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News & Community

From the Editor's Desk

by Carol Riley, Copy Editor

The official beginning of summer this year was June 20, but those of us living in the Pacific Northwest know that summer doesn't begin for us until after the Fourth of July. The rains begin to diminish, we see more sun, and the temperatures gradually climb into the 80s.

July brings many celebrations as well, both here and abroad. Our neighbor to the north celebrates Canada Day on July 1, we commemorate our country's independence on July 4, and France celebrates Bastille Day on July 14. France will also be the site of the 2024 Summer Olympics beginning with Opening Ceremonies on July 26.

And, like every month, July has many holidays and observances, some more noteworthy than others. July is National Blueberry Month, celebrating the role of blueberries in nourishing countless generations of Americans. Since its introduction in 1974, National Blueberry Month has offered us an opportunity to pause and enjoy the simple, delicious and nutritious goodness in every boost of blue – particularly on July 11, Blueberry Muffin Day. Less noteworthy is July 14, National Nude Day. I think it is odd that July 14 is also National Tape Measure Day...

The July issue of the *Voice* is full of opportunities for you, dear readers, to enjoy many other celebrations happening in our neck of the woods. Music festivals, art exhibits, poetry readings, club activities, classes, interactions with nature, improving our golf games and our minds, and of course, volunteering.

Glorious July, I hope you enjoy and embrace the month and this issue of the *Voice*.

Summer Fun with the Jefferson County Library District

Summer Reading events and activities are in full swing at the Jefferson County Library District. It's not too late to join us! Visit jclibrary.info and explore our events calendar to find fun things to do for people of all ages.

Don't wait to reserve a copy of this year's Adult Summer Read! *True North* by Andrew J. Graff is a heartfelt novel about marriage and whitewater rafting, following one couple as they navigate the changing currents of family, community, and the river they love. Read the book in July, then join us

for a book discussion on **Wednesday, August 14**, at 2 p.m. at the Library in Port Hadlock. This delightful and exciting adventure story is a definite must-read.

Tech Tuesdays will explore the great outdoors this month with a two-part series about Outdoor Nature Apps. In Part One, we will be at the Library on **Tuesday, July 2**, from 3 – 4:30 p.m. Our tech team will show how to download and use some of the most popular outdoor apps. Part Two of this workshop will take place at HJ Carroll Park on **Tuesday, July 9**, from 3 – 4:30 p.m. Participants will meet by the Native Plant Garden to practice using the apps we learned about in the prior class.

Popular shepherd and fiber artist, Dean Hyden, is back with another great set of programs! On **Wednesday, July 17**, from 6 – 8 p.m., Dean will give an informative presentation about caring for and raising sheep. He'll introduce you to some of his sheep and offer tips about fencing, feeding, shelter, and more. Dean will return the following two Wednesdays for an Introduction to Spinning Wool with a Drop Spindle. This two-part workshop takes place on **Wednesdays, July 24 and 31**, from 5 – 8 p.m. Dean will explain the structure, properties, and types of wool fiber, discuss wool preparation, demonstrate drop spindle and spinning techniques, and more. Registration is required for these programs, so be sure to visit the Events Calendar at jclibrary.info to sign up.

Kids can meet at HJ Carroll Park on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. for Outdoor Storytime with Rosaletta! After Outdoor Storytime at 11:15 am, you can join in on a fun activity or program. Programs include a workshop with the Kitsap Children's Museum on **Monday, July 8**, and a visit from the Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue on **Monday, July 22**. Check the calendar of events at jclibrary.info for full details.

On Fridays in July, kids can sign up for Read to Rover! Bring your favorite book or choose one from the library, then build reading skills by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog. Read to Rover takes place on Fridays from 11 a.m. – 12 p.m. Space is limited, so please visit jclibrary.info or call 360-385-6544 to register for a 20-minute session.

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. For complete program details and our calendar of events, visit jclibrary.info.

Are You a Maker?

Do you sew, knit, crochet, spin or weave? Do you enjoy woodworking? Maybe you paint or make pottery? Do you make jewelry, cards, jams, jellies, or pickles? What about baked goods? Do you have extra produce/plants in your garden? Would you like to sell your “extra” goodies to make room for more?



If this sounds like you, then Art in the Middle, Port Ludlow’s new arts and crafts fair and farmers market is for you! Starting on Saturdays at 11 a.m., the market is held throughout the summer in Port Ludlow’s village square. It is located in the grass area between Cove Coffee and Molcajete Restaurant and is free for those who want to set up a booth. Come join the fun, meet lots of nice people and sell your extra local, handmade creations. For more information, contact donnamoore15@gmail.com.

Southern Summer Picnic by the Bay!

Calling all Port Ludlow Neighbors! Join Rick Smith and Audrey Delmore for a fun-filled afternoon picnic on **Wednesday, July 31**, from 1 – 4 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Marina.

What to expect:

- Delicious Southern fare from Southern Nibble food truck (pulled pork, wings, BBQ fries, mac & cheese, salad)
- Complimentary bottled water & ice cream bars
- Stunning views of Port Ludlow Bay & Marina
- Relaxing atmosphere & good company

Don’t miss this chance to mingle with friends & neighbors and soak up the summer sun!

Port Ludlow Garden Club— Garden Tour & Lunch

by Joyce Knight, Guest Writer

Here’s a bit of local history: In 1909, Charles H. Adams, father of photographer Ansel Adams, began construction of the Classen Chemical Company’s alcohol plant. The wood alcohol produced there was used to clean the hull of ships. They processed alcohol from sawdust using the Bergius process, based on Louis Pasteur’s pioneering study of alcohol fermentation.

Unfortunately, due to heavy competition and the loss of the nearby Washington Mill that was destroyed by a fire, the alcohol plant had a significant loss of capital resulting in its closing in 1913.

For decades the plant stood vacant and fell into disrepair. In 1979, retired Buick dealer John Ray Hanson purchased the property. During the next nine years he spent four million dollars transforming the Plant and marina into the Inn at Port Hadlock. Then followed several changes in ownership, and the hotel closed due to unpaid taxes.

The property remained closed until it was purchased in 2014 by the current owners, Inn Properties, LLC. After many renovations, the hotel opened once again on July 1, 2016.

An important aspect of the new ownership is its mission. The Tower building provides temporary housing to community members in transition through the nonprofit Bayside Housing & Services. While residing there, residents work in the bountiful gardens. The produce is served at the restaurant and can be purchased at the Inn for a very reasonable price. As guests of the Old Alcohol Plant, or patrons of Spirits Bar & Grill, you are supporting this mission.

We will meet in the parking lot of the Old Alcohol Plant on **Wednesday, July 10**, at 11:30 a.m. for a tour of their gardens and then a light lunch on the patio. There is a \$5 fee and each of us will be responsible for the cost of our lunch. Garden club guests and members **MUST RSVP by Monday, July 1**, by calling Michelle Pelkey at 360-710-3547 or emailing her at: portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com.

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Breaking News – Archive of Past Issues

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Local Arts – Letters to the Editor

Introducing East Jefferson Fire Rescue’s Community Risk Manager



Robert Wittenberg has recently been appointed as the Community Risk Manager for East Jefferson Fire Rescue. Wittenberg will develop and administer fire, life safety and all hazards education programs to meet community risk reduction goals and the strategic plan of the district.

The focus of Community Risk Reduction is to identify risks faced within the community and direct resources and educational efforts towards reducing those risks. According to Wittenberg, “We are gearing up to enhance and expand our educational efforts in the community, as well as develop greater partnerships with community service agencies in the area. In the end, our mission is to identify and minimize the risks that our residents and our fire service crews face.” Programs being developed include senior safety education relating to falls and fire training skills, smoke alarm installations, CPR and fire extinguisher training, as well as others.

