SBCA Important Dates

**Monthly Board Meeting**  
**Friday, September 2, 9:30 a.m.**

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

## South Bay Community Association

by Janet Force, South Bay Editor

Pat Traci called the monthly South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Board meeting to order on Friday, August 5, at 9:28 a.m. Directors present were Tom Claudson, Richard Grieves, Sue Oemichen, Ken Thomas, Sharon Walker and Christine Whitehurst.

SBCA Manager Mike Morgan and Recording Secretary Mea Graham were also in attendance.

Association members present were: Robert Burns, Bill Kokorelis, Sherry Robinson and Steve Shanklin, Bayview; Brett Oemichen, Fairwood; Jerry Conover, Hidden Cove (Ludlow Point Village (LPV) II); Jan Lucas, Inner Harbor; Sue Ryan, LPV I; Patricia Lea and Diane Ridgeley, LPV III; Bev Browne, Suzie Darrow, Harvey Portz and Deanna Richards, Teal Lake; Bill Centobene, Thelma Keefe and Gail Koester, Timberton; and Jen Portz, *Voice* staff.

After a quorum was determined, Traci introduced himself and gave guidelines for the conduct of this year's meetings:

- Modified Robert's Rules of Order would be used.
- Please state name when making a comment or asking a question.
- The Board will discuss a topic first, then will open to the floor for comments.

The new Board introduced themselves with multiple comments of looking forward to working with the community, the openness of this Board to questions and input, and maintaining quality while working diligently to keep cost and expenses in line.

Richard Grieves proposed the following slate of officers, seconded by Whitehurst and passed unanimously:

- Pat Traci, President.
- Sharon Walker, Vice President.

- Chris Whitehurst, Treasurer.
- Ken Thomas, Assistant Treasurer.
- Sue Oemichen, Secretary.

Motions were made, seconded, and passed to approve the agenda for this meeting and the minutes of the July 1, 2011 Board meeting. A motion to approve the July 20, 2011 Annual Meeting minutes was made, seconded, and approved by a vote of 6 out of 7 with the following additions to member comments:

- Member input included discussions related to expense control, hours of use and Club usage.
- Port Ludlow Village Council President (PLVC) Tom Stone stated that there were two openings on the PLVC Board for South Bay representatives and asked members to consider running for these positions.
- Discussion on reasons why there is not a grocery store in the community. It was also reinforced that members should support businesses that are here, such as the new Clinic, so they are successful and remain in the community.

See the SBCA Operations Report of August 5, 2011 for complete details.

Treasurer Whitehurst reported financial highlights for June, showing the Total Current Assets for the month to be \$289,557.15, Total Assets to be \$604,486.01. This reflects an increase of \$17,696.86 over last year's Total Assets. The Income Statement for June 2011 showed Total Revenues of \$5,391.69 and Total Operating Expenses of \$32,021.19 and a Net Operating Surplus of \$1,383.32 for the 2011 fiscal year. (Note the surplus is always high the first month of the quarter due to the majority of dues being paid during that month, while expenses are very consistent month to month). The Maintenance reserve is \$235,529.36 and the Renovation Fund is \$15,000.25, with no expenses.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve the June 2011 financial report.

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Whitehurst reported on what is included in each "other" line listing on the financial report. There was discussion on how members have access to the financial information discussed at Board meetings, available on the website *plsbca.org*. Copies will also be available at future meetings.

Under Old Business, the Finance Committee will suggest names of auditors for the audit scheduled for the 2010-2011 fiscal year.

Under New Business, the data provided by the PLVC Future of Port Ludlow Committee will be discussed at the September meeting.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m. and the Board began an Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 11:05 a.m. The Executive Session adjourned at 12:46 p.m. and the Board reconvened its Regular Meeting at 12:46 p.m. No motions were made and the meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

The next Regular Meeting of the Board will be **Friday, September 2**, 9:30 a.m., at the Bay Club.

## SBCA Annual Meeting

*by Janet Force, South Bay Editor*

President Dave Armitage called the Annual Meeting of the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) to order on Wednesday, July 20, at 3:00 p.m. Attending were Directors Richard Grieves, Howard Koester, Steve Shanklin, Pat Traci and Christine Whitehurst. Also in attendance were Mike Morgan, Bay Club Manager and 96 SBCA members.

With a total of 177 required for a quorum, which is 34 percent of the regular membership, there were 284 including proxies and members in the audience.

Outgoing President Armitage introduced the 2010-2011 Board members with terms also expiring: Richard Grieves, Vice President Howard Koester and Steve Shanklin. Members with one more year to serve are Pat Traci, Sharon Walker and Secretary-Treasurer Christine Whitehurst.

**Financial Highlights:** Whitehurst reported the financial highlights for the 2011 fiscal year (FY) end, showing the Total Current Assets to be \$289,557.15, Total Assets to be \$604,486.01. An increase of \$17,696.86 over last year's Total Assets. The Income Statement for FY 2011 showed total revenues of \$399,927.77 and Total Operating Expenses of \$398,544.45 with a Net Operating Surplus of \$1,383.32. Both Revenue and the Expenses were three

percent under what had been budgeted. The Maintenance Reserve is \$235,529.36 and the Renovation Fund is \$15,000.25.

Dues have been raised five percent by Board vote for a new annual total \$793.80. Two percent of the increase is dedicated to the Maintenance Reserve. Contribution to the Reserve has increased for FY 2012 to \$75.12 (from \$60) per membership per year.

**Renovation/Maintenance:** Money spent from the Renovation Fund this year went to handicap door openers, finishing the Conference Room audio/video package, plate warmer and sprucing up the Great Room for a total of \$7,267.09. Money spent from the Maintenance Reserve totaled \$31,224.01 for the parking lot, new security system, replacement of failed windows, a new stair stepper and replacement of the wooden fence.

Anticipated expenses for next year include replacing the Gazebo Roof, curb repair in the parking lot, exterior building painting and repair, and other items that may need replacement, such as pool and exercise equipment.

The Balance Sheet and Operation Statement for fiscal year 2011 and Budget for 2012 was distributed. Year-end information is available on the website and at the Club. If members have questions, they should ask Bay Club Director Morgan or Treasurer Whitehurst.

**Annual Audit:** There was no vote to waive the Audit this year, as the Board has voted to have FY 2011 audited. The Board recommended a vote to ratify the 2012 FY Budget.

**Election:** Candidates for election of Board Members were Thomas T. Claudson, Richard Grieves, Sue Oemichen, Steve Shanklin and Kenneth (Ken) Thomas. Nominations from the floor included: Hana Buresova, Jerry Conover and Howard Koester. Members were given an opportunity to exchange their proxy for a ballot. Members Pat Chase, Tony Durham, Betty Faulkner and Nancy Green and staff member Linda Colasurdo collected and counted ballots. Results were:

- Budget Ratification: 217 yes, 20 no
- Tom Claudson, Richard Grieves, Sue Oemichen and Ken Thomas were elected to serve two-year terms on the Board of Directors.

