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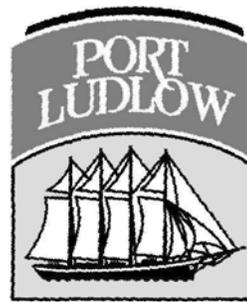
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ON THE FRONT COVER

Photo by Kevin Hall, *Voice* Cover Photo Contest winner.



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News & Community

Editorial

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer

Our beautiful wintry cover this month showcases the work of Port Ludlow resident and photographer Kevin Hall, the winner of the December *Voice* Cover Photo Contest.

When asked about how this photo came to be, Hall said, “This picture was taken on the Carrie Lake trail in Ellensburg, Washington. It had just snowed, and I went hunting for winter pictures. It was getting late and as I headed back, I decided to shoot a self-portrait. The camera used was a Nikon D7500 with a Nikkor 18-140 lens set on a tripod. After a couple practice shots, I changed my settings to include my phone light. The result provided what I was looking for: the warmth of a candle to illuminate one’s journey.”

The *Voice* photo contest received an impressive 24 submissions and picking a winner was not an easy task. The winning photo was selected by *Voice* staff members at their meeting in November guided by our own Steve Deligan, photo editor for the magazine. If you would like to see a few other staff favorite photos, please visit our website plvoice.org.

What is it that brings you joy in the holiday season? Is it making children happy with fun gifts? Perhaps it is joining friends and neighbors (and strangers) to sing carols? To attend a play? Or strolling through an art gallery? Or cooking something festive and delicious? Or getting teary-eyed as you read a heart-warming story?

Well, you are in luck because the December *Voice* will satisfy your every holiday desire. Warm wishes from the *Voice* staff for joyous holidays and a Happy New Year!

Wild Ride Home at Martha’s Book Group

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

Christine Hemp’s family memoir will be the subject of Martha’s Book Group for December. A resident of the Olympic Peninsula, and an instructor at the Hugo House in Seattle and the Summer Writing Festival at the University of Iowa, Hemp presents her personal journey about finding love, learning, and grieving. Emotions which we all have experienced are creatively told in Hemp’s debut memoir, *Wild Ride Home: Love, Loss, and a Little White Horse*. Join the author as she discusses her story at Martha’s Book Group on **December 12**, at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club.

January’s selection will be *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. For more information or a list of upcoming book selections, contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org.

United Good Neighbors: A Helping Hand

Please help your community via United Good Neighbors’ annual Give Jefferson campaign now underway. The campaign, which aims to raise \$300,000, will run through **December 31**.



Donations support 30 local nonprofits offering critical safety-net services for basic human needs in Jefferson County. The nonprofits’ services include housing and shelter, food security, healthcare, youth opportunities, support for children and families, and financial assistance.

United Good Neighbors, which has served the community for over 65 years, requests donations either online at giveJefferson.org, or by mail at PO Box 1394, Port Hadlock, WA 98339.

Give Jefferson also welcomes support from the business community via its Workplace Giving Campaign and from community groups and organizations.

Donors support such vital community groups as Bayside Housing & Services, the Clallam-Jefferson County Pro Bono Lawyers, Dove House Advocacy Services, Food Bank Growers, Olympic Peninsula YMCA, and many more.

For more information, you can go to giveJefferson.org.

Stocking Stuffers for Dove House Clients

Dove House is currently working with more than 200 individuals and families in our shelter/transitional housing, at the Recovery Café, and elsewhere in our community. Please join us in supporting a bountiful and joyful holiday experience for all we serve by donating small gifts for our holiday stockings.

You may drop off small, fun, and nurturing items suitable for stocking stuffers for both adults and children to our offices at 1045 10th Street in Port Townsend by **Wednesday, December 13**. Ideas for stocking stuffers include match box cars, bubbles, candy, winter gloves, and art supplies.

Please call the office at 360-385-5292 before coming by to drop off items, as changes in our staffing or schedule may change our open hours. Thank you for your support!

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A New Image for New Lives



A few of the key players at New Image (from left to right): Allie Neihaus, Secretary; Martha Olbrych, President; and Norma Lupkes, Director of Inventory.

Submitted photo

Here's a little-known community gem which can really mean the world to a badly underserved segment of our population.

At first glance, you might think you're in the Port Townsend police station. (You're not.) With a closer look, you might imagine a posh women's shop, offering all manner of clothing for resale. That's closer to the truth, but still not it.

