

A close-up photograph of a stem with several dried, pressed flowers. The flowers are a warm, golden-brown color, showing the intricate vein structure of the petals. The background is a soft, out-of-focus purple and blue gradient.

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News & Community

December *Voice* Cover Photo Contest!

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

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

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

Criteria, Rules, and Details:

- Please send the **HIGHEST RESOLUTION** image you have. No matter how lovely your image is, if it's not large enough, then it won't print well. Hopefully, it is at least 1 megabyte, but larger is always better.
- You may submit up to three images. Please attach all your entries to the same email if possible.
- Please use a **VERTICAL** (portrait) orientation instead of horizontal (landscape). Think 'magazine cover' format.
- Images must be in JPEG (jpg), PNG, TIFF, or PSD formats. Most cameras and smartphones today take JPEG images. The other formats are used by people really into photography, so don't worry if you don't have those other formats.
- Please email the image(s) as an **ATTACHMENT** to photoeditor@plVoice.org. Please do NOT send the image(s) through a link, or a download from the cloud, or any other method except as a direct email attachment.
- Please name the file with your name.
Example: Joe_Smith_1, Joe_Smith_2, etc...

You must live in the greater Port Ludlow area to enter, but the image need not be taken locally (although local photos are preferred). If your household receives the *Voice*, then you are eligible to enter. All ages are allowed, but if under 18 you will need parental permission for your name and photo to be used. Please note that your name will be listed as the photographer.

Any submitted images must be yours, taken by you, and that you have full copyright to. You will retain copyright to your image but by entering the contest you automatically grant permission

to the *Voice* to print your image on the December cover and in any future previous-winners-type articles.

The *Voice* reserves the right to reasonably modify or adjust your image as they see fit to make it fit the magazine cover and to print well. This might include adjusting colors, cropping, adjusting exposures, enhancing, masking, etc.

Any persons who are recognizable in the image must give their express written permission to appear on the cover. Any recognizable property must have permission from the property owner to appear on the cover. Example: If your image has the local coffee company in the background, then the coffee company owner must give permission for your image to be used.

DUE DATE: Your image must be mailed to photoeditor@plVoice.org by midnight on **October 31**—Midnight on Halloween!

The *Voice* staff will select their favorite image for the December issue.

CHECKLIST:

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

November Dine and Discover with Jefferson County Humane Society

by Allan and Nancy Kiesler, Guest Writers

Join us on **Monday, November 4**, at the Beach Club to meet Jen Dupree, the new Executive Director for the Jefferson County Humane Society (JCHS). Jen will be accompanied by JSHC President, Pam Kolacy. Jen will give an update on the services, resources and community needs of our local animal shelter and share some exciting plans for the future. This presentation will be of special interest to the many animal lovers and advocates who live in Port Ludlow as Jen and Pam will talk about how we can contribute to improving lives for all companion animals in Jefferson County.

This event is open to North and South Bay members and their guests. Sign-up sheets will be available by **October 10** at both clubs. and will be removed on **November 1** or sooner if we reach our maximum.

The presentation will be held at the Beach Club and doors will open at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish that will serve 8-10 people and remember to put a note on your dish if it contains any of the following allergens: wheat, soy, eggs, milk, tree nuts, peanuts, fish, or shellfish. For those bringing an appetizer, please bring one that our volunteers can serve and arrive a few minutes early. Also on your “to bring” list should be \$3 per person, your place setting (plates, napkins, eating utensils, glasses), a plastic bag for your dirty dishes, and a beverage if you want something other than coffee/tea/water which will be provided. We look forward to seeing you there!

Oh! We also want to remind you that our first Dine and Discover for this season will be held on **Monday, October 7**, at the Bay Club.

First Wednesday Luncheon

In the end, what is there to talk about? No one likes to talk about dying. But there are some things we can all do to make that inevitable step in our journey less scary, particularly for our loved ones who will likely be caring for us at the end. Sound depressing? Not at all. To learn how to die is to learn how to live well.

Come join us and our presenter, Karen Griffith, at the Bay Club on **Wednesday, October 2**, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., to discuss how we view death, why we are death phobic, and what we should be talking to our doctors about as we age. How do we approach our family when the end is near? What values do we hold about our lives and how a tool, *The Values Worksheet*, can help us let our families know what we want.

Karen is a seasoned Volunteer Client Advisor for “End of Life Washington.” She and her sister have traveled all over the state working with groups who are eager for help in planning the inevitable. She will provide tools and resources to help us plan and communicate our end-of-life needs. There will be plenty of time for Q&A.

A salad lunch buffet will be provided as well as cookies, coffee, and water. Please bring your own table service.

RSVP to firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com or sign up at the Beach or Bay Club by **September 30**. This is a courtesy to the club and luncheon coordinators so we can have the appropriate amount of food and number of tables set up in advance. We appreciate your cooperation.

Plan to make your donations to the Tri-Area Food Bank in the form of cash or non-perishable food and/or hygiene products.

Currently needed are:

- Both men’s and women’s socks

- Women’s (urinary) pull-ups, size Small, Medium, and Large. They have plenty of larger sizes.
- Men’s urinary pull-ups, size small and medium. They have plenty of men’s Shields.
- Baby food.
- Multivitamins.
- Laundry soap – small size bottles.
- Other personal toiletries such as: bars of soap; deodorant, both for men and women; hand razors; toothbrushes; toothpaste; small hand sanitizers.

Mark your calendars for November when we’ll host *Disorderly Conduct*, our local improvisational group.

Chimacum Elementary Revives Outdoor Education

by Kaylee Kline and Brian MacKenzie, Guest Writers

In June, Chimacum 6th graders hiked the wilderness, did ropes courses, and learned archery during a weeklong field trip to the Cispus Learning Center, nestled between Mount Rainier and Mount St. Helens in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest.

For decades, the Cispus trip had been an annual tradition, but that tradition got interrupted in 2019 when the district moved 6th grade from the middle school to the elementary. Then, Covid hit, and it took time for the district to secure funding to revive the program.

“After a five-year hiatus, we finally returned with another group of students,” said Chimacum Elementary School (CES) science teacher Al Gonzalez, who coordinated the trip for the 23rd time this year.

“Traditionally, our trips to Cispus were in September, marking the start of the school year when 6th grade was the first year of middle school,” Gonzalez explained. “It was an excellent way to prepare students for their middle school journey. Now that 6th grade is part of the elementary school, it made more sense to schedule the trip in June, providing a fantastic send-off as they transition to 7th grade” at Chimacum Junior/Senior High School.

CES teachers also enlisted several high school students to assist as camp counselors for the 6th graders. Juniors and seniors enjoyed the opportunity to relive their Cispus experience, while freshmen and sophomores got to experience Cispus for the first time.

An important facet of that experience is lots of bonding time with no electronics. Separated from screens and smartphones, students work and play outside, creating skits and overcoming challenges together.

“Going into the role of a counselor, I expected it to be a bit rough,” said junior Makayla Vandenberg. “But these kids were so well-behaved and just genuinely had a great time and I couldn’t have asked for anything more.”

“It was an amazing experience for both the campers and the counselors,” said senior James Van Otten. “I’ve never seen this level of growth among 6th graders before. I’ll never forget the bonds I’ve made at Cispus.”

“It felt wonderful to be back at our familiar Cispus Learning Center,” said Gonzalez. “The weather was perfect with sunny days and no rain.”

Still, returning to Cispus after five years required some adaptation. One day into their stay, Gonzalez learned the traditional hike to Mount St. Helens was no longer accessible, so he planned an alternative hike to Mount Rainer.

A mile into the Angel Falls hike, they found the rest of the trail had been washed out.

“It was annoying having to turn back,” said junior Jordin Moore, but Gonzalez led them on an alternative hike to Curtain Falls. “All of it was a great experience for the kids,” said Moore. “The hike itself... learning trial and error and finding other ways to achieve things.”

“Cispus offers more than just an outdoor education,” said Gonzalez. “It fosters learning, friendship, and personal growth.”

“Many students have described their experiences at Cispus as life-changing,” Gonzalez added. “We cherish our time there because of the positive impact it has on our students, making it an invaluable part of their educational journey.”

Let’s Get Ready

by Jay Bakst, Port Ludlow Great Washington Shakeout Coordinator



Are you prepared? While we live in an area subject to earthquakes, the past couple of years have shown us that other disasters can strike at any time. We, in Port Ludlow, can be subject to a major fire, flood, or cut off from the outside world. To be prepared, the Port Ludlow Village Council, PLEM (Port Ludlow

Emergency Management), our Communications Center Radio Operators, and your Block Captains, along with the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management, will be participating in the Great Washington Shakeout on **Thursday, October 17**. Are you willing to join us? We could use your help.

How can you participate? The PLEM will be testing communication with the coordinating emergency agencies. The first step is hearing from you, the members of the Port Ludlow community. Your Block Captains may be getting in touch with you and asking you to take part in the exercise. If you are willing, they will give you an OK/TEST sign. Please say “Yes.” On the day of the

Shakeout, at **10:17 a.m.**, after you Drop, Cover, and Hold On, put the sign out somewhere visible from the street. Your Block Captain can explain what else you could do. If you do not have a Block Captain, contact Jay Bakst at ludlowshakeout@gmail.com or Jeannie Price at PLEM.98365@gmail.com.

All of us can use this event to check on some basic emergency preparation. Know where to turn off the propane, water, and power to your house; check that you have sufficient water (one gallon per day per person, to last 30 days; food and emergency supplies; review where your family and neighborhood meeting places are; and, be sure that your Go Bag is stocked and readily available to leave in a moment’s notice.

PLEM needs more help! We have a limited number of Radio Operators and there are over 20 neighborhoods in the village that do not have adequate Block Captain coverage. Volunteer! Contact us for details.

Jefferson County: Increase in Number of Patients Experiencing a Fall

According to our 911 Dispatch Center here in Jefferson County, the number of calls seeking help for people who have fallen down has risen significantly.

East Jefferson Fire Rescue medics have responded to 239 calls for help since March 1. The three other fire districts in the county have responded to a combined total of 72 calls in that same time period bringing the total number of fall patients to 311.

The majority of those calls have come from that segment of our population in the 65 and older age bracket. The reasons or causes why people fall vary. However, there are some simple things people can do to help prevent falling down.

- According to the National Fire Protection Association, you can:
- Exercise regularly;
- Take your time – Get out of a chair slowly. Sit for a moment before getting out of bed;
- Keep stairs, pathways and walking areas clear;
- Improve the lighting in and outside your home – Use night-lights to light the path between your bedroom and bathroom;
- Use non-slip mats and grab bars in your bathroom;
- Be aware of uneven surfaces – Only use throw rugs with rubber, non-skid backing. Use handrails where available and step carefully;
- Wear sturdy, well-fitting shoes – Low-heeled shoes with non-slip soles are best;
- Have a list of your current medications available – Give a copy to a family member or caregiver. Ask your doctor if any of your medications can make you drowsy or affect your balance.

If you need a wheelchair, walker, cane, crutches, or other types of equipment, the Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands

2024 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

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

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

August Alarms

Fires.....	7
Rescue/Emergency Medical	345
Good Intent	35
Hazardous Conditions	9
False Alarms	25
Service Call	79
Overpressure Rupture, Overheat.....	1
Total Alarms	501

Ambulance Transports

911 Transports.....	220
Hospital Requested Transport	0
Non Transports.....	134
Total Transports	220

CARES Contacts..... 134

Organization (ECHHO) can provide them to area residents free of charge.