The Annual Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

## South Bay Members' Social

Our next South Bay Members' Social event will be at the Bay Club on **Friday, September 9** at 5:00 p.m.

You bring the goodies to munch with provided beverages. See you there! 🍷

## SBCA August Meeting Highlights

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

**Architectural Review (ARC):** (Members: Bill Centobene, Linda Colasurdo, Brett Oemichen, Steve Shanklin, Bill Stoner, Sharon Walker). No report. Neighborhood Board ARC representatives will be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss consistency of ARC filings.

**Compliance:** (Members: Dave Armitage, John Cragoe, Dan Meade, Richard Grieves). No report

**Facilities Planning:** (Members: Armitage, Grieves, Morgan, Dave Reid, Shanklin, Pat Traci). No report.

**Finance:** (Members: Tom Claudson, Ken Thomas, Walker, Chris Whitehurst, Mike Morgan). Sue Oemichen opened a lengthy discussion regarding the items contained in the budget's line item 899, "Other." Many voiced the importance of knowing specifics of the line item so trends could be captured. The Board will address this in a special open session.

**Long Range Planning:** (Note: June Meeting Highlights explained the splitting of the Facilities Planning and Long Range Planning Committees. Members: TBD) No report.

**Operations:** Morgan noted membership fell to 548 (518 members and 30 associates). Six properties are delinquent one quarter or more totaling \$7,050; eight liens have been filed for \$5,775. He thanked the staff for their work on the Annual Meeting. Tennis courts were pressure washed and backflow meters checked. In addition new landscape plantings, gazebo work, fixing the chimney leak in the Great Room, roof and siding maintenance, curb repair and woodshop floor repainting are all underway. New spa filters are in. Evan Olsen has completed three years with the Club.

**Other Meeting Highlights:** Traci noted all correspondence should be addressed to the President; all requiring a reply must be in hard copy and signed; e-mails are not official correspondence and no anonymous letters or e-mails will be accepted.

Correspondence received included Bruce Schmitz' resignation letter as Chair of the Facilities Planning Committee; and a letter advising that the Association has been named a co-defendant in a suit filed by Columbia Bank against a member who is in bankruptcy; it was referred to counsel.

Bill Kokorelis voiced landscaping concerns as well as concerns regarding the number of bids sought for projects. After a lengthy discussion it was decided he would send e-mail to Traci detailing his thoughts and volunteering for the Facilities Planning Committee.

Jerry Conover voiced concerns regarding finding "things to cut, cap and balance." He attempted to make a motion from the floor regarding "removing and returning television boxes" to save money. As motions from the floor are not allowed in Board meetings he was thanked for his comments and asked to detail them in a letter so the matter could be put on next month's agenda and addressed by the Facilities Planning Committee.

A discussion was opened regarding communication. Many Board members thanked the audience for their comments.

## SBCA Annual Meeting Highlights

by Jen Portz, Contributing Writer

**Facilities and Long Range Planning Committee:** Bruce Schmitz, Chair, gave a thorough presentation regarding the reserve study and House Bill 1309 (see related article on page 3), which will impact homeowner associations throughout the State of Washington and which becomes effective **January 1, 2012**.

**President's Comments:** Armitage thanked all those who volunteered on Committees for SBCA as well as the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC). He reviewed the past year's accomplishments and discussed concerns regarding funding for the reserve account.

**Disaster Preparedness:** Kevin Ryan and Pat Lohrey gave a brief disaster preparedness presentation. They sought volunteers to act as Block Captains to assist neighbors during a significant calamity. They hope to have a ratio of one to ten. To volunteer, contact either Ryan or Lohrey.

**PLVC:** Tom Stone, PLVC President, gave a brief presentation on the role of the PLVC. He also made a plea for volunteers to staff committees.

## South Bay Potluckers

Break out those marvelous recipes and dust off your picnic baskets. It's time for the South Bay Potluck on **Monday, September 26** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Bay Club.

Aren't we all tired of our own cooking by now? As a solution, we encourage all you wonderful cooks to sign up to bring a salad, a dessert or a main dish. Let's get together with our friends and neighbors, some of whom may be preparing to fly South for the winter.

You will need to bring your own place settings, a dish to share that will serve 8-10, the beverage of your choice and \$1 per person. Please sign up in the Activities notebook at the Bay Club desk.

## Message from the SBCA Board

by Pat Traci, SBCA President

The South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Board of Directors' Goals for 2011/2012 are:

Improve communication between the Board of Directors, members and management by:

- Reaching out to Village presidents twice yearly to enlist ideas on how to improve communications between the SBCA Board and the community.
- Encouraging member attendance at Board of Directors' meetings.
- Conducting a survey of members to determine how communication and services can be improved.
- Writing monthly articles for the *Voice* highlighting a particular Board business subject or achievement.

Exhibit the fiscal responsibility of SBCA resources to the benefit of the membership by:

- Fully orienting the new Assistant Treasurer.
- Providing a Finance Committee final Process Review report to the Board and members.
- Completing the independent audit this fiscal year.
- Expanding input to the Finance Committee from the community in reviewing expense control and in making recommendations to the Board.
- Investigating and implementing, as appropriate, approaches to increasing revenue from new sources.

Maintain all SBCA facilities and other assets to the highest standards for reliable operation and safety of the membership and other users by:

- Reviewing the SBCA Reserve Study completed in 2010-2011 to ascertain how it should be implemented in order to comply with the new legislation, HR 1309, pertaining to homeowner association (HOA) Reserves.

- Scheduling and facilitating three meetings with the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board of Trustees to share best practices.
- Reviewing and revising, as necessary, the SBCA's mission and developing a vision for its future.

The new SBCA Board looks forward to working with the community in striving to achieve these goals.

## Calling All Free Spirits

October is coming and that means Halloween—a time when witches and goblins roam the earth. Free Spirits is bringing back a great Halloween party after a three-year break. A “spirited” evening starts with scary appetizers, followed by a wonderful meal and ending with a delectable dessert.

The event is scheduled for **Saturday, October 29**, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. Costumes are encouraged; start designing now. The cost is \$22 for Free Spirits members; \$29 for non-members. Signup will begin on **Friday, October 1** at the Bay Club. Details will arrive by flyer and in the October *Voice*.

We look forward to an evening full of surprises and entertainment. Hold the date and please plan to join us.

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# Arts and Entertainment

*This section features news on Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events as well as a performing arts calendar for Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit news and calendar items to Beverly Rothenborg, editor, at [bevrothenborg@broadstripe.net](mailto:bevrothenborg@broadstripe.net) by the 10th of the preceding month.*

## Classical Crossover Group IL VOCE Launches Performing Arts Season

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Contributing Writer

What is or who are IL VOCE? It is “The Voices”—a fresh face on “Classical Crossover” or “Popera.” They are four classically trained singers: Soprano Tiffany Desrosiers, tenor Marc Devigne, coloratura soprano Melody Mercredi and baritone DJ Calhoun. With memorable live performances at the 2010 Winter Olympics and the Canada Day birthday celebration later that summer in Vancouver, IL VOCE now is touring the Pacific Northwest and you can hear them right here in Port Ludlow.

