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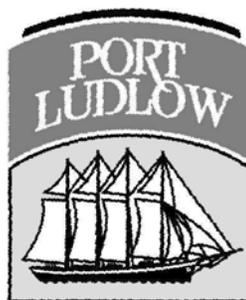
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"I'm the new WHAT?" from the Ludlow Village Players play, *The Outcast*.

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News & Community

Submit your articles by email to editor@plvoice.org no later than the 8th of the preceding month.

Before attending an event, be sure to confirm the organization's in-person status.

Editorial

by Mary Ronen, Staff Writer

After a cold and wet few months, it's nice to have March here at last with its promise of brighter, warmer days and of course, the first day of spring just around the corner on March 21.

In the meantime, we can celebrate Mardi Gras on the first—maybe with the recipe for a caipirinha you'll find in the pages of this issue, a return to Daylight Savings time on the 13th, some wearing of the green for St. Patrick's Day, and perhaps planning a spring birding trip like the one our sports editors embarked on recently. If you would rather stay inside, there are two opportunities to enjoy live performances this month. Both Ludlow Village Players and Port Ludlow Performing Arts are tempting us with a play and some music.

Never thought of yourself as a rancher? Well, you might be a "kitchen rancher" as you will find out when you read Edibles this month.

The March Voice is packed cover to cover with something for everyone.

As I am working on this issue of the *Voice*, I am reminded of the many dedicated people who make it all work. Some are relatively new, and some have been around for a long time. Some have moved away, or simply retired. And there are some who have passed on. One who just passed a few days ago was Janet Force. Janet was our South Bay editor for over 10 years before she retired a couple of years ago. In addition to being one of our staff members, she was one of the founders of the Port Ludlow Performing Arts. She will be truly missed by many of us here in Port Ludlow.

Chamber Lineup Includes Public Health Officer and Library Director

In its ongoing virtual Café program, the Chamber of Jefferson County will host two notable speakers: On **Friday, March 18**, Dr. Allison Berry, health officer for Clallam and Jefferson counties, will discuss the status of local public health and ways Jefferson County can adjust to the "new normal" moving forward. On **Friday, April 8**, Dr. Tamara Meredith, director of Jefferson County Library in Port Hadlock, will provide a preview the library's upcoming programs.

The Chamber hosts their virtual Café series monthly on each first and third Friday. Guest speakers include local business representatives as well as state, county, and city officials. Anyone interested in past Café events can watch them on the Chamber's YouTube page.

The Chamber is also offering these programs:

Leadership awards. Details and tickets for the Chamber's annual Jefferson County Community Leadership Awards can be found at jeffcountychamber.org.

Community development grants. The Chamber rolled out its second round of grants as part of its Community Development Fund. This round is being used to help businesses launch or expand a program to create new jobs and fill a community need. Details on the awardees are listed on the Chamber web site.

Women in Marine Trades meeting. Later in spring the Chamber will host a virtual event highlighting women leaders in the maritime industries, past, present, and future. Registration for this free meeting can be found at jeffcountychamber.org/events.

In the Chamber's role as a destination marketing organization for the city of Port Townsend, its focus is sustainable tourism. County visitor initiatives are under way by a number of agencies. Those initiatives include the new Kingston Express service. The bus runs from Port Townsend to the Kingston ferry, with a fare of \$8 (\$6 for seniors or riders under 18). The bus stops at Haines Place Park and Ride, Four Corners Park, the Gateway Visitors Center, and the Kingston Visitors Center. For details, see jeffersontransit.com/14kingstonexpress.

OlyCAP Needs Household Donations

The Olympic Community Action Program (OlyCAP) in Port Townsend depends on the generosity of local residents to help homeless families get a new start. When some OlyCAP families are fortunate enough to move on, they can often take donated items with them.

OlyCAP is always in need of supplies for their client families, and they are currently requesting community donations such as these:

Twin fitted-sheet sets, twin-size comforters or bedspreads, twin-sized blankets, bed pillows, bath towels, loofa sponges, kitchen pots and pans, bowls, dishes, silverware, kitchen utensils, dish drying racks, and glassware (but no wine glasses).

If you have such items you want to donate, please email Laura Paul at rlplep@yahoo.com. (Please put OlyCAP in the subject line.)

OlyCAP can also use twin bed frames, small kitchen tables and chairs, and small living room chairs. To donate these larger items, please call OlyCAP at 360-385-2571 and ask for Pam Kozora.

Land Trust Explores Indigenous-Earth Connections

Jefferson Land Trust will host a free virtual breakfast on **Thursday, March 17**, from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. A panel discussion will focus on traditional indigenous land practices in Jefferson County, past and present. It will feature members of the Jamestown and Port Gamble S'Klallam tribes with moderator David Brownell, executive director of the North Olympic History Center. For registration go to saveland.org/breakfast.

Rural Library District Hires Technology Navigator

The Jefferson County Rural Library District has hired its first digital equity navigator. Jamie Pena will be a liaison for county residents who need help finding free or low-cost home internet solutions, learning to use technology tools, or obtaining digital-literacy training.

According to Tamara Meredith, Jefferson County Library director, Pena will be working with a network of partner libraries across the eastern Olympics, as well as with other local organizations. Pena can be contacted at jpena@jclibrary.info or 360-208-8353.

Jefferson County Library, located at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock, has a lineup of community programs including the following:

Outdoor Storytime – The library offers storytime every Monday from 10:30 to 11:00 a.m. at HJ Carroll Park, rain or shine, at the covered pavilion. Participants will hear stories and sing songs that can build a love of learning. Attendees should dress for the weather, bring blankets or cushions to sit on, and follow pandemic distancing guidelines. An online version of storytime is available every Wednesday, at the same time. The link to join can be found at jclibrary.info.

Swooping Bird Kites – March 1 to 31

Kids 7 to 11 can use creativity and engineering at the library's crafting station. This month they'll be able to decorate and fold a simple bird design, then attach a string and get ready to swoop and soar.

eBooks, eAudiobooks, and eMagazines – March 1

Zoom participants will learn how to instantly borrow a variety of digital media, free with a library card. The class, from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m., will cover instructions for accessing the electronic publications using a smartphone, tablet, or computer.

How to Use Value Line – March 8

Zoom participants will get a virtual tour of Value Line, the online investment resource that provides research on companies, industries, markets, and economies. A company representative will lead the instructional program from 3 to 4 p.m. and be available for questions afterward.

Teen Breakout Bag – March 20 to 26

Teens can get an "escape room" style mystery bag at the library, then piece together clues to solve a puzzle. They'll have to crack the code to gain access to the contents of their bags. Registration is required online or by calling the library at 360-385-6544. One kit per person, ages 11 to 18, while supplies last.

WSU Seed Library – Beginning March 28

The library bookmobile is partnering with Washington State University master gardeners to deliver seeds grown only in Jefferson County. For more info see extension.wsu.edu/jefferson/master-gardener-seed-library.

The library staff can be phoned at 360-385-6544 or emailed at information@jclibrary.info. See jclibrary.info for the full event calendar.

Nearly \$2.5 Million Contributed for Region's Coastal Research

Washington Sea Grant (WSG) has announced more than \$2 million in funding for nine new marine research projects. The Puget Sound Partnership joined the effort by contributing \$432,000. The combined funds will go toward scientific endeavors for more resilient coastal ecosystems in the state.

In addition, the two groups are partnering on a graduate-student program designed to advance Puget Sound studies. "The new fellowship complements the research component by providing practical, on-the-job training for future marine professionals," said Russell Callender, director of WSG.

Below are the funded projects and their corresponding principle investigators, which were selected through a competitive process:

- *Climate change, distribution shifts and choke species: A threat assessment to advance fishery ecosystem planning* (Tim Essington, University of Washington).
- *Distinct population segments in Puget Sound rockfishes: Improving management of a vulnerable species complex* (Lorenz Hauser, University of Washington).
- *Maximizing returns on investing in barrier culvert removal in Washington State* (Sunny Jardine, University of Washington).
- *Indigenizing Science: Applying the Thirteen Moons Framework to an Indigenous research paradigm to understand Indigenous aquaculture practices* (Emma Norman, Northwest Indian College).
- *Unblocking bottlenecks in recovery of endangered pinto abalone populations* (Jacqueline Padilla-Gamiño, University of Washington).
- *Readying sustainable aquaculture for a changing ocean: Uncovering the mechanisms associated with intergenerational carryover effects to enhance bivalve resilience to acidification* (Steven Roberts, University of Washington).
- *Two-eyed seeing in practice: Participatory modeling to evaluate pinniped hunting in Puget Sound as a tool for salmon recovery* (Jonathan Scordino, Makah Tribe).
- *Legacy and emerging contaminants in seaweeds of interest for Washington State aquaculture development* (Ruth Sofield, Western Washington University).
- *Sustaining marine forests: A genomics and experimental approach to inform bull kelp restoration, aquaculture and conservation* (Jodie Toft, Puget Sound Restoration Fund).

WSG is part of a network of 34 Sea Grant institutions in the U.S. The national program is administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and funded through federal-university partnerships.

The Puget Sound Partnership is the state agency leading the region's effort to restore and protect Puget Sound. The agency coordinates the work of partners to accelerate ecosystem recovery.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

January 2022 Statistics

Fires	2
Rescue/Emergency Medical	71
Service Call	32
False Alarms	4
Hazmat	2
Total	111

Transports

Jefferson Healthcare	20
St. Michael	24
Medevac	2
Patient to Home	1

MutualAid

Aid Given	23
Aid Received	4

Fire Department Outlines Spring Tasks

Daylight Saving time begins on **March 13**—a sign that spring is almost here.

Along with moving our clocks forward one hour, now is the time to check the batteries in all smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms. Depending on applicable Covid restrictions, Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue may be able to assist with changing detectors that are mounted on high ceilings. Please contact the fire station at 360-437-2236 to check on availability.

Another task to consider when changing your clocks is to check the ‘best-if-used-by’ dates on your emergency foods and if necessary, replenish your supplies. While the ‘use by’ dates on products are there for your safety, some items can be eaten after the date stamped on the package or can. You can find many shelf-life lists on the internet or you can just type in the brand name and type of food you need information about.

This is a particularly good time to get better prepared, especially considering what we have all been through these past couple of years. When you are at the store, watch for sales or two-for-one items you can purchase and add to your home emergency pantry.

If you have any questions about the services provided by Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, please call the office at 360-437-2236 or visit plfr.org.

DigitalLife Offers Photo Session on Light and Color

Port Ludlow DigitalLife (PLDL) has set the following schedule for March:

The All Things Digital group has postponed the “Should you Upgrade to Windows 11?” discussion. Originally scheduled for March 21, it will instead be held **Monday, April 18**.