ECHHO also offers other types of assistance, including no-cost rides to medical appointments, for running errands, and shopping for individuals who are no longer able to do those tasks. Call 360-379-3246 for additional information.

If you have questions about the services East Jefferson Fire at ejfr.org or by calling 360-385-2626.

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) Quarterly Report - Third Quarter 2024

by Jason White, OWSI

As we step into the final quarter of 2024, Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) is pleased to share the progress and highlights of our operations from the third quarter. This period has been marked by significant advancements in both our water and sewer services, all aimed at enhancing the reliability and efficiency of our utility operations.

OWSI is proud to announce that it has been recognized with WA State Department of Ecology (DOE)'s Outstanding Performance Award for its exemplary operation of the Port Ludlow Wastewater Treatment Plant in 2023.

This award, presented to only 118 of the state's 300+ wastewater treatment plants, recognizes facilities that have achieved excellent compliance with their water quality permits. Olympic Water & Sewer's recognition is particularly significant as one of only three awardees in Jefferson County.

Water Treatment and Distribution Updates:

Brown Water: We continue to flush and answer all responses to manage the brown water. The options are flushing or ice pigging. The ice pigging contractor is the only one we have found to perform this work and works across the United States. To engage this process is about \$500,000 and would be funded through a surcharge.

Hydrology Report and Master Plan: Our annual hydrology report, completed by the esteemed engineering firm Robinson-Noble, has yielded excellent news. The results confirm that our water resources are robust and sufficient to meet community needs for years to come. Furthermore, the report supports the complete build-out of our master plan, ensuring that we are well-positioned to manage future demands and maintain high service standards.

Lead Line Inventory: We have successfully completed our Lead Line Inventory, a crucial step in ensuring the safety of our water supply. The Department of Health (DOH) submittal is currently being compiled. We are pleased to report that no lead service lines were found during this inventory. Individual property owners will soon receive detailed results by mail, sent to the addresses we have on file. This transparency is part of our commitment to maintaining a safe and healthy water system.

Sanitary Survey: In August, our regional engineer from WA State DOH, Scott Pollock, conducted a Sanitary Survey of our water system. This survey acts as a comprehensive health inspection. We are awaiting his formal report, which will include findings, suggestions, and directives for any necessary improvements.

Water System Plan Update: Our Water System Plan Update has completed its initial review by regulatory agencies. We are now addressing a short punch list of clarifications required for the next submittal. We anticipate this follow-up review to take place by the end of September, bringing us a step closer to finalizing our updated plan.

New Equipment Acquisition: In a move to improve our operational efficiency, OWSI has acquired a new mini excavator and trailer. This new equipment will help us reduce costs associated with renting machinery for preventative maintenance and emergency repairs. This investment is expected to help manage costs as they continue to rise.

Sewer System Developments:

Lift Station #11: The new lift station in OT2 Phase 2 is nearing completion. We are pleased to report that this new lift station has demonstrated strong performance even on generator backup power. Once it passes its L&I inspection, it will be connected to permanent PUD power, marking a significant milestone in our infrastructure upgrades.

Sewer Reroute and Golf Course Update: The sewer reroute at South Bay 2 Lot 1 on the golf course off Cameron Drive has been successfully completed. We are happy to note that the golf course is recovering nicely from the reroute work.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Projects: Several summer projects at our wastewater treatment plant are in progress. Clarifier #2 is undergoing a significant overhaul, including updates to its electrical components, bearings, and drive wheels. Additionally, the grit collector will receive a repair to extend its operational life. These updates are vital for maintaining the efficiency and reliability of our wastewater treatment processes.

New Sewer Camera: An operational highlight for our team is the acquisition of a new Hawthorn sewer camera. This state-of-the-art equipment replaces our old VHS camera and is capable of videoing pipes ranging from 3” to 10” in diameter with a 300-foot range. This upgrade is a valuable addition to our toolkit, providing enhanced inspection capabilities and supporting our commitment to maintaining and improving our sewer infrastructure.

Looking Ahead

As we transition into the final quarter of the year, OWSI remains dedicated to delivering high-quality water and sewer services to our community. Our recent achievements and ongoing projects reflect our commitment to continuous improvement and operational excellence. We appreciate your support and patience as we work towards our goal of providing reliable and efficient utility services.

Community Opportunity Fair - A Success!



The 2024 Community Opportunity Fair held at the Bay Club on August 27 was a great success. There were about 200 attendees who came to learn about the opportunities in Port Ludlow, whether it be volunteering, recreating, or learning about different organizations that support our community. Roughly half of those who came were new to Port Ludlow. The rest of the attendees have lived here for more than two years and were looking for information on groups they were interested in joining.

There were almost 60 exhibitor booths, and attendees were encouraged to collect stamps or stickers from 16 different exhibitors to redeem their passport for one raffle ticket. Exhibitors and volunteers also received raffle tickets for participating in the fair.

The nine raffle prizes included:

- Two-hour cruise for four – Port Ludlow Yacht Club members Jorge and Marion Concepcion
- Two certificates for a dinner for two – El Molcajete
- Gift basket – Port Ludlow Brokers
- Gift certificate – Port Ludlow Brokers
- One free session – Active Life Physical Therapy
- One hour massage – Joyce Burdick, LMP
- Gift certificate – Habitat for Humanity
- Gift bag – Garden Club

The Bread and Gravy Trio played a variety of music on the terrace behind the club and Harbor Haute Dogs served—you guessed it!—hot dogs with all kinds of toppings.

Comments from our attendees and exhibitors were uniformly positive. People liked the live music, the information provided by the various clubs and organizations, the passports, swag bags, and the food.

Local sponsors for the fair this year were Port Ludlow Village Council, Ludlow Maintenance Commission, South Bay Community Association, Coldwell Banker Best Homes, Port Ludlow Brokers, Salish Coast Medical Aesthetics, and Active Life Physical Therapy.

The purpose of the fair was to provide an opportunity for new and established residents of Port Ludlow to learn about and connect with local clubs, non-profits, and service organizations. We achieved that. Thank you to the planning committee (Allison Leonard, Janet DeDonato, Tam McDearmid, Vickie Norris, Donna Geer) for all the hours of hard work. The next Community Opportunity Fair will happen in summer 2026. See you then!

Fall Traditions A-Bind ...

as in binding on a quilt!

Quilters-by-the-Bay is once again warming up the fall and winter chill with an array of quilts down the gallery hallway of the Bay Club during the month of October. The display features styles from traditional to contemporary, in every color under the rainbow, and with sizes ranging from small wall hangings to bed-sized masterpieces. Some of these quilts have been made during the past year while others have been worked on far longer, bringing quilters' visions and skilled handiwork to completion for one-of-a-kind works of art.

On **Wednesday, October 2**, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. in the Craft Room off the hallway, the quilters will have their annual sale of handmade quilted items. It's a great opportunity to pick up a hostess or birthday gift, as well as perfect items to tuck away for the holiday season.

The Bay Quilters have also been busy this past year making quilts for our Jefferson Healthcare hospice clients, and cancer

center patients, and also making receiving blankets for new babies at the Birthing Center.

Experienced quilters or beginners, all are welcome to their weekly Wednesday meetings from 1–3 p.m. in the Craft Room at the Bay Club. They have knowledge and fabric to share! Contact Jan Knodle, 360-437-9641 for more information.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, EJFR Community Outreach Volunteer



Meet Wicus McGuffey, Lieutenant and Volunteer Coordinator with East Jefferson Fire Rescue. Wicus has been a professional firefighter for twenty-five years and spent two years as a trainee. Originally from Ohio, he grew up with a family that moved frequently, allowing him

to see many states. He came to Washington in a family move, and after having moved away again, returned as an adult to stay and raise a family. He lives now with his wife, Michelle, and three children in the Port Angeles area. His older son, Colton, is a firefighter in Sequim; his daughter, Kyrsten, got her M.B.A. this May and will play soccer for Western Washington University for one year; his youngest son, Naaman, is a firefighter with East Jefferson Fire Rescue. When at home, Wicus is involved in athletics. He has coached baseball and basketball for fifteen years, and enjoys fishing, hunting, and kayaking. He spends time outdoors as much as possible.

Wicus took training to give him the skills to provide medical support to others and served in the National Guard as a medic. He decided to become a firefighter because the job gave him the ability to respond to people needing assistance in time of crisis.

As Volunteer Coordinator, he has received immense satisfaction from mentoring and developing hundreds of people in the firefighting program and seeing them become successful in the job. It is a role he takes very seriously. He wants to retire as a firefighter (with his health intact) and leave the job better than he found it.

The hardest part of the job for Wicus is the cumulative impact of being exposed to death and suffering while responding to calls for assistance. This, and the constant state of readiness that first responders must maintain while on duty, can take its toll on firefighters.

When asked what people don't know about him, Wicus responded with a smile. He said people see him as a hard-over type "A" personality in his job, when in reality he is a pretty sensitive guy that cares deeply for people. East Jefferson Fire Rescue is fortunate to have Wicus as part of the team. If you are interested in volunteer opportunities, call 360-385-2626.

Join Us to Uncover How Housing Shapes Our Economy!

The Housing Solutions Network is excited to invite the community to a special event on **October 16**, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Northwest Maritime Center in Port Townsend. This free event will focus on the findings from our recent county-wide survey, *Housing Jefferson County's Economy: A Community Survey*.

This survey collected valuable input from both individuals and businesses throughout Jefferson County, providing a clear picture of how housing challenges are deeply intertwined with our local economy. Whether you're a homeowner, renter, business owner, or simply interested in the health of our community, this event will offer new insights into the critical connections between housing and economic stability.

To bring the data to life, we'll also be sharing powerful personal stories from local residents. These narratives will highlight the human side of the housing crisis, helping us understand the real-world impacts and foster empathy and action. The combination of facts and heartfelt stories promises to inform, inspire, and spark important conversations about what we can do to address these urgent issues together.

Attendees will enjoy free hors d'oeuvres catered by Wake & Wave Boards and beverages will be available for purchase.

You can get your free tickets at tinyurl.com/HSNSurveyEvent.

We look forward to seeing you there as we come together to learn, reflect, and work toward meaningful housing solutions for Jefferson County!

Genealogy Workshop

Were your ancestors part of the American Revolution? Or do you think they were? Are you a novice researcher? Have you hit a brick wall?

Please join our free, one-on-one genealogy community workshop on **Thursday, October 10**, from 11 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. The class is limited to 12 people, so you must RSVP by **Thursday, October 3**, to save your spot. RSVP to Deb at dlr2617@gmail.com. On your confirmation, we will give you the time of your one-hour genealogy assistance and the location of the workshop.

Admiralty Inlet Daughters of the American Revolution is hosting this fun day of discovering your ancestors! Come join us!

Blessing of the Pets

Peace Lutheran Fellowship is celebrating St. Francis of Assisi Day with a Blessing of the Pets on **Sunday, October 6** from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. in the Port Ludlow Village. Bring your pets to receive a blessing from our pastor, the Rev. Brad Hayward, for good health for our pets and to celebrate the joy of our companionship with our pets.

October at the Jefferson County Library

As October ushers in crisp air, fallen leaves, apple picking, and pumpkin patches, outdoor activities will move indoors, and the Library District will embrace autumn with fun programs and events for all ages. Please visit the events calendar at jclibrary.info for complete details about any program.

Nils Pedersen and Dr. Joyce Francis are back on Thursdays in October to present their four-part online *Supreme Court of the United States (SCOTUS)* discussion series. Beginning **Thursday, October 3**, from 6 – 7:30 p.m., Nils and Joyce will join participants online to review the court's processes and players, explore select arguments from the 2023 term, and discuss the scheduled cases for 2024. Participants are encouraged to share their questions and concerns about the court during the first session, and the group will seek to address them in the next three sessions.