On **Saturday, September 24**, at 8:00 p.m., the Port Ludlow Arts Council celebrates its 20th anniversary of bringing outstanding entertainment to our community—continually focused on raising the bar to higher levels of talent, professionalism and showmanship. The elegant evening of music will feature the classical crossover or popera group IL VOCE, whose amazing sound, created by combing these four magical voices, is complimented by their beautiful and distinctive look. Together and individually they bring passion and virtuosity to their unique interpretations of romantic, classical, pop and opera favorites—truly setting them apart.

Landmark concerts in the 1990s and early 2000 by The Three Tenors laid the foundation for classical crossover as we know it today. Pavarotti, Carreras and Domingo brought a combination of opera, Neapolitan folksong, musical theater and pop to vast television audiences. Similarly the genre popera is a fusion of classically trained singers performing popular music—and you’ll find there’s something compelling about a classically trained voice performing upbeat music. Il Divo, probably the most well-known popera group, was created specifically to perform popera.

Noting the success of classical crossover groups, Canadian-based Dexter Entertainment sought to form a crossover group and carefully selected each member of IL VOCE based on their wonderful voices and looks—two from Vancouver Opera and two who were flourishing in the pop/crossover style. (See the August *Voice* for information on each member.)

Of course it wouldn’t be an anniversary without a party, so arrive early on **Saturday, September 24** at 7:00 p.m., in as much glitz as you’d like, and enjoy a taste of bubbly. Tuxedo-clad greeters will welcome you, you’ll have an opportunity to select your seat and then enjoy artwork by Elizabeth Harmon, a member of the Port Ludlow Artists’ League.

Tickets for this special musical event are \$24, but you can still save money with a 7-concert season subscription at \$140, equal to \$20 per concert. As a subscriber, you’ll enjoy preferred center-section seating. Another money-saving option is the six-ticket Flex Pass at \$132, which can be exchanged in advance at the Bay Club for any concert in the series—all for one or for several. The Bay Club box office now has both packages as well as individual tickets for IL VOCE available for sale. To order individual tickets by credit card, go to [www.brownpaper-tickets.com](http://www.brownpaper-tickets.com), which can be accessed by a link on [portludlowartscouncil.com](http://portludlowartscouncil.com).

**Pre-Concert Supper:** All dressed up and you don’t want to cook? Enjoy a Performing Arts Pre-Concert Supper beginning at 5:00 p.m., at The Fireside. In honor of IL VOCE, the \$15 supper will feature Chicken Saltimbocca, made with prosciutto, fontina and fresh sage, Marsala wine, mushroom sauce and fresh Pappardelle. Optional meal enhancements include a local green salad with red onion and shaved Parmesan, dressed with Balsamic vinaigrette at \$3, and/or a dessert of fresh berries with sabayon at \$3.

## Port Townsend Film Festival



For 12 years the Port Townsend Film Festival has offered the single most intimate venue on the Pacific Northwest film calendar with an eclectic, hand-selected film roster from regional, national and international artists. The 2011 Festival begins on **Friday, September 23** and continues until **Sunday, September 25**. The schedule for the Festival had not been released at press time.

There are a variety of passes available and they offer maximum flexibility with minimum hassle. They come in a variety of price ranges and combinations. Go online at [www.pffilmfest.com](http://www.pffilmfest.com) or call 379-1333 to get additional information.

## Turtle Bluff III Goes to E-Mail

Coffee Concerts continue every Monday and Tuesday, 10:00 a.m., at the Discovery Bay home of Gwendolyn Moore. Beginning in September you may receive weekly and/or monthly brochures by e-mail. Turtle Bluff's mailing list had grown to almost 600 and the snail mail process had become too cumbersome. E-mail is now available by calling 385-3626.

At press time the music for **Monday and Tuesday, September 5 and 6**, will be Chopin's *Dance Music*, Bach's *Concerto in C Major*, and *Concerto in F* by Gershwin. The latter two selections will feature Barbara Hinchliff with Moore on duo pianos.

Turtle Bluff III is located at 523 Blue Ridge Road in Port Townsend. Call the number listed above to make your reservation.

## Theater Lovers to See *Double Indemnity*

On **Sunday, November 20**, the Kala Point Theater Lovers will attend the 2:00 p.m. performance of *Double Indemnity* at Seattle's ACT Theater. The Port Ludlow community is invited to join them.

*Double Indemnity* is a new musical with a nail-biting take on the famous novel that probes the shadowy human soul. Lust, intrigue and cliffhanging twists amp up this much-loved crime tale that Billy Wilder also adapted for his classic film. In the amoral Los Angeles of the 1930s, discontented insurance agent Walter Huff encounters temptations too great to resist and embarks on a dark

journey to escape his life. This world premiere produced by R. Hamilton Wright and David Pichette will be performed in the intimate Falls Theatre at ACT.

Fantastic seats located in the fourth and fifth rows of the center section have been reserved at special group pricing. After departing Kala Point, an All-Points Charters bus will make a stop at 11:00 a.m. in Port Ludlow at either the Bay Club or Visitor Center to pick up attendees, arriving in Seattle at 1:00 p.m. Following the performance, the group will stop for dinner at a restaurant to be decided around 5:00 p.m. Departure from Seattle is expected to be at 6:30 p.m. with a Port Ludlow drop off around 7:45 p.m. Seating is limited!

Ticket prices for the show and the charter bus \$80.50 per person for adults with seniors 65 and over charged \$73.75 each. If you prefer to provide your own transportation, theater tickets only are \$40.50 per adult and \$33.75 each for seniors 65-plus. These prices exclude tips and dinner.

In order to attend, payment must be received by **Wednesday, October 5**. Send your check payable to Suz Garthwaite at 691 Kala Point Drive, Port Townsend, WA 98368. Be sure to include contact information such as an e-mail address or phone number. Tickets for the show and/or the bus are nonrefundable; however if your plans change, you may sell your ticket or bus reservation.

If you'd like more information or wish to be on the e-mail roster for further information, contact Suz at 360-344-3361 or [KPTTheaterLovers@gmail.com](mailto:KPTTheaterLovers@gmail.com).

## Annual Barbershop Concert



The Admiral Theatre in Bremerton will be the scene of the Kitsap Chordsmen's annual concert on

**Saturday, September 17**, with two shows, 2:00 and 7:00 p.m. Join the Chordsmen for a humorous look at the Old West with their show, "Down at the OK Chorale."