The Camera Special Interest group will hold a photography session on **Monday, March 28**, at the Bay Club from 10 a.m. to noon. Guest speaker will be Ron Gentry, whose topic will be “Light and Color in Science, Art, and Digital Photography.”

Gentry is professor emeritus of chemistry and chemical physics at the University of Minnesota. His interest in photography began when he was studying chemistry in college and had access to an equipped darkroom. As a graduate student at the University of California, he began developing his own 35mm color slides. With the development of digital cameras that could outperform film cameras, his photography horizons expanded. Originally a devotee of Canon digital SLRs, he switched to Sony mirrorless systems in 2015 and now appears to be addicted.

Participants are, as usual, invited to bring their cameras and their questions about photography, design, or equipment. For the group’s most recent photography exhibit, member galleries, and programs, see pldigitallife.org.

PLDL is open to anyone who is interested in computer and photography education. For additional information contact the organization’s president, Shirley Sandoz, at Sandoz@olypen.com or Robin Glass at prglass@comcast.net.

Free Tax Assistance Offered by AARP

IRS-certified volunteers will provide free tax preparation and e-filing for low- and middle-income taxpayers through **April 18**. Appointments are required. Locations and dates are as follows:

- Port Townsend Community Center - Tuesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Phone 360-390-5250 for an appointment.
- Tri-Area Community Center - Mondays, noon to 4 p.m. and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Phone 360-565-5068 for an appointment.
- Quilcene Community Center - The following **Saturdays: March 12, 19, and 26; April 2 and 9, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** Phone 360-316-1339 for an appointment.

Participants should bring the following to their appointments:

- Photo I.D.
- Social Security cards for taxpayer, spouse, and dependents.
- Prior-year tax return (2020 and 2019, if available).
- W-2s, 1099s, and all documents necessary to complete the 2021 return.
- Form 1095-A, Health Insurance Marketplace statement (if you received one).
- Bank account and routing I.D. numbers (typically a voided check), if direct deposit or direct debit is desired.
- Cell phone, pen, face mask.

This Tax-Aide program is sponsored by AARP and the IRS. It is available to taxpayers of all ages.

Best-Selling Author Talks to Local Book Group



Erica Bauermeister and her renovated home.

Submitted photo

Writer Erica Bauermeister was interviewed via Zoom by Martha's Book Club at the Bay Club last month. Bauermeister, a Port Townsend resident, is the author of the memoir *House Lessons: Renovating a Life*, which was the February selection of Martha's Book Club.

Bauermeister is also the author of best-selling novels including *The School of Essential Ingredients* (published in 22 countries), its sequel *The Lost Art of Mixing*, *Joy for Beginners*, and *The Scent Keeper*. She earned her Ph.D. from the University of Washington. As a reader, Bauermeister revealed that she tends towards books written by women and especially enjoys "those with lush and interconnected stories."

When Bauermeister purchased her 92-year-old Foursquare-style home in Port Townsend, it was filled with trash and desperately in need of renovation. She and her family spent many weekends emptying the home and taking sledgehammers to the walls in preparation for remodeling. At this point her children were 10 and 13, and they were firmly rooted in their Seattle neighborhood.

Bauermeister also took many solo ferry trips from Seattle to oversee the remodeling of the house. She explained that the purchase of the home was a combination of coincidences and the house speaking to her in a way that caused her to "fall in love with its straight lines and two-story structure."

This was the book club's first Zoom meeting with an author, and John Nuerenberg worked with the group's chairperson Sarah Schuch to ensure that the interview went off without any technical glitches. Some book club members joined the group on Zoom from their homes. Participants at the Bay Club were able to see and hear Bauermeister on the large screen in the Bay Club classroom and members took turns asking her questions about *House Lessons*.

When one member asked what Bauermeister was currently working on, she revealed that her experience interacting with 254

book clubs inspired her to write about seven readers and their reaction to the same book. After the author session, book group members agreed that the Zoom experience was enriching and satisfying. They said they enjoyed having the author present to answer their questions about her writing routines and her memoir *House Lessons*. Many members reported that they are looking forward to reading Bauermeister's other novels.

Online Class Will Show How to Get Started in Genealogy

The Jefferson County Genealogy Society (JCGS) will offer a two-session class, *Genealogy: The Basics*, on **Mondays, March 21 and 28**, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. The program, presented via Zoom, will be geared to beginners—people who are trying to figure out how best to approach their research.

The class will introduce the basic methods and tools used in family-history studies, including search techniques and websites. The focus will be on research in the U.S., but the basic concepts are transferrable to research for anywhere in the world.

Instructors will discuss census reports and vital records (birth, marriage, and death) needed to begin a research project. They will also explain how to locate relevant investigations done by others. Participants will learn how to organize and maintain their data, in both hard-copy and digital formats.

The fee for the class is \$30 for JCGS members and \$55 for non-members (this fee includes a one-year JCGS membership). The class will be limited to 20 students.

Deadline for registration is **Friday, March 18**. The registration form is available at the JCGS web site, wajcgs.org. Payment can be made by PayPal (wajcgs.org/classes) or by sending a check to JCGS Beginning Genealogy Class, P.O. Box 627, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

Retirement Planning in a Changing Landscape: 2022 Update

Perhaps you feel confident that you've already solidly prepared financially for your future. That's great. Nonetheless, everyone encounters unanticipated life events. That's why it's so important to understand the retirement account options available to you—now more than ever.

A free Compass & Clock seminar will address the different types of retirement accounts, inheritance planning, estate-tax implications, and the changes for 2022 that can affect the preservation of your wealth and livelihood. The online program will be held on **Thursday, March 17**, at 11:30 a.m.

Attorney Tony Hinson of Sherrard McGonagle Tizzano and Lind, will review changes to the required minimum distribution for 2022. He will show you how to get peace of mind by using planning guidelines designed to ensure you don't outlive your money.

The monthly Compass Points seminars are presented live to give attendees a chance to interact directly with the experts. For more information and registration visit compassandclock.com/registration.

While our workforce housing crisis escalates, the fact remains that **land, houses, and bedrooms** are not lacking in Jefferson County.

The focus of **Share our Spaces** is to inspire people and connect them to resources that enable immediate and near-term housing solutions. By utilizing our existing housing capacity, **we can share the space we already have to help stabilize our workforce housing crisis.**



Find the resources you need at

housingsolutionsnetwork.org



Housing Solutions Network exists to grow housing champions and empower community-led solutions. Our network of volunteers and staff identify challenges and opportunities for workforce housing and inspire transformational change through local culture and policy.

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Farming in Eastern Jefferson County

by Tim Rensema, Staff Writer



Klocker Farm.

Photo by Tim Rensema

Jefferson County is listed as one of Washington state's agricultural counties. However, you don't see the extensive corn or wheat fields of central Washington or the extensive apple orchards. In certain parts of the county, you are seeing apple orchards and cider mills such as in Chimacum Valley. Driving down SR 19 if you gaze toward the west, you see extensive fields, and in most cases, it is pastureland. During the last ice age, the valleys were carved out and lush vegetation grew to where we have peat sixty feet deep. Peat is good for burning (like in Ireland) but not so good for growing crops as it holds lots of water, making this area more of a wetland than usable fields for crops. In 1910, Jefferson County exceeded the average value of farm buildings and land, and in 1914 was classified as a "general agricultural county" (Simpson, Peter. 1986. *City of Dreams*, p.10). Today you can see where ditches have been cut in the soil to drain the land for use by some of our organic farms. If you're lucky, when traveling down Center Road in the wintertime, you may catch sight of our transient population of trumpeter swans swimming in the small ponds that form in the pasturelands. Although the principal open areas are dedicated to pastureland, there are a number of areas where crop farming takes place. Near North Beach County Park, remnants of the Chinese Gardens still exist. These were used in the early 1900s for growing vegetables such as tomatoes, beans, and other crops by the local Chinese population and sold door-to-door in Port Townsend. Farmers on Marrowstone Island raised turkeys and grew strawberries (which are still sold today). (Simpson, Peter, 1986 *City of Dreams*, pp. 11 and 52).

One of the first farmer/settlers of the Chimacum Valley was Reuben S. Robinson from New York who settled there in 1853. He served in the Northern Battalion of Territorial Volunteers as the commissary officer, appointed by Isaac Stevens, the Territorial Governor. William Bishop and William Eldridge jumped ship (the British man of war *Monarch*) in Victoria and paid an Indian to canoe them over to Port Townsend, where they eventually settled in Chimacum in 1855. (In *Port Townsend* by Thomas W. Camfield, 2000, page 43.) Bishop and Eldridge formed a partnership in the dairy business in 1857. Bishop sold out and moved to Port Townsend in 1889. His property was purchased by Portland investors who then started the Glendale Creamery in 1909, which operated late into the twentieth century. William Bishop Jr. continued in the farming trade, eventually purchasing 500 acres from Robinson and raising prize Holstein milk cows (Jefferson County Historical Society, 1966 *With Pride and Heritage*, p. 197).

Thomas Yarr Sr. came from Belfast, Ireland, and settled in Center in 1891, establishing a successful dairy herd. He started his Holstein dairy herd with cows purchased from the William Bishop famous dairy herd (Jefferson County Historic Society, 2006, *Images of America Jefferson County*, p.96). Yarr's son, Thomas Jr., played football for the famous Notre Dame team under Knut Rockne and played for the Chicago Cardinals for a few years before establishing a business and dying at age 38 of a heart attack (Camfield, p.438). John Van Trojen, a Dutch boy who went to sea at 12 on a British Man-of-War, and served 12 years on the Yangtze River, before his ship docked in Port Ludlow in 1869 and he "jumped ship." He worked on William Bishop's dairy farm until he could homestead land himself in Chimacum. He married Elizabeth Bishop (daughter Sally of Snohomish and William Bishop Sr.) and they had twelve children. Van Trojen had one of the most successful poultry farms, providing eggs to both Port Townsend and Port Ludlow (Jefferson County Historical Society, 1966. "*With Pride in Heritage – history of Jefferson County*" p.415).

Swansonville produced some meat, dairy, and eggs for the residences of Port Ludlow. The Swanson family raised dairy cattle and had a milk route providing milk to the residents of Port Ludlow (JCHS, Oral History of Signe Swanson, 10/15/1988, p.23). Arthur Swanson, early on was the butcher at the Puget Mill company store. The pork and beef came from farmers in Chimacum Valley, or in some cases from Seattle. The Werner and Klocker farms provided much of the eggs in Port Ludlow. Produce was shipped from Seattle to Port Ludlow, as farms in the area did not produce the quantity or variety to meet the needs of the town. According to Signe, local meat production was augmented by shipments of meat from Seattle.