October programs for children include the monthly *LEGO® at the Library* program on **Thursday, October 10**, from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Build your Lego creations in an open, imaginative space. Storytime for Toddlers and Preschoolers will move back indoors to the library's Humphrey Room beginning **Monday, October 7**. Join Rosaletta on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. for stories, songs, and physical movement to build children's love of reading and learning. Please note that there will be no Storytime on **Monday, October 14**, as the Library District will be closed for our annual Staff Education Day.

You won't want to miss the 2024 Huntingford Humanities Lecture: *When Your Grandpa Is a Bot: AI, Death, and Digital Doppelgangers*. After his father passed away, Muhammad Aurangzeb Ahmad brought him back – digitally, creating an artificial intelligence (AI) simulation he called "Grandpa Bot" so his young children could get to know their grandfather. Ahmad will share his experience with Grandpa Bot as he explores how AI will transform our society, culture, and relationships. This year's lecture will take place at the library on **Wednesday, October 9**, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. and online registration is required. If you are unable to make the in-person lecture, a virtual encore presentation will occur via Zoom the following **Wednesday, October 16**, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. Please visit jclibrary.info for details about attending one or both programs.

On **Saturday, October 12**, WSU Master Gardeners will conclude the growing season with three informative programs. Special guest Jadyne Reichner of Oatsplanter Farm will discuss the basics of saving and storing seeds from noon – 3 p.m. Meanwhile, from 12:15 – 12:45 p.m., Master Gardener Rachel Dunn will explain the art of landscaping on septic drain fields, and from 1 – 3 p.m., the Master Gardener volunteers will be available to provide expert advice and answer gardening related questions.

Celebrate wilderness with a special event commemorating the legacy of Aldo Leopold, the visionary conservationist who, in 1924, pioneered the world's first designated wilderness area. Join us **Wednesday, October 30**, from 6 – 7:30 p.m. for an interactive reading from his timeless work, *A Sand County Almanac*,

led by Washington State Parks host and environmental educator, Elena Kayak-von Ancken.

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

PLGC Welcomes Kellie Henwood - Local Farming and Sustainability

The Port Ludlow Garden Club is excited to host a special event featuring Kellie Henwood, WSU Extension Educator, on **Wednesday, October 9** at 11 a.m. at the Bay Club. Kellie will provide an insightful overview of the Regional Small Farms Program, emphasizing the crucial connections between local farming, food security, and sustainability.

Her presentation will cover the program's mission, key principles, and offerings for farmers and community members, along with an exploration of the challenges and opportunities facing local farmers today. Attendees will gain valuable insights through real-world examples that demonstrate the program's impact on the community.

A highlight of the event will be Kellie's discussion on the Farm-to-Food Bank Program, particularly its success in Jefferson and Clallam Counties. This initiative plays a vital role in supporting local food banks by ensuring fresh, locally-sourced produce reaches those in need.

Kellie will also introduce the Eat Local First Collaborative, a local food marketing campaign that has significantly raised public awareness about sourcing local food. Recently, the state of Washington declared September as Eat Local Month, marking a significant milestone for the movement.

Kellie Henwood, who has been managing the WSU Extension's Regional Small Farms Program since 2013, focuses on equitable land access, farm viability, and culturally relevant agricultural education. She brings extensive experience in organic farming and commercial fishing, and serves on the boards of Jefferson Land Trust and Tilth Alliance. Currently, Kellie is pursuing a Master's in Sustainable Food Systems at Arizona State University.

This event is open to Garden Club members with advance reservations. Non-members are welcome to attend for a \$5 donation. Please RSVP to Michelle Pelkey at 360-710-3547 or portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com by **October 2**.

Submit articles to editor@plvoice.org
by the 8th of the month.

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Village News

Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association Update

by Bob Gilbert, President, SBCA Board of Directors

If I told you that the past two months have been a steep learning curve, it would be a gross understatement. It has been ballistic. Still, after serving just over two months, I retain my sense of good fortune for the opportunity I have been given. It is always a privilege to meet, greet, and connect with our members at the many events and gatherings held at the Bay Club.

It has become a bit of a running joke—some members have affectionately called me a “baby” when age comes up in conversation. A light-hearted reminder that no matter your age, there’s always someone older who sees you as the younger one. And while the label is amusing, it highlights something important—we share more than just years; we share values, experiences, and backgrounds that shape and inform our community. I have come to realize that many of us are confronting changes that subtly, but surely, impact how we live and interact with our larger community.

We identify with our shared appreciation of Port Ludlow’s natural beauty, the comfort and safety we enjoy, and the deep friendships we hold dear. Many are from the “Silent Generation” or the “Boomer” cohort, raised to value independence, self-reliance, and yes, stubbornness or grit. Yet, for some, it has become harder to manage tasks we once performed with ease. There is no shame in this reality, though accepting it can be difficult. I understand this well.

I have heard from members who believe we must do more to foster a supportive community—one where we help each other when needed. The pandemic profoundly disrupted our connections with our families, friends, and neighbors, isolating us for over two years. In that time, we lost the habit of being involved in one another’s lives. It is important for us to acknowledge the impact this horrible life- and world-changing event had on us all, and strive to move forward.

Now more than ever, we need to rebuild our community bonds. This could be as simple as offering a ride, helping with errands, or assisting with medical appointments. I deeply appreciate those among us who quietly help their neighbors. You embody the spirit of care we treasure here.

But this effort needs to be broader. If you struggle with daily tasks, please ask for help. Let not pride stand in the way of receiving the support or help you need. For those still able, take the initiative—know your neighbors, check in regularly, and offer a helping hand or even something as simple as your company. These simple acts of kindness strengthen our community. Pay it Forward.

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, October 10, 9:30 a.m.

Unless there are changes to county requirements, meetings are in-person.

All SBCA members are welcome.

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

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

Ultimately, we will all need some form of assistance. By fostering a culture of care and support today, right now, we ensure that when the time comes, we can all count on one another. Let us make our community not just a place to live, but a home where we all thrive together. Pay It Forward.

SBCA Activities and Amenities Committee

by Mark and Katie Schwendener, Committee Chairs

One of SBCA’s long-standing traditions is our outstanding Pancake Breakfasts, where each month we highlight and support a different charitable organization. Your continued support for these important causes is greatly appreciated. For many years, our pancake breakfasts have featured a special pancake recipe perfected by long-time residents Barb and Gil Skinner. Though Barb is no longer with us, her legacy lives on through this beloved recipe.

Our breakfast menu includes pancakes, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, warm syrup, orange juice, coffee, tea, and water. Michael Stuber, who joined the SBCA Board in February suggested adding waffles, and he stepped up to do the cooking of them. They have been a great addition to the menu, and if you enjoyed one of his waffles, please let him know.

Speaking of pancake breakfasts, please help us extend our heartfelt gratitude to the dedicated team of volunteers, without whom these events would not be possible. This remarkable group, comprised of former board presidents, members, committee chairs, and others has consistently created delicious breakfasts and a meaningful social gathering that supports worthy causes. Their unwavering commitment has made these breakfasts a cherished tradition. We sincerely thank you all for your service!

Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Ludlow Maintenance Commission sponsors several social events throughout the year. Every year we have a Members' Reception, Wine and Cheese Social, Barbecue, Music on the Lawn, and Breakfast with Santa to name a few. However, it's our Ice Cream Social that I get the biggest kick out of because when it comes to ice cream, it brings the kid out in all of us. No matter if you are 8 or 80, ice cream seems to put a smile and the look of anticipation on everyone's face while they wait to be served their sweet treats. So much fun!

On September 7, we served 120 guests at this year's Ice Cream Social. Of course, I want to thank everyone who attended, but I especially want to thank our volunteers. Thank you, Kathi, Karen, Sue, Claudia, Allan, Betsy, Stewart, and Galina. And a big thank you to our staff who helped pull this together – Kim, Don, Phyllis, Liam, and Jamie.

Now that we have transitioned to fall, the Beach Club outdoor pool's last day of operation is September 30. The pool will remain closed until next spring with the exception of the **December 28** Polar Plunge.

When we think of North Bay activities, we usually focus on events at the Beach Club. Members don't always think about it, but we also have the Bridge Deck building which is uphill from the Beach Club.

We are seeing more and more groups using the Bridge Deck for their events. Here are a few of those groups.

Every Monday from 12 – 5 p.m., we have the Bridge players with Nancy McGillis serving as coordinator.

Several months ago, Chuck Bullen began trying to get a few ukulele players together. It wasn't long before other musicians started showing up wanting to play. Now the "String Alongs" are meeting every Tuesday from 2 – 5 p.m. jamming away in the Bridge Deck. Rumor has it, they will be performing locally soon.

A new Cribbage group has recently started meeting on the first and third Friday of the month from 2 – 4:30 p.m. Katherine Johnson is this group's coordinator.

Another group who seems to be enjoying their work way too much is the Paint & Sip art group. This group will meet at the Bridge Deck again on **October 12** from 9:30 – 12 p.m. I can only imagine what the "Sip" activity is at this event...maybe mimosas? Space may be limited for this group, so I would encourage interested participants to contact Shirley in advance at 360-981-1838.

LMC and the Beach Club

Phone: 360-437-9201

Email: GM@LMCBeachClub.Org

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

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

For a more complete list of events check out our facility calendar on our website at lmcbeachclub.org/meetings-and-events#EventCalendar.

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

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Village Council

PLVC Board Meeting Summary

by Tamra McDearmid, Vice President

Call to Order. Board members attending were Bob Gilbert, John Goldwood, Paul Hinton, Dave Jurca, Tam McDearmid and Jason Wright. Karen Davis served as LMC Representative in Joan Johnston's place.

Stakeholders Updates

Jefferson County PUD, Jameson Hawn

PUD will be trimming in October in the southern areas in conjunction with the fiber optic project. Also in October, they will be submitting a fire mitigation plan to the state, based on the state's template. The transformer that blew up last year has been refurbished and should be ready as a standby early next year. **October 7** is the PUD budget hearing which affects your rates – more details are on the PUD website, jeffpud.org. The \$200 grant program was successful and now complete. They recommend checking social media and their website for the next time this occurs. They gave out \$600,000 in \$200 grants in this income-based program. PUD recommends checking your account at jeffpud.org. Go to the SmartHub login and follow directions. Updating your information will allow the PUD to better serve you in the event of a power outage. The PUD is also researching time-of-day pricing; more to come.

PLA representative was out of town, and the **County Commissioner** could not attend due to illness.

Citizen Comments

Phil Otness gave an update on the 1944 *Island Champion* Tug. The owner has been cited for violating the 30-day anchor rule. The Sheriff's Dept. will continue to cite the owner until she moves. Another citizen with a Coast Guard background stated they watched it being towed into the bay. He feels that the anchor was not set adequately, so in the event of a large storm, the tug could potentially run aground and cause a fuel spill. They have requested that the PLVC write a formal letter to the county and express our concerns.

Committee Reports

Community Opportunity Fair, Vickie Norris

The fair was a great success and around 200 people attended. The volunteers received training about duties on August 17 and felt very prepared for their duties during the fair. About 47% of the attendees have lived in Port Ludlow less than two years, 14% have lived here for three to five years, and the rest greater than six years. People enjoyed the band, Bread and Gravy, and the food truck Haute Dogs. The fair was rated excellent by 77% of those attending, 22% said it was very good, and 1% said it was OK. People thought it was a good setup; communication leading up to the event was good; and it made it easy to find the resources people were looking for. The signup and check-in went smoothly as well.