The 2:00 p.m. show is festival seating and tickets are \$12 or \$25 for the whole family. There is reserved seating for the 7:00 p.m. show with tickets priced at \$15 for the balcony, \$20 for loge and \$25 for main floor. The Admiral Theatre is located at 515 Pacific Avenue. Tickets can be ordered by calling 360-337-SING or online at [www.singkitsap.org](http://www.singkitsap.org).

## Performing Arts Calendar

### Thursday through Sunday, September 1 to 4

*BARK!* follows six canine characters at Deena's Doggie Day-care. From the puppy who yearns to bark like a real dog, to the opera-singing poodle and the street mutt who raps — this musical is sort of like *Cats* only with dogs, various times, Key City Public Theatre, Port Townsend, 379-0195, [www.keycitypublictheatre.org](http://www.keycitypublictheatre.org).

### Saturday, September 3

Final outdoor concert at Battery Bankhead, Fort Flagler State Park on Marrowstone Island, features the Navy Band Northwest's show band, Deception Pass, which is comprised of vocalists, a rhythm section and a small horn section, 3:00 p.m., 437-2816. [www.flaglerflashes.blogspot.com](http://www.flaglerflashes.blogspot.com). Admission, \$5.

### Saturday, September 3

PT Shorts presents *The Lover* by Marguerite Duras, 7:30 p.m., Pope Marine Building, Port Townsend. Readings of literary works are presented in conjunction with the monthly Gallery Walk and sponsored by the PT Arts Commission, 385-7396, [www.keycitypublictheatre.org](http://www.keycitypublictheatre.org).

### Saturday, September 3

Get ready to laugh with The EDGE when this troupe improvises an evening of music and comedy from audience suggestions, 7:30 p.m., Bainbridge Performing Arts, 206-842-8569, [www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org](http://www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org).

### Saturday and Sunday, September 3 and 4

It's the final weekend for Concerts in the Barn: duo pianists will perform Mozart, Stravinsky and Ravel, Olympic Music Festival, Quilcene, grounds open at 11:00 a.m., music starts at 2:00 p.m., 732-4800, [www.olympicmusicfestival.org](http://www.olympicmusicfestival.org).

### Thursday, September 8

This will be a West Coast premier screening of *Charlotte: A Wooden Boat Story*, 7:00 p.m., Northwest Maritime Center, Port Townsend, [www.woodenboat.org](http://www.woodenboat.org).

### Friday through Sunday, September 9 to 11

A semi finalist for the prestigious 2011 Eugene O'Neill Playwrights Conference, *Jalopies* tells the true story of nine brave retirement residents and their attempts to hold onto their way of life, 7:30 p.m. plus Sunday at 2:00 p.m., Bainbridge Performing Arts, 206-842-8569, [www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org](http://www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org).

### Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, September 9 – October 9

We learn about the lives, loves and dreams of *The Marvelous Wonderettes* as they sing through classic hits from the late 1950s. In Act Two, we find them at their 10-year reunion, still singing, dreaming and dealing with life's changes, 8:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. on Sundays, Jewel Box Theatre, Poulsbo, 360-779-9688, [www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org](http://www.jewelboxpoulsbo.org).

### Friday, September 23

A fusion of the arts, *Jazz Canvas* is a two-hour performance combining jazz music and a painter who begins and ends a large work of art in response to the music. You'll hear vocalist Greta Matassa and a back-up combo. It's spontaneous and unique. The artwork will be raffled off at the end of the show, 7:00 p.m., Bainbridge Performing Arts, 206-842-8569, [www.jazzcanvasonline.com](http://www.jazzcanvasonline.com).

### Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24

An evening of silent films accompanied, as in the good old days, by live music from the Port Angeles Symphony. Bring your own picnic dinner, beverages provided, 7:30 p.m., Friday at Sequim Boys and Girls Club, Saturday at Vern Burton Community Center, Port Angeles, 360-457-5579, [www.portangelessymphony.org](http://www.portangelessymphony.org).

### Friday and Sunday, September 23 and 25

For more than a century audiences have been thrilled by Puccini's poignant story of *Madama Butterfly*, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, Friday, 6:00 p.m. dinner and 7:30 p.m. show, and Sunday 3:00 p.m. show, 360-373-6743, [www.admiraltheatre.org](http://www.admiraltheatre.org).

### Saturday, September 24

The Arts Council's 20th Anniversary gala season opener with the magical voices of IL VOCE, whose passion and virtuosity is evident in their unique interpretations of romantic, classical, pop and opera favorites. Opening Night Reception and seat selection at 7:00 p.m., concert at 8:00 p.m., Bay Club, 437-2208. Info and link to [brownpapertickets.com](http://brownpapertickets.com) through [www.portludlowartscouncil.com](http://www.portludlowartscouncil.com). Pre-Concert Supper, beginning at 5:00 p.m., The Fireside.

## Old Time Fiddlers

After a summer hiatus, members of the Washington Old Time Fiddlers Association (WOTFA) will be gathering again for their regular jam sessions. They are dedicated to the preservation and performance of old-time fiddle music. WOTFA has a mentoring program and welcomes new and experienced musicians to join them. Take your instruments or just your ears since many folks turn out just to enjoy the music.

The Fiddlers will meet **Saturday, September 10** at the Sequim Prairie Grange, with an informal jam session, noon to 1:30 p.m., and performance from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. They gather again on **Saturday, September 24** at the Tri-Area Community Center in Chimacum, with an informal jam session from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., followed by the two-hour performance. This same schedule repeats every month on the second and fourth Saturdays.

Performances are free but donations to support scholarships are always welcome. More information may be found at <http://d15.wofta.org>.



# Port Ludlow Associates

## Developer News

by *Diana Smeland, Port Ludlow Associates, President*

I am hoping that summer is still going strong and that we are blessed with great weather through the end of October. I have had a very busy summer but have started to think about the holidays. They are not too far away.

**People Changes: Yeah!** I have been Controller for the last couple of months and am very excited to welcome David Bauch. David is a Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and a Certified Management Accountant (CMA), so is very fluent in the accounting world. Talking about fresh eyes, Ryan Mowery, Office Managing Broker at John L. Scott Real Estate, is working on some great ideas for our office. Stay tuned!

**Condo Presales:** In the near future we will be rolling out plans to build a four-unit building near the Harbormaster. This unit will be for presale only. We will begin building once we have four signed contracts. We have been receiving many requests to start the condos. Stay tuned!

**News:** The Acrobat show at the Marina was on Tuesday through Thursday, August 23 to 25. Besides being in the *Voice*, it was on our website. For up-coming events, check out our website at [www.portludlowresort.com](http://www.portludlowresort.com). Scroll down on the left and click on calendar to see what will be occurring in the near future. You can also sign up for future information. It is an easy way to stay informed without having to remember to go to the website for specials and events. You can also stop at one of our outlets and pick up a calendar for the month.

If you have questions or comments, e-mail me at [dsmeland@portludlowassociates.com](mailto:dsmeland@portludlowassociates.com) or reach me on my direct line, 437-8342.