Having been in the fire service in Washington State for the past twelve years, Wittenberg’s experience includes time spent as the Deputy Fire Marshal for Renton Regional Fire Authority, Fire Prevention Technician for Bainbridge Island Fire Department, and as the Public Information Officer for the Washington State Fire Marshal’s Office. He has also been a volunteer with EJFR since 2020.

For further information, visit East Jefferson Fire Rescue at ejfr.org.

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.

May Alarms

Fires.....	4
Rescue/Emergency Medical	323
Good Intent	33
Hazardous Conditions	1
Special Incident	1
False Alarms	15
Service Call	70
Total Alarms	447

Ambulance Transports

911 Transports.....	218
Hospital Requested Transport.....	0
Non Transports.....	110
Total Transports	218

CARES Contacts..... 126

Emergency Needs: Block Captains and Radio Operators

by Port Ludlow Emergency Management (PLEM)

Two groups are working to help Port Ludlow prepare for and respond to a community-wide emergency. One of them, PLEM (Port Ludlow Emergency Management), is looking for volunteers. We train residents to help one another *in response* to an actual incident. We do that through two main groups—Block Captains and Radio Operators. A trained Block Captain agrees to help neighbors assess their situation after a disaster and communicate needs to the local Radio Communications Center. Trained Radio Operators at the Radio Communications Centers then relay information to the Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management (DEM), which will do its best to address our needs.

If you are interested in volunteering to help as either a Block Captain or Radio Operator, please contact Jeannie Price PLEM.98365@gmail.com or Rick Schurman richardhschurman@gmail.com. Jeannie serves as the

PLEM Block Captain Coordinator, while Rick is the Communications Coordinator and trains our Radio Operators. If you are curious as to who your Block Captain is in your neighborhood, contact Jeannie. For more information about PLEM, go to PLVC.org. Under 'Committees Hotlist,' select 'Emergency Management.' This will take you to the page headed by PLEM.

The other emergency committee in Port Ludlow is the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC). They work on *education and preparation* for a disaster. If you attended the recent *Wildfires: Get Prepared* presentation offered by the EPC, you will appreciate the work that they do. Information about their committee can be found at LMCBeachclub.org.

If you are certified in Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and are interested in helping organize our CERT residents in the village, please email Jeannie. She is the CERT Coordinator for Port Ludlow. If you would like information about taking CERT training, let her know.

Port Ludlow Tangle Club Update



The next meeting of the Port Ludlow Tangle Club will be **Thursday, July 25** from 1 – 3 p.m., but heads up! The location of the meeting has changed!

Due to an overwhelming number of RSVP's, our club has outgrown the Beach Club's Bridge Deck! We are relocating

our meeting to the Bay Club, effective in July. The meeting time will remain the same, 1 – 3 p.m. Mark your calendars for future meetings as well: on **Thursdays, September 12** and **November 14** (also at the Bay Club).

At our summer meeting, Certified Zentangle Teacher Alice Clive will be introducing tangles you can teach your grandkids, nieces, and nephews. What are tangles? They're structured patterns, used in the Zentangle Method, to draw beautiful images. It's easy, it's fun, and no experience is necessary. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP for each Club meeting by contacting Alice at foureyes22@outlook.com. Bring your own sketch books, pens, and pencils, or purchase a \$5 kit.

Let's All Go to the Fair!



The 2024 Community Opportunity Fair is almost here. On **Tuesday, August 27**, from 4 - 6 p.m., representatives for more than 60 Port Ludlow clubs, classes, and service organizations will be at the Bay Club to provide information on what they offer. Enjoy musical entertainment and food

from Harbor Haute Dogs. Win a raffle prize! Mark it on your calendars!

Local donors for the fair this year are: 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.

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Village News

Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association Update

by Christine Spagle, President, SBCA Board of Directors

July brings to mind basking in the sun, BBQs, picnics and generally those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer. As our beautiful Northwest summer gets into full swing, we enjoy the sun (hopefully), but also the ever-present green of firs, hemlocks, and the various deciduous trees. My hanging flowerpots are a rainbow of color, and right now as I look out my front window I'm enjoying watching the swallows on their hunt for insects. What a great place to live!

So, what's going on at SBCA this month?

July 5 is the monthly pancake breakfast where we are supporting East Jefferson Fire Rescue—a very worthy recipient of funds.

July 17 is the SBCA Annual General Meeting of Members. If you can't attend in person, please vote by absentee ballot or by designating a proxy to vote for you—all the various types of ballots (depending on how you choose to vote) have been included in the packet you should already have received. There will be four new Board members elected who will join the three Board members who are continuing with the 2nd year of their 2-year terms. It's great to see new people on the Board who bring different perspectives and who are committed to doing their best for our community.

July 23 is a Village President's meeting. These meetings provide an opportunity for the Villages to exchange information, ideas and issues to work toward solutions. Also in the planning stages is a Village ARC meeting where the Villages can ask questions directly of the SBCA ARC, with the goal to assist the Villages in understanding their role in the ARC process.

There are also the classes and activities that occur regularly: Zumba, water aerobics, tap dancing, mahjong, quilting, Zen tango, and on and on. Every Monday General Manager Mark Torres sends out, via e-blast, a list of events for that week. Take a look, you might find something interesting to do.

A word about health and fitness. The Health and Fitness Committee is very active and plays a role in equipment needs, identifying training sessions (recent resistance-band sessions were very well attended) and getting health

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, July 11, 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.



www.sbca.club

related information out to the membership. The monthly *Communique* is a wealth of information from diet to exercise to sleep. I encourage you to see what SBCA offers in terms of health and fitness opportunities.

We have a friendly, hard-working staff at the Bay Club who are committed to making your Bay Club experience a good one. We all lead busy lives and so often we forget to say “thank you” to those who are there to meet our needs by answering questions, signing a member up for a Bay Club event, or just chatting on how the world wags. Just saying...

Have an entertaining but safe Independence Day—if you're having any sort of fireworks, please practice fire safety!

Reminder to Dog Owners

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



Beach Club / North Bay

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



www.lmcbeachclub.org

Update from the Manager

by *Brian Belmont, General Manager*

This summer LMC is sponsoring two Music on the Lawn events in front of the Beach Club. Both events are open to the community.

On **Thursday, July 11**, Andy Koch and Badd Dog Blues will start us off and then on **August 22**, Sound Advice will be back rocking our socks off just like last year. Now is the time to mark your calendar.

Both events are from 5 – 7 p.m.; jumbo hot dogs, with chips and drinks, will be available for \$7. Bring your own beach blankets, lawn chairs, plus other food and beverages you might like.

Everyone is welcome to come and participate in the fun, connect with friends and neighbors, and enjoy the gorgeous view.

Included in this year's operating budget are funds to purchase a NuStep Recumbent Cross Trainer for the gym. The LMC Board authorized this purchase at their May 16 meeting. The NuStep will be a great addition to the gym because it will help users increase their cardiovascular fitness, build strength, and build endurance while in a safe seated position. I expect delivery by the first week of July.

I would like to offer a friendly reminder to users of Kehele Park. If you bring your dog to the park to exercise, your dog must remain leashed, and owners are responsible for cleaning up after their pet.

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.

Village Council

Village Council Meetings

PLVC Board Meeting
Thursday, July 4
3 - 5 p.m., Beach Club

PLVC Workshop
Tuesday, July 16
3 - 5 p.m., Beach Club



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Port Ludlow Village Council

The Village Council meeting this month was canceled.