Village Council Meetings

PLVC Board Meeting
Thursday, October 3
3 - 5 p.m., Bay Club

PLVC Workshop
Tuesday, October 15
3 - 5 p.m., Bay Club

plvc.org

HOA Updates

LMC, Karen Davis, LMC Representative

The Music on the Lawn program went well.

SBCA, Bob Gilbert, SBCA President and PLVC Director

Bob discussed the vision of the SBCA Board. The Board is researching the best uses of the club and how to generate revenue to support the club. They are also working on communication by updating website presence, having board members attend Bay Club events while wearing their name tags, and giving board members business cards. The goal is to make sure that the board is recognized and reachable. They are going through a strategic planning process to determine the best way to serve the community.

Board Business

Secretary's Report – Approval of August 1 minutes. Voted to approve

Treasurer's Report – Voted to approve

Vote to extend board members positions to December. Voted to approve

Vote to move Annual meeting and Board Election to December. Voted to approve

Voted Tracy Geipel to complete Adina Rivers PLVC Board term, 1 year left on her term. Vote passed

Jason Wright stepped down as PLVC President to address family health issues.

Adjournment

Next Board Meeting – **Thursday, October 3**, at 3 p.m., Bay Club Classroom

Next Workshop – **Tuesday, October 15**, at 3 p.m., Bay Club Conference Room

Arts & Entertainment

Who Doesn't Need a Good Laugh Now and Then?

by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer



Although Port Ludlow Performing Arts is usually known for bringing live music to the Bay Club, it also features different kinds of entertainment, such as a magician and a ventriloquist. On **Saturday, November 2**, at 7:30 p.m., Port Ludlow Performing Arts will lighten the stage with Alex Velluto, a very funny standup comedian.

Alex Velluto, a rising star in the comedy world, was recently featured on the television series *Loving Lyfe*, *Normal World*, *Dry Bar Comedy*, and Nate Bargatze's stand-up series, "*The Showcase*." Alex has appeared on Peacock TV and has been a guest on *Stand-Up Nashville* that aired on the Circle Network.

Alex was the only comedian selected to join the *Dry Bar Comedy Tour* and performed in three *Dry Bar Comedy* specials, including his latest, *The Big Gulp Kid*, that is available on YouTube. Showcasing his ability to connect with audiences of all backgrounds and ages, Alex has millions of online views and thousands of fans, including a follow from the official 7-Eleven Instagram account. "Excellent clean humor, good to listen to, informative, clearly kind to others." – *Julius Weche*

For more information on Alex, please visit facebook.com/alexvelluto/. For tickets, please visit portludlowperformingarts.com. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Lane in Port Ludlow.

Wild Man of the Wynoochee Musical at the Key City Public Theatre

The Key City Public Theatre premieres a new musical, *Wild Man of the Wynoochee*. The curtain rises at 7:30 p.m. on **Thursday, October 3** and runs through **Sunday, October 27**.

In the wilds of the Pacific Northwest, a nature-loving hermit is accused of murdering his nephew. After finding himself the target of a massive manhunt, he fights for his life and the safety of his loved ones.

The book and lyrics are by Jessica Welsh. Music and lyrics are by Linda Dowdell, who states, "At its core, this is a thrilling tale of love and loss, betrayal and survival, and the wildness in us all, set against the magnificent and mysterious backdrop of the Pacific Northwest."

The Key City Public Theatre is located at 419 Washington Street in Port Townsend. For tickets and calendar of events, please visit keycitypublictheatre.org.

Master Magician Maritess Zurbano at the Key City Public Theatre

Master Magician Maritess Zurbano will be dazzling audiences (18+ older) at the Key City Public Theatre on **Tuesday, October 8**, at 7:30 p.m. The theatre is located at 419 Washington Street in Port Townsend.

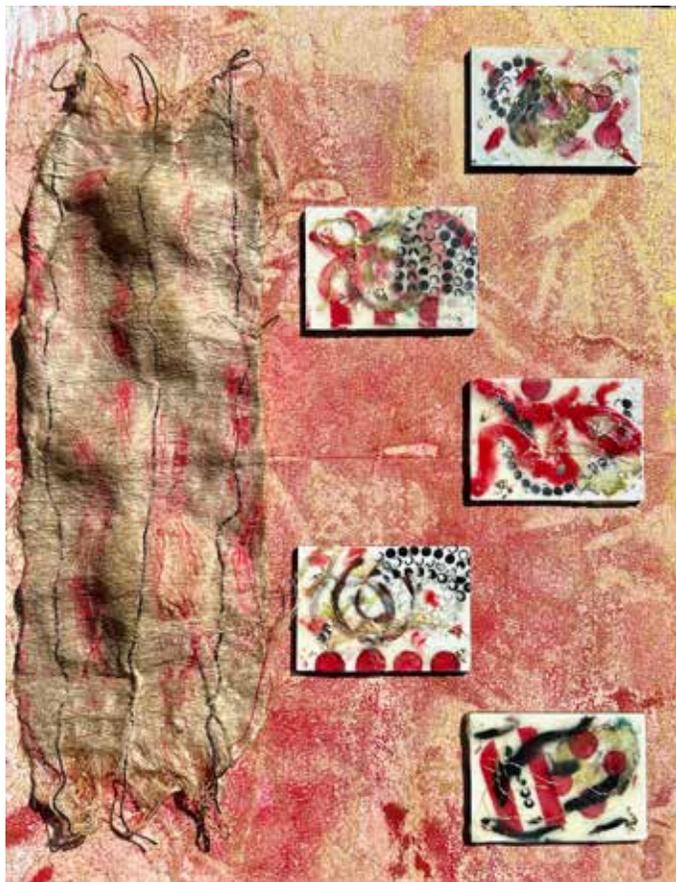
Maritess Zurbano has astounded audiences for 24 years and brings hilarity and entertainment to audiences as one of the only Filipina-American magicians. Her message of self-empowerment is shared through demonstrating the power of the mind.

As a former Las Vegas croupier and member of a professional baccarat team, she had her own illusion show in Japan. Zurbano competed in the coveted world championships of magic at the Fédération Internationale des Sociétés Magiques in Lisbon. She has been profiled by *Newsday*, Lifetime Television, the BBC News, and *The Village Voice*.

Tony-Award-winning playwright, David Henry Hwang, exclaims, "With her street-smart stage presence, dazzling illusions, and great sense of humor, Maritess redefines magic for a hip new multicultural age."

For tickets and calendar of events, please visit keycitypublictheatre.org.

Port Ludlow Art League's Artist of the Month - Cynthia LeRouge



Paso Doble by Cynthia LeRouge.

Submitted photo

Growing up immersed in sensory-rich New Orleans and the influence of Cajun culture from her grandparents, Cynthia developed an appreciation of texture, color, and diverse assemblages that inspire her artwork.

While Cynthia has worked with fiber, needle arts, and design since she was seven, she delves into the world of mixed media, creating artwork using fiber, needle arts, encaustic, and multiple forms of surface design. Cynthia states, "I aim to achieve multi-textural connections among multiple media and juxtapose natural and synthetic materials in my art. I think of my artwork like making gumbo, with a bit of spice thrown in."

During October, you can view Cynthia's artwork at Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org.

A reception for Cynthia is set for 4 – 5 p.m., **Wednesday, October 9** in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, noon – 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League's Jeweler of the Month - Jolie Maki

Jolie Maki earned a BFA in Metal Arts from the University of Washington. Her work incorporates traditional metal making techniques using gold, silver, copper, and bronze to create intricate one-of-a-kind jewelry pieces. Jolie's recent work explores the use of color using torch-fired enamels and interesting shapes to create jewelry that echoes narratives and symbols inspired by nature. She draws inspiration from the cultural symbolism those shapes represent.



Jewelry by Jolie Maki.

Submitted photo

Incorporating more color beyond the typical stones Jolie has used, she feels that her collection of jewelry represents a new chapter in her work. She hopes people find the technique of torch enameling interesting and delightful with a side of whimsy. Referencing the quote from Henri Matisse, Jolie agrees, "Creativity takes courage."

During October, Jolie's jewelry will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, Sound Community Bank, and online at portludlowart.org. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, noon – 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Tangle Club News

The Port Ludlow Tangle Club meets the second Thursday of every other month at the Bay Club from 1 – 3 p.m. Mark your calendars now for the last meeting of 2024 – **November 14!** With a nod towards the holiday season, Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT) Alice Clive will guide all who attend through a special holiday tangling session. Tangles are hand-drawn, structured images that are created one stroke at a time, in a mindful, fun-loving manner. And in Zentangle, there are no mistakes – you are free to do your own thing! All are welcome. Begin your own Zentangle journey and tap into your creative self. You can RSVP for the November meeting by emailing Alice at: foureyes22@outlook.com. Beginner kits are \$5; monthly supply kits are \$3 and available at each meeting.



Port Ludlow Art League October Meeting Speaker – Len Eisenhood



Pollinator Meadow by Len Eisenhood.

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow Art League welcomes paper marbling and collage artist, Len Eisenhood, as the speaker for their October Program Meeting at the Port Ludlow Beach Club.

In 2023, Len spent a year with three other artists at the Bloedel Reserve in their Community Creative Program. During that time, Len developed two, three-day workshops for participants, highlighting the *Signs of Welcome* theme. The group explored the Bloedel gardens and used various mediums to communicate our relationship with nature and its impact on our inner landscape. Participants used poetry, sketching, paper marbling, book-making, research, and discussion of “theaters of possibility.” The combination of each individual’s imagination provided for lively conversations and a sense of belonging, culminating in a six-hour paper marbling workshop so that participants felt the creative flow of complexity and unity in open-ended art-making.

Len will share his inquiry-based process of paper marbling, along with paint and collage on a marbled canvas to reveal a sentient narrative. He will also demonstrate his paper-marbling process. For more information about Len and his artwork, please visit leneisenhoodart.com/gallery.

The program meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 16**, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Beach Club. The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow. Guests are welcome to attend for a \$5 fee. For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.

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Port Ludlow Art League - Upcoming Classes



Pumpkin Harvest by Pamela Raine.

Watercolor Paint Class – Friday, October 4, 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
Join us for a fun class with Pamela Raine to complete the *Pumpkin Harvest* watercolor painting. All supplies and instructions are provided for a fee. To register, please email info@portludlowart.org.



Autumn Lake by Shirley Bomgaars.

Submitted photos

Acrylic Paint Class – Saturday, October 12, 9:30 a.m. – noon at the Bridge Deck

Join us for a fun class with Shirley Bomgaars to complete the *Autumn Lake* acrylic painting. All supplies and instructions are provided for a fee. To register, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Northwind Art's New Exhibits and Classes



Author Sally Jean Fox will teach "Embracing the Muse" on Oct. 24 at Northwind Art School. Details are at NorthwindArt.org.

Elemental is the name of the new exhibit at Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery. The show features two very different artists—painter Jeanne Toal from Port Townsend, and sculptor Jan Hoy from Coupeville on Whidbey Island. Toal is known for her ethereal, color-drenched paintings. Virtually blind in one eye, she uses oil paint, pigment sticks, cold wax, and gold leaf on paper and board, and paints with her hands as well as brushes. Hoy uses water-based clay, stainless steel, and bronze that gives her creations a hefty and yet graceful feel that moves in continuous curves.

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Teaching artist Meg Kaczyk, at left, will offer Make It Abstract and Your Illustrated Life: Art Journaling through Change, in October at Northwind Art School. Details are at NorthwindArt.org.