## Resort News

by *Debbie Wardrop, General Manager, The Resort At Port Ludlow*

September is one of my favorite months. The long days of summer linger. It is a time of renewal and “fresh starts” as school begins. And it is preparation for my favorite season—now more than ever with the blackberries finally ready to pick and eat and the trees on the verge of changing into glorious colors.

There are lots of birthdays in September—have you ever noticed? And your birthday is so uniquely yours! We should all celebrate our birthday! Please let us know it is yours when you come into the Fireside—we won’t sing (unless you insist) but we will acknowledge your day!

Grandparents Day is on **Sunday, September 11**. That is 9-11-11. If you are a grandparent, please come in—bring your grandchild. We are introducing our new Kids’ Menu and will offer a dessert on that day to celebrate you as a wonderful grandparent! If your grandchild is not here, at least bring a photo so we know you aren’t fibbing.

The first concert of the Arts Council’s new season is **Saturday, September 24**, and features a classical crossover or popera foursome from Vancouver, B.C.—IL VOCE. I have heard them on YouTube and was blown away. In a partnership with the Arts Council, The Fireside will offer a Performing Arts Pre-Concert Supper in conjunction with concerts starting at \$15. The entrée for the first dinner served from 5:00 p.m. on concert night will be Chicken Saltimbocca with prosciutto, fontina and fresh sage, marsala wine and mushroom sauce and fresh pappardelle. It can be enhanced with a local green salad, red onion and shaved Parmesan, balsamic vinaigrette at \$3 and with a dessert of fresh berries with sabayon at \$3. Call for reservations at 437-7412.

Thankfully, our September is quite busy with corporate groups. That makes us think—do you have a group that would enjoy staying with us—a business retreat, a family reunion, a planning meeting? Do you serve on your college/university Alumni Board? Have a military connection? Do you attend gatherings of these types in other locations? We have 37 rooms and very appropriate meeting space with outstanding banquet staff to serve your needs. If this makes something “click” and you send us a referral, we’ll be grateful and take good care of your guests. Please call me at 437-7070 or e-mail [dwardrop@portludlowresort.com](mailto:dwardrop@portludlowresort.com) with your leads!

We continue with the Sunday Burger Night and Monday Fish and Chips. Northwest Seafood will be the next cooking class on **Friday, September 9**, 9:00 a.m. on the Veranda, weather permitting. Come learn with us all about the bounties of the Salish Sea.

### A Day with Chef Dan

Friday, September 9  
9:00 a.m. – noon

#### Northwest Seafood



Class will be on the Veranda, weather permitting.  
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# Mariners' News

## Dock Talk

by Kori Ward, Marina Manager

I just can't believe Labor Day weekend is upon us already! What happened to July and August? Guest moorage at the Marina saw a slight decrease this year, but the boats that did make it out all had wonderful comments regarding the Marina facilities and staff. I'm so lucky to have such a wonderful crew to work with—Jane Richardson, Gary Hansen, Kathy Powell, Gary Kavanagh, Janice Hansen, John Pendleton and Anne Whipple. Thank you for your hard work and dedication—you're all simply the best!

Although the September sun is shining and the temps are in the 70s, autumn winds should be on your mind. The winds will begin to shift to the south before you know it, and many of the boats in the Marina don't prepare for the drastic change. Please ensure that your boat will not impact the dock or dock box and make sure you have extra fenders out along with lines that are more than adequate. Please do not coil your power cord or water hose around the dock box. The coiled objects on the dock look messy and have a way of trapping dirt. Check your bilges for any oil or debris because once the rains start the debris will eventually go out through your bilge pump.

Here are a few additional matters that need some attention before the southerlies hit:

- Dinghies should be extra secure.
- All canvas should be removed or secured. Every year our lost and found fills up with winch and window covers and ripped mooring canvas. The canvas guys love this but our customers don't, so save the expense and make sure everything is shipshape and ready for a good blow.
- Ensure that your halyards are secure. The constant banging drives live-aboards crazy during the long winter nights. As long as you are securing your halyards, make sure your headsails are secure as well. Every year a few come undone and create quite a costly mess.
- Remove your dock steps from your pier. They will blow off!

## USCG Auxiliary

by Ian McFall, Flotilla Commander



Auxiliary member David Aho assists visitor to Festival By The Bay booth.

Photo by Joe Langjahr or Dick Moore

The highlight for the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) Auxiliary this month was undoubtedly the Festival By The Bay where our booth attracted over 200 visitors. Over 2,500 people bought buttons to attend this great event that just gets better and better every year. Auxiliary members Dave Aho, Bob Knutson, Dick Moore and Kevin Ryan manned the USCG Auxiliary booth for three days. The USCG Helicopter and Rescue Swimmer was a huge success and attracted a lot of people. Hundreds of boating safety pamphlets were handed out, and several boat owners signed up to have their vessels examined by the Auxiliary for any safety issues. This is a free service. We also gained a few potential new recruits. Many thanks to our "Coasties" for putting on this show and to Aho for making it all happen!

On August 1, the Flotilla responded to a request by the USCG J-HOC (Joint Operations Center in Seattle) to provide standby vessels in Admiralty Inlet and the Hood Canal on every Saturday and Sunday for the rest of the summer. The purpose of these Stand-By operations is to supplement the services of the regular Coast Guard so that the response time is shortened in cases where the Auxiliary vessels are capable of providing appropriate emergency assistance. This effort involves a total of 8 vessels and over 20 people, an awesome commitment for such a small volunteer organization.

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# Tide and Timber

## From the Desk of the D.O.G.

by Vito M. DeSantis, PGA Director of Golf

Last month Port Ludlow Golf Club hosted our Annual Member-Guest Tournament and Demo Day extravaganza. There were clubs to try at the Demo and much fun to be had by all at both events. Congratulations to the winners of the tournament and thanks to those who supported the Demo Day.

For those who were not able to make it to the Demo Day, we had Callaway Golf, ADAMS, Cleveland Golf and Nike Golf on site. Not only did they show off their new 2011 equipment but also gave us a sneak peak at the latest equipment hitting the market in early 2012. Everyone, including our wonderful vendors, felt that this Demo Day was the best attended so far in Port Ludlow and a unanimous success.

The vendors like coming to Port Ludlow! They are Buck Morrow with Callaway, Scott Nelson with Cleveland and Sean Beull with Nike. They always exceed my expectations with their dedication to our membership. If you have had a chance to meet any of these gentlemen, you understand they have passion for and commitment to the game of golf.

Last but not least, I want to thank all of the incredible staff that made the Member-Guest tournament the best yet. It definitely wasn't the biggest field of all time, but it was a great example of what a dedicated few can pull off when all are focused on a common goal.

## News from the Niners

by Beverly Browne, Scribe

The Niner ladies start **Thursday, September 1**, with the game we all love, Criars. The two worst holes for each player get thrown out and revert to par. Ladies play on Timber with the first tee off taking place at 8:33 a.m.