What we have here is a unique non-profit organization serving women in need from Jefferson, Kitsap, and Clallam counties. Started in 1999 under the moniker 'Working Image,' today's "New Image" non-profit newimagept.org offers a wide array of gently used women's clothing, for free, to the people who need it most.

"The women we serve usually come to us from various agencies who work with people in extreme need," says New Image president Martha Olbrych. "They may have escaped an abusive relationship or a house fire or just had a spate of really bad luck."

What they all have in common though is such a severe lack of presentable clothing that, Olbrych notes, "they're often embarrassed to be seen in public."

To serve these folks, "New Image is always looking for donations of 'gently used' women's clothes," she explains. "Really, that means almost anything we wear from shirts to skirts, pants, dresses, shoes, coats, even handbags and costume jewelry."

Once at New Image, the clothes are sorted by type and size, steam-cleaned, and primped for the boutique located in the second room of this two-room enterprise.

The boutique itself is impressive. Think of row after row of all kinds of women's wear displayed in ways that makes it easy to find by article, size, and color. Think also of a nicely laid out dressing room plus volunteers dedicated to helping their clients find everything they need for all of life's clothing requirements.

The boutique is open for donations and stop-ins on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with client appointments scheduled at 10 and noon. If no appointments are scheduled, women may drop in for items they need. In addition to its onsite boutique, New Image provides racks of clothing for Food Bank shoppers on Wednesdays and Saturdays, plus it offers women an opportunity to make appointments online.

You can find New Image in Port Townsend's Mountain View Commons (also home to the PT police station whose signage is the first thing you'll see). The group is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization, meaning that all donations, whether clothes or money, are tax deductible.

For anyone considering a donation, here's an important news flash: You're not going to be asked to attend a New Image fundraiser. That's because when the group receives really high-end clothing – think posh evening clothes, silk shirts and the like – they consign the goods by way of Port Townsend's Fancy Feathers resale shop, all of which makes enough money to cover rent and other costs that small business incur.

So, check out your closets, and bring in the things you never wear. It will all be put to good use.

Teas The Season at a Garden Club Tea

The Port Ludlow Garden Club Holiday Tea will be held **Wednesday, December 13**, at 11 a.m. at the Bay Club. A cheerful invitation is extended to all present members. We are asking members to bring an unwrapped child's toy to be donated to the Toys for Tots children's Christmas program.

Dress in your finest with hats, Fascinators, and all the holiday regalia of the Christmas Season.

Visit with your friends and neighbor gardeners, enjoying a glass of Champagne during the social hour, while walking around and enjoying the decorated tables and the beautiful centerpieces designed by the hostesses of each table. A committee of judges will choose one of the centerpieces as outstanding, and a prize will be given to that hostess. The Tea will follow the social hour with a selection of tea sandwiches, scones, cookies, and savories prepared by the Garden Club members.

In the Spirit of the Season, The Choral Belles will be performing a program for our enjoyment. We are giving Santa Claus a break this year!

Tray Gers, owner of Details Home and Garden in Poulsbo, has designed a beautiful holiday centerpiece for the buffet table.

Please RSVP via email to Michelle Pelkey at portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com by **Monday, December 4**. Seating is limited.

Benefit Concert Covers Seasonal Classics

On **Thursday, December 14**, at 6 p.m., Port Ludlow Community Church welcomes pianist extraordinaire Mike Carroll as he performs seasonal pieces from Johann Sebastian Bach to George Winston. The concert is free, but reservations are required for entry. Contact the church for reservations at 360-437-0145; seating is limited, so register soon as the venue is expected to fill up.



Mike Carroll.

Submitted photo

The concert benefits Convoy of Hope, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit humanitarian aid organization that serves the suffering. They are a worldwide first-responding agency that quickly reacts to crisis, whether it is a natural disaster, feeding a hungry child, or helping a parent put food on the table. Convoy of Hope also partners with the marginalized by creating sustainable and healthy living conditions in over 130 countries. Their aim is to “deliver your kindness to those who need it most.”

As Pastor Kevin Hall notes, “Mr. Carroll is a magnificent and benevolent pianist. There are few things more enchanting than holiday lights set in a contemplative venue to remind people that the light shines brightest in the dark. So, please join us as we come together for one night with one piano for one cause.”

December Brings Community to Jefferson County Library District

December at your library is a cozy retreat from the cold. Patrons explore holiday books, browse seasonal movies, and enjoy festive crafts and events, fostering a sense of community and making a warm, inviting haven for all. Bring family and friends visiting from out of town and enjoy all we have to offer! See our website at jclibrary.info for our complete list of programs and services.