Submitted photos

Elemental is on display **October 3 – November 18**. On **October 5**, the public is invited to enjoy a celebration of the exhibit during First Saturday Art Walk from 5 – 8 p.m. Toal and Hoy will deliver their artists' talk in the gallery on **October 17**, at 6 p.m.

Northwind Art's Showcase 2024 exhibit presents a diverse collection of art from 18 local artists including printmakers, painters, sculptors, and fiber artists.

Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery is located at 701 Water St. in Port Townsend and is open Thursdays – Mondays, noon – 5 p.m., For more information, please visit NorthwindArt.org.

Northwind Art's school offers a wide variety of in-person and online classes for adults and youth at beginner to intermediate skill levels. To register, please visit northwindart.org/collections/courses. Upcoming classes include:

- Your Illustrated Life: Art Journaling through Change, in person with Meg Kaczyk, **October 6**
- Nature's Colors: Watercolor Basics for Nature Journaling, a six-week online course with Elizabeth Higgins, **Mondays, October 7, 14, 21, 28**
- Gouache Level 1: in person with Anne Pfeiffer, **Mondays, October 14, 21, 28, November 4, 11, 18**
- Make It Abstract: in person with Meg Kaczyk, **October 17 – 18**
- Introduction to Metal Fold Forming: in person with Bill Dawson, **October 19**
- Embracing the Muse: Transformative Processes for Enhancing a Creative Life, in person with Sally Jean Fox, **October 24**

Key City Public Theatre Announces Adult Acting Classes

Are you curious about acting and the expressive art of storytelling through movement and voice? Theatre Arts Foundations is offering a six-week acting class **October 7 – November 11, Monday evenings, 6 – 7:30 p.m.** at the Fillmore Street Studio. The Fillmore Street Studio is located at 629 Fillmore Street in Port Townsend.

The six-week series explores the foundations of theatre arts and acting technique for self-development and personal empowerment in an emotionally, culturally, and physically safe space.

The class will focus on somatic awareness and expression practices, vocal tone and projection, ensemble building and improv games, and scene work. Participants will learn how this expressive art of embodied storytelling can be applied to our daily lives and relationships. The class will cover:

- The body as your instrument: mechanics of movement and sound
- Ensemble building and improv games
- Intention versus impact
- Somatic storytelling
- Scene work
- Final showcase

To register, please visit keycitypublictheatre.org.



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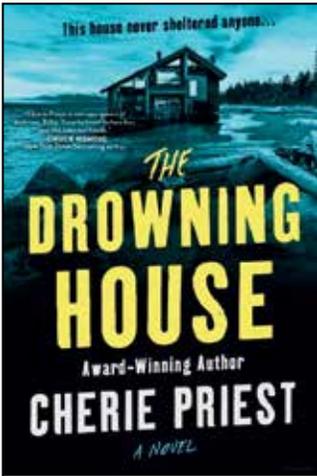
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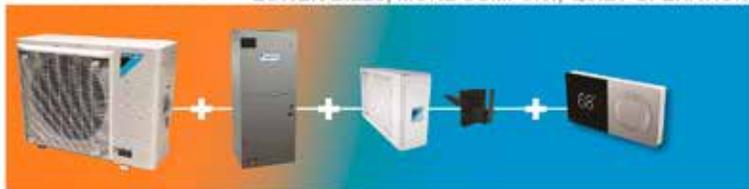
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Features & Stories

Land Trust Launches Fundraising Campaign



Big Leaf Maple tree on Chimacum Ridge.

Photo by Robert Tognoli

For 35 years, the Jefferson Land Trust has worked to preserve and protect our beautiful lands. Now the Trust is reaching out in hopes to raise \$8.25 million to allow the organization to act on our community's best conservation ideas for how to protect and care for the land in creative and regenerative ways.

More than \$6.3 million of that (77 percent) has already been given and pledged toward the \$8.25 million goal, which campaign leaders hope to reach by the end of 2024.

“Since 1989, we’ve worked with willing landowners, conservation partners, and the community to help protect almost 18,500 acres of farmland, forestland, and fish and wildlife habitat in Jefferson County,” Executive Director Richard Tucker said. “The interest in, and importance of, our work grows each year, and a successful campaign will help us look to the future with creativity, vision, and hope.”

Established in 1989 by a group of engaged community members, Jefferson Land Trust was an exclusively volunteer-run organization until hiring its first professional staff members in 1996. Now, with 15 employees and a track record of success, the land trust is a three-time accredited, nonprofit land conservation organization with hundreds of supporters and a small army of dedicated and engaged volunteers.

The land trust embarked on the quiet phase of the *Look to the Land* campaign in 2021 with the approval and full support of its Board of Directors. The organization established three priorities for the campaign:

1. **Land for Today:** \$3 million to create Chimacum Ridge Community Forest in Chimacum — a model community

forest for all that will inspire new ways to live and work in balance with the land, drive a local wood economy, and offer an array of recreational and educational opportunities.

2. **Land for Tomorrow:** \$1.5 million to seed a Flexible Opportunity Fund that will give the Land Trust the ready capital needed to compete in a heated real estate market, as well as invest in exciting new conservation ideas that benefit the community and promote equitable access to land.
3. **Land Forever:** \$3 million to build the Forever Fund operating endowment that will, as it grows over time, guarantee the Land Trust's ability to protect and restore the land in its care and allow the organization to honor the commitment it makes each time it works with willing landowners to protect local farmland, forestland, and wildlife habitat, forever.



Aerial view of Chimacum Ridge Community Forest.

Photo by John Gussman

The Land Trust's supporters have responded enthusiastically to the campaign. More than 150 donors have contributed or pledged \$6.3 million. Their generosity allowed Jefferson Land Trust to recently complete a goal more than a decade in the making: the purchase of an 853-acre forested property on Chimacum Ridge. Now, the organization is continuing to raise the funds necessary to transform the property into the Chimacum Ridge Community Forest with the infrastructure needed to open it to the public in 2025, and to support the campaign's longer-term goals.

“We’re excited to share this new campaign with the donors, volunteers, and members of our community who know, as we do, that protecting and caring for local land is one of the most important things we can do,” said Board President Brian Rogers. “The generosity of our supporters will allow us to finish this campaign strong and accomplish our goals.”

Fourteen community members have stepped up to guide the campaign: W. Ron Allen, Chairman and CEO of the Jamestown S’Klallam Tribe and Steve Moore, former Jefferson Land

Trust board president, are honorary campaign co-chairs. Ellen Ferguson of the Hugh and Jane Ferguson Foundation and Phil Vogelzang, a Chimacum Ridge area landowner who co-owns the Chimacum Corner Farmstand with his wife Katy McCoy, are serving as campaign co-chairs.

“From my earliest days, I’ve loved this land. Having places that anchor you is so important, especially in these chaotic times,” said campaign co-chair Ellen Ferguson. “I’m very honored to be part of this campaign and to have the opportunity to help strengthen our local land trust.”

“It’s hard to think of an organization that has a greater impact on improving the quality of life for people in our area than Jefferson Land Trust,” said campaign co-chair Phil Vogelzang. “The greatest gifts we can possibly give to the next generation are working forests, healthy farms, and wild places—all in the heart of Jefferson County.”

The campaign steering committee includes ten members: Carleen Bruins, retired environmental educator; Malcolm Dorn, president of Wallyworks Enterprises; Nan Evans, host of KPTZ’s *Nature Now* and former land trust board member; Scott Freeman, writer and forest owner; Glenda Hultman Geerlofs, attorney and former land trust board member; Crystie Kisler, co-founder of Finnrivier Farm & Cidery and Chimacum Center; Kees Kolff, co-founder of Port Townsend EcoVillage; Barry Mitzman, land trust board member; Brian Rogers, land trust board president; and Meredith Wagner, a dedicated community volunteer.

Now, the Land Trust will spend the next five months engaging donors, volunteers, and members of the community to raise the remaining \$1.9 million.

“This campaign marks a significant milestone in the history of Jefferson Land Trust,” said Executive Director Richard Tucker. “We’ve come so far as an organization, and we know that the need for our work is growing. The time to invest in the future of Jefferson County is now. We look forward to working with our community to ensure this place we love is resilient, healthy, and strong for the many generations to come.”

To learn more about the campaign, visit saveland.org/looktotheland.

The Big 8-0h

by Suyin Karlsen, Guest Writer

Ann-Margret, at age 81, released her first classic-rock album, *Born to be Wild*, last year. The Swedish-born actress still rides a purple Harley and drives a hot pink Cadillac. She says, “I’m just happy to be alive. I have the same friends I’ve had for 60 years, and I feel the same way I felt when I first met them.”

So right off Ann-Margret will tell you it is grand to be an octogenarian! You still dazzle!

For this article, two questions were asked of my octogenarian family and friends:

(1) *Knowing all that you know now, name one thing that you would do differently.*

(2) *Knowing all that you know now, what advice would you give the younger generation?*

Before delving into answers, people expressed gratitude for their long life, counting each day as a blessing. Many offered along these lines... “As long as my mental faculties are intact.” One joker said, “Otherwise wheel me over a cliff.” Geriatricians tell us that a sense of humor is imperative, for it helps us to live longer, literally. So, *he’s* definitely graduating to nonagenarian!

Of the first question – *Knowing all that you know now, name one thing that you would do differently* – the answers ranged from:

*I had a job that I loved so I never worked one day in my life! I would not change a thing.

*I would go to college right after high school instead of doing it the hard way as a working adult.

*I would have spent more time with my children rather than on building my business and career. More than one had a similar answer.

*I would have been more courageous and said YES to many of the opportunities that I missed out on.

*I would not be so shy. I led such a sheltered life. Now I can’t stop talking!

*I would have enjoyed my life more, not be so serious about everything. Two added, “Lighten up” or life can become your secret dictator.

*I wouldn’t have adopted the approach to do things at the right time. There is no right time. Just do it. This couple saved all their life to travel later, and then the husband died without ever having traveled. All agreed that tomorrow is no guarantee.

*I would not have taken a job that I did which was purely for money. I lost sight of the things that were more important. Looking back, I realize that was a mistake.

Of the second question – *Knowing all that you know now, what advice would you give the younger generation?* – here is what wise octogenarians have to say:

Follow your heart, follow your bliss, was a popular response. I will quote one, “I advise my children and grandchildren to follow their bliss, to examine their own minds, and to be aware of how their thoughts create their reality. To keep their hearts open, and to learn to be kind and compassionate with themselves, the people they love, and to be a useful member of their community.”

A few said, “Be the best that you can be and then be a little bit more. After all, we are all works in progress. There’s always a little more room for a little more improvement.”

Several advise the younger generation to *not* try to please other people. “You don’t need other people to validate who you are. Know who you truly are and be That! Live your own life, not the one other people or society have orchestrated for you.”

Someone stated, “Don’t take your youth for granted, it all goes so fast! And when you do get old, continue to be youthful.” She told a story of how she met a nonagenarian holding a psychedelic surf board under her arm. She had just been surfing, and the joy on her face shone like her wet hair in the sun.”

Cautious ones remarked on working hard and saving for the future. As we live longer, so is the cost of living going up. Find a balance. Enjoy youth but don’t be foolhardy. Money still makes the world go around. We can’t all be trust-fund kids!

This one is a quote, “I would hope they have the conscience to put the environment ahead of everything unlike our generation. Many of us are still more concerned with who has the most toys rather than who makes the smallest imprint on the water, air, and land.”