The exchange with the Peninsula club is on **Wednesday, September 7**. Sign up for the exchange at the Club. The fourth Captain's Cup competition will be **Thursday, September 8** starting at 8:33 a.m. on Tide. On **Thursday, September 15** the ladies and gentlemen will enjoy playing a shotgun at 3:00 p.m. on Tide. The game is a four-person scramble. It will be followed by a heavenly repast at the Beach Club where you may tell tall tales of golfing goofs and glories. Do remember to sign up separately and bring place settings and beverages.

The last two games of the month for the ladies are Par Three on **Thursday, September 22** and Card Sharks on **Thursday, September 29**, both starting at 9:00 a.m.

The Men's Niner schedule in September is almost entirely devoted to the Ludlow Challenge. Except for the Couples Shotgun on **Thursday, September 15** all games will be Challenge competitions.

So here is a little bit of wisdom from Jack Nicklaus for you guys: Ask yourself how many shots you would have saved if you never lost your temper, never got down on yourself, always developed a strategy before you hit, and always played within your own capabilities. Try it out and may the best man win!

## September Sunshine

by Bonnie Vahcic, PLWGA Captain

September has traditionally brought better weather than June in this neck of the woods, and there are very high hopes that the pattern holds true this year. Speaking for the Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (PLWGA) women golfers, we're looking for sunshine right through October.

We had some pretty exciting women's golf events in August. The Pacific Northwest Golf Association (PNGA) completed their Women's Amateur and Mid-Amateur. The winner of the Amateur was 18-year-old Aaren Ziegler of Canby, Oregon. The Mid-Amateur Champion was Sandra Turbide of Maple Ridge, B.C.

The following week Port Ludlow hosted the Washington State Women's Public Links Championship, three days of medal play. The winner of the championship flight was Brooke Hempel of Hawk's Prairie and the runner up was local golfer, Bonnie Vahcic. Diane Kobz, also of Port Ludlow, took second place in her flight.

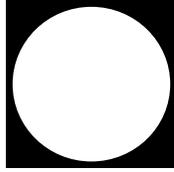
Bonnie Vahcic won our own Captain's Cup Challenge with Carol Katuzny, the runner-up.

Play Days Away were held at Dungeness and Trophy Lake this past month. We have also had the Men's Golf Association (MGA)/WGA Exchanges. Both organizations host the other for one day of play and a luncheon at Niblick's. These are always enjoyable with a nice honey pot to share with the winners. Our Mid-Year Luncheon and membership meeting was held on August 2, graciously hosted by Linda Aho. Social Chairman Beth Weaver and her dedicated committee served lunch.

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The two big events in September are the Gal's Golf Getaway and the All Star Cup. At this year's getaway we will share a lovely home on the Suncadia Golf Course and play golf at a couple of different courses in the area. Turney Oswald put the event together. The All Star Cup will be played on **Tuesday, September 27**. Golfers accumulate participation points all year long in order to qualify for one of the two competing teams in this all day match-up, one of the most exciting and enjoyed events of the year.



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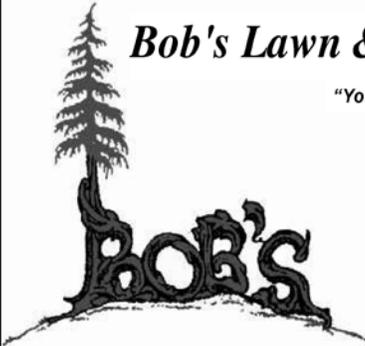
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# Regional News

## This Month on the Peninsula

**Biplane Rides:** Goodwin Aviation Company, Jefferson County International Airport, 360-531-1727.

**Coffee Concerts at Turtle Bluff III:** 523 Blue Ridge Road, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10:00 a.m. For reservations, call 385-3626.

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

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

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

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

**JCHS First Friday Lecture:** Port Townsend City Council Chambers, 540 Water Street, **Friday, September 2**, 7:00 p.m. Environmentalist Connie Gallant speaks on the Olympic Peninsula: Restoring what we have lost and protecting what we still have.

**Living History Walking Tours:** Port Townsend Uptown starting at the JCHS Museum, Downtown starting at the Rothschild House, 2:00 p.m. \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 12. Call 385-1003.

**Markets:** Port Ludlow, Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; Chimacum, Sundays, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.; Port Townsend, Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. and Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Northwest Maritime Center:** 431 Water Street, Port Townsend. Tours are available. Pets are not allowed in the building. Call 360-385-3628, ext 102 for information.

**Olympic National Park Ceremony:** Port Angeles, Celebrating the removal of the Elwha and Clines Canyon Dams, **Saturday, September 17**.

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

**Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC):** 200 Battery Way, Fort Worden State Park, Natural history and marine exhibits. Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays, noon to 4:00 p.m. Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for youths 6-17, PTMSC members free. Call 385-5582, e-mail [info@ptmsc.org](mailto:info@ptmsc.org) or visit [www.jchsmuseum.org](http://www.jchsmuseum.org) for a schedule of events.

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

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

**Rothschild House:** 418 Taylor Street, Port Townsend, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Special exhibit of floral print dresses, 1890s-1960s. Call 385-1003 or visit [jchsmuseum.org](http://jchsmuseum.org) for additional information.

## Huntingford Humanities Lecture



Mary Doria Russell, author of "Doc."

Courtesy photo

Author Mary Doria Russell will present the 2011 Huntingford Humanities Lecture at the Chimacum High School auditorium on **Tuesday, October 11** at 6:30 p.m. Russell will discuss her latest book, *Doc*, as well as her career as a writer.

Russell is the author of *The Sparrow*, *Children of God*, *A Thread of Grace*, *Dreamers of the Day* and *Doc*. Her novels have won nine national and international literary awards, including the Arthur C. Clarke Award, the James Tiptree Award, and the American Library Association Readers' Choice Award. *The Sparrow* was selected as one of *Entertainment Weekly's* ten best books of the year and *A Thread of Grace* was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

The Huntingford Humanities Lecture was established in 2001 in memory of Sara L. Huntingford, a long-time supporter of the Jefferson County Library. Copies of Russell's books will be available for purchase following the event.

## Hula Dancers at Grocery Outlet Opening

Port Ludlow's hula dancers from Na Hula O Kauhale No Nahele Kai will be performing at the grand opening of the new Grocery Outlet in Silverdale, **Saturday, September 10**, from 11:00 a.m. until noon. There will be hot dogs and drinks available for \$1 to benefit Habitat for Humanity. The new store is in the former Red Apple Market at 9451 Silverdale Way NW.

Owner Mae Respicio, who also has the Grocery Outlet in Bremerton, says the new store will have an assortment of cheeses that will beat Trader Joe's!