Today, Jefferson County is still identified as an agricultural county. However, the principal farm foods produced are cider, some wine, and locally produced meat and produce that can be

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purchased either at the Chimacum or Port Townsend Farmers Markets, or through local organic stores in the area. So, as you travel the back roads of Jefferson County, keep your eyes open for the fading farmsteads and collapsing barns and imagine how tremendous they were in their heyday. There are a few out there still standing.

Old-Growth Forests

by Milt Lum, Contributing Writer

Old-growth trees were once defined by loggers as being the oldest trees yielding the highest dollar value per foot. In the 1970s scientists and forest managers began to view the value of old-growth trees as being more than an economic commodity. Forest ecology studies have demonstrated that old growth trees impact significantly the fauna and flora surrounding them.

In the report, *New Findings About Old-Growth Forests*, published by Pacific Northwest Research Station in June 2003, scientists came to the following conclusions: old-growth forests could not be defined solely by the age of the oldest trees; the ecosystems contained characteristics which were constant in all old-growth forests; old-growth forests showed regional variations; and successful management of old-growth forests required creative innovations.

The spotted owl controversy in the last decade of the twentieth century illustrates the polarizing nature attendant to preserving old-growth forests. To the timber industry and the people whose livelihood is dependent upon logging, any restrictions on public lands were a direct threat to them. Jobs and economic survival were worth more than a small ignominious bird. Unfortunately, that symbol for old forest preservation had obscured the essential facts that were being uncovered about the impact of old-growth trees. In the subsequent decades, scientists have discovered an even more critical role of these ancient trees.

In a study of Eastern white pines published in 2017, it was found that trees between 100 and 150 years of age captured more carbon than they did during their first 50 years. The oldest trees were much more efficient at absorbing and sequestering carbon than second and third growth trees. That study suggested that by simply leaving the existing forests alone there would be an offset of as much as 120 billion metric tons of fossil fuel emissions by 2100. Some of these old-growth forests are in our own backyard in the Olympic and Kitsap Peninsulas.

The Olympic National Park established in 1938 by an act of congress has provided a sanctuary for old-growth trees. These ancient groves of trees are accessed by the following trails in the Olympic National Park: Ancient Grove Nature Trail, Sol Duc Falls Trail, Marymere Falls Trail, Heart of Forest Trail, Shady Lane Trail, and Hoh River Trail. These trails make it easy to visit and appreciate the awesome beauty of these towering giants of the forest. Unlike visiting a historical site and seeing remnants of past civilizations, these are survivors of the past and are as vibrant today as they were centuries ago.

Conservancy efforts on the Kitsap Peninsula have succeeded in creating the Rhododendron Preserve, 446 acres dedicated to the preservation of the forested lands and streams within its boundaries. Established in 1915 with the initial purchase of 75 acres, the Preserve has grown to its present size through legacy donations and donated funds for purchasing the surrounding acreage. Within the Preserve are sixty-eight miles of spawning streams for the different species of salmon and steelhead. Seventy acres in the center of the Preserve contain old-growth trees anchored by a gigantic old Douglas fir named Big Tree. The access trail to the Big Tree is at 2401 Seabeck Hwy NW in Bremerton. Parking is available at the Mountaineers Kitsap Cabin and Kitsap Forest Complex.

A walk through a grove of these ancient giants is to be in the presence of a very, very old yet vibrant living thing. These trees cannot talk but they show us the value of cohabitating with other living things. They demonstrate that cooperative efforts enhance the lives of all living things around them. In the current struggle to prevent the planet from overheating, they are one of our greatest allies. Will we be some of the last of our civilization to appreciate these ancient giants?

Erythranthe, Mimulus Lewisii

by Eline Lybarger, Staff Writer

There is a bog in my landscape. In the winter it is almost a pond, for most of the summer it is just mud, but the last week of August, the surface is dry. Also, it isn't in a location where it could be easily drained. Planting it with bog plants seemed the logical option, which presented some problems as we have become so focused on drought tolerant plants that the bog plants seem to be forgotten and are hard to find.

While sorting water iris, I happened on to *Mimulus Lewisii*, a perennial herb in the Phymaceae (Lopseed) family. It was named for Meriwether Lewis of Lewis and Clark. The plant is a native from the California Sierras to Alaska and able to tolerate -10 F winters. It is happiest on the banks of mountain streams or seeps, in rich loamy soil (pH 5 to 7). At high altitude it prefers part shade, but at lower elevations it thrives in full sun as long as it is wet.

An attractive plant with broad lance-shaped, light green leaves. The flowers, on one to three-foot stems, are lobed and tubular, similar to a Penstemon. There is usually a showy abundance of pink to red blooms near the top of a many-stemmed plant. One cultivar called Allegheny monkey flower has lavender flowers. *Erythranthe tilingii* has large yellow blooms with maroon spots. Many of these are on display at the native Seed Network in Corvallis, Oregon.

They can be planted from seed or root division. In the summer, you will need to dead-head to encourage continued blooming. In the fall the plant can be cut back by 1/3 and an early spring pruning will encourage new shoots for a fuller plant and more blooms. These should make my bog beautiful.

Welcome to Cove Coffee!

by Kimberly Dodd, Guest Writer

John and Jessica Simpson bring many years of experience in the hospitality industry with them to Port Ludlow. They were married on the Port Ludlow Golf Course and fell in love with the people in this community. John, a restaurant owner, and Jessica, a property manager—these two had talked about opening a bistro for years. Their idea to start their new business venture by filling a need might turn into more than just coffee.

Jessica talks about how coffee is a family and social culture that is very different for each community. There are so many different ways that coffee is used in our culture. Whether a morning tradition, family gathering, or a business meeting, the coffee culture is here to stay.

Port Ludlow coffee drinkers are as different as the types of coffee they order. Some are three shot drinkers, some are three shot flavor drinkers, “a shot of chocolate, caramel, and peppermint, please!” But almost all of them enjoy a 16 ounce Vanilla Latte—our number one seller, followed closely by a 16 ounce Mocha. “This has been a fun and exciting time for our coffee stand!”

Their choice of using a local roaster to produce a blend of bean that is medium-dark in roast was needed to satisfy a range of coffee lovers here. The “Symphony” blend they chose is a blend of both light and dark roasted beans to hit all three positions of the tongue when served; thereby giving the taster the exclusive blend to their particular taste. When it comes to the Port Ludlow ‘cup a joe,’ consistency is key to these coffee drinkers. The afternoon and evening customers are the “I like the flavor, but don’t want to be up all night” kind of coffee drinkers, so a good decaf bean was a must. “We aim to please.”

Cove Coffee’s March Special will be the *Basketball Blitz!* A Frappuccino with Orange Cream Sickle, Vanilla, a whipped cream dome, and a Chocolate drizzle! Don’t forget about their Tuesday special... add a shot for free, and other daily specials!

“Spring is just around the corner and so are their exciting new menu additions. Stop by and say “hi” and try our coffee.”

I Need Help!

by Jim Gormly, Staff Writer

I need aid, or, more specifically, I need aids. Like my mother before me, I’m hard of hearing. And with six older siblings, all of whom wear, or did wear, or should have worn hearing aids, I suppose it was inevitable; and sure enough, ten years ago, I acquired my first pair. What a difference they made!

But over the years, they gradually wore out. One ceased functioning completely and the other became dodgy at best. Partly because of the failing aids, my ability to hear dropped off steadily, and then significantly when the one hearing aid died. A common response to something my wife said was, “Huh?”—then, “What?”—followed by, “Could you repeat that yet again, please?” In the interest of civil discourse and marital harmony, I realized it was time to revisit my audiologist to buy new devices.

What’s the downside of not hearing well, aside from testing a spouse’s patience? Not hearing well causes one to withdraw from social environments and increases the concern for developing dementia, so it’s not something to ignore.

When I was a child, I played a game called telephone, in which people sit in a circle and one person whispers a message in the ear of the one next to him or her and that person then turns and relays the message they think they heard until it comes back to the source. The message is usually significantly changed and often funny. With my bad hearing, I can be a one-person telephone game, where hilarity ensues.

Why do I have moderate hearing loss? I didn’t spend my life in a loud working environment, and I don’t listen to loud music. In my younger days I did fire the occasional shotgun without adequate (OK, any) ear protection, but it wasn’t very frequent. Nonetheless, the cells of the inner ear that convert sound into neural signals are extremely sensitive and damaged by loud sounds and general wear and tear; and, unfortunately, do not regenerate. Like the hairs on my bald head, once they’re gone, they’re gone for good, and that’s what happened to mine.

So, I chalk up my hearing loss to genetics, a bit of youthful ignorance, and (gulp) old age. While I have a general hearing loss, it is the higher frequency sounds that are most impacted. Without aids, I cannot hear the microwave oven beeping or bird song. We have an electric alarm clock with a truly obnoxious sound that I can only hear with aids, but there is no way I can sleep while wearing them. Fortunately, my wife does hear it, so we are wakened on those rare occasions when we need to make some early appointment.

I have my new aids now, and wow, what a contrast! I know when the microwave dings. Turning the pages of a newspaper is incredibly noisy, the paper just crackles; I love it. Water splashing in the sink or the toilet tinkles like a bell, reminding me why the term is used, especially for little boys. I’m not saying “huh” so often and the TV seems loud; perhaps someone else in the household should wear her hearing aids more often. The devices are blue-tooth capable, so they are connected to my phone, tablet, and TV, and the batteries are rechargeable, great features all. I’ve noticed that my 26-year-old truck suddenly has more squeaks, but they’ve probably been there a while, and they don’t seem menacing. And the birds are back, or at least, their song is reaching my brain again. Let’s hear it for the aids!

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Memory's Vault: Hiding in Plain Sight

by Marie Bogan, Staff Writer

When is a walk in the woods more than a walk in the woods? Some would say it's when you can combine fresh air with a healthy dose of art, poetry, and inspiration.

Memory's Vault in Fort Worden State Park is one of the many rewards for getting outdoors in our area. Only about a mile's walk from the North Beach parking lot, it might be one of the best-kept secrets of Port Townsend. (The trek is even shorter if you opt for steep climbs and sometimes-puzzling wooded trails from within the state park.)



Entrance to the secluded sculpture garden at Fort Worden.

Neolithic Age Meets Modern Age?