This final answer could very well be the basis for a Ted Talk: “I got the job, I got the girl, I got the family. I was successful, but at age 60, I realized I had not gotten the joy nor the peace. Something was missing and it had been missing, I realized, for a long time. Don’t get me wrong. There were many happy moments but those never stayed. In my very being, I knew there just had to be more!”

I had to ask, “And is there...more??”

Yes, happily, yes. I began reading lots of books and talking to people I shall just call Wisdom Teachers. They all said the same thing. *Go to a quiet place inside of you. You are your own teacher. Find the answers in the stillness.* I was confused. How could I be my own teacher? But I did what they said, and practiced meditating.

“Almost immediately, I discovered that meditation in itself is blissful. It’s falling into a Quietness and not being afraid of the falling because one fell away from all the entrapments outside of oneself...the world and all it grasps for. I never knew such total surrender. Later, I discovered that I had begun what is known as a *Sadhana* which is Sanskrit for spiritual journey.

It was very difficult...this journey requiring radical thinking! I fell off the horse many times. Imagine trying to unlearn things you’ve believed all your life. My entire life had been one big separate ‘I.’

After years of introspection and meditation, I realized that there is no *separate* anything. Maybe an analogy may help here. Imagine that our behavior can churn the ethers, releasing good or bad energy, which in turn affects everything and everyone around us. And that energy has a ripple effect spreading further and further. It’s powerful because we *have* this kind of power to make a difference in the world.

Knowing that we are all individuations of the One Consciousness creates a bond with all sentient beings that *unites* rather than *separates*. It’s brought me a lot of peace.

Being present in the moment, practicing awareness, actually ‘seeing’ the person I am with, listening with all of my attention, feeling compassion, performing acts of kindness just because I can...feel deeply fulfilling and joyful. Before, it was the world that mastered me, now I can master the world.

“At age 80, I have never felt more alive, I inhabit every moment of the day. I wish someone had shown me the way when I was 20! True happiness is not out there, it’s in here,” he concluded, patting his chest, and beaming with the happiness he had found, all by himself.

What’s Up, Neighbor?

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer



Tam McDearmid, Christmas 2023.
Photo by Spencer McPherson

She could spell at an early age, even though she wasn’t always sure what the words meant. When she saw the headline about President Eisenhower’s heart attack, Tam McDearmid asked her father what ‘Ike Stricken’ meant. She was only two years old. By the first grade, Tam was reading at the 8th grade level. At the age of 13, she was already in high school. There were rumors she skipped two grades because she was slowly going blind, but Tam just knew her eyesight was poor, so her glasses were thick.

She did not know that one day she would be legally blind, her eyesight would continue to deteriorate, and she would need corneal transplants. Had she known, she says she might have studied something other than political science and public service in college, maybe even learned braille.

She’s always had a mind for business. In the third grade, she read a book about Mendel’s laws of genetics (how traits are passed from parents to offspring) and asked her parents if she could experiment with rabbits. She wanted to learn how to predict the color variations in the litters. Tam said she got pretty good at forecasting color combinations using Mendel’s theories, and she sold a lot of rabbits to schoolkids and the local Feed & Seed. Those she couldn’t sell were butchered for their meat. She made a tidy profit of 50 cents the first year.

Tam met her husband Dave when they were juniors in high school. Like many high school sweethearts, they had plans to

marry, but life happened, and they went their separate ways. Dave worked for IBM as he put himself through college. Tam went to Stanford University and married a college senior. She had her son Spencer when she was seventeen and got divorced when her baby was six months old. She was on her own from the time Spencer was a baby until he became a young man of eighteen and went to college on a track scholarship at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

She earned a master's degree in public administration, with an emphasis on organizational development, and worked for the California Department of Education in Sacramento for the Bureau of Schools Facilities Planning. As a member of a legislative taskforce, she helped write the bill for earthquake-safe schools. When she moved to Oregon, she was a legislative liaison and editor of *Oregon Lands*, an international publication in the Department of Land Use Planning.

Twenty years later, when she went back to California for Thanksgiving, she and Dave reconnected. They walked around their old high school, catching up with each other's life. He had two sons and was a Boy Scout leader. Tam said they held hands just like they used to when they were dating. They married in 2000 and bought their Port Ludlow home in 2008, becoming permanent residents in 2011. Tam says their community is full of friendly neighbors, and they like the proximity to the mountains and the water. It's close to Seattle and the UW Eye Institute at Harborview Medical Center.

Tam has had over 40 eye surgeries. She has keratoconus and glaucoma. Her first corneal transplant was when she was 26 years old. In 2014, she lost her right eye due to infections and almost lost her left one, too. This past September, she had her seventh corneal transplant after her disease transferred to the new cornea. The disease always migrates, but now it happens faster. Behind every surgery lurks the fear of failure, that she'll lose her remaining vision, but she remains positive. She says, "Challenges are just opportunities for growth."

Dave had a successful open heart triple bypass surgery a month after Tam's last eye operation. Now he takes thirty-minute walks through their neighborhood several times a day. Tam hopes to join him after she recovers from a knee replacement done two weeks after his surgery. Following their surgeries, friends and neighbors brought them dinners for three weeks. Between physical therapy and supporting each other, they're doing fine.

In 1993, Tam was diagnosed with breast cancer, first in one breast and two years later, in the other. She had surgery, chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and eventually a double mastectomy. When she received results from a PET scan that the cancer cells were finally gone, she celebrated by having her mastectomy scars transformed into sweet pea vines with purple and pink-orange flowers. It makes her happy.

Volunteering keeps Tam busy. She's the Vice President of the Port Ludlow Village Council, and she leads the tree-lighting group

every December. She was on the committee for the Community Opportunity Fair held in August this year. She is on the board of the First Wednesday Luncheon, and she's a member of the Choral Belles. She likes to garden, play Mahjong, and decorate birdhouses. And she still loves to read with audible books, something that's taught her how to really listen.

Of all the things she's accomplished, she says the most important thing was raising her son Spencer. She muses that he's probably taught her as much as she's taught him throughout the years. Spencer showed her how a raindrop enhances the pattern on the surface of a leaf or a flower petal. He takes photos so Tam can see nature's beauty up close by using the raindrops as nature's magnifying glass. Tam says the simplicity of the natural world—the raindrops and the rainbows—can be absolutely spectacular.

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

As We Move into Autumn

by *Dodie Osborn, PLGC President*

It is that time of year when we remove the remains of summer, flowering annuals; and we prepare the soil thoroughly for winter-flowering bedding plants. I just cut back my candytuft so in the spring it has a lot of blooms and will survive the winter. We need to lift and store gladiolus corms. Corms are very similar to bulbs but lack the layered scales that characterize true bulbs. They reproduce via cormlets or individual corms, and each can be divided away from the parent to produce exact copies of the plant. Also, I continue to trim and prune rambler roses.

It's time to plant daffodils, hyacinths, crocuses, iris, and most lilies for a special spring display. Plant tulip bulbs in a sunny, sheltered border, or in containers. Cut back chrysanthemums to about six inches above ground level, lift and store in boxes.

Of course, continue to rake fallen autumn leaves off the grass as soon as possible, especially if the weather is wet. It is a good time to reseed patches in the lawn.

Harvest onions, cauliflower, tomatoes and all vegetables that you have planted in your garden and dispose of all the plants' remains. Continue to remove the last of the weeds, taking care not to spread seeds. Then prepare your garden soil for next year's planting.

These are only a few of the gardening tasks that will help you to maintain your existing garden areas and help you to have a start on some spring flowers and your vegetable garden.

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Recreation & Sports

Stroke Savers

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC

Does this sound familiar—good tee shot, decent approach shot, only a simple pitch shot to the green remaining and then, chaos breaks out. Maybe it's a fat shot followed by a skulled chip; could be hit nice but WAY short. Somehow the prospects of an up-and-down just turned into a six or even worse.

It has been my experience that poor club selection may outweigh poor technique. There are too many instances of a player grabbing the club with the most loft, and then trying to manufacture a swing to fit. If we want to cut strokes around the green, start by using a club that limits the time the ball will spend in the air and gets on the ground sooner.

Picking the correct club:

- No lob wedges please. We want this shot to roll out, not fly to the pin.
- If it's just grass in front of you, grab a nine iron when the pin is in the back of the green, or a PW if its closer.
- If we're going over a bunker and need to land on the green, now is the time for a more lofted club.

Hitting the shot:

- As we've gone over before, weight slightly left, ball slightly forward of center; and to promote a downward strike, our spine tilted slightly at our target.
- To promote clean contact, think about a swing that is equal back and equal through.
- Always keep the club moving past impact and rotate your chest with the club.

Your sand wedge and lob wedge are great when used in the right circumstances, but don't forget about some of your other clubs that can make those short chips and pitches much easier to control. Get out there and give it a try. See you on the trails!

Dove House Golf Tournament: Another Successful Team Effort

by Barbara Burke, Dove House Tournament Committee Chair

The 12th Annual Dove House Golf Tournament was held at the Port Ludlow Golf Course on Friday, August 16, 2024. The weather was cooperative, and even though the bridge kept closing, and construction held up some golfers from arriving on time, it went very well. There were 112 golfers in attendance this year. The awards dinner was catered by Danny's BBQ in Silverdale, which everyone enjoyed.

The Dove House Tournament Planning Committee was led by the Barbaras, Berthiaume and Burke. The Committee did an excellent job planning and executing this year's event. The team consisted of Bluebills from the Port Ludlow area, Port Ludlow Golf Club members, Dove House employees and volunteers led by Yolanda Wilde, and the Golf Course personnel led by Jim Mancill, the Head Pro at the golf course.

This year's event raised \$28,844.64 for the Dove House non-restricted funds. Most of the revenue for the event comes from sponsors, and although we lost two long-time sponsors, we picked up six new ones.

The Committee is already starting the planning process for next year, including reserving the Port Ludlow Golf Course for **Friday, August 15, 2025**. If any Bluebills or Port Ludlow community residents would like to get involved in planning and executing the 2025 Dove House Tournament, please contact Barbara Burke.

Niners' News

by Kathleen Traci, Niners' Publicity Chairperson

The Niners are looking forward to the Niners' Banquet on **October 17**. At the banquet, Niners' Captain Barb Burke will announce the winners of the Captain's Cups for men and women - the three-day tournament that took place during the season. She will also announce the 2024 Eclectic Award to the man and woman who lowered their scores the most on individual holes. Also feted will be the Niners who shot at least one birdie during the 2024 season. Barb will also announce the names of the most improved male and female league members.

Burke will be presented with a gift from the members as a thank you for her excellent leadership in 2024. The Niners' slate of officers for 2025 will be announced.

The September couples "Lone Ranger" event was well attended, and JR's Sand Trap provided excellent post-game luncheons for all who stayed after the play.

On **October 17**, the last Niners' Couples Event - "The Great Pumpkin Scramble" - will precede the end of the season Niners' banquet. Play will be from the new Ludlow tees.

Captain Burke will announce the many events planned for the 2025 Niner's season, including a repeat of the Women's/Men's putting contest and Happy Hour. The annual Lady Niners' afternoon social will take place in February, and the 2025 Niners' season will lead off with a cocktail party at the end of **March 2025**. Off-season Casual Play opportunities will be emailed to interested league members via Golf Genius. If members wish to receive these golf invitations, they need to contact Linda

Haskin. Non-members who wish to play with the PL Women in the off-season, need to contact the PLGC pro-shop. PL Golf Course membership is no longer required for membership in the Niners' League.

PLWGA News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson



L to R: Diane Germain, PLWGA Tournament Chair; Lucinda Thompson, PLWGA Club Champion; Sue Fechner, Flight 1 Low Net Winner; Debi Bozanich, Low Net Winner.