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Arts & Entertainment

Here Comes the Sun, and Here Comes PLPA's Annual Free Outdoor Summer Concert in the Park

by Dave Cunningham, Guest Writer



As the late George Harrison sang, “Here comes the sun (doo-doo-doo-doo), here comes the sun, and I say, it’s all right. Little darling, it’s been a long, cold, lonely winter, little darling, it feels like years since it’s been here ... wish I could go to a free outdoor summer concert.”

OK, he didn’t actually sing that last bit, but if you agree that an outdoor summer concert might bring some sunshine into your life, Port Ludlow Performing Arts has just what you’re looking for.

On **Sunday, August 4**, 2 – 4 p.m., the Sound Advice Band will be performing outdoors in the grassy field next to the Grace Christian Center at 200 Olympic Place, Port Ludlow. Outdoor summer concerts have become a tradition for Port Ludlow Performing Arts, and the price is right—it’s free for everybody.

Because it’s set up in a grassy field, you might want to bring blankets and/or lawn chairs and be prepared to feel like you want to get up and dance. The Sound Advice Band plays favorites from the ‘60s and ‘70s (maybe even a Beatles tune?), plus Motown, classic soul and hits by Stevie Wonder, Marvin Gaye, The Temptations, Aretha Franklin, Bill Withers and much more.

Sound Advice is an Olympic Peninsula band based in Sequim. Dawn Martin is the lead singer and pianist, Scott Bradley plays guitar, Russ Lowry is on drums, and Mark Parris adds vocals and plays bass. Here are brief biographies of the four performers:

Martin grew up in a musical family and began playing the piano and singing at age four with her dad, W.L. Martin.

At age 11, Dawn began studying piano under Dr. Alan Rea, and during the next seven years she competed in piano concerto competitions and appeared as a soloist with symphony orchestras. She also was the accompanist for the high school choirs and played piano in the jazz band. During this time, she won awards at jazz festivals and was also selected for all-state honor choir. She then attended San Francisco State University, majoring in piano performance. Dawn has had a diverse music career, performing, writing, recording, directing and teaching music. This versatility has allowed her to play a large variety of music. She moved to Sequim in September of 2016 and is currently teaching piano and hosting workshops at the Sequim Academy of Music.

Bradley began playing guitar at the age of six, followed by a short interlude with the organ. He went back to guitar at age 14 and has never put it down. In his early 20s, he began playing in Southern California top-40 bands, followed by playing with an assortment of musicians in various bands. Music has always captured his interest; as a kid he would lay on the floor with his head between console-record-player speakers, listening to musical soundtracks while getting swept away by the music arrangement. Over the years, he’s played top 40s, originals, country, blues, hard rock and even a little jazz. His music influences have been British Blues Rock guitarists, as well as the innovative guitarists of the ‘80s. In 2003, he laid down roots in Sequim and continued to play guitar and record music.

Lowry took over drumming duties for a band in which Bradley was playing in 2011. They’ve been playing together ever since. Later, Parris joined the group, and together they met Dawn, who shared an idea and an invitation to create “Sound Advice,” and as they say, the rest is history. Currently Scott plays in two bands, writes songs and collaborates with others on recording projects. Lowry started playing drums at age 12, and at age 14 was playing USO shows for the troops in South Korea, where he lived. At 16, he moved to San Diego and started playing nightclubs. By 17, he was working throughout the San Diego area and helped as a studio drummer for Dr. Sound recording studio. For seven years he studied under one of the top drum educators in Southern California, Myron Collins, while working his way up the club ladder, landing with the premier rock band in San Diego, the Blitz Brothers. He played in opening acts for Def Leppard, Cheap Trick, ZZ Top and Joan Jett, among others.

Parris grew up in a suburb of Milwaukee, where the band director at Horning Middle School summoned his first and second chair trumpeters to ask them about rumors of a rock band being formed. He would try in vain many times to prevent it. The band Oblivion was born. Mark honored his promise to continue with trumpet but became a lead singer and bassist at age 12. Oblivion started playing in nightclubs when Mark was just 15, and they released a well-reviewed 45 single in his senior year. He studied music at UWM and took private lessons at the Milwaukee Conservatory of Music for two years before moving to San Francisco at age 19, where he played in several bands with members of John Lee Hookers' Coast to Coast Blues Band. Subsequently, Mark would play in a conservatively estimated 50 different groups in venues as large as San Diego stadium, leading him to Memphis, San Diego, Los Angeles, Phoenix, Las Vegas, Reno, Seattle, Japan and The Bahamas.

Live Music Weekends at Marrowstone Vineyards

by Stephen Browning, Guest Writer

Barely twenty minutes north of the village is one of the state's most prestigious and successful wineries, Marrowstone Vineyards. With Washington being the second biggest producer of wines in the U.S. after California, we're lucky indeed to have one of the highest rated wineries so close to us here in Jefferson County.

Founded barely a decade ago by Judith and Ken Collins, the grapes, planted in 2008 and 2009, have been producing top varietals and blends since 2016. Wines are available at the winery itself, or via their online store at vinoshipper.com/shop/marrowstone_vineyards.

Current owners Amy and James Holloway have expanded, enlarged, and improved the property since taking over operations a few years ago and now offer *The Sound*, their summer music series held most weekends through the first week in September outdoors on the beautiful grounds overlooking the Salish Sea. Shows run Friday and Saturday from 5 – 8 p.m., with one special Sunday afternoon show on **July 14** from 1 – 4 p.m.

Come early, as wine tastings begin at 4 p.m. and wines by the glass and bottle are available throughout the evening. Amy and James encourage guests to pack a picnic basket to bring to the show, but food purveyors are scheduled for many of the Saturday night shows, with special menus ranging from BBQ to charcuterie trays to fresh oysters. Be sure to check their website for specific dates. Other times, limited snacks and hors d'oeuvres are always available for

purchase at the site. Staff also recommend the Nordland General Store nearby, open 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. daily, for sandwiches or other food items. Limited seating is provided at the winery for the live shows, but most guests opt to bring their own lawn chairs or blankets.

Bands and performers scheduled cover a wide range of genres, including blues, jazz, folk, soul and pop, so music lovers have a lot to choose from. There is no charge for entertainment and carpooling is recommended due to limited parking. Children must be supervised at all times and dogs are welcome outside, but must be kept on a leash at all times. Please be aware that no outside alcohol is allowed on the property at any time.

Marrowstone Vineyards is open Friday and Saturday, 12 – 8 p.m. and Sundays from 12 – 5 p.m. The Sound Summer Music Series kicked off on Friday, June 14 and will run through **Saturday, September 7**. The Holloways and tasting room manager Taylor Barton love seeing friends and longtime customers from Port Ludlow and look forward to personally welcoming first timers!

Address and contact information: Marrowstone Vineyards, 423 Meade Rd., Nordland, WA 98358, marrowstonevineyards.com/music-series, 360-385-9608.

Let the Muse Move You at Music Festivals This Summer

by Stephen Browning, Guest Writer

In case you haven't already snagged tickets to Glastonbury, Lollapalooza, Coachella, or Montreux this year, there's still time to find that special venue that will not only add to your quality of life but may in some cases change it forever. Music festivals—annual one to six-day (or longer) special events—bring in millions of dollars of annual revenue to host communities. In the process, they increase brand visibility for the artists and venues, create obligatory traffic jams (it's a given) and raise an infectious high energy and lasting memories along the way.