## Crafts by the Dock Fair

The Port Townsend Arts Guild presents their 38th Crafts by the Dock Fair on Madison Street downtown and the new Port Townsend Civic Plaza on **Saturday, September 10**, 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., **and Sunday, September 11**, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The show will feature 54 artists from the Olympic Peninsula, the Northwest area and several from out of state.

Returning to this year's show are Jack and A.J. Ferrell of Florida, tile murals; Gloria Shannon, intricate silver work; Fernando Flecha, handmade furniture; Gunter Reimnitz, hand wrought steel creations; Jess Hogan, lamp work beads; Michele Raney, enamel on silver cloisonné jewelry; Jerry and Rayetta Perrett, sand-blasted glass artwork; leather work from Snow Creek Leather and Daniel Groussman; and fine handmade silver chain work from local artist Shirley Moss. Suzanne de la Torre of Seattle will have colorful knitted sweaters for sale and Zeus of Zee-glass and Tim Keyzers will have amazing blown glass paperweights and vases.

In addition, Community Bowl Project will be there with tables of blank bowls awaiting your creative painting designs. Bowls that are already painted can be purchased with all proceeds going to the Jefferson County Food Bank.

The Port Townsend Arts Guild is a self supporting non-profit arts organization funding arts college scholarships and cultural events in our community. The Arts Guild donates \$3,000 to \$4,500 yearly to college bound art students from our County. For more fair information see [www.ptguide.com](http://www.ptguide.com) or the website [www.porttownsendarts-guild.org](http://www.porttownsendarts-guild.org). E-mail us at [ptartsguild@yahoo.com](mailto:ptartsguild@yahoo.com).

## Dabob Bay Forested Uplands Preserved

The Nature Conservancy, a leading proponent of protecting environmentally vulnerable lands, has purchased 383 acres of forested uplands within the Dabob Bay Natural Area along Hood Canal in Jefferson County. The land was purchased from Pope Resources (POPE) and transferred to the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to be managed as part of the Dabob Bay Natural Area.

The two pieces of property acquired protect mixed forests of Douglas fir, western red cedar, red alder and big-leaf maple on the steep slopes surrounding Dabob Bay, one of the least developed shorelines along Hood Canal and the Puget Sound. It also helps connect coastal forest and freshwater systems to the marine waters of Hood Canal.

Dabob Bay, one of the highest quality salt marsh estuaries in Puget Sound, is vital to orcas, Chinook and chum salmon, forage fish such as sand lance and smelt, and many species of shorebirds. It also is an important breeding ground for the native Olympia oyster and commercial species. The Bay's six family-owned shellfish companies support about 25 jobs. Protecting these forests fosters jobs by ensuring that clean water will continue to flow off the hillsides into the Bay, vital to the health of the aquaculture industry.

"I want to thank Pope Resources for its cooperation in making this acquisition possible," said Karen Anderson, the Conservancy's Washington director. "To restore Puget Sound, we need clean water, healthy forests and natural beaches. With this acquisition, we're able to protect forests that are essential to the water quality in this natural nursery for shellfish, and ultimately in Puget Sound." The acquisition complements the Conservancy's 25-year commitment to conservation in Dabob Bay.

"We are delighted to partner with The Nature Conservancy and the DNR on this acquisition within the Dabob Bay Natural Area," said David L. Nunes, President and CEO of Pope Resources. "When the Natural Area boundary was expanded in 2009, we agreed to delay planned logging to give our conservation partners time to raise the money necessary for this purchase." The company has committed nearly 20,000 acres to permanent conservation.

## Northwind Presents "Story/Lines"

In September Northwind Arts Center presents the work of Shane Miller and Kim Kopp. While working in different media and imagery, these two local artists' works share a fascination with linear elements and a subtle, metallic palette. Miller's exquisitely detailed etched metal book/boxes tell complex stories; Kopp's layered paintings delight in the more abstract use of line.

Kopp's current series of works on paper explores theme and variation using tangled and untangling abstracted compositions. "As a child I had a skill, patience, a desire for untangling knotted things no one else would bother with; necklaces, bits of string, a jump rope, the dog's leash," Kopp says of her work. "As an artist, the thread of my work has evolved over the past 20 years and found its way back to this childhood fascination." Kopp is a graduate of the EDGE Professional Development Program, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and the University of Chicago.

Combining metalwork with found objects, Miller says her narrative boxes were born out of a need for more

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surface area to tell a story. “Being a child of the south, where story telling is a prerequisite, the expansion of my jewelry into narrative boxes was a natural one. Many of the boxes are developed around vintage photographs, a format I have been drawn to for years. Also, there is often an element of science or biology intertwined with the narrative. In a former life I was a fisheries biologist and am still awed by the natural world.”

“Story/Lines” runs from **Friday, September 2 through Monday, September 26**. There will be an artist reception/open house on **Saturday, September 3**, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Miller and Kopp will discuss their work at the Northwind Arts Center Gallery on **Sunday, September 18**, at 2:00 p.m. The Arts enter is located at 2409 Jefferson Street in Port Townsend.

## Planned Biomass Incinerator Challenged

Seven environmental groups have filed an appeal with Washington’s Pollution Control Hearings Board, challenging the recent decision of the Olympic Regional Clean Air Agency (ORCAA) to issue an air permit for the proposed Nippon biomass project near Port Angeles. They are: Protect the Peninsula’s Future, North Olympic Group of the Sierra Club, Olympic Environmental Council, Olympic Forest Coalition, Port Townsend Air Watchers, World Temperate Rainforest Network and No Biomass Burn.

The appeal is based on ORCAA’s alleged failure to protect public and environmental health and the health of the environment when it approved Nippon’s request for a permit. Bill Lynette of the Sierra Club says that ORCAA has not required Nippon to use the best pollution control technology available, endangering the citizens on the north Olympic Peninsula.

The appellants believe that toxic pollution, particularly emission of nanoparticles, from the Nippon biomass project has been vastly understated. Nanoparticles are small enough to bypass the human body’s filtering systems and enter the blood stream. Infants, pregnant women, those with chronic illness and the elderly are especially vulnerable. Toxic pollutants like cancer-causing dioxins land on farms and gardens, lawns and streams, rivers, marshes and tidelands, threatening the farms, fish, shellfish and forests many miles from the site. For additional information contact Sierra Club spokesman, Bob Lynette, [windenergy@olypen.com](mailto:windenergy@olypen.com).

## Wooden Boat Festival

Visit Port Townsend’s Wooden Boat Festival **Friday through Sunday, September 9 to 11**, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., with added evening events. In addition to a harbor and grounds packed with almost 300 wooden boats, this year’s Wooden Boat Festival will features 125 educational presentations—everything from tool demonstrations to the latest on new technology, books and gear. Presentations this year showcase top woodworking instructors, authors and craftsmen plus more than 40 tool and boatbuilding exhibitors.