Photo by Grace Allen

The PLWGA 2024 Club Champion is Lucinda Thompson. She had a three-day low gross score of 266. The tournament's Low Net Winner was Debi Bozanich. She played three solid rounds to win the overall Low Net award by 5 over Sharon Russell – a 221.

The Club Championship's Flight 1's Low Gross winner was Bonnie Vahcic (270) and the Low Net winner was Sue Fechner (227). Flight 2's Low Gross winner was Cyndy Kelly (313) and the Low Net winner was Sharon Russell (226). Flight 3's Low Gross winner was Meryl Friedman (351) and the Low Net winner was Ann Nugent (248). Everyone enjoyed the Post Tournament Barbeque hosted by Mandy Whipple at her new beach front home. Kathi Williams was the BBQ chef extraordinaire.

The All-Star Cup Tournament was held on September 16 and 17. This tournament is meant to imitate the LPGA's Solheim Cup with three sets of 9-hole team match play competition. The shotgun start on September 10 allowed for a "Pairings Party" for the All-Star cup. For this tournament, the membership was divided into two teams, the Northern Lights and the Shooting Stars. Member pairings were designed to win the most matches for their team.

The Ryder Cup took place on September 23, 25, and 27. This is a team competition made up of mixed teams from both the men's and women's leagues. Many league members describe this Tournament as the most exciting and fun of the season.

The Battle of Port Ludlow will take place on **October 1 and 2**. This tournament pits the women of the PLWGA against the men of the WGA for lowest net scores.

The PLWGA Awards Banquet was moved to **Tuesday, October 22**. Captain Bonnie Vahcic will extend many thanks to fellow officers and event chairpersons for their hard work. Awards Committee Chairpersons, Kathi Williams and Sue Fechner, will present the season's awards and prizes: Birdies, Breaking 100/90/80, Eclectic (Summer and Spring), Most Improved, and Tournament Winners. A captain's gift will be presented to Captain Bonnie Vahcic for her excellent leadership. The PLWGA nominating committee will announce the new slate of officers for 2025.

Off-season Casual Play opportunities will be emailed to interested league members via Golf Genius. If members wish to receive these golf invitations, they need to contact Linda Haskin. Non-members who wish to play with the Port Ludlow Women Leagues in the off-season need to contact the PLGC pro shop. PL Golf Course membership is not a requirement for membership in the PLWGA and the WGA.

Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Nuerenberg, Port Ludlow Hiking Club

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

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

Friday, October 11 – Dosewallips River Road
Walk from the Dosewallips Road washout area on the abandoned road that starts in the forest and leads to the abandoned park ranger station and campground. This is a moderate hike of up to approximately 11 miles and 1300 elevation gain. Total distance will be determined by the energy of the hikers. Enjoy the white-water beauty of the Dosewallips River and the fall scenery of the gorge. Be prepared for the weather. Make sure you have water, a snack or lunch, and your walking sticks. The trail is dog friendly in the forest but they must be on a leash. Dogs are not allowed in the park. A privy restroom is available at the park campground if we make it that far. Additional info at wta.org/go-hiking/hikes/dosewallips-river. Hike Leader: Gary Hicks, glhicks01@gmail.com, mobile 510-566-2401.

Friday, October 25 – Mt. Zion via Deadfall Trail
This trail starts at Deadfall trail #849 (no toilet). After a very steep first 5/8 mile of Deadfall trail, the grade becomes much more civilized. One mile in, a shortcut has been discovered following many decades of lost trail sections. The trail is still primitive to some extent, however it is clearly marked and gentle hiking. Along the South Ridge loop are three unexpected long-lost views from the old and mostly level trail sections. Beautiful 180-degree views of Mount Townsend, Tyler Peak, but also sweeping south towards Mt. Rainier, Hood Canal, and Seattle.

This is a moderate to difficult hike, 5.5 miles roundtrip loop trail, 2,000 elevation gain. Not sure about park pass for parking, but be prepared to bring one and use it. Hike leader: Ken Nelsen, 206-369-3561.

Wednesday, October 30 – Hike Planning Meeting

We are planning a meeting on **Wednesday, October 30**, to determine what hikes we can schedule for the period **December of 2024** through **May of 2025**. If you would like to attend the meeting and are not a regular hike leader, please send me an email at plhikingclub@yahoo.com. Existing hike leaders will be given further information in October.

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

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

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

Falling Ahead at Port Ludlow Yacht Club

by Greg Buscher, PLYC Communication Manager

Boating season at PLYC continues with the annual San Juan Islands Cruise, an eleven-day voyage in our northerly backyard, featuring stops on San Juan, Orcas, and Lopez Islands. While that’s going on, parties and events at the Wreck Room continue to pepper our calendars with plentiful opportunities to have fun, see old friends, and meet new ones. We added 20 new individual members to the club so far this year!

Our last two events, a celebration of the Summer Olympic Games, and a colorful Tiki Bar Evening were completely sold out. Olympic games included beer pong, a rubber band shooting gallery, trivia, and one event involving Vaseline and cotton balls! Our Tiki Bar crowd swayed along with a group of lovely hula dancers accompanied by live music from the Islands.

When all the cruisers have returned and boating season finally fades, comes a highlight: the annual PLYC Halloween Party, **Saturday, October 26**, from 5 p.m. until everyone ghouls’ home. (It was after midnight last year!)

If you are interested in joining us, we’d love to invite you to an event as our guest. Just complete the inquiry form on our website at plyc.us/visit and we’ll be in touch. Hope to see you soon!

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in Port Ludlow Bay is
5 knots
- No Wake, It's the Law! -

The Walkie-Talkies of Port Ludlow

by Aven Andersen, Guest Writer



Walkie-Talkies members on their morning stroll.

Photo by Aven Andersen

Their South Bay neighbors hear them coming from a block or more away every morning between 8:30 and 9:30 a.m. At first there’s a gentle murmur, but the noises slowly grow louder, sounding maybe like a flock of geese or crows. Then it becomes clear that it’s the voices of humans coming down the street, a lot of garbled talk and hearty laughs. They are the Walkie-Talkies, a group of from two to a dozen or so relatively normal people, one or more with dogs in tow. They gather every morning at the corner of Driftwood Court and Camber Lane. Some live nearby, others come from Teal Lake, the Inner Harbor, and North Bay.

Kate Madson is the ringleader of the group. She started it about 20 years ago as a twice-a-week exercise group and an excuse to walk her dog. Jack Welch, whose wife Judy is a long-time member, coined the name. Now it’s a daily ritual with a variable number of humans and dogs. Some of the regulars besides Kate and Judy are Celeste, Diana, Steve, Ginger, Tom, Lynn, and Corey.

At 8:30 a.m., they are off on about a 2-mile hike, walking and talking north on Camber to the turnaround, then back and down Skiff Lane, and back up to Camber to Twinsview and another turnaround, then back to Camber and north on South Bay Lane to the turnaround, up North Ludlow Point Road, back to South Bay Lane and, finally, returning to the starting point on Driftwood Court. What they talk about is anyone’s guess, mostly local gossip, sport teams, and local and national politics. Usually there are several conversations going at one time.

But they do more than walk and talk. They greet their neighbors who are out in their yards and let their dogs socialize with other neighborhood dogs. They have a benevolent side, too. For example, they’ve prepared meals for a neighbor who was incapacitated and have taken turns volunteering to drive a neighbor to and from appointments. And they help other neighbors host a large neighborhood party in the fall. If you’d like to join this happy little group of walkers and talkers, show up at Driftwood Court at 8:30 a.m. and be prepared to walk and talk. And bring your dog.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



Niblicks Loop with completed corduroy section.

Photo by Larry Scott

can tick off a few. Jerry Keck has led multiple combinations of Fun Day crews in building the first segment of the new Springboard Trail. If you use one of our Trails maps, it is the short connector identified as opening in 2024 from the end of the new Mt. Wilder cul-de-sac. We made our target date, and that new, short (for now) trail is open for business. We still need to build and add signage, but it is open for exploration. It angles a little further south from Mt. Wilder than the map represents and joins the Niblicks Loop Trail at the Golf Course maintenance road segment near the middle of the 15th green. Although short until another piece is added later, this piece of the Springboard Trail route will take a hiker by some massive stumps with their springboard notches from early logging operations when trees were all felled by handsaws and axes. That completes our #11 and #12 to-dos from September's Trail Mix.

We have also completed #1 – add rock to the Interpretive entrance (another layer of wood chips as well), #3 – build connector trail from future bridge end to connect to McCormick Rail Trail, (Jerry Keck and crew again), and #10 – place dirt topping to finish the corduroy road/trail on Niblicks. In fact, September's picture was of the corduroy placed by multiple Fun Day crews that felled five dangerously leaning alders. Over five different Fun Days, the trees were then bucked into 3-foot sections and split to provide the elevated trail to keep our hikers' feet dry through that notorious section. This month's picture is that same September corduroy trail with the finishing dirt in place, a vast improvement on the previous mud hole. Next, we will move on to more of our to-dos associated with the two McCormick trails. We hope to get all of both McCormick's in tip-top shape so we can then "BUILD THE BRIDGE."

If you would like to help, send me an email at mclgscott@cablespeed.com. "Let's Keep Improving our Trails."

What in the World is a Nudibranch?

by Gail Wellenstein, Kitsap Beach Naturalist

The intertidal beach monitoring at Fort Worden was ending, volunteers were rolling up their transect lines and heading back to the parking lot after a successful day of documenting what lives in the intertidal zone. A few of us were taking one last look before the incoming tide covered up our exit route, so I continued searching for my favorite group of animals, the nudibranchs. Would I find a noble sea lemon today, or perhaps a clown nudibranch? Nope, what I found was the delightful shaggy mouse, hanging out near its favorite food, the sea anemone. When the shaggy mouse eats the sea anemone, it can incorporate the stinging cells from the anemone into the shaggy projections on its back, a clever defensive strategy.



Frosted Nudibranch.

Photo by Gail Wellenstein

Nudibranchs are marine gastropods (think snails and slugs) that have lost their shells after their larval stage. The term "nudibranch" means naked gill, so you won't find a traditional gill structure. Some nudibranchs exchange gases through their skin, some through the many projections on their back, like the shag rug appearance of the shaggy mouse, and some through frilly or lacy projections along the side or rear. They are carnivores, feasting on sponges, fish eggs, anemones, and other small stationary animals.

Nudibranchs navigate their world via a sense of smell, located in two antenna-like organs on the top of their heads, called rhinophores. They sense the presence of their prey by its chemical signature and slowly move toward it. Like our land-based garden slugs, they also release slime as they move along. This is filled with chemicals for communication, sending out valentines to other nudibranchs.

Finding a date when you are a small, slow moving animal living in the vast ocean has got to be a challenge. Conveniently, nudibranchs are hermaphrodites and have an amazing ability

to change their sex depending on whether their intended mate is male or female. They lay rilly ribbons of eggs embedded in mucus, and you can find them attached to rocks or among seaweed of eelgrass. The eggs usually hatch within eleven to twelve days, which is fortunate as they only live to a maximum of one year. You won't often find nudibranchs in aquariums because of this limited life span.

Eighty different types of nudibranchs inhabit our local marine waters, divers revel in their beauty, but you don't need to take a PADI dive course to find them. Hang over the side of a dock and look in all of that kelp, check out tidepools, or investigate pilings at low tide and you might catch these colorful creatures that can be as small as your fingernail or as long as your hand.

Calling All Cribbage Players

A new cribbage group started on September 6 at the Beach Club's Bridge Deck. We play on the first and third Friday of every month from 2 – 4:30 p.m. Cards will be provided. Bring your cribbage board if you have one.