At first glance (and with a little imagination), Memory's Vault might appear as a mini Stonehenge, because it features seven lonely monoliths, each standing about ten feet high. But look more closely and you'll see that the columns—made of stone, concrete, steel, and bronze—are engraved with a series of poems.

The poems were written by Sam Hamill, acclaimed poet of the Pacific Northwest, who died four years ago. Hamill was a founder of Copper Canyon, the nonprofit poetry press that has been operating at Fort Worden since 1974. Hamill's poetry typically depicts our local history, geography, and even weather. Here is a passage from the Memory's Vault poem *Cloistered*:

*I listened to the rain. For all
Its tenderness and wealth, the earth
Is often a meagre gift.*

*But to know and not to speak
Is the greatest grief. Listen.
The world flows away like a wave.*

Hamill collaborated on the memorial art garden with Richard Turner, a sculptor known for his environmental installation projects. Turner is now a retired professor, having taught art and design at Chapman University in California.

So, although Memory's Vault is hardly Neolithic, it does date back to 1987, and it seems to convey some wisdom about living in our present fast-paced age. Visitors often describe the mossy sculpture park as Zen-like. It's "a place for contemplation—of nature, of man, and his intentions," according to the Washington State Arts Commission.



Pillars stamped with Sam Hamill's poetry in Memory's Vault art installation.

Photos by Ernie Flowers

Memory's Vault: A Family Affair

Park ranger Brian Hageman said his father (who was also a park ranger) first introduced him to Memory's Vault. Hageman was about ten years old at the time but he never forgot the impression it had on him.

Nearly 30 years later, in the spring of 2013, Hageman became park manager of the area that includes Memory's Vault. "As soon as I walked up, I could remember that one of the poems mentioned a soldier and several others had a lot of nature reflections in them," recalled Hageman.

Some visitors encountering Memory's Vault for the first time wonder about its location. Why, they ask, is it way back in the woods where most people won't ever get to appreciate it? But maybe that's part of its charm. If you make the effort to get there, you won't be disappointed.

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Stop, Look, and Wonder

If the place feels just a little haunted, that might be because an Army Corps of Engineers contingent was housed on that very spot from 1898 to 1907. At that time, the acreage where Admiralty Inlet meets the Strait of Juan de Fuca was considered strategic for the defense of Puget Sound, so the engineers were building the artillery batteries and other fortified emplacements that became Fort Worden.

Today, the woodsy sculpture garden shows no hint of the military barracks, but one artifact of that era does remain—an imposing sturdy concrete vault. It was designed by the engineers, said Hageman, “to keep the plans for the batteries safe in case of forest fires, or even destruction from possible enemy battleship shells.” So although the site now can feel mysterious and calming, there was a time when it was freighted with more urgent concerns.

This very mix of old and new, art and nature, peace and war—maybe that’s what makes Memory’s Vault such a unique experience. Almost hidden in its grove of conifers, barely hinting at the nearby salt water horizons, this contemplative oasis silently bears witness to our hopes, fears, and dreams through the ages.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Contributing Writer



Meet Wes Lueders, Lieutenant and EMT at Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue. Wes has been a firefighter for thirty years. Originally from Los Angeles, he has lived in Germany, St. Louis, was in the military in California, and moved to our area in 1994. Later that year, the Department of Defense hired him as a firefighter at Naval Base Keyport near Poulsbo. He became part of PLF&R in 1997.

Wes decided to become a firefighter, when in the Navy as a Corpsman, he did volunteer work with a local fire station and liked the experience. After completing his military service, he graduated from the Washington State Fire Academy in North Bend and has been in the fire service since.

He is married to his wife Huong, and they have two adult children—Robert 22, with Boeing, and a daughter Kolayan, 20, who lives in Burien. Wes lives in Federal Way. His interests away from work are rebuilding antique motorcycles and ice skating.

The thing he likes best about his job is that he can have an immediate positive impact on people. That gives him considerable self-gratification. The hardest part is when an outcome is unsuccessful. A memorable event that he recalls was when he went to a house fire in Chimacum, was working to clear the bedrooms, and saved two cats, who recovered after being given some oxygen with a small canula. The children in the family were very appreciative.

Wes hopes to retire in five years, and his goal is to stay safe, healthy, and productive. When asked what people don’t know about him, he said he plays the drums and has a drum room at home, along with other musical instruments.

A Rescue Gala: For the Love of Animals

Get ready for **Saturday, April 2** at 7 p.m. when the Center Valley Animal Rescue (CVAR) will hold its annual gala to benefit the animals. And, wow, do they need your help! In just the last few months, CVAR has taken in not one but two enormous hoarding cases. The first one involved three horses, one mule, and more than 85 birds, including some very cute doves. The second is still in court, but we can tell you that it included over 200 animals. The majority of the animals are with CVAR while some were taken in by WAGs (Welfare for Animal’s Guild), The Olympic Peninsula Humane Society in Clallam County, and Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue. CVAR is working on getting ownership of 15 Anatolian Shepherds, one emu, one goat, and the rest of the birds. While all animals are on the mend, not much more information can be shared because of the nature of the case. The hope is to get all these animals into loving homes as soon as possible.

Cases like the two hoarding instances are typical of what CVAR takes on. They are always interested in helping animals that might not survive otherwise. One example is Hooch. He’s a sweet boy who came to the rescue extremely malnourished and is currently on the mend. He’s a reminder to the staff and volunteers of why they do the work that they do.

Center Valley Animal Rescue doesn’t just take in dogs and birds. They also take in farm animals, reptiles, cats, rodents—wild or domestic. The goal is to help as many animals find homes as possible, or to release wildlife after they’ve had the chance to recover.

The gala is the main fundraiser that CVAR holds each year. The For the Love of Animals gala features a silent auction, live auction, entertainment, a catered meal, success stories and more. On April 2, dress up, bid high, bid often, and support For the Love of Animals. If you’re interested in learning more, or would like to donate an item, please go to one.bidpal.net/loveofanimals/welcome or email fundraising@centervalleyanimalrescue.org. Also, please note that CVAR gala attendees must be fully vaccinated.

Edibles

by Elizabeth Lincoln, Staff Writer

March finds us anxiously awaiting spring, and more specifically, spring produce and the upcoming glories of our local food scene. We are so fortunate to live surrounded by such fabulous and diverse local foods, purveyors, and culinary artisans. For those lucky enough to have a bit of land, March may include planning our own gardens. “Local” may literally be our own back yards. Can you get much more local? Surprisingly, the answer to that question may be yes!

For many, this month marks an anniversary of sorts. March 2020 marks the time when our lives changed drastically in response to the pandemic. For many Americans, it also marks when they ventured into the mysterious world of sourdough. In kitchens around the country, flour was mixed with water, the yeast and bacteria present on the grain and in the air were carefully nurtured, and fifteen days later that beautiful bubbly starter was ready to birth its first loaf of bread.

Another way to look at it: millions of bakers became yeast and bacteria ranchers! Through our fermentation practices, we selected for specific micro-organisms, nurtured these populations through numerous feeding and watering schedules, then used these creatures and their amazing by-products to feed our families. “Local” moved as close as the grain and air present in the kitchen.

Yeast domestication was one of humankind’s earliest agricultural and culinary achievements. Archeological evidence of leavened breads dates to 4000 BCE, the profession of baking to 2000 BCE, and yeast production as a profession to 300 BCE. Apparently, our ancestors appreciated bread and alcohol too!

While we are quite familiar with some of the activities of yeasts, there is a lesser-known unsung hero of the kitchen ranch—lactic acid bacteria. Lactic acid bacteria (LAB) are the flavor and preservation workhorses. What makes sourdough sour? LAB. Why didn’t the sourdough starter go bad? LAB. Why does sourdough bread have a long shelf life? LAB. What makes sauerkraut possible? LAB. What about yogurt? LAB. You get the picture.

Understanding lactic acid bacteria can give the kitchen rancher confidence to successfully expand their fermentation repertoire. Let’s consider sauerkraut. LAB is basically everywhere, including on vegetables like cabbage. Compared to sourdough, the process for making sauerkraut is simple; wash, chop, salt, submerge, wait, enjoy. How does this deliciousness occur safely? The lactic acid bacteria get to work fast! They produce acids and alcohols which add flavor and create an environment which is inhospitable to other organisms. According to the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization in *Fermented Fruits and Vegetables: A Global Perspective*, “The lactic acid they produce is effective in inhibiting the growth of other bacteria that may decompose or spoil food.”

Finally, let’s look at yogurt. We have access to fantastic pasteurized local milks just waiting for us to experiment with and enjoy. Interestingly, the milk sugar lactose is found almost nowhere else in nature. Like people, many microbes do not have the digestive enzymes necessary to readily digest lactose. But you guessed it,

the lactic acid bacteria do! Like with the sourdough and sauerkraut, under the right conditions LAB are off to races, conveniently turning milk into delicious yogurt while also creating an environment which retards the growth of most other microbes. The yogurt making process can be even simpler than sauerkraut. Check your Instant pot-like cooker—there may be a yogurt setting complete with instructions.

As we patiently await the arrival of spring and all the culinary bounty around us, I hope you will look at your local resources and consider becoming a kitchen rancher. March is a fabulous month to make sauerkraut, and when doesn’t fresh bread or yogurt sound good? There are many reputable sources available for reference, including local university extension programs. Enjoy!

Persons of Interest: Fascinating Folks ‘Hiding’ in Port Ludlow

by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer

A prominent author and her musician husband moved to Port Ludlow two years ago, and you may have seen her on the hiking trails; but like several other “persons of interest” here in the Village, she keeps a low profile. In fact, she goes by several different names.



Her legal name is Jane Holmes, but on her romance novels, she’s known as Eli Easton, and when she writes in the horror genre, she’s Jane Jensen. She also wrote the storylines for 25 popular adventure video games under that name, most of which have horror themes, with titles like *The Beast Within*, *Women’s Murder Club* and *Agatha Christie: Death on the Nile*.

Why all the pseudonyms?

“I was pretty well-known for the adventure games and novels under Jane Jensen,” she said, “so when I decided to do romance, I just figured I’d use something else entirely because I knew that wouldn’t be the same audience, and my readers might not go for that, so I decided to use a whole new name.”

She was born with yet another name, Jane Smith. We asked Jane about her contradictive genres – few writers can claim to be successful at writing both happy-ending romances and frightening horror stories.

“My father being a minister, I had an inherent interest in the supernatural and what happens after death, the philosophy of life, so I went in that direction,” she said. “I grew up reading horror. My brother-in-law handed me *Carrie* by Stephen King when I was 12; that was the first adult novel I read, and I just loved it so much. All through high school and in the ‘80s, I read Dean Koontz and Peter Straub and all the horror writers. I kind of grew up with it.”