The Library District’s Annual Gingerbread House Making Contest is in full swing! Bakers and crafters have picked up their

supplies and are working diligently on their edible creations. You still have time to participate—the deadline to enter the contest is 5 p.m. on **Tuesday, December 12**. You may enter as an adult or child, or work as a team and submit a family creation. Vote for your favorites beginning **December 14!** The winners will be announced online on **Friday, December 22**.

Folks near and far are invited to celebrate the season at the Library District’s Annual Holiday Open House on **Thursday, December 14**, from 3 – 6 p.m. Enjoy live music and light refreshments in the main library, then join us in the Humphrey Room, where all ages can create a variety of festive, seasonal crafts.

Kids ages 9 – 14 can learn computer coding on **Wednesday, December 6**, from 3:30 – 5 p.m. Create digital stories, games, and animations with Scratch, a coding language with a simple visual interface perfect for learning and practicing coding concepts. Laptops will be available, but if you have your own, you are encouraged to bring it.

Sign up for the IditaRead Winter Reading Challenge! Beginning **December 26**, kids ages 7 – 18 can follow the Iditarod Sled Dog Race trail from Anchorage to Nome by reading and logging their progress at cleoreads.beanstack.com or using the free Beanstack app. A paper tracker will also be available at the Library or Bookmobile. Challenge yourself to read 1,125 minutes (about 19 hours) by **February 26, 2024**.

Tech Tuesday will present two more useful topics this month; first, join us on **Tuesday, December 5**, from 3 – 4:30 p.m. to learn how to identify online phishing scams in your email and text messages and protect yourself from this fraudulent practice. Then, on **Tuesday, December 12**, from 3 – 4:30 p.m., you can get to know Libby, the library reading app! With Libby, you can access thousands of digital books, audiobooks, and magazines free with your library card.

The Library District will be closed on **December 24** and **25**. We will also be closed on **December 31**. Preschool Storytimes will take a winter break the last week of December but will return to their regular schedule beginning **January 2, 2024**. Check our website at jclibrary.info for more information about our holiday hours. Happy New Year!

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.

Community Carol Sing

Come sing along at a Community Carol Sing sponsored by the Peace Lutheran Fellowship. The event takes place on **Thursday, December 21**, at 3:30 p.m. in the Port Ludlow Plaza behind the Mexican restaurant. Please bring a non-perishable food donation for our local food bank and an umbrella in case of rain.

Spiced cider and cookies will be served after the event. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Oktoberfest Fundraiser for Chimacum Backpacks for Kids—A Huge Success!

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer

Ludlow Cove Cottages held its 5th annual Oktoberfest fundraiser for Chimacum Backpacks for Kids on Saturday, October 14.

This annual event has become a neighborhood favorite for many reasons. A core group of volunteers provides grilled brats with all the fixings – sauerkraut, German potato salad, an array of condiments, desserts and more, as well as beer, wine, and soft drinks. Our resident cider maker, Roger Anderson, owner of Sisters' Cider House in Bainbridge, donates a selection of his delicious ciders—and they are quickly gone!

The main attraction (aside from a rollicking good time) is our “almost famous” raffle with prizes ranging from award-winning photographs; a week at a home in Springdale, UT, the gateway to Zion National Park; a selection of gourmet coffees; and a pie of your choice baked with love from our resident baker extraordinaire.

The most important reason though is the opportunity to support Chimacum Backpacks for Kids. This local 501(c)(3) charity provides healthy, easily prepared weekend nutrition for primary students in the Chimacum school system. In the 2023 school year, volunteers packed 3,200 bags of nutritious foods to supplement meals during the weekend when students who normally get free or subsidized meals at school would go without. That number will certainly go up as volunteers are currently packing over 110 bags a week. Recently, Chimacum Backpacks for Kids has begun a free snack initiative for students in the primary grades and high school athletes who participate in after-school programs, keeping them active well after school ends with a tasty energy source.

This year's fundraiser was a smashing success raising \$6,230—a tribute to the generosity of the Ludlow Cove Cottages neighborhood.

Neighbor Villages—are you up for a challenge? Ludlow Cove Cottages would like to challenge other neighborhoods to have their own fundraisers—Christmas giving? St. Patrick's Day Giving of the Green? April Showers of Cash? July 4 Independent Giving?