Whether it’s your trade, your next haul-out, a new career or the ability to gain skills to work on your own boat, the Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival helps inspiration become reality. Start the Festival with a half-day seminar with world renowned author Nigel Calder. Limited seating is available for The Energy Efficient Boat: a look at new technologies. Tickets are \$30 and available online at [woodenboat.org](http://woodenboat.org).

**Thursday evening, September 8**, 7:00-9:00 p.m., features the West Coast premier showing of *Charlotte*, a wooden boat story by an award-winning producer who lives part time on Martha’s Vineyard, where the film was shot. The movie documents six years of Nat Benjamin building his schooner *Charlotte* while life continues at Gannon & Benjamin boatyard through winter storms, summer sun and with many shots of real life boatbuilding. Tickets are \$10 online or at the door if space is available.

Other special evening events feature sailing legends Lin and Larry Pardey with Friday and Saturday night talks on Storm Tactics and The Unstoppable Cruising Boat. Both evening programs start at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased online or at the door if space is available.

The Wooden Boat Festival is an annual celebration complete with kids’ activities, races, music, beer and food. It takes place in the beautifully restored historic downtown civic district, including the Northwest Maritime Center and Wooden Boat Foundation facilities and historic Point Hudson Marina. Buses and ferries are in full operation for the busy weekend. For more information and tickets go to [www.woodenboat.org](http://www.woodenboat.org) or call 385-3628, ext. 106.

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## Free Tour of County Farms



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The Ninth Annual Jefferson County Washington State University (WSU) Farm Tour 2011 is **Sunday, September 18**, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. This free fun-filled and educational day features animals, farmers, food and friends—a time to reconnect with the source of your food.

Nearby farms include Ananda Hills Farm and Spring Hill Farm in Port Ludlow; Bishop Family Dairy, Finnriver Farm, Red Dog Farm, Short's Family Farm, Spring Rain Farm and Orchards, and Westbrook Angus in Chimacum; Elk Meadows in Brinnon; Jacob's Fleece, Serendipity Farm and Taylored Fibers in Quilcene; Mystery Bay Farm in Nordland on Marrowstone Island and Sunfield Farm and School in Port Hadlock. Other Jefferson County farms are located in Port Townsend, Gardiner and Discovery Bay.

The WSU Farm Tour is presented in partnership with The Port Townsend Co-Op, Port Townsend Farmer's Market, Chimacum Farmer's Market and Chimacum Corner Farmstand. Farm Tour Central this year is at the Chimacum Corner Farmstand where Center Road and Highway 19 come together. Go to [wsufarmtour.com](http://wsufarmtour.com) for details and to learn more about each of these unique small farms in Jefferson County.

In addition on **Saturday and Sunday, September 17 and 18**, five of the Jefferson County farms, including Ananda Hills, Jacob's Fleece, Spring Hill Farm and Taylored Fibers will participate in the Third Annual Olympic Peninsula Fiber Tour. For more information go to [olympen-fiberfarmtour.com](http://olympen-fiberfarmtour.com).

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## Harrison Cardiac Receives High Rating

*by Peggy L. Schafran, Wellness Committee Member*

For the second consecutive year the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS), a national association that maintains a database detailing heart bypass surgeons' work, has awarded Harrison Health Partners Bremerton Cardiothoracic Surgery a three-star rating. The heart bypass surgeon group, consisting of Doctors Chris King and William Reed, were among 81 of 324 bypass surgery groups reporting nationally to receive this rating and the only group in Washington State. The ratings, based on performance, complications and other quality measures in the year ending July 2010, were published in the September issue of *Consumer Reports* magazine.

Harrison, the only hospital on the Kitsap and Olympic Peninsulas to offer open-heart surgeries, has seen a rise in heart surgeries of all types in recent years. The vast STS database allows doctors to find out what works best and adjust their practices to help determine a course of treatment specifically tailored for the patient. This has helped decrease the national mortality rate from heart surgery from 10 percent 25 years ago to around 2.5 percent today.

## SoundRunner Receives Grant

The Port of Kingston has been awarded \$977,000 in funding from the FHWA for the SoundRunner Passenger Only Ferry project. In May, 2011, the FHWA (Federal Highway Administration) solicited applications for 11 grant programs totaling an estimated \$430 million. One of the grant programs was a Ferry Boat Discretionary (FBD) Program. These grants will support projects that work to improve safety, maintain a state of good repair, and make communities more livable.

Qualifying projects were specifically reviewed by the PSRC (Puget Sound Regional Council) for consistency with the long-range regional transportation plan, Transportation 2040, and regional policies.

## Library Bond Rejected

Voters rejected the \$9 million dollar bond measure that would have expanded the Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock. A supermajority or 60 percent plus one would have been required to pass the bond. The first count of the election ballot showed the measure being defeated 54.46 percent to 45.54 percent. Later counts are not expected to change the outcome.

Jefferson County Library Director Ray Serebrin blamed the rejection on the tough times including the drop in stock market value, the debt crisis and the downgraded credit rating. Nevertheless the bond measure got substantial support. The Library Board of Commissioners will decide later whether to return to voters with the measure.

## Farmer Helping Farmer

With a generous donation from Taylor Shellfish Farms, Sunfield Farm in Port Hadlock now has a 400-square foot greenhouse added to its long barn. "It was a long process," said David Pederson, a Sunfield spokesperson. "I was very persistent, something of a pest. Plans were made in 2008 to replace the roof on the Taylor Shellfish Hatchery in Quilcene, but put off for three years. In the long run, Taylor and Black Paw Roofing of Brinnon helped Sunfield re-use the 20-year old greenhouse material to construct the greenhouse."

The Taylor family has been part of the community for decades, starting up their business in 1880s. Sunfield Farm, part of Sunfield Land for Learning, is a non-profit organization providing a farm with Community Shared Agriculture (CSA) and a school for pre-K through grade 8, all on 81 acres of Land Trust. "It's farmer

helping farmer, neighbor helping neighbor, that makes this community so strong, even during these troubling economic times." Sunfield Land For Learning information can be found at [sunfieldfarm.org](http://sunfieldfarm.org) and Taylor Shellfish info at [taylorshellfishfarms.com](http://taylorshellfishfarms.com).

For a tour of Sunfield Farm, call Pederson at 360-301-3220 for group tours or more information about Sunfield or the Taylor Hatchery.

## Free Saturdays at Museums

The Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) reminds Jefferson County residents that the first Saturday of every month is "Free Day at the Museums." Included are the Jefferson County Museum in Port Townsend's historic 1892 City Hall, the 1868 Rothschild House Museum in Uptown Port Townsend and the 1904 Commanding Officer's Quarters at Fort Worden State Park.

Admission to the museums is always free for JCHS members. Kitsap Bank sponsors "Free Day at the Museums."



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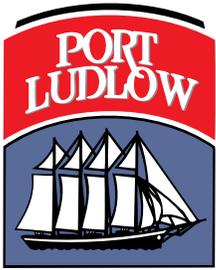
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