Here on the Olympic Peninsula, major annual festivals attract crowds from several hundred to thousands depending on day, acts and schedule. Musical tastes cross the spectrum from Americana (often described as an amalgam of styles to include folk, country, blue grass, gospel, blues and R&B) featured at Olalla Americana Music Festival, and classical and chamber at the Olympic Music Festival.

The music festival experience can test friendships or add to them, elevate or frustrate, inspire and uplift. They can be highbrow or lowbrow, table service or picnic blanket,

muddy fields or grassy knolls. But it's all about the vibe, the music and the camaraderie felt by being around like-minded people.

Consider attending one this summer — 'tis the season when the music never ends.

Olympic Music Festival

Port Townsend, **August 10 - September 8**

olympicmusicfestival.org

360-385-9699

Olalla Americana Music Festival

Olalla, **August 17**

olallaamericana.com

253-857-5650

For a full and complete resource of venues and fests, check out Music Festival Wizard at musicfestivalwizard.com.

Eve O' the Fourth Benefit Concert



Key City Public Theatre and Artful Sailor Productions present a parking lot dance party with Christa Holbrook and the *Greased Lightning* band to benefit KCPT's youth education programs. This rain or shine benefit concert takes place **Wednesday, July 3**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Key City Public Theatre located at 419 Washington St. in Port Townsend.

Christa Holbrook, renowned performer and KCPT staff member, will be fronting the band to make this party off the charts! Christa's soulful adaptation of songs such as Little Richard's *I'm Just a Lonely Guy* and her jumpin' interpretation of Anne Cole's *I Got My Mojo Workin'* reincarnate the spirit of vintage Rock 'n' Roll. The band is led by Raven the "Rockin' Fossil" accompanied by Salty Sue on bass, Peter "the Beater" Ross on drums along with Denise Winter on sax, Isaac "Jazz" Jasinski on bass, and some doo-woppin' KCPT staff.

All proceeds will go to the Christa Holbrook Youth Education Fund that creates programs for Jefferson County students to ignite their creativity and passion for the theater and to inspire careers and lifelong participation in the arts. Donate \$65 to reserve one of 20 tailgate spots or select a donation for individual tickets. A food truck along with beverages will be available onsite. For more information and to purchase tickets, please visit kcpd.co and select *Eve O' the Fourth Concert*.

Poetry on the Salish Sea Summer Readings

Amongst blossoms and the buzzing of bees, poets and poetry enthusiasts will gather for the second annual Summer Sunday Readings series at Wilderbee Farm and Meadery, located at 223 Cook Avenue, Port Townsend.

Presented by Poetry on the Salish Sea, a local volunteer-led organization, readings are held on **Sundays, July 28, August 25, and September 29**, from 3 – 4:30 p.m.

These events are free and open to all ages. All readings are held outdoors, so bring comfortable, low-backed chairs and a blanket as the weather cools. Carpooling is encouraged, with parking onsite and in an overflow lot adjacent to Wilderbee Farm. For information about the farm, please visit wilderbeefarm.com.

Port Townsend and the Olympic Peninsula have a celebrated legacy as home to poets, literary presses, and publishers. Poetry on the Salish Sea is dedicated to the power of poetry's intimate, singular language, and its transformative influence on the human heart. Their goal is to ensure that poetry remains central to the cultural and literary life of the Olympic Peninsula. For more information, please visit poetrysalishsea.com.

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Port Ludlow Art League Artist of the Month—Denice Craig Tweedy



Luscious Succulent, by Denice Craig Tweedy.

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Denice draws her inspiration from nature, sharing her passion for color, light, and shadow through the use of watercolors and batik. Batik originated from the island of Java, Indonesia, and involves the repetitive process of wax-resist dyeing applied to the whole cloth.

To view her artwork in its most colorful state, Denice affixes her paintings to canvas and treats them with artist grade varnish so as to render them dust and water resistant.

During July, you can view Denice's artwork at the Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org.

A reception for Denice is set for **Wednesday, July 10**, from 4 – 5 p.m. 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.

Submit A&E events in Port Ludlow and surrounding communities in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap counties to artsandentertainment@plvoice.org by the 8th of the month.

Port Ludlow Art League Jeweler of the Month—Pamela Raine

As a mixed media artist, Pamela challenges herself to try different media. This time she tapped into her love of ceramics to create pendants with organic cracks and crevices. She achieves this technique using sodium silicate mixed with slip (finely sifted wet clay in a lighter color) and then painted on wet clay. The fun part is gently dropping the painted clay until you're satisfied with the design.



Pendant by Pamela Raine.

Submitted photo

During July, Pamela's collection of pendants will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, the 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.

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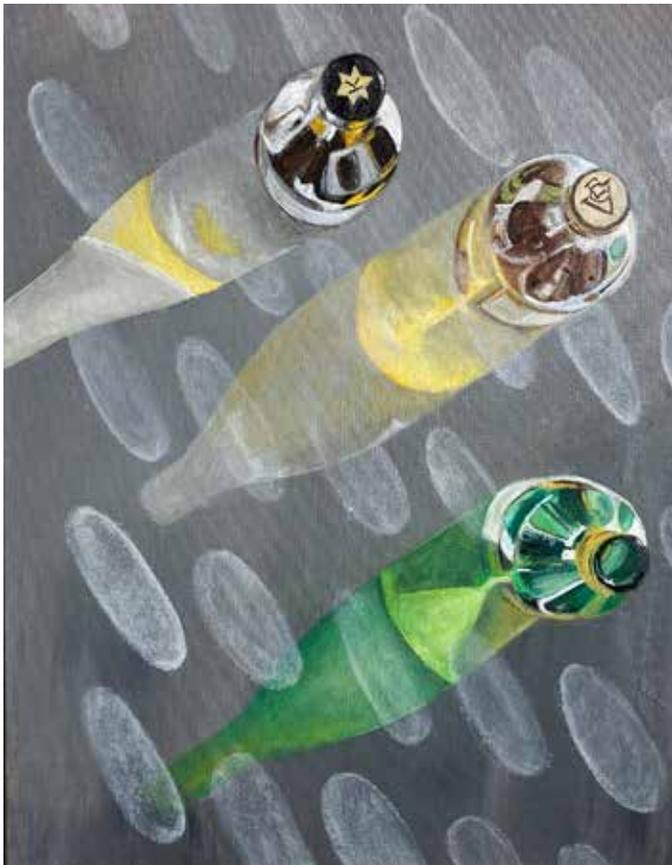
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Bay Club Art Exhibit - Light & Shadow



Out on the Deck, by Pamela Raine.

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During July and August, the theme for the Port Ludlow Bay Club's art exhibit is *Light & Shadow*. Light and shadow are fundamental elements of visual arts and employs the technique of working with the high contrast between light and dark.

This striking art exhibit is sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League. Be sure to stop by the Bay Club and vote for your favorite artwork.

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

Visit the Port Ludlow Art League at portludlowart.org or by scanning the QR code below with your smartphone or tablet.



Northwind Art Premieres a New Art Exhibit



Natural Dyeing Class.

A new exhibit, *Sifting the Silence: Painting and Printing* by Shirley Scheier, is presented at Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery from **July 4 – August 18**. Scheier, an award-winning painter, printmaker and University of Washington professor emerita, uses nets in her art, soaking them in paint and casting them over the paper or canvas surfaces to develop her imagery. "The net is a very fun matrix for this printmaker," Scheier says, adding, "it makes a repeating mark but is also a shape shifter."

The public is invited to attend the opening reception for Scheier on **Saturday, July 6**, 5 – 8 p.m., during Port Townsend's first Saturday of the month's Art Walk.