Whatever plan you devise—let us know—we are happy to help and advise.

Port Gamble's Country Christmas

Looking for a wonderful way to get into the holiday spirit? Look no further than a trip to Port Gamble on **December 9 and 10** when the annual Country Christmas is underway 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. The town is festooned with thousands of holiday lights, and there will be horse-drawn hayrides. All of the shops are open and there will be craft making for the kids. If you are there after dark, the gigantic tree on the bluff magically lights up.

Port Ludlow Zentangle Club Launching



Zentangle sampling.

Submitted photo

What's Zentangle? It's an easy-to-learn, fun way to create beautiful images by drawing structured patterns. These patterns are called tangles—they are created by using five elemental strokes. Each tangle is named by its creator. Anyone can tangle; no experience required! Facilitator Alice Clive has been tangling for twelve years and loves introducing others to this mindful art form.

The first meeting of the Port Ludlow Zentangle Club will be **Thursday, January 11, 2024**, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Bridge Deck at the Beach Club. Subsequent meetings will be held the second Thursday of every other month (same time and place).

Basic supplies and materials will be supplied at each meeting for a \$5 fee. Bring a sketch book if you have one. Non-residents are welcome; bring \$1 for the fee. Due to limited space, RSVPs are necessary and will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. To attend the **January 11** meeting, please RSVP to Alice Clive at foureyes22@outlook.com.

October 2023 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.

Alarms

Fires	3
Rescue/Emergency Medical	414
Good Intent	28
Special Incident	1
False Alarms	25
Service Call	81
Total Alarms	552

Ambulance Transports

911 Transports	199
Hospital Request Transport	0
Total Transports	199

CARES Contacts	187
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First Wednesday Luncheon

December is the month of many holiday celebrations and First Wednesday Luncheon is no exception. We will be celebrating this month with generous donations to the Tri-Area Food Bank as we enjoy our annual holiday luncheon, prepared and served by a group of volunteers who work to make this a very special occasion.

We hope you can join us on **Wednesday, December 6**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Bay Club.

The Choral Belles will entertain us with both traditional holiday favorites and other fun selections. The Choral Belles have been singing together for 27 years. Under the direction of Sheila Harwood and accompanied by Sung-Ling Hsu, their 19 members happily provide community service by bringing their music to independent and assisted living facilities throughout Jefferson, Clallam, and Kitsap Counties.

There is no charge to attend First Wednesday Luncheon. However, we do ask attendees to bring donations in the form of cash, checks made payable to the Tri-Area Food Bank, or non-perishable food and hygiene products.

Please RSVP to firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com, or sign up at either the Bay or Beach Club by **December 2**. This is a courtesy to the club and luncheon volunteers so we can have the appropriate number of tables set up in advance and can provide a nice lunch to all. We appreciate your cooperation.

In addition to our traditional monthly raffle, for December we will be raffling off each table centerpiece as well. Remember that proceeds from our raffles are used to help support the Food Bank during July and August when we are on hiatus.

This would be a good time to mark your calendars for our next luncheon on **January 3** at the Beach Club when we'll be taking a breather from the holiday hustle and bustle by enjoying some fun games of Bingo. Hope we'll see you there.

Free Estate Planning Seminar

Come join us for a free, informative, one-hour seminar about Wills, Trusts, and Asset Protection through estate planning with Attorney Amanda Wilson with Northwest Estate Planning & Probate, PS. Amanda Wilson has practiced estate planning and elder law for 13 years. Please come meet her to learn more about services she can provide you and your family.

The event is scheduled for **Saturday, December 9**, at 3 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Beach Club, 121 Marina View Dr., Port Ludlow, WA 98365.

Contact 360-437-4172 ext. 300 or jenni@nwpepp.com to reserve your spot.

Holiday Decor Safety Tips

The East Jefferson Fire Rescue responders and staff wish you—the community we serve—a safe Christmas and 2024 New Year celebration. Here are some tips to help with that:

- Inspect holiday lights each year before you put them up. Throw away light strands with frayed or pinched wires.
- Water your Christmas tree every day. A dry Christmas tree can burn very hot and very fast.
- Make sure your tree is at least three feet away from heat sources like fireplaces, radiators, space heaters, or heat vents. Also, make sure your tree does not block exits.
- Dispose of your tree after Christmas or when it is dry.
- Consider using battery operated flameless candles, which can look, smell, and feel like real candles. Candle fires are more common around the winter holidays. The top four days for home candle fires are New Year's Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Eve.
- Be sure to have fresh batteries installed in your smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. If you need help with changing the batteries, contact East Jefferson Fire Rescue at 360-385-2626 to make arrangements for our firefighters to assist you.