Both beginners and experienced players are welcome. We are happy to show beginners how to play this world renowned, fun, and exciting game. Come join the fun!

For more information, please text or call Katherine Johnson at 860-306-9893.

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Free Life-Care Planning Zoom Seminars

Join Tony Hinson on **Tuesday, October 15** at 11:30 a.m. as he explores estate and life-care planning solutions that preserve wealth, minimize taxes and ensure your legacy.

Topics will include estate tax issues and retirement accounts; healthcare, Medicare and Medicaid; long-term care insurance; maintaining quality of life; aging in place; preserving wealth; estate plans, supplemental needs trusts, and more.

These seminars will be once a month on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. If you cannot make the **October** date, feel free to register for **November 12** or **December 3**. All seminars will be held live on Zoom. To register, visit compassandclock.com, or call 360-779-5551.

Powers of Attorney and Healthcare Directives

Amanda Wilson, locally-based Estate Planning Attorney with Northwest Estate Planning & Probate PS, will present this free seminar and answer questions as time will allow. Please join her on **Wednesday, October 16**, from 1 – 2 p.m. The event will be held at the Beach Club, 121 Marina View Dr, in Port Ludlow. Walk-ins are welcome but RSVP appreciated at 360-437-4172 or info@nwpepp.com.

Fifty Miles in Twenty Hours - Martha's Book Group

Adrienne Harun's 2023 novel, *On the Way to the End of the World*, is Martha's Book Group selection for October. Harun's novel uses JFK's fitness challenge of walking fifty miles in twenty hours in 1963 to bring together the citizens of Humtown, a fictional mill town in the Pacific Northwest. Their lives unfold as they participate in the "Big Walk" revealing their hidden secrets and struggles of people living in a small town. Harun lives in Port Townsend and has graciously agreed to join the book group discussion of her novel at 4 p.m. on **October 8** at the Bay Club.

All are welcome to attend Martha's Book Group which meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club. For further information about future book selections contact Sarah at bookclub@plvoice.org. November's book selection is *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie.

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Editor's Note:

In last month's issue of the Voice, Master Gardener intern Carolyn Ann Smith started her botanical survey with the birth of the first terrestrial plants about 470 million years ago when liverworts and mosses made their appearance. From there, the story moved up through the ages, ending with establishment of the first German botanical garden by Leonhart Fuchs in the mid-1500s.

In this second part, Smith, a student at the Washington State University Extension Master Gardener Program, picks up her botanical survey with 18th century professor Carl Linnaeus who introduced a system for classifying plants that remains in place today. From there, we advance through an explosion of botanical learning to end with today's DNA sequencing and artificial intelligence influence ... to say nothing of a hope that we never lose our sense of wonder at the miracles of nature.

Botany Through the Ages, Part II

by Carolyn Ann Smith, Guest Writer

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

~Emily Dickinson

In the 18th century, Carl Linnaeus (1707-1778) was professor of anatomy, medicine, and botany at the University of Uppsala. He is regarded as the founder of plant systematics (taxonomy). Systematics is a branch of biology that studies the relationship between living things and the diversification of life over

time. It involves classifying organisms based on genetic and morphologic (i.e., structural) traits into groups and subgroups and the naming of them using a set of rules making study easier. Linnaeus is the creator of the binomial nomenclature (genus and species) system used globally to this day. The binomial system allows scientists to identify, classify, and count plants and other organisms and to foster unambiguous communication regarding plants around the world. Linnaeus also defined the morphological terms we are familiar with today: stamen, pistil, calyx, petal, pericarp, receptacle. These definitions became standard and made the universal and accurate definition of plants possible.

Other botanists around this time made impressive contributions to the field as well. Robert Brown (1773-1858) was a Scottish physician best known for his description of the plant cell nucleus while studying the fertilization methods in the Orchidaceae family. “Brownian motion” (the erratic movement of microscopic particles in a fluid caused by collision of nearby molecules) takes its name from the botanist and since that time has been an essential theory in numerous scientific arenas. Brown was studying the pollen grains in a plant and saw tiny granules in constant motion. His observations laid the foundation for this important kinetic theory. He also recognized the fundamental distinction between gymnosperms (conifers) and angiosperms (flowering plants). He improved plant taxonomy by establishing and defining new families and genera. The center of English botany in the 1800’s was Sir William Jackson Hooker (1785-1865). He was a naturalist who through a serendipitous discovery of a rare moss in 1805 redirected his interests to botany. He greatly advanced the knowledge of ferns, algae, lichens, and fungi as well as higher plants. He published prolifically and maintained an extensive herbarium open to all. He was appointed the first director of the Kew Gardens in London.

Today the Kew Gardens is a UNESCO World Heritage Site which houses the largest and most diverse botanical and mycological collections globally according to UNESCO. John Ray (1627-1705) was a British naturalist and botanist who contributed significantly to the developing taxonomic classification of plants at the time. He insisted on the taxonomic importance of the distinction between monocotyledons and dicotyledons (plants whose seeds germinate with one leaf or two, respectively). He was one of the premier predecessors who made Linnaeus’ contribution in the 1800’s possible. Alexander von Humboldt (1769-1859) was a German polymath, naturalist, ecologist, botanist, and explorer. He is best known for his exploration of Central and South America from 1799-1805 about which travels he wrote extensively. He traveled with the French botanist Aime Bonpland and returned with specimens of over 3000 species of plants. His essay on biogeography explained the interplay among climate, altitude, and geological formations and were a key to understanding why vegetation varied from place to place. The journal of his travels encouraged later explorers including Darwin.

British biologist and explorer Charles Darwin (1809-1882) is best known for his contributions to evolutionary biology. His best-known work, *On the Origin of the Species*, proposed that all species of life have descended from a common ancestor, a then

revolutionary idea which is now widely accepted. As part of his education at Cambridge, Darwin received excellent training from botanist John Henslow, who recommended him for the HMS *Beagle* voyage in 1831. Darwin collected over 2000 plant specimens on his voyage. He spent the largest part of his life working with plants including his noteworthy experiments on the need for cross-pollination and the downside of inbreeding. He also had a concentrated interest in plant movement. He pursued studies on phototropism and how a “substance” in plants influenced growth direction. Today we know this substance as auxin.

A contemporary of Darwin was Gregor Mendel (1822-1884), an Austrian-Czech Augustinian friar in Moravia. Our modern understanding of how human traits are inherited derives from the principles of Mendel (Mendelian genetics). He discovered these heritable processes by studying *Pisum sativum*, or the common pea plant and controlled its fertilization by transferring pollen with a small brush. Mendel eventually developed 22 varieties of pea plants with combinations of characteristics. He not only studied pure breeding but experimented with hybrid crossings commonly used in plant reproduction processes today.

Julius von Sachs (1832-1897) was a Polish botanist who did most of his work at the University of Wurzburg. He studied the movement of water in plants through their root hairs. He proved that chlorophyll was not generally diffused in the plant but held in special organelles called chloroplasts. The American botanists were also active in the 19th century, prominent among whom was Asa Gray (1810-1888). Gray was a physician and botanist whose comprehensive study of North American flora served to taxonomically define the plants in the region. His book, *Manual of the Botany of the Northern United States*, is still in use today. He is considered a pioneer in the field of biogeography and earned original membership in the National Academy of the Sciences.

The 20th century saw many prominent female botanists contribute notably to our understanding of the botanical sciences. Agnes Arber (1879-1960) was a British botanist recognized chiefly for her studies in comparative anatomy of plants. She wrote numerous books on anatomy early in her career. Later in life she became interested in the philosophy of botanical research and published her final book in 1957, *The Manifold and the One*, which detailed her views on the unity of all things. Emma Lucy Braun (1889-1971) was a prominent American botanist who was a professor at the University of Cincinnati. She was the first woman to be elected President of the Ecological Society of America in 1950. Her classic book was *Deciduous Forests of Eastern North America* in which she described the deciduous forest region’s specific climate, vegetation, and animal life. She spent a large part of her life campaigning to protect natural areas from development. Katherine Esau (1898-1997) was a Russian-born American botanist whose family fled the Bolshevik Revolution and moved to Germany, eventually emigrating to the United States. She studied at the University of Berkeley and was an expert on plant anatomy. Her book *Plant Anatomy* (1953) remains a standard textbook today. In 1989 she became the first botanist to be awarded the National Medal of Science.

The 21st century and beyond remains an expansive, unbolted slate upon which the scientific community is invited to engrave. Achievements in plant genetics and genomics are being made continuously. Plant DNA sequencing allows gene insertions and deletions and manipulations of proteins and enzymes. Inter- and intra-specific gene transfer application of genomics is being applied to crop breeding. Herbicide resistance in the field is being developed using plant enzymes catalyzing amino acid reactions. Plants have evolved to produce their own nitrogen by turning on genes to form nodules like nitrogen-fixing legumes. There is translocation of membrane proteins to improve salt tolerance. DNA barcoding is now used to identify plants, and artificial intelligence is making all of this happen seamlessly and instantaneously. What is demanded of mankind, however, is that we must not lose our Dickinsonian *revery* in the midst of it all.

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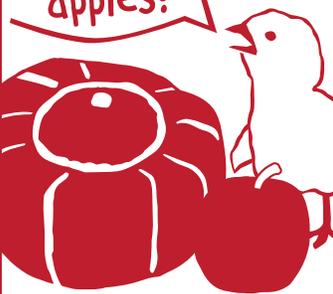
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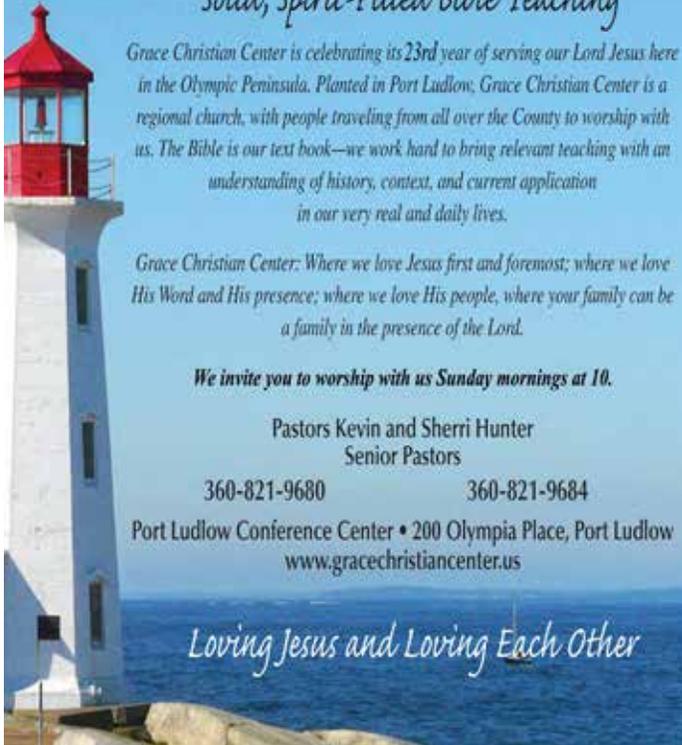
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Suicide and Crisis Hotline (988 Lifeline).....	988

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Port Townsend Police	360-385-2322
East Jefferson Fire Rescue	360-385-2626
Quilcene Fire Department	360-765-3333
Port Ludlow Fire	360-437-2236
Brinnon Fire Department	360-796-4450
Discovery Bay / Gardiner Fire	360-797-7711
Jefferson County PUD	360-385-5800
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