Storytelling has been in Jane’s blood for a long time.

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“I was working on my first novel, and I found that adventure video games were a perfect blend for me of storytelling, writing and engineering; I wrote to the company that made those games and sent my resume and said: I’ll do anything, I’ll be a beta tester, I’ll write, I’ll program, whatever they want, and so they pulled me in. So that’s how I got into writing games.”

With a degree in computer science, Jane went to work for Sierra Entertainment, a video game giant. She wanted to write storylines, but there was a slight problem.

“When I got the chance to do my own computer game series, Sierra pretty much only did comedy games, like Space Quest or fairytale-based stuff,” Jane said, “but I pitched this horror series, and they let me do it. It was one of the first big horror games to come out on computers, and there was a slew of knock-offs after that.”

Since then, she has written and published over 40 novels and novellas as Eli Easton, plus half a dozen novels and over two dozen video game storylines as Jane Jensen.

After years in Pennsylvania, then more years in California’s tech haven, Silicon Valley, how did she and her musician husband (who may become the subject of another “person of interest” article) end up in Port Ludlow?

“We moved to Capitol Hill in Seattle,” Jane said, “but after many years, we decided to move back to Pennsylvania and buy a farm ... but eventually, I just missed the Pacific Northwest. We started looking at areas outside Seattle, and the first day we came to Port Ludlow to look at a house, I said, ‘This is it.’ We just loved the community and the setting, and the beach.”

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Matilda Becomes a Snowbird

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer



Matilda, my intrepid and beloved (silent) travel companion has joined us for a five-month sojourn to Springdale, UT. We have had a home in this gorgeous mountain community for many years but for various reasons have never been able to spend more than a few weeks at a time here. Fortune smiled on us, and we found ourselves in Zion for the holidays along with our adult children for a wonderful

reunion. Getting reacquainted with Zion National Park has been a joy and having Matilda along for the trip has been fun for her as well.

I confess though that getting Matilda to warm to the idea of being a snowbird was troublesome. It went something like this: Matilda, you are going to be a snowbird! Not possible, I'm a French Hen. Yes, well, people and French Hens can be snowbirds. It just means we have the luxury of living for a time in a warmer, dryer climate. But, I'm a French Hen—end of discussion.

Our schedule has us walking 2 – 3 miles each day.

Sometimes we walk on the park trails, taking in the stunning vistas, and sometimes we stroll the length of Springdale making friends with the locals. Matilda is a big hit at the Zion Canyon Brew Pub where a 4 ounce pour of Springdale Amber is a nice treat after a long walk. Matilda has made so many friends here! She was excited to see they thought so much of her they named a street Matilda Lane. (I didn't have the heart to tell her that Matilda is the name of the developer's wife.)



Matilda at Zion Canyon Brew Pub. Photos by Carol Riley

Matilda has made friends in the feathered community as well. We frequently see her out and about with our local roadrunner or taking in the view with her pet owl, Hootie.

All in all, I think this snowbird experiment has been a success—even for a French Hen.

If you are interested in seeing more pictures of Matilda enjoying Zion, please see the website at plvoice.org.



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Spotlight

Ludlow Village Players

by LVP Artistic Director Val Durling, Guest Writer

Once Upon a Time in the “Village in the Woods by the Bay” there were two little theaters: Ludlow Little Theater thrived in the 1990s performing at the Bay Club, and the Port Ludlow Players (PLP) formed in the early 2000s performing at the Beach Club. By 2003 both groups had lost their directors and shut down. When PLP was formed, they also started a Reader’s Theater group, where you sit around a table with a cup of coffee and a cookie while reading a play once a month. This group met in a private home and is still active, now meeting at the Beach Club the third Tuesday of each month. In early 2007, one of attendees said, “I sure do miss putting on plays. Do you suppose we can ever do that again?” The overwhelming consensus was “yes, let’s do it!” We even named it that night—a sort of combo of the other two—Ludlow Village Theater (now Ludlow Village Players or LVP). I and several others were named to an advisory committee.

We met with the management of both the Bay and Beach clubs and decided to produce one full-length production each year. Our debut in March 2008 was a “mellerdrama” produced at the Beach Club, called “The Last Chance at Calamity Gulch.” There were 17 actors and 50 others who worked on the play. It was a sellout for three performances. It was followed in 2009 by *Bus Stop*. Other LVP productions have been *Love, Sex and the IRS*, *I Bet Your Life*, *Murdered To Death*, *Rumors*, *The Gazebo*, *The Night of January 16th*, *An American Daughter*, *Nude with Violin*, *Suite Surrender* (a musical), and *No Crime Like the Present*. Which brings us up to *The Outsider* by Paul Slade Smith, originally scheduled for April 2020 and cancelled when community clubs were shut down by the Covid-19 virus, rescheduled for March 2022. More information on *The Outsider* is below.



Every organization changes with time. It is called “growth.” One of the first changes LVP made was adding an Improv group after sponsoring a seminar given by acting coach Chris Soldevilla in the autumn of 2013. It began very informally, but we realized that it needed more structure to improve. Now it is a performing group led by Nancy Peterson.

In May 2014 a Board of Directors (BOD) was installed and LVP registered for a 501(c)(3) status. The current BOD consists of Jim Gormly, president; Carol Durbin, vice-president; Susan Abrahamson, secretary; Jane Navone, treasurer; Vallery Durling, artistic director; and Paul Moreau and Cathy Thomas, members-at-large. We want to add a marketing and a technical director. This leadership team works very hard behind the scenes heading various committees as well as promoting LVP events.

Another big change was when the annual full-length spring play was permanently moved to the Bay Club in 2015. Reader’s Theater and Improv continued monthly at the Beach Club. LVP is very grateful for the support that they receive from both clubs.

A scholarship program began in 2018 with \$1,000 annually paid directly to the recipient student’s post-secondary school of choice for the study of theater/performing arts as part of LVP’s mission to further the performing arts. The 2008/9 scholarship was awarded to a Chimacum High School student. The outreach was expanded to include Port Townsend and Quilcene students. The 2019/20

scholarship was awarded to a Quilcene High School student. Due to the cancellation of last year’s play, LVP was unable to offer the 2020/21 scholarship. Any student interested in a career in performing arts is invited to submit an application through their school counselor or by contacting Susan Abrahamson at abeland2@yahoo.com.

We were still looking for growth as an organization. In June 2019, we met with Randy Powell, who has an extensive resume as a director and actor, as well as a theater consultant to groups in three states. He began rehearsing *The Outsider* cast in January 2020. The production was one month away from opening night. Tickets were already on sale when Covid-19 shut down the community club-houses resulting in the cancellation of the play. Also canceled was a night of music and comedy planned for October 2020 as well as all other LVP activities

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Current activities include the following:

Full-length plays – These are comedies, dramas, and musicals performed at the Bay Club. A Selection Committee works for three months to search for and submit plays for production each year. The plays are discussed and critiqued for audience and facilities suitability. The Director has a big vote! Suggestions are welcome from our audience.

Reader's Theater has been going strong for 20 years. It is at the Beach Club on the third Tuesday of every month from 6 – 8:45 p.m. We sit around a table and read a play taking parts or just listening. An email reminder is sent about two weeks prior, and participants are asked for a RSVP so that enough scripts are available.

Dissorderly Conduct is a performing Improv group directed by Nancy Peterson. This group has performed at Sirens and the American Legion Hall in Port Townsend as well as at the Beach Club excepting the last two years.

Other types of entertainment that LVP could offer might include Reader's Theater performances, comedy and/or musical nights, radio plays, one-acts, private parties, or special events. If you are interested in any of these activities or working behind the scenes, please contact Val at rkd@olyphen.com or 360-437-2861.

LVP works on the full-length spring play from January to March, rehearsing lines and action on stage, while also designing sets, lighting and sound effects, costuming, planning publicity and hospitality, securing props and many other jobs. When the Bay Club had to shut down, our marvelous, talented cast got together from time to time, running their lines and keeping bonded and committed to this play. All of us love this play. Last December we made the commitment with the agreement of the Bay Club to bring it to you, our audience. The details follow:



The Outsider, a comedy by Paul Slade Smith, will be performed **March 11, 12, 13, and 18, 19, and 20**, Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m., and Sundays at 2 p.m.

Shows will be at the Bay Club, 120 Spinnaker Place, Port Ludlow, WA.

Tickets are \$17 and are on sale now at the Bay Club and brownpapertickets.com.

Seating is limited. Covid restrictions apply.

editor's note: The photos shown here are all from the very first play, *Last Chance Inn at Calamity Gulch*, a "mellerdrama" performed in March 2008. It was complete with a hero (Michael Haberpointner), heroine and villain among others, and signs for the audience to hold up saying "boo, hiss, cheers or groan." You might recognize Don Clark, Doug Hubbard, Janet Stark, Eve MacDougall, Theresa Goode.

Arts & Entertainment

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

Concert Comes to Bay Club

by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer



Birch Pereira & The Gin Joints.

Submitted photo

If you attend the Port Ludlow Performing Arts (PLPA) upcoming concert at the Bay Club, 2 p.m. on **Sunday, March 27**, featuring the band Birch Pereira & The Gin Joints, you will hear blues, jazz, soul, Americana, vintage rock 'n' roll ... and you might even learn a thing or two. The nominal leader of the band also happens to be a teacher.

"I teach privately at my home studio in North Seattle," Pereira said, adding that he has been teaching over Zoom and JamKazam during the pandemic. "I have worked at Dusty Strings Music School as a private and class instructor since 2010, I taught private lessons and summer rock band classes at Westside Music Academy, I taught an instrumental music class at Billings Middle School, and our band does outreach programs at schools."

He also teaches musical theory and gives lessons on a multitude of instruments, including standup bass, electric bass, guitar, piano, ukulele, ear training and more.

In the *Seattle Times*, Alexa Peters wrote: "A group pulsing with rockabilly, the exploratory sensibilities of jazz and tender lyricism of country-folk, Birch Pereira & The Gin Joints offer a little something for every listener. Pereira thrives in the space between styles, mixing and blending the country, folk, and rock 'n' roll music he was raised on with the jazz music he studied at University of Washington as a young adult."

When PLPA brought back live indoor music to the Bay Club in December, all tickets sold out in just 48 hours. Since that was the first indoor concert in Port Ludlow since the pandemic shut down almost every normal social activity nearly two years ago, it was obvious that folks were itching to see a live show. You

can probably expect the situation to be the same for the March show. Tickets for the remaining two shows in the 2022 season are available for online purchase at PortLudlowPerformingArts.com. Single tickets are \$30, and they will be available at the door if they don't sell out in advance. Doors open 30 minutes before the concert begins.