If you have any questions about the services East Jefferson Fire Rescue provides, please call 360-385-2626 or email Fire Chief Black at bblack@ejfr.org.

Features & Stories

Park the Sled in the Manger

by Randy Powell, Guest Writer

Agatha was working at her desk in the mall offices when the phone rang. “Oh God,” she thought, “Who is calling in sick now...on Christmas Eve?”

She answered the phone to hear the croaking voice of her not-so-jolly Santa Claus as he hoarsely proclaimed, “I am sick!”

It seems catching a cold at Christmastime is an occupational hazard of Mall Santas. Agatha wished him well and then hung up the phone. She called up her holiday phone list and began looking for Santa rental agencies. She called everyone in the book, and they all pretty much laughed at her for daring to think a Santa would be available at the last minute on Christmas Eve.

Agatha knew that the lines of children were already forming below on the main floor. Then, she noticed a company called Christmas, Inc. What could she lose? She called them. Yes, they had a Santa waiting right there...and yes...he could be there in less than an hour! Agatha booked him sight unseen.

About an hour later Agatha was standing at the balcony overlooking the main floor. The line of children waiting to see Santa was well over 150 kids. She could see the impatience in their tugging movements. Parents were looking at their watches, probably contemplating last minute shopping. Where was Santa?

“Hello, you must be Agatha.” She turned to see a nice looking slim young man leaning against the railing beside her.

“I am Santa,” he said.

Agatha looked at him in amazement and said, “I somehow thought you would be...jollier!”

The young Santa laughed and asked where he could change. Agatha pointed to an employee locker room next to her office and began to ponder what she would tell her boss about the anorexic-looking Santa.

She had barely turned back to the floor when she heard a mighty “Ho, Ho, Ho,” from the stairway 20 feet away. Every child’s eye turned to the stairway where they saw the jolliest Santa ever smiling down at them. By George, when he laughed his belly did shake like a bowl full of... Agatha shook her head and watched as Santa took his throne and the children began to tell him their wishes. Breathing a sigh of relief, she returned to her office.

As the day wore on, she stepped to the balcony rail and checked on the scene below. Every child left Santa’s lap with a candy cane and a big smile. Parents were glowing and waving thanks to the young Santa. Agatha was very pleased. She headed to the food court for an espresso. Instead of returning to her desk with her coffee, she decided to head downstairs and listen in for a moment or two.

As she sidled up next to the screen behind Santa’s throne, she saw a little curly-haired girl climbing the steps. She reminded Agatha of Shirley Temple of old. The little girl had a sullen face. No smile for Santa. This looked like a tough one. So Agatha listened in on the conversation.

“Ho, Ho, Ho, how are you?”

“I am fine, Santa.”

“Well, do you have a smile for Santa?”

“I don’t feel like smiling today, Santa.”

“I bet Santa can make you smile.”

“Mommy says you can try, but not to expect anything!”

With this statement, both Santa and I leaned in closer.

“Well, what is your name?”

“Ashton.”

“Well Ashton, what do you want for Christmas?”

Without even pausing for thought Ashton said, “Peace on Earth! That is what God promised, you know!”

“Well, yes, it is Ashton, but that is a mighty big wish for such a small girl. Wouldn’t you like a

pretty little doll? Or maybe a book about fairy tales and such.”

“No, I want peace on Earth!”

Agatha shook her head and began to walk away.

“Santa wants to make your wish come true, Ashton!”

Agatha stopped aghast, what was he going to say?

Agatha noticed that the entire mall had gone silent. Every eye and ear was turned towards Santa on his throne and the little girl. Every face had the same wish.

Santa asked, “Why do you want peace on Earth, Ashton?”

“Because my daddy is a Marine in Iraq. I want him to come home, but the President says he can’t until there is Peace on Earth!”

Santa bent over and whispered in the little girl’s ear, and everyone leaned in to try and hear what he was saying, but no one could!

Suddenly a voice cried out from the edge of the crowd, “Ashton!” There stood a Marine with his duffel swung over his shoulder, much like Santa’s pack.

Ashton cried out “Daddy!” Turning to Santa, she hugged him tight and said, “Thank you Santa, I knew you could do it.”