Northwind Art, located at 701 Water St. in Port Townsend, also features the Showcase Artists space filled with work from 17 local artists, and is open Thursdays – Mondays, noon – 5 p.m.

Northwind Art's July Classes

The Art School at Fort Worden State Park has workshops and courses for people of all levels, including beginners. July's classes include:

- Paint from Poems, **July 8**, 2 – 5 p.m. with Meg Kaczyk
- Sculptural Assemblage, Creating Art with Found Objects, **July 9 – 10**, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. with Steve Parmelee



Still Life Open Studio.

Submitted photos

- Date Night with a Buddy or Sweet “Art,” **July 11**, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. with Kate Lovejoy and Dana Sullivan
- Still Life Open Studio, **July 12** and **July 15**, 2 – 4 p.m. with Anne Pfeiffer
- Drawing the Human Figure, Expressive Faces, **July 16**, noon – 4 p.m. with Nonie Gaines
- Introduction to Natural Dyeing, **July 28**, 9 a.m. – noon with Emily Tzeng
- Introduction to Indigo Dyeing, **July 28**, 2 – 5 p.m. with Emily Tzeng
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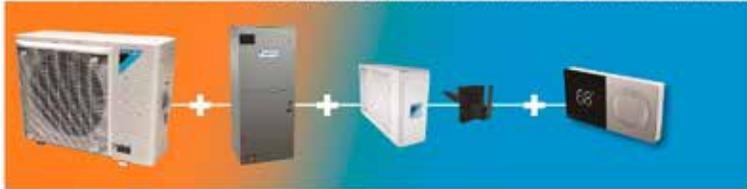
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Recreation & Sports

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson



Ludlow gals Lucinda Thompson and Debi Bozanich win at WA golf event.

Submitted photo

Member participation during the leagues' regular play days has been excellent. The PLWGA plays on Tuesdays starting at 9 a.m. Most of these games are postable toward players' GHIN handicap because individual scores are kept. Due to the World Handicap system, players' handicaps can change daily.

PL Golf Course General Manager Shawn Vetterick and his crew have worked hard to keep the main areas of the golf course, including the putting greens, in great shape. This winter they improved many drainage areas and irrigation systems. The PLGC practice range area is getting a lot of use by all members due to the perk of free range balls for members.

The MGA (Men's Golf Association)/WGA exchange on June 19 was well attended and enjoyed by all participants. The WGA/MGA will take place on **August 6**, with the women's league hosting the men's league for lunch at the Café following play.

PLGC Head Golf Pro Jim Mancill and Captain Bonnie Vahcic invited women from WA golf courses to participate in the Ladies Invitational on June 25. The Basket Raffle, organized by Bonnie Vahcic and Diane Kobz, generated funds for the WGA's operational budget. Many participants commented on the excellent condition and beauty of the Port Ludlow course. A good time was had by all!

Captain's Cup Tournament Chairpersons Sue Fechner and Diane Germain streamlined this year's match-play tournament. Matches of the Captain's Cup began on June 4 and wrapped up by June 18. A chart on the Women's Locker Room bulletin board tracked the progress of the tournament. The winner (Queen of the WGA Captain's Cup) will be honored at the mid-year luncheon on **July 31**.

The next Play Away day is scheduled for **Monday, July 8**. Course destination will be announced on Golf Genius. The WSWPLA's Championship will be played at Dungeness Golf Course on **July 15, 16 and 17**. Earlier this season, Lucinda Thompson and Debi Bozanich won 2nd place low net, Flight 1, at the WA Golf Women's Four Ball Championship at Skagit Golf & Country Club. Day one of this state tournament was plagued by wind and rain, but on day two the sun came out. Lucinda and Debi shot net under par both days and Debi commented that their win did "bring in the moolah!" but not as much as this year's US Women's Open purse of \$13 million. Finally, commensurate prize money for the women!

Casual Golf has been canceled for the duration of the season due to lack of participation. Kudos for former PWGA Captain Linda Haskin for offering this option via Golf Genius to the membership over the past several years.

PLWGA Captain Bonnie Vahcic invites prospective members to play with the WGA league on any Tuesday morning. Details regarding membership and events are available at the Pro Shop of the Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC). Note: PLGC membership is no longer a requisite for participation in the course's golf league.

Submit articles for Recreation & Sport to
Donna Geer at sports@plvoice.org
by the 8th of the month.

Tee it High and Let it Fly

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC



One of the most-asked questions I get when discussing the driver or any club used to tee off on a hole is *how high should I tee it?* Good question; sometimes, a tricky answer. There are a lot of factors that go into answering that question, so we'll assume good conditions, light wind and firm fairways. Other than the par 3's, your round only has 14 tee shots, and we want you to find the fairway and get a good start to the hole.

The basic rule of thumb is shown in the middle picture...½ of the ball above the crown of the club and ½ below the crown. This allows for the club to make contact with the ball in the center of the club face as the club begins to swing slightly upwards. That should give us the optimum launch and spin.

If we feel the time is right and we want to really “send one,” then let's tee it high, move the ball forward in our stance another inch and stay back as the club will be swinging a little more “up” on the ball maximizing the launch while reducing spin which will increase the distance in the air.

Lastly, if we need a really straight one and additional control, grab your fairway club, tee it lower and go with the ½ above and ½ below the crown method and swing away. The additional loft on the fairway club will make it easier to control but may sacrifice some distance at the same time.

Go out and practice to find the perfect height for you and remember to Tee it High to Let it Fly! Get out there have fun!

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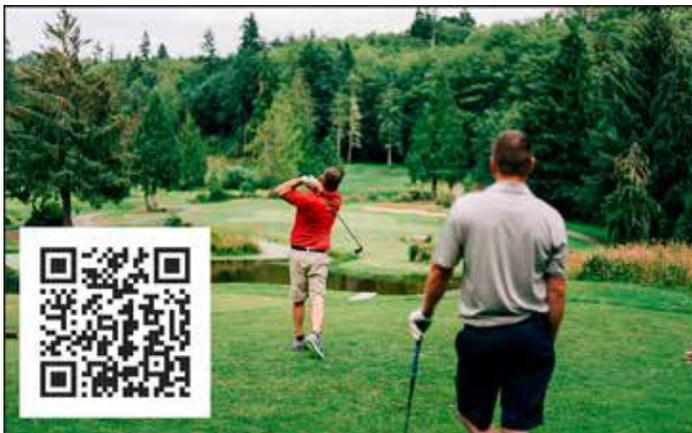
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Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



Future bridge connecting the Interpretive Trail and McCormick Rail Trail.

Photo by Jerry Keck

Mowing and weed whacking, mowing and weed whacking, maintenance and maintenance. That's what the Trails Committee is up to this time of year. The late May and early June rains by Ma Nature sprinkled with intermittent sunshine has done wonders for the growth of grasses and Himal'ayan or Himala'yan blackberries (*Rubus armeniacus*) an invasive species. To quote Wikipedia, "*Rubus armeniacus was first introduced to North America in 1885 by Luther Burbank in Santa Rosa, California, using seeds that he imported from India. The species thrived in its new environment, notably for the large amount of berries it produced and was soon grown and cultivated in the United States by 1915. It soon escaped from cultivation, and became an invasive species in most of the temperate world and the United States Pacific Coast by 1945. Because it is so hard to contain, it quickly gets out of control, with birds and other animals eating the fruit and then spreading the seeds. It is highly flammable and a common ladder fuel for wildfires, due to the litter and dead canes produced by the plant.*" Our trail stewards can definitely verify the perception that "*it quickly gets out of control,*" especially on our new Oak Bay Trail (OBT). The steward for the OBT can cut the vines clear of the trail on one day and the next day a long runner reaches out to snag a hiker. Yes, of course, we knew this when we developed the trail through the extensive then existing *Rubus armeniacus*, but thought it was worthwhile to have that new trail with its gorgeous views of the bay and its quiet solitude (with bench) at the beautiful grouping of huge old growth maples above the

firehouse. We call it the Maple Grove sanctuary. There will be 2 to 3 more mowings and whackings before the growth slows down for the summer, and we can focus on other maintenance and development items.