The show has been sponsored by Peggy Ponto (in memory of Roger Ponto), Gil Skinner (in memory of Barb Skinner), and Terri Ross.

Before the show, during intermission, and afterwards, patrons are encouraged to wander through the Bay Club's *Shades of Red* art exhibit, sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League. With over 40 submissions, this exhibit is not to be missed.

Audience members will need to wear facemasks and show proof of vaccination or a negative Covid test within 72 hours of the concert. In addition, all performers must be fully vaccinated.

After this performance, the remaining two shows in the PLPA 2021-22 season are: Bridge & Wolak, a music and comedy duo (**Saturday, April 30**), and Barrio Manouche, playing flamenco, gypsy, and jazz guitar (**Saturday, June 11**).

Port Ludlow Art League Guest Speaker

The Port Ludlow Art League is delighted to present Catherine Alice Michaelis as our online guest speaker on **Wednesday, March 16**, at 1 p.m.



Erotica Botanica by Catherine Alice Michaelis

Submitted photo

Catherine is the proprietor of May Day Press and has been exploring what an artist book can be for 30 years. She works with antique printing presses, moveable type, and any printable medium to summon a dialog with nature, including paper, fabric, film, magnets, and veneer. When Catherine isn't printing, she's sewing unique works on fabrics that deal with gender, ageism, and memory loss. Catherine's creativity is showcased through writing, video poetry, animation, and direct dyeing from plants.

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Catherine believes that collaborating and bringing artists forward helps to build community. She has worked with scientists, writers, visual artists, and even a musician to make edition print work. She's responded to crowd-sourced calls for participation, been invited by printing institutions to participate in collective works, and organized invitational print sets, such as *Stack the Deck: 18 Artists Mark the Cards for Women's Health & Healing*. Catherine is also the Associate Director of the Cynthia Sears Artist's Book Collection at the Bainbridge Island Museum of Art.

Port Ludlow Art League members and guests are welcome to attend Catherine's presentation using Zoom on March 16. If you are interested in attending, please send email to info@portludlowart.org no later than **Monday, March 14**.

Port Ludlow Art League

**Port Ludlow Art League's Artist of the Month –
Rose Simon**



You'll Never Believe What Happened Today, by Rose Simon.

Often whimsical, Rose Simon enjoys using bright colors and incorporating humor into her artwork. She believes color is the universal language that brings positive energy and communicates strong emotions.

Rose participated in numerous creative arts and healing programs while living in Montana and has taught creative journaling for 15 years. When Rose moved to Washington, she continued to immerse herself in the art of healing, such as teaching a stroke survivor to draw and paint with a non-dominant hand.

Rose's favorite subjects are bears, birds, abstract cats, and imaginative landscapes. She hopes people will feel the positive energy from her artwork.

This March, Rose's artwork will be on display at the Port Ludlow Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org and

at etsy.com/shop/rosesimonarts. If you'd like to purchase her artwork at the bank, please email info@portludlowart.org to make a sales appointment. The bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

**Port Ludlow Art League's Jeweler of the Month –
Mara Mauch**

As a science lover, Mara understands the properties of glass and how it reacts with heat and time. Using a kiln, Mara fuses multiple layers of glass to create cabochons that become stunning necklaces, bracelets, and earrings. After applying shimmering metallic coatings to the fired pieces, Mara further shapes the pieces by hand and then re-fires them, often repeating this process until she obtains the ideal result.



Pendant by Mara Mauch.

Submitted photos

Even after 30 years of creating glass jewelry and art pieces, Mara never gets tired of experimenting with glass. She stated, "Every time I open the kiln after a firing, it's like opening a present on Christmas morning. It never gets boring."

You can view Mara's jewelry at the Sound Community Bank, the Port Ludlow Art Gallery, and online at portludlowart.org. If you'd like to purchase her jewelry, please email info@portludlowart.org to make a sales appointment or drop by the Port Ludlow Art Gallery Thursdays and Fridays between noon and 4 p.m. The Gallery is located next to the Sound Community Bank at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

Port Ludlow Art League— Merchant Art Exhibits

The Port Ludlow Art League works with local businesses that graciously offer locations for artists to exhibit and sell their artwork. During March through April, you can enjoy art by the following artists:

Active Life Physical Therapy – Gary Griswold: Watercolor prints featuring Pacific Northwest scenery and ships

Coldwell Banker Best Realty – JoAnna Caro: Abstract collages and acrylic paintings

The Beach Club – Fran Bodman: Acrylic and watercolor paintings

The Bay Club Lobby – Patricia Webber: Acrylic abstract paintings

Port Ludlow Post Office – Ken Crawford: Watercolor prints

If you'd like to purchase any of the artwork, please use the label information to contact the artist.

Group Art Exhibit at the Bay Club

During March, you can enjoy the latest group art exhibit sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League (PLAL). With over 40 submissions, there's no mistaking the theme for this art exhibit —*Shades of Red*.



Stairway to Heaven, by Ann Arscott.

Submitted photo

Although there are close to 100 shades of the color red, the most popular shades of red include Vermilion, Wine, Scarlet, Ruby, and Carmine. In Egyptian culture, red was often associated with life, health, and victory. In western countries, red is often associated with excitement, passion, and danger. It's little wonder why artists are drawn to the many shades of red.

Participating artists include Alan Ahtow, Ann Arscott, Joan Astin, Brenda Barcelo, Ann Bernard, Fran Bodman, JoAnna Caro, Carol Avoy Durbin, Ann Gagnier, Sheryl Goldsberry, Gary Griswold, Vicky Foster Harrison, Gail Larson, Carolyn Layton, David Layton, Pamela Raine, Randy Radock, Donna Thompson, and Diane Walker.

You can also enjoy the dramatic abstract artwork in the lobby by Patricia Webber. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, please email Alan Ahtow at info@portludlowart.org.

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Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

In case you haven't noticed, LMC launched its new website last month: lmcbeachclub.org. It is the same site address, but it is a completely new look. LMC hired Totera Web Systems from Port Townsend to design our new site.

When you visit the new site, you will notice that navigation to information is simple and straightforward. With the Totera site platform our staff has the ability to easily update and keep current the site information, which had become challenging on our old site.

For more than 10 years, our members have used the same username and password to access the members' portion of the website. With the new site, each LMC member will login using their personal email and a password they have created to enter the members' area. If you are new to our community or you have not previously provided LMC your email address, your email will not be in the login management system. If that is the case, the site will send LMC staff an email notifying us that you are requesting access to the members' area of the website. Once our staff confirms you are indeed an LMC member, we will assign you a temporary password so that you can login. Once logged in, you can change your password if you wish.

Within the members' section we store Board of Trustee meeting minutes and documents as well as all the LMC Committee information.

Also in the members' section, we have a couple of new features that I believe our members will appreciate. Members now have the ability to go on to the website to check availability of meeting rooms, the Bay View room, or the barbecue and lawn area. Once a date and time has been selected, you can send an inquiry email right from the website to the Beach Club staff asking for pricing and scheduling confirmation. Our staff can then follow up on the email to find out the necessary specifics about the planned event such as room setup and audio equipment needs.

Within the next few weeks our members will have the ability to go to the website, lookup their personal account information, and pay their LMC assessment using a credit card. If you choose this option, Stripe, which is our payment processing platform for credit card payments, will charge a 2.5% transaction fee.

Even though we have tried to test everything prior to our initial launch, with so much information being stored on our site you may find a link or two that doesn't work properly. If that's the case, please let me know, and we will fix it. If you are looking for information and can't find it, let me know, and I will either send

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the requested information directly to you and/or set up a link on the website for that information. This is a work in progress, so our members' input and feedback are very much appreciated.

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

Styrofoam Recycling Event

As a follow-up to our successful Styrofoam recycling event in Port Ludlow last December, we are returning to Port Ludlow for the next two months. Dates and times:

Tuesday, March 22, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Tuesday, April 19, 10 a.m. – 11 a.m.

Bring your rigid, clean, white Styrofoam AND clean Styrofoam peanuts to the Bridge Deck, near the Port Ludlow Marina, where we will receive it and transport it to our central collection facility at Fort Worden.

Although this is a free service, we would strongly encourage donations to OlyCAP and Northwest Harvest, who provide delivery of the Styrofoam from Fort Worden to the manufacturing facility in Seattle. This project is not financially feasible without their generous support, so PLEASE consider a donation supporting those organizations.

We look forward to seeing you on the dates noted. Once we have a better sense of the volumes being processed here in Port Ludlow with monthly pickup, we will create our next scheduled events following the April collection.

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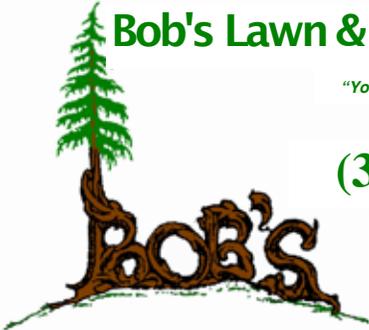
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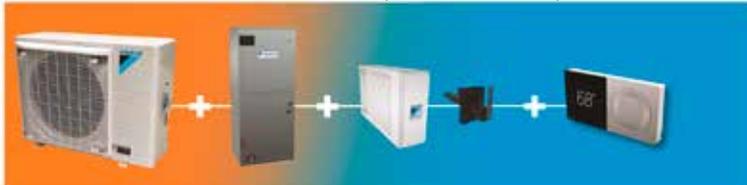
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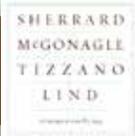
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Answer: Sadly, there is no crystal ball that can provide a failsafe look at the future. However, I believe that housing prices and demand in our area will continue to increase. Here is why.

Retiring baby boomers (those born between 1946 – 1964) are still 'fueling' our market as they find our communities very desirable. Our weather is mild, and our scenery is spectacular and diverse, with many outdoor recreational opportunities just a 'stone's throw' away. We are relatively free from traffic congestion, major crime, urban density, and forest fires. We have all the ease and charm of a small town but with enough services, including improved health care, to provide a competitive "trade-off".

These is also an increase in the number of Buyers who are still working but are able to telecommute from home. The pandemic has caused many people to look at what matters most in their lives. Home, and its location, has never been more important. With the current changes in the workplace many employees are now able to work from home via telecommuting.

Interest rates are at almost record lows and many experts like Freddie Mac are forecasting low interest rates for the foreseeable future. Our prices still seem affordable to buyers who are moving here from Seattle, California and other urban areas across the country.