Agatha, like everyone else in the place, was searching for a Kleenex to blow her nose and dry her tears.

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Santa turned to Ashton and said, “Peace on Earth has to come from the heart Ashton. Your daddy is helping to do that, but for this Christmas.... maybe we need some peace at home. Merry Christmas!”

Ashton rushed into her father’s arms, and they embraced as they walked out of the mall to go home.

Agatha realized her mascara was in need of repair and hastened back to her office. Santa lifted the next child onto his knee.

Everything went back to a hurried shopping holiday bustle. It wasn’t until two hours later at mall closing time that Agatha made her way downstairs to personally thank the young Santa. He was nowhere to be found. The teenage girl playing elf said he had walked right out of the mall with a string of children trailing behind him.

Agatha shook her head in amazement and then ran to the toy store before it closed. She had one gift left to buy.

Jeremy stood before the gates of heaven, a Santa hat still on his head. As the gates swung open, God was standing there.

“I see you have been doing things your own way again, Jeremy,” said God’s booming voice.

Jeremy scuffed his foot in the cloud and removed his Santa hat. “Lord, why do you give us the power if we aren’t supposed to use it as we see fit?”

God placed his arm around his favorite angel, handed him a chocolate chip cookie from nowhere, and said, “That is why I sent you, Jeremy!”

Convent POW Camp

by Suyin Karlsen, Guest Writer



WWII POW names etched into walls and door, framed under glass at our Convent School

Our neighbor, five doors away in Penang, was a medium who conducted seances when people needed help from the “other” world. Witnessing Aunty Medium communicating with spirits in a trance was just one of those things we neighborhood children

accepted as being normal. So, at age 10, when an older girl at my convent school asked if I wanted to see a haunted classroom, naturally I said, yes!

Until today, I still remember the ghostly feeling walking up to read the names of what we believed were dead soldiers. The prisoners of WWII had used their belt buckles to scratch their names. Seventy-six names etched into stone and wood have been preserved for posterity, under glass. More importantly, it is to honor and memorialize men who had fought and died, so the rest of the world could live. At the time, we young girls thought they had all been tortured right there, and died in the rooms where their names were. In fact, they were tortured in another room across the quadrangle. The POWs could hear their screams and cries, ever dreading their turn.

Many don’t know this, but one hour before the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor, the Japanese attacked Malaya first. The Imperial Japanese Navy Air Service dropped bombs on Pearl Harbor just before 8 a.m., Sunday, December 7, 1941. That translates to just before 2 a.m., December 8, as Malaya is 18 hours ahead of Hawaii’s time zone. Which means Malaya was bombed at 1 a.m., December 8. Surprise attacks were their thing. The east coast of Malaya got bombed first. Three days later, the Japanese flew across the peninsula to begin their bombing on the island of Penang.

One of the bombs landed on the convent school located on the east coast of Penang Island in the capital, George Town. In great haste, mounting disbelief, and fear, the entire convent was evacuated. Baby orphans, older orphans, and school boarders, including our mother, were moved by lorries, cars, and buses to another convent on the west coast of the island. The next day, bombs dropped on the convent’s baby house. Mercifully, all babies had already been removed.

It was not long after the convent bombing when the Imperial Japanese Navy moved into our school to use it as a naval base and a POW camp for American, British, and other Commonwealth servicemen. This school in Penang was called the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus of the Catholic order of the *Dames de St. Maur*. It was founded in 1852 by French nuns. It is the oldest girls’ school in Malaysia (previously British Malaya). Today it is known as The Convent Light Street.

This is the convent school where 76 American submariners were kept as prisoners of war after their submarine, the *USS Grenadier* (SS-210) was sunk on April 22, 1943, near the island of Phuket in Thailand, north of Malaya.

One of the names scratched into the wall of that classroom was Albert Rupp. He was born in New Jersey, an idealistic young man who could not wait to enlist after Pearl Harbor happened. Albert Rupp wrote a book, *Threshold of Hell*, describing the submariners’ experience in great detail at this convent school for 108 days, before they were shipped to another POW camp in Japan.

Albert and his girlfriend Margaret, whom he would later marry after the war, were sitting in the kitchen when news of the bombing of Pearl Harbor reached them through the radio. Albert writes, “By noon the following day, a State of War was declared.