High on our list of to-dos is correcting or alleviating the swampy area created on Niblicks Loop near the golf course. Some of the tree clearances being done along the course to increase the sun and wind flow to the greens has blocked a drainage channel, which in turn, has backed up the flow enough to overflow that section of the Niblicks Trail. As soon as we are able to put crew/tools/material together at the same time, we will extend the current existing corduroy segment to raise the trail above the swampy area. Also on our to-do list is consideration of developing two more trail segments. One is a short extension of an existing trail; the other would be a new 7/10 of a mile trail to offer an alternative loop to an existing trail. More to come on those two as they are only under consideration as of this writing.

One to-do, the proposed bridge across Ludlow Creek to connect the Interpretive Trail with the McCormick Rail Trail, is verbally approved. Again, as of this writing, we are only awaiting the final clearance on paper to proceed with that project. It is not the bridge as first envisioned and proposed, but it does adhere to the motto of *Semper Gumby*.

Want to help? Email me at mclgscott@cablespeed.com.
Let's Keep Improving our Trails!

Niners' News

by Kathy Traci, Lady Niners' Publicity Chairperson

Niners play on Thursdays starting at 9 a.m. throughout the season. Formats for Thursday's games thus far have included Criers, Toss-a-Hole, Odd Holes, Five Clubs, Mutt (par 3's) and Jeff (par 5's), Mystery Golf, Blind Holes, and Fives. Most games are postable, allowing members to enter their scores on the GHIN world handicap system.

Niners' Captain Barbara Burke announced that the Putting contest on **July 11** is going to be called a "Putt and Pour." It will take place on the putting practice green at 3 p.m. The \$10 per person entry fee will provide one beverage, appetizers, and prize opportunities to participants. Niners should sign up through Golf Genius.

The next Port Ludlow Niners' Couples event will be held on **July 25** with a nine-hole format. Members' handicaps will be used to form the foursomes. This will ensure equitable chances for winning scores. An interesting game format, Wack and Hack, awaits players, and couples are encouraged to stay after for luncheon at the Golf Course

Café. Cash credit prizes for Pro Shop merchandise will be awarded to the winning foursome. May's Couples' format was "Mexican Omelet," and June's format was "4 Person - Cha, Cha, Cha." Game format explanations are included in the "2024 All Niner's Golf Handbook."

The second date for the Niners' Captain's Cup will be played on **Thursday, July 18**. Scores are accumulated during this four-date event to determine the winner of the Captain's Cup. A Play Day Away is scheduled for **August 1** at Dungeness at 7 Cedars Golf Course. Signup opportunities will be announced on Golf Genius.

Niners' Captain Barbara Burke encourages prospective Niner members to join the Niners for play any Thursday morning. Individuals interested in joining the Niners should contact the Pro Shop Desk at the Port Ludlow Golf Course (PLGC). Please note: PLGC membership is no longer required for participation in the PLGC golf leagues.

Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Nuereberg, Hiking Club

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads, 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, July 5 – Cedar Ridge

Cedar Creek trail can only be found with local knowledge. This is one of the hundreds of fishing, mushrooming, and exploring paths throughout the National Forest not on a map. Cedar Creek is in the vicinity of Lords Lake near Quilcene. Also, these trails are accessible most year-round. Cedar Creek is a quiet trail through a forest area which has recovered from a massive forest fire in 1926. It's interesting to see the story the forest is telling should a person look close enough. Elevation change is only a couple hundred feet on the old roadway. There are no restrooms at the trailhead. No parking pass is required. This is a moderate hike of four miles. Hike Leader: Ken Nelson, 206-369-3561.

Friday, July 19 – Spruce Railroad Trail

We will be starting our hike from the East Beach Road parking lot. It skirts the north side of Lake Crescent and

goes through a tunnel and near another. We will also be making a short detour to Devil's Punch Bowl, a beautiful little pool, sometimes (daringly) used as a diving pool! Great views of Crescent Lake and the Olympic Mountains in the background will be seen almost the entire hike. We can plan on a short snack break but eat lunch back at the trailhead. The Spruce Railroad Trail would have transported Sitka spruce to Port Angeles. The wood was to be used to build aircraft during World War I, but the war ended days before the completion of the railroad. The hike is about six miles round trip with about 100 feet of elevation gain. Since the trail is all asphalt, hiking sticks will not be needed unless you normally walk with them. You may also wear your comfortable tennis shoes! A restroom is available at the trailhead. National Park pass is not required but worth having in your vehicle on display just in case. Hike leaders: Sally & John Nuereberg, 623-229-4657 or 623-229-4257.

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.

Kelp Forests

by Gail Wellenstein, Kitsap Beach Naturalist

Visitors from out of town always want to see the "forest," so we first head to Olympic National Park and see the temperate rainforest. I then invite them to see another kind of forest, and they seem very perplexed when we head to the beach along the north shore of Fort Worden. It is a great place to introduce visitors to our kelp forest at low tide. These complex forests are present along rocky coastlines with clear water, strong currents, and ample sunlight with depths up to ninety feet. Like the conifer forest, there is a canopy, made up of either sixty-foot-long bull kelp in Washington, or one hundred-foot-long giant kelp closer to California. These kelp have long fronds floating close to the surface to absorb the sunlight. At low tide the understory becomes visible, consisting locally of twenty-one shorter species of seaweed that come in three color groups, green, red, and brown.



Bull kelp.

Photo by Gail Wellenstein

Kelp is a type of brown seaweed, which means that it is an algae, not a plant. Kelp has three main parts: a holdfast that adheres it to a rock and looks like a complex web, a stipe that is the long hollow stem, and the fronds/blades that extend outward from the stipe and act like leaves for photosynthesis. Many kelp species also have a float, a bulbous structure off the stipe that holds air and enables it to float. It doesn't have roots or veins like plants, all water and nutrients enter directly from the water. Our local bull kelp are annuals, dying off in late fall, and the new generation grows to 60 feet in the next growing season, sometimes growing as fast as ten inches a day.

These underwater forests are one of the most productive ecosystems in the world. Kelp forests in the North Pacific

provide homes, food, or protection for over 1,000 species of plants and animals. Many of our favorite fish, such as salmon and rockfish, use the fronds as hiding places from larger fish or mammals. Kelp is nutritionally rich for people as well, and is used with increasing frequency in salad dressings, puddings, cakes, and dairy products, among other common foods. Kelp forests decrease wave size, thus protecting our coastlines. During photosynthesis, kelp absorb carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and store it in their structures. The absorption of carbon dioxide also helps to reduce the acidity in the water, helping to lessen ocean acidification.

Kelp forests are declining worldwide due to multiple factors, including ocean warming, pollution, sedimentation, increased land run-off due to development, and invasive species and diseases.

The recent die-off of sea stars has led to a decline in kelp forests as sunflower sea stars are the main predators of sea urchins. Sea urchins love to eat kelp, and their population has exploded since the sea star wasting disease took hold. This has led to a domino effect where urchins multiply, move in herds, and consume a foot a day of kelp forest. These "urchin barrens" are now uninhabitable to hundreds of other species.