Just as with stocks and bonds, it is almost impossible to perfectly time the market. In Port Ludlow, a house purchased at the height of the market in 2007, before the recession, is now worth between 23% more than it was in 2007. So, in other words, over time, property values continue to rise making now the best time to buy.



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Village Council

Village Council Board Meeting Summary*

by Tamra McDearmid, Secretary

At the February 3, 2022, Port Ludlow Village Council Board Meeting the following reports were given:

Port Ludlow Associates, Diana Smeland, President

Olympic Water and Sewer (OWSI): finalizing loan with reduced fees (within two-year time frame for completion of building plant). Flushing North Bay water lines, some concerns about chlorine - watch for signs put up in streets being flushed. Billing will be out soon with new fees going into effect in March. Call to work out a payment schedule if needed. **Resort:** starting a contest in the monthly newsletter. **Fireside:** themed dinners continue Wednesday evenings; Valentine specials the entire week; have restarted serving breakfasts, spread the word as attendance has been low. Now have two chefs: Kyle (started in 2013) and Miles (started in late 2021, comes from Seattle restaurant scene). Dan Ratigan continues as General Manager of the Inn and also Executive Chef. **Golf Course:** hired a new golf pro starting in March. Offering clinics for groups of six. **Marina:** no news on the Corps of Engineers permit. **Office Park:** space still available. **Staffing:** new Sales Manager hired.

Jefferson County, Greg Brotherton, County Commissioner, District 3

OlyCAP: may be able to help with utility bills for qualifying households, check with them. **Jefferson Transit:** direct bus route to Kingston Ferry Terminal for walk-ons will start February 22; bus will pick up passengers at Visitor Center on Hwy 19. Transportation fees will be waived the first month. **Federal Funds Available:** American Rescue Plan for small businesses, non-profits, and cottage industries. \$500,000 has been set aside for these loans. Working with Team Jefferson EOC on criteria and building partnerships with Jefferson Community Foundation. Working to find those businesses that need help. **Legislation:** HB 1838 creates mandatory land use riparian buffers. Very controversial. **Covid:** county has not instituted a vaccine mandate.

Jefferson County PUD, Dan Toepper, PUD Commissioner, District 3

Being unable to order parts, they are retrieving some materials off the grid for repurpose. Construction rates by PUD are starting to go up to pay for materials and construction labor. Trying to accommodate residential building, customers will be able to defer costs for up to six months. Applying for FEMA funds for emergency storm damages (will take up to a year to receive). Received \$9.7 million grant for broadband in underserved areas such as Cape George and Marrowstone Island. Looking to expand services, PUD spent \$1.4 million to purchase a building in the Glen Cove area. Opening on PUD Advisory Board, notice will be on the website and in local newspapers. Have a vaccine mandate in place which extends to their contractors and it has caused some complications.

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting

Thursday, March 3

2:45 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, March 15

2:45 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

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PLVC Committee Reports

Utilities Committee, Robert Chanpong, Chair

Recycling: a new contract has been drawn up between the County and Skookum for 2022-2027. The total number of bins to be cleared per week at our Recycling Center is 13. The collection schedule will be provided to the community. Only certain types of plastic will be collected under the new contract starting in April due to the large amount of contamination. These include jugs (such as milk) and water bottles. Also, toilet paper rolls will no longer be collected. Related to serious overflow in late December/early January, county response is if it happens again, the county may terminate our services. Community volunteers are needed to check the center on a regular basis to keep area clear. The county has no plan to patrol the recycle centers. The community will continue to be advised on recycling issues via the *Voice* and Next Door.

OWSI: chlorination plant has been up since late November 2021 and is running smoothly. There have not been many complaints about chlorine smell/taste, or discoloration due to manganese. The OWSI new well is static, being held in reserve. Some wells are not operating at capacity, yet we have enough drinking water for now. On the sewer side, Dept. of Ecology (DOE) may put some restrictions on effluents, particularly the amount of nitrogen into the Puget Sound

Emergency Management Committee, Carol Riley, Liaison

Masking: The Federal Government is making N95 masks available to every county in the country. Jefferson County will provide a supply to PLVC who will distribute them through the Beach and Bay Clubs. Watch for more information in the *Voice*, Next Door and by eBlast, especially for specific distribution dates. The populations of North Bay and South Bay will determine distribution: Beach Club will be allocated two-thirds of the supply, and the Bay Club will receive one-third. Each household will receive two masks.

Community Development Committee, Dave McDearmid, Chair

Measured Equivalent Residential Unit (MERU): Bill Dean and Dave McDearmid attended a training session on MERUs

Bay Club / South Bay News

Submit your articles by email to editor@plvoice.org no later than the 8th of the preceding month.



Denotes Bay Club members-only activity

South Bay Community Association Update

by Gil Skinner, President, SBCA Board of Directors

Well, spring is springing as I write this month's column. Up in Teal Lake Village over 3,000 daffodils were planted this past fall and surprise! surprise! it looks like most of them are going to make it. What a great harbinger of spring and renewal, an excellent segue to some positive news.

On Valentine's Day we had the first, of which we hope will be several, cooking classes at the Bay Club. Smoked scallop crepes, classic quiche Lorraine, Waldorf salad, chocolate and lemon mousse were the featured items. Talk about a yummy Sunday feast. These classes are very limited so please watch closely for future class announcements.

Staying on the food binge, the first Pancake Breakfast of 2022 is scheduled for **Friday, March 4**. As a celebration of spring, we will also be serving Mimosas. For those of you who have forgotten the menu, and for the new folks, here is what is in store: all you can eat pancakes (special recipe), bacon, sausage, fruit, juice and coffee for a mere \$15. This includes one, again just one, Mimosa per adult. This event is our welcome to spring and to getting back together. Details will be coming, so watch for the SBCA eblast.

We have been trying for months, but now we think it is really going to happen—our New Member Orientation. The date is **Thursday, March 24**, with two sessions offered, one at 10 a.m. and one at 1:30 p.m. Please register in advance by emailing bayclubgm@wavecable.com. This program will provide an overview of the Home Owner's Association and the Architectural Review Committee (ARC). We will also be giving tours of the Club and, weather permitting, the grounds. Please be sure to watch for more information coming from the Club.

There is ongoing work on a Memorandum of Understanding with the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) that operates the Port Ludlow Beach Club concerning organizations that utilize both Clubs. This will be the first new step in trying to forge a Port Ludlow community from the present North Bay/South Bay divide. We are also looking at a spring party with both Associations, so hold on!

In short, many positive things have begun and others are planned for a great 2022.

Finally, let's acknowledge that we've all had a tough couple of years. Many of us have lost loved ones and/or suffered through some severe illnesses. While we can't forget the past, we do need to see the sunrise on the horizon. In the Pacific Northwest we will always have rainy days—but as I love to sing off the back deck, much to my neighbor's chagrin:

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 9:30 a.m.

Plans are for a hybrid meeting, both in-person at the Bay Club and a virtual meeting for those not attending in person.

To join by phone, dial 339-209-6193.

To Join by computer:

freeconferencecall.com/bayclubgm

Online meeting ID: *bayclubgm*

All SBCA members are welcome

Committee Meetings

Most committee meetings are now held in person at the Bay Club unless otherwise specified on the website.

To keep informed of meeting dates and times, please visit: sbca.club/home/schedule-sbca

Meeting minutes are posted at sbca.club, then click on Board Minutes Page



*Good morning, Port Ludlow, I love you
I love you in the morning sun,
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Recreation & Sports

Bird Watching on Marrowstone Island

by Lisa Taylor and MaryBeth Sabine, Recreation and Sport Editors



Oystercatcher

Submitted photo

We have been excited to learn about and experience bird watching in Port Ludlow. With modest expectations and no formal know-how, we joined the Admiralty Audubon's First Saturday Nature Walk at Fort Flagler State Park with guide and trip leader, Gary Eduardo Perless. Though we had already walked around several Marrowstone Island beaches, the birds were merely an enjoyable backdrop. For this excursion, we came prepared with binoculars around our necks and field guides of Puget Sound birds in our pockets. I'm not sure that we had predetermined expectations, but the reality and profound enjoyment this simple shared experience brought us was transformative. The sheer beauty and insightful teaching really punctuated what a privilege it is to live here. Gary welcomed our comfortable group of six with a brief overview, tips and etiquette for optimal bird watching: Quiet. Calm. Listen. Look. We learned how to signal each other. It went like this: One of us heard an unfamiliar bird call. Do you hear that? Another chimed in that it sounded like an Oystercatcher. Where? To the left of the number 12 piling. We all turned our attention and focused our binoculars to the shoreline. (We're still wondering, "What's an oystercatcher?") "You're right!" said Gary. There they were. A pair of stunning black shorebirds with long, slender, beautiful bright orange beaks. He went on to teach us many things about this



shorebird – one whose name we had never heard. We pulled out field guides and learned even more. And so, the morning flew by without any notice of time or weather. Quietly looking, listening, and observing – and learning about each of them. In a most enjoyable, meditative, and stress defying two and half hours, we understood more about each bird we identified – their unique sounds and calls, identifiers, behaviors, migration, habitat, even roles they play. Bald Eagles, Brant Geese, Black Oystercatchers, Common Loons, Mergansers, Harlequins, Cormorants, Ravens, Black Belly Plovers, Sanderlings, Dunlins, Horned Grebes, Buffleheads, and Turnstones (the sentinels of the shorebirds!). We can't thank Gary enough for his fascinating and approachable guidance. We are still flying high!

Admiralty Audubon of East Jefferson County

by Rick Jahnke, President, Admiralty Audubon

The Admiralty Audubon Society chapter was formed in 1977 by Eleanor Stopps and others. Her efforts to halt development of Protection Island and have it designated as a National Wildlife Refuge were well underway at that point and having a local chapter to assist in that initiative was helpful. Their effort was obviously successful as the island now provides the nesting location for roughly 70% of marine birds in the Puget Basin region.

The mission statement adopted by the chapter is: "To initiate, promote, assist, and encourage the understanding and appreciation of nature and the conservation of wildlife and wilderness, natural resources, and natural beauty." While birds are an obvious focus for any Audubon chapter, notice that our mission does not focus solely on birds but includes a more general focus on nature. In this regard, we sponsor a variety of activities.

One focus area is Kah Tai Lagoon Nature Park. The chapter provided the first bird survey of the Kah Tai Lagoon area in 1979. The results were included in the Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant that was submitted in 1980 to create the nature park. In 2001, the chapter formally adopted the park as the first adopt-a-park in the city's program. We hold monthly work parties (excluding a few summer months) where volunteers remove invasive species and plant native trees and understory shrubs to support and enhance the park's wildlife.