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The nation was thrust into full mobilization. Young men, 18 through 21 were told where to report.” He was only 15 but determined that he was going to do his bit. So, Albert altered the date on his birth certificate using “an ink eradiator.” Six days later, he was sworn into the United States Navy. Three months later, he arrived at Pearl Harbor and saw for himself “the devastation and destruction all around. By the time we reached the dock, I was positive I made the right choice.” Little was he aware the hell that would await him, 67 other crewmen, and eight officers. A hell that would last for two and a half years. The three and a half months that they spent at the convent were just the beginning of their “Threshold of Hell,” as his book is titled.

After the *Grenadier* was sunk, the 76 crewmen were picked up by a Japanese merchant vessel. On arrival at the convent, they were made to stand at attention for three days without food. “Some of the crew were exhausted and began to slump, only to be prodded back to the position of attention, with the aid of bayonet wielding guards. During the long, long nights, some crew members passed out. The shipmate on either side would support them in an upright position. There was no doubt, certain death, by that long, cold shaft awaited anyone who could not stand or be supported.”

The only relief they had was being allowed to go to the “head” three at a time. The room was so small the guard had to stand outside. While one urinated, the other two lifted the tank lid and scooped up drinking water with their hands. The only “stolen” nourishment they got for three days after their capture. When they finally did get food, it was a small bowl of gruel and another small bowl of water. Unprovoked sadistic beatings, punching, and kicking of POWs were the rule of the day, every day. There are many well documented accounts of inhumane and ruthless torture. Japan signed the 1929 Geneva Convention but failed to ratify it. In 1942, Japan indicated that it would follow Geneva’s Treatment of Prisoners of War, but it did not.

For the population living in Penang, it was a terrifying time, as described by our grandparents and parents. They saw corpses hanging from trees everywhere. People ratted on other people for small favors. You never knew whom you could trust. And food was so scarce, my mother said they ate tapioca every day. Food was reserved only for the conquerors.

For me and all the girls who studied at the Convent of the Holy Infant Jesus, POW-name memorials etched into stone and wood and anguish framed in glass, reminded us daily of the fragility of life. It had a somber effect on our young minds. For many of us, it was an unexpected and rather harsh coming of age brought upon prematurely just by being there at school. A place of learning, it certainly was.

Postscript: After 77 years, the USS *Grenadier* was found. Expert diver, Ben Reymenants, famously known in 2018 for having been one of the rescuers of the Thai soccer team stranded in a cave for 19 days, discovered the *Grenadier*’s final resting place in 2020. The submarine was sitting upright, 270 feet below the water’s surface, in the Strait of Malacca.

The Dishwasher

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

Cyrus arched his shoulders to stretch out the stiffness in his lower back before hefting the last rack of dinner dishes into the dishwasher. He was tired. An old geezer like him should have been at home watching the Seahawks. He’d promised Jimmy Chang, the owner of the Asian Fusion Bistro, to help him out in a pinch. Tonight was a big pinch, with one of the regular dishwashers quitting in the middle of the shift and the second one coming to work drunk. Cyrus had just finished shutting down the dishwasher and wiping down the counters when Jimmy showed up with a frosted mug of lager.

He handed Cyrus the lager, then a roll of bills. “Thanks, Uncle Cy. You bailed me out again.”

Cyrus downed half of the lager then thumbed the roll with his other hand. “Looks like you had a good night.”

“One of the busiest since we opened.”

“You done your Daddy proud, Jimbo. Wish he could have seen this.” Cyrus raised his mug as a toast and downed the rest of the lager. Jimmy nodded and sniffed. They stared past each other for a minute before Cyrus spoke. “Go home Jimbo, I’ll lock up.”

Cyrus and Frankie Chang, Jimmy’s dad, grew up together in the neighborhood, went to the same schools, and played on the same high school basketball team. They were the dynamic duo – Frankie a quicksilver guard with pinpoint assists, and Cyrus like Wilt the Stilt, an imposing tree trunk with a soft touch off the glass. Frankie went off to U-Dub and became an engineer. Cyrus was drafted and went to Nam. Cyrus was messed up and living on the streets after two tours in the country. Frankie ran into him in an alley in Chinatown and invited him home.

Frankie stood by him through months of rehab and therapy, and in return for management and maintenance services, gave him a place to live in the apartment building he owned. Cyrus grabbed the GI bill and became an English teacher, coach, and community activist, never relinquishing his responsibilities to the building.

Cyrus secured the front door, turned out the lights, and set the alarm before exiting the back door into a hallway at the rear of the building. He took the service elevator to his sixth-floor apartment, his only home for the past forty-five years.