Kelp is renewable and with sustainable harvest techniques, it can support both ecological and economic demand. Researchers are investigating the best methods to transplant kelp and restore historic kelp forests. Other strategies include controlling the urchin population by restoring the sunflower sea star population, improving coastal water qualities, and designating marine protected areas. Help spread the word about the forest living under the Salish Sea. Our coastlines are losing this precious resource, but we can take steps to turn this around.



Oh Canada!

by Greg Buscher, PLYC Communication Manager



Ferry boat ballet in Victoria Harbor.

Submitted photo

As you read this, Port Ludlow Yacht Club cruisers are up north across the strait visiting iconic Victoria and Butchart Gardens. Moorage in beautiful Inner Harbor right in front of the Empress Hotel makes this stay so special! Cruisers (boaters and land cruisers alike) will make their way around the Saanich Peninsula to experience the wonders of Butchart Gardens. Stays at Brentwood Marina, Tod Inlet, or on one of just four mooring balls in Butchart Cove round out the itinerary. Imagine visiting Butchart Gardens by boat! Other must-dos on this trip include whale watching, the one-of-a-kind Victoria Harbor ferry boat ballet, and marine adventures by kayak and tour boat. Cruisers will also enjoy a high-tea-inspired cocktail party, scavenger hunting, a potluck or two, exploring Victoria and its fantastic food and nightlife, and dinner at the historic Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

Sound like fun? If you are interested in joining PLYC, we'd love to show you around and invite you to a club event as our guest. Just complete the inquiry form on our website at plyc.us/visit and we'll be in touch.

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League of Women Voters Requests Questions for July Primary Candidate

The Leagues of Women Voters in Clallam and Jefferson Counties encourage members of the public who live in Washington's 24th Legislative District to submit questions for the July district-wide state representative and senator primary forums. The 24th Legislative District encompasses most of the Olympic Peninsula, including all of Clallam and Jefferson Counties, and large parts of Grays Harbor County.

The candidate forums for the **August 6** Primary Election will take place on Zoom on the following dates, allowing people from across the peninsula a chance to see the candidates:

- **Tuesday, July 9**, starting at 5:30 p.m., the candidates for State Representative, Position 1.
- **Thursday, July 11**, starting at 7 p.m., the candidates for State Senator.
- **Thursday, July 18**, starting at 5:30 p.m., the candidates for State Representative, Position 2.

Please submit your questions to LWV24LDquestions@gmail.com no later than noon, **July 7**, for the Position 1 and Senate races, and by **July 16** for the Position 2 race. Concise, unbiased questions directly related to the job, its policies, and the leadership skills required will be given priority, and similar questions will be combined. We strive to ensure that questions reflect a wide range of concerns from our district's multiple constituencies, and our questions are never released to any candidates in advance of the forums.

Links to the primary forums, which can be accessed by computer, tablet, or phone, will be posted in July on both Leagues' websites: lwvwa.org/Jefferson and lwvcla.clubexpress.com. Media partner KPTZ 91.9 FM will simulcast the forums and livestream them at kptz.org. The forum will also be recorded and linked on the websites of both Clallam and Jefferson Leagues of Women Voters.

For additional information on the candidate forums, please contact the League of Women Voters-Jefferson County at lwvjeffcowa@gmail.com.

Fifth Wave

by Shannon Ramsey, Guest Writer

Shannon Ramsey, Board Certified in Neurolinguistic Therapy (NLP), Hypnotherapy, Time Line Therapy®, and Life Coaching, created Fifth Wave as a collaborative effort that offers integrative therapeutic solutions for clients involving a combination of principles from traditional psychological modalities such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and Dialectic Behavior Therapy (DBT) in conjunction with NLP, Hypnotherapy, Time Line Therapy®, Life Coaching, Breath Work, and Somatic Therapy, to offer a holistic approach to mental and physical wellness.

As a member of the Women's Self Defense Network, Ramsey currently holds the rank of 6th Degree black belt in American Tang Soo and has been recognized as a Certified Charter Member and Instructor. She has also been inducted into the United States Martial Arts Hall of Fame three times, most recently as "Woman of the Year" and an active affiliate of Neuro Masters Academy.

Some of the Fifth Wave clients are survivors of domestic violence, trafficking, sexual assault, and exploitation. Fifth Wave utilizes a multi-layered, multi-disciplinary and holistic approach for clients to achieve their desired goals. This approach is what sets this practice apart from any other program. Fifth Wave believes in empowering their clients to actualize their fullest potential as quickly as possible rather than the years that traditional therapy takes.

Ramsey, who has personally worked through many adversities to become an accomplished athlete with many accolades, as well as an individual who has done significant deep interpersonal work and healing, seeks to offer services that will reach many on an international level through the martial arts community along with other platforms. Fifth Wave works with anyone looking for positive changes in their life as viewed through their model of the world. Shannon says, "I am a firm believer of walking with integrity and in alignment with core values and needs, placing great emphasis on value level consciousness knowing this work has the ability to create great impact and advancement in a movement much greater than myself."

Formal introductory classes were held in June and regularly scheduled sessions begin in July. For more information, please contact Shannon Ramsey at dagoalie22@hotmail.com.

What's Up, Neighbor?

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer



Alyce Hansen at her 100th birthday party.

Photo by Tom Yates

Alyce knits continental style, something she learned long ago from her grandma. She'd just finished making a scarf to match her nephew's red car, and said she'd share the pattern when I asked about the fancy stitching. Her black and white cat Tigger, who almost looks like an Oreo, was playing with the leftover strands of red yarn.

Alyce Hansen, who turned 100 years old on May 4, is a prolific knitter. She has a stack of colorful hats on the console, just some of the 100 she knits every year for the Linus Club in Sequim. She showed me two of her favorite sweaters—a blue woolen cardigan adorned with wooden buttons her neighbor carved, and a gray one with more of that fancy stitching.

She has her grandma's old, patterned quilts from the 1800s, with tiny stitches all done by hand. Alyce said her grandma "must have had the patience of Job" to make those quilts, cutting small scraps of material from the shirt sleeves of worn-out clothing, trading with the neighbors for different

colors. "It was a labor of love," Alyce said, to piece together beautiful designs out of recycled cloth remnants.

Alyce was close to her grandparents. When she was growing up in Cottage Grove, OR, they shared stories of how they came to Oregon. How Grandma Mariam made her way west across the prairie in the late 1800s, and Grandpa Jesse and his brothers rode horses from Missouri to California on the hunt for yellow gold. Her grandpa found his riches farming the Oregon soil. Grandma Matilda, her mother's mom, traveled in steerage with her family on a steamboat from Sweden to New York in 1868, and later headed west in a wagon train, walking much of the way. Grandpa John left Sweden and joined the merchant marines, traveling the world twice before he too came to Oregon. Alyce remembers all those stories.

In 1942, Alyce married her high school sweetheart in Reno when Gene got a 36-hour pass from the destroyer he was assigned to. He joined the Navy on December 6, 1941. Alyce wouldn't see him again until 1945. The last year of his service, he was at Fort Worden, part of a ten-man Navy crew maintaining the underwater anti-submarine steel nets that stretched between Point Wilson across Port Townsend Bay to Whidbey Island.

That's about the same time Alyce first came to Port Townsend and Port Ludlow. Back in the late 1940s, you could buy a small house from Fort Worden and other decommissioned forts for \$100, but there was a catch – it had to be moved somewhere else, usually on a barge. Alyce and Gene knew a tugboat skipper who'd just purchased one from the Fort, but then got transferred to Port Angeles, so they bought it. They never had electricity in that house while they owned it, but no one else had it either in that part of Port Ludlow.