As native plants are extraordinarily beneficial in supporting insects, birds, and other wildlife, we promote native planting at other locations. In the last few years, the chapter has planted more than 500 native plants at the Discovery Road entrance to Salish Coast Elementary School. In addition to making an attractive entry way, our hope is that this area will support a variety of insects and birds that can be studied to enhance the school's curriculum.

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Admiralty Audubon sponsors several birding opportunities each month. Participation may be limited for some events. We provide a Where-To-Find-Birds brochure and a regional check list if you wish to venture out on your own. Each year, we participate in Audubon's Christmas Bird Count, both with established routes within our count circle and via stay-at-home feeder watchers. The boundary between Admiralty and Kitsap Audubon count circles lies just north of Port Ludlow, providing opportunities to participate through either chapter. For more information on activities or to download brochures, go to AdmiraltyAudubon.org.

Yacht Club's 2022 Training Day

by Rob Hamilton, PLYC Rear Commodore

Port Ludlow Yacht Club conducts a yearly Training Day each spring. This year it will be held on **Saturday, April 2**, from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. at the Beach Club. The event is open to all with an interest in boating. Speakers and activities include:

- Dan Newland, Commander, PWSWS will present an overview of classes and seminars that may be of interest to boaters.
- Peter Joseph, USCG Retired, will cover heavy weather causes, conditions, and how to prepare for them.
- Gordan Lacey, Hood Canal Marine Services will discuss new technology in boat power systems, and electronics.
- Beth Conner, Manager, West Marine will discuss the latest marine safety products for personal and boat use.
- Tim Rogers will talk about his offshore sailing, boat preparation, and delivery captain experiences.
- There will be a marine items silent auction.
- Finally, we will conduct a USCG authorized Flare Shoot practice on the beach below the Beach Club.

Cost: Admission is \$19. An optional catered box lunch is available for an additional \$20.

Registration: PLYC members should register via the PLYC website. Others can register at the Port Ludlow Marina office, or e-mail Rob Hamilton at rob.hamilton@yahoo.com.

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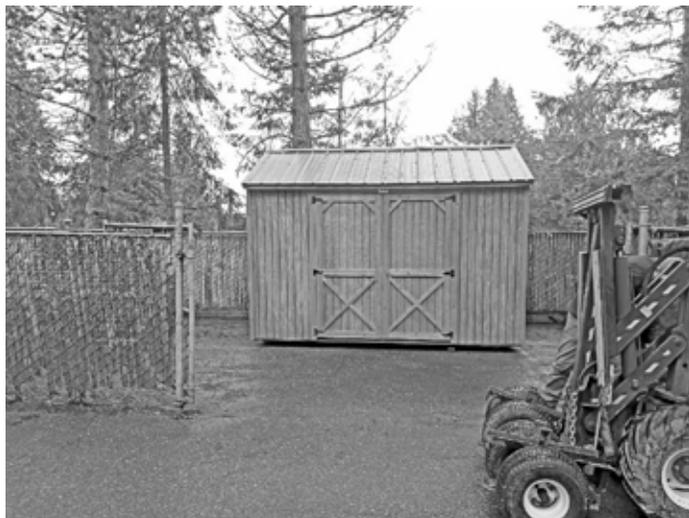
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Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



You may remember the mention of two new proposed trails that will further enhance our trail community. Actually, there will be three “named” trails as the third named trail will be a connector to an existing trail allowing hikers to opt for a loop instead of an in-and-out hike. We have begun to flag and clear those two of the three, but there remains an enormous amount of effort on the horizon to bring the new trails up to our Trails standards. The other separate trail is progressing through a review process and may take a back burner to the above trail and connector. On a separate topic, PLVC Trails wants to thank PLA and Diana Smeland for a generous donation to Trails over and above its annual contribution. It was unexpected and very appreciated! We have earmarked it for material purchases to build bridging across Ludlow Creek as an element of the new trail which will originate near the current Interpretive Trail. As the weather is improving, Trails will become more active in scheduling “Fun Days” and we have plenty to do, including installing a protective coating on our new tools and equipment shed for which the Golf Course (PLA again) has generously offered a location. For those interested in joining our Trails group for some “Fun Day” outings where we typically build or improve a trail for about three hours at a time, then enjoy a beverage, contact me at mclgscott@cablespeed.com and I’ll add your contact to the big group list for volunteer hours. Let’s Keep Improving Our Trails!

Port Ludlow Hiking

by John Nuereberg, Hiking Club

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads and depart at 8:30 a.m. The Bridge Deck location can be found at our website at portludlowhikingclub.com and then click on “About.”

The hikers abide by the “Stay Healthy” recommendations and follow CDC guidelines for outdoor recreation.

Those on the hiking email roster receive an update the week of a scheduled outing. If you would like to be added to the email roster, send a note to plhikingclub@yahoo.com, or go to the club’s website portludlowhikingclub.com and click on “Contact” to send a message.

Friday, March 4 – Glass Beach

We will start our hike from North Beach Park, Port Townsend, 2.5 miles to McCurdy Point where giant sea mussels can be found, some as long as eight inches. Immediately west of McCurdy Point and the next half mile is Glass Beach proper. Some may happily wish to simply sit and sift through the soft gravel beach for sea glass. Keep an eye out for marbles and we’ll share stories along the way. The round trip from Glass Beach is about 6 miles. Hikers wishing to continue toward the Old Port Townsend Dump will hike almost another mile. We will explore the 60+ year remains described as “the Apocalyptic Dump.” You will understand when you see it. This is a primary source for much of the sea glass found in the area and fun to scratch your head about the artifacts found frozen in time.

Before leaving Port Ludlow, we will coordinate a car-pooling plan for any hikers wishing to continue the additional 3 miles to Cape George Marina, which may require shuttling trips back to North Beach as we only have two parking passes for Cape George. Please arrive early at the Bridge Deck for planning. Hike leader: Ken Nelson; 206-369-3561.

Friday, March 18 – Mount Walker

Mount Walker is a few miles south of Quilcene just beyond the fish hatchery. The road into the parking area is closed for the winter, so parking is at the turn-offs on either side of highway 101. We regroup at the closed gate area. A short hike up the road leads to the trailhead. The hike to the north viewpoint is 2 miles, with an elevation gain of 2,000 feet. The grade is roughly a 20% incline. Perfect for helping to keep in shape over the winter. The plan is to hike about a half mile to the south viewpoint and back to our cars. It’s about 6.5 miles, with nice views on a clear day. My experience is that the bathroom at the top is open intermittently, so be prepared in the event it is closed. Hiking poles are a good idea for this hike. We eat lunch at the south viewpoint. Questions concerning this hike please contact: Burt Peterson; 360-437-0849.

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

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

Go to portludlowhikingclub.com for more hiking information, maps, and descriptions of the Port Ludlow Trails and other destinations.

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presented by the Jefferson County Department of Community Development (DCD) during the last week of October 2021.

LTAC Grant: a grant has been awarded for additional banners to be placed on the empty light standards in the parkway adjacent the Village Center. The grant is for hardware and banners. The hardware orders will be consolidated with county Public Works when the county repairs the light pole struck by an automobile in December 2021.

Residential Participation at the County: an email was sent to the County Commissioners for their input regarding boards and commissions residents of Port Ludlow might serve on to the benefit of Port Ludlow and/or the county.

Team Jefferson Economic Development Commission: the possibility of participating on this commission was explored. It is undergoing a management change and some reorganization so will wait for this to occur to see if this is a good fit for a Port Ludlow resident volunteer.

Jefferson County Open Space Project: the county is inviting proposals for open space projects. County to award some funds for this project. The program requires acquisition of lands for these projects. The committee referred this opportunity to PLA.

No Shooting Zone: there is a legal description of the property within the MPR identified for inclusion in a No Shooting Zone. The County's Chief Counsel has indicated a need shown by reported incidents will be required. Input from the community was sought with no response. Will investigate other arguments for the expansion of the No Shooting Zone to include the entire MPR.

Auxiliary Dwelling Units: LMC board member asked if the committee would investigate the CC&Rs and Development Agreement (between the County and PLA) to ascertain if additional dwelling units on one's lot is permissible. The committee chair has agreed to present that for consideration.

Holiday Lights: continue to be challenging again this year with lots of outages due to weather. Contact is pending with Kingston Marina and Seven Cedars to understand how they manage their light displays. The lights are to be taken down in the next two to three weeks, the exact date to be determined.

VolksWalk Report: The 2022 VolksWalk will be the NW Hiking Weekend occurring **Friday, August 19 thru Sunday, August 21**. There will be marked trails in Port Ludlow, Anderson Lake State Park and Port Townsend State Park. It ought to be a great weekend activity.

Trails Committee Report: Trails Committee wants to put a new trail along Oak Bay Rd. from Swansonville Rd. to the PLF&R building and up the ravine to complete a trail route in a circular fashion. A joint agreement between Trails and LMC has been developed. Letters would be sent to residents whose property is alongside this trail after it is marked so homeowners can see its direction. Then the LMC Board would need to vote its approval, and PLVC would need to vote their approval. This is a work in progress, will keep the public informed.

Next Board Meeting: **Thursday, March 3** at 2:45pm. Virtual conference call.

*annotated for readability, full PLVC minutes may be found on the website plvc.org.

Celebrate Spring

Light is returning. Buds are forming. Around the world, folks are celebrating the coming of spring with festivities, such as Mardi Gras and Carnival.

Probably the most famous carnival is in Brazil. Recently, I discovered a liquor from Brazil called "cachaca" - a spirit distilled from fresh sugar cane juice.

While the spirit is becoming more popular and versatile in the US, the most well known cocktail using cachaca is the caipirinha (pronounced kai-pee-reen-ya), a Brazilian classic.

To make a caipirinha, muddle wedges from 1 lime and 1- 1.5 tablespoons of sugar in a cocktail shaker; add 1 ounce of freshly squeezed lime juice, 2 ounces of cachaca, and a handful of ice. Shake or stir until the sugar is dissolved. Pour, unstrained, over ice in rocks or old fashion glasses. For some variation, you could top your cocktail with club soda or ginger beer. And to keep this nonalcoholic, replace the cachaca with club soda, flavored sparkling water, or ginger beer.

However you might celebrate the return of spring, this classic cocktail could add a refreshing Latin American twist this year.



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Martha's Book Club will discuss this novel on **Tuesday, March 8**, at 3:30 p.m. at the Bay Club. All are welcome to join. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but are interested in future book discussions, you can contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org for a list of upcoming books to be discussed. Meetings are scheduled monthly on the second

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