After the war ended, Alyce and Gene both worked at the Crown Zellerbach Mill, now known as the Port Townsend Paper Mill. Gene was a millwright for more than 30 years. Alyce was a secretary for six different managers over a period of 38 years. She was also on the company's bowling team. "All you needed was five ladies who wanted to bowl on a Thursday night," she said. She left out the part about being a great bowler. In 2018, she bowled in her 52nd United States Bowling Congress Women's Championships tournament at the age of 94.

Both Gene and Alyce volunteered with the Port Ludlow Fire Department for about 30 years. For five of those years, around 1967, Gene was the Fire Chief. Back then, all the fire department positions were volunteer. She said they picked and sold blackberries to raise funds. They even

had “cooked food sales” outside of Reed’s store, where the Hadlock QFC is located now, something “you couldn’t do now with all the regulations,” she reminded me.

Between bowling, military moves, and vacations, Alyce has been to numerous countries and every single state, plus many of the national parks. Almost every time she was bowling in out-of-state tournaments, she would visit a national park with some of the bowlers. She and Gene drove to Alaska sixteen times, in campers or vans. The last time they were there, it was their 60th anniversary. They used to take their nephews hiking in the Olympics every summer. She has always loved hiking. As recently as 2017, just shy of turning 93, she was the hike leader for a five-mile hike at the Bloedel Reserve on Bainbridge. The lady never quits.

The morning of our conversation, she’d already been walking outside in the rain with a shower cap and a raincoat whose hood never stays on quite right. She said she probably looked a little peculiar to anyone who saw her, but she was thrilled to be outside in the cool spring rain. “All the kids walked to school in the rain” when she was growing up, she said. That’s how she got started hiking.

She said she was lucky because she and Gene met when they were kids. Before he died in 2003, she said they used to sit in their chairs, surrounded by their hobbies. Gene had his favorite books scattered by the side of his chair; Alyce had her skeins of yarn. “We’re all collectors of something,” she told me, “and one day it’ll all go to Goodwill.” Until then, she’ll keep knitting those hats and making those sweaters. She has plenty of yarn.

If you want to share some stories about your neighborhood and who you are, or nominate someone else, reach out to Donna at sports@plvoice.org to start the conversation. Can’t wait to hear from you!

Hellebore

by Eline Lybarger, Staff Writer

Here’s a flower called Lenten Rose because it blooms early, around the same time as Lent. The small, about four inches, flowers appear first, nodding, cup-shaped, waxy in whites, yellow, pink, maroon, and light green. They may have a single layer of petals or look like a carnation with multiple ruffled petals. Next comes the foliage in tight clumps of long leafstalks with large, leathery leaflets, grouped like fingers on an upturned hand, six to 36 inches long, but close to the ground.

To make them happy in your garden, find a partly sunny to full-shade spot that is well mulched and well drained.

They will even tolerate dry shade and, except for *H. niger*, which tolerates some sun and slightly acid soil, all other Hellebore prefer a slightly basic soil. A dose of bone meal usually does the job. Also, they are deer and rabbit proof and poisonous if eaten.

If you do not cut the spent flower heads, they will self-sow. Removing the flower heads also promotes new foliage, and plants will form around the base of the adult plant. These will bloom in about three years. They can be removed from the parent and replanted. However, once planted they do not like to be disturbed or moved again.



The plant will remain green all summer. About Christmas time, before the flowers appear, add fertilizer, bone meal, mulch and remove all the dead material.

Some options to consider:

- H. 'Flower Girl' – ruffled white with dark pink edges and spots
- H. 'Ice N' Roses' – plum colored
- H. 'Wedding Crasher' – many petals with light pink dots
- H. 'Irish Luck' – single petals in light green with a plum center
- H. 'Sparkling Diamond' – pure white with many ruffled petals
- H. *niger* 'Christmas Rose' – white turns green



Exhibitions at JCHS Museum of Art + History

The Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) Museum of Art + History announces the extension of two exhibitions: Jeanne K Simmons: *Photographs, Artifacts, and Intimate Works* and Tessa Hulls: *Feeding Ghosts*. The museum is located at 540 Water St. in Port Townsend and is open Tuesday – Sunday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Jeanne K Simmons: *Photographs, Artifacts, and Intimate Works* – Extended through **July 21**

Jeanne K Simmons, an acclaimed interdisciplinary artist, continues to captivate visitors with her exhibition that explores the profound connection between humanity and the natural world. Simmons' works, that include photographs and three-dimensional pieces, showcase women harmoniously integrated into natural settings. This exhibition offers a diverse range of works, each bearing its unique narrative and emotional depth.

Tessa Hulls: *Feeding Ghosts* – Extended through **July 28**

Tessa Hulls' exhibition, *Feeding Ghosts*, delves into the narrative of three generations of Chinese women, exploring themes of love, grief, exile, and identity. Hulls' graphic memoir vividly portrays the lives of her grandmother, mother, and herself, revealing the intergenerational impact of trauma and the enduring power of love. This exhibition invites audiences to embark on a journey through history and personal reflection.

For more information, please contact the Jefferson County Historical Society at 360-385-1003 or visit jchsmuseum.org.

Susan Keister Exhibition Benefits the Unhoused

by Karen Clemens, Guest Writer

During her lifetime, Susan Keister was reluctant to exhibit her work. An innate modesty fed her commitment to create privately and quietly, sharing her work only with those closest to her.

This circle included her large and loving family; friends on both sides of Puget Sound; the staff of The Old Alcohol Plant Inn in Port Hadlock; and the board, program participants, and staff of Bayside Housing & Services, the nonprofit she founded with her husband, Gary Keister, to serve people experiencing homelessness in Jefferson County.

With “Susan Keister: A Life of Mark Making” —the exhibition that opened on Sunday, June 9 at the Old Alcohol Plant

Inn—all will have an opportunity to enjoy her paintings, prints, and collages, culled from private collections and bound archives.

The original works will not be for sale. Giclée prints on natural rag paper, both framed and unframed, will be available for purchase and by special order. Proceeds from these sales will help support the operations of Bayside Housing & Services, which offers housing coupled with trauma-informed case management services to individuals and families experiencing homelessness and poverty in Jefferson County.

The exhibition shows Keister's strong use of color and composition. She imbued her subjects with charm, wit, and a muscular eloquence, whether they were the animated products of her dynamic imagination (such as *Girl with Pearls*, acrylic on canvas, 2005-2016), inanimate objects as still life (*Abstract with Grapes*, acrylic on canvas, 2005-2016), or discerning and expressive self-portraits (*Artist Self-Portrait II*, mixed media collage, 2015).

The *Women* (acrylic on canvas, 2005-2016) was created at the time Bayside Housing & Services was founded. It depicts Bayside's first program participants—a group of women, all seniors—who were whisked from their tents on the beach into rooms at Bayside Tower, one of two buildings that comprise the Old Alcohol Plant Inn, also known as the OAP.

No short biography of Susan Keister would be complete without making note of the kind, compassionate, and non-judgmental way she related to everyone she knew. Her curiosity, ready affection, and genuine warmth were gifts of positive influence she shared with all who knew her.

Keister's intangible legacy of emotional intelligence is made profoundly tangible in this selection of the best of her artworks.

Susan Keister: A Life of Mark Making (now – **August 30** in the Old Alcohol Plant Inn Gallery at 310 Hadlock Road, Port Hadlock) features 75 artworks documented by a 28-page catalog (available until supplies run out).

Editor's Note: The complete article on the exhibition appeared in the June 5 edition of *The Leader*.

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