With the encroachment of gentrification, Frankie had been pressured to sell the building. He resisted until he became ill, then crafted an agreement which protected his family and friends. The structure would remain intact as it met code, the first floor would always be a restaurant, and the sixth floor would retain its original configuration until the last two tenants, Cyrus Watkins and Stephanie Woo, moved or died.

Cyrus crossed the hall and tapped the door of the opposite unit. The deadbolt clicked and the door opened. “It’s late,” said Agnes, one of Stephanie’s home health aides. “She’s asleep.”

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Tidal Power!

by Evie Maxwell, Staff Writer

Ever see a sailboat battle a tide?

It can be quite a show.

Even more than that, it's a big clue to a hot new advance in renewable energy.

Part-time Port Ludlow resident Tim Cole, president of Cole Engineering Services LLC, got to see the sailboat-vs-tide show while watching last summer's race from Seattle to Port Townsend and back again.

"The boats were headed back to Seattle and as they rounded Fort Flagler, they ran into a strong tide," Cole explains. "We watched them try again and again to get through, but they couldn't do it." In fact, he notes, it took more than an hour before the tidal flow calmed enough to let the boats pass and the race continue.

And, he notes the Pacific Northwest's legacy in hydropower generation could be shifted from dams to current-based generation using both river and tidal flows.

Such approaches have been tried in several areas. In fact, in the San Juan Islands Orcas Power and Light Cooperative has a tidal energy pilot project underway. However, Cole notes, "The project's floating design can't be used in open waters like the Admiralty Inlet shipping lanes. Plus, it is susceptible to physical damage."

"What we need today," he adds, "is a system that can work off boats in the fresh or saltwater environment, over a wide range of temperatures and with minimal maintenance."

In addition, the system must be able to work regardless of the direction of tidal flow. It would need to minimize damage to fish and other marine life and have a high resistance to damage from high storm flows and objects like trees floating in the water.

Cole believes he has found answers to these "must haves" by way of a multi-faceted partnership with other engineering firms, hydro-energy providers, and, of course, an expert in marine high tech. The latter comes in the form of Maine-based Next Marine Systems and its founder, Bill Peterson.

"Maine has a very similar situation to what we have in the Pacific Northwest in terms of strong tides," Cole notes. Plus, Maine has a key industry with an ongoing need for portable, renewable energy sources: Lobstering.

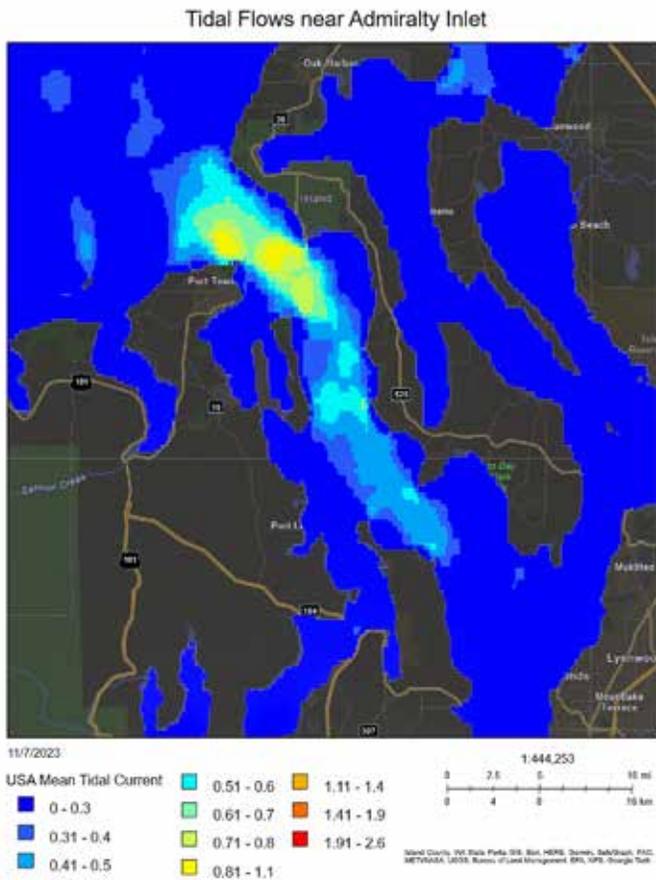
Lobster boats often spend long periods of time sitting in the water while winching lobster traps up or placing them on the seafloor. The winches are driven by electric power provided by a diesel generator, and that translates into a need for huge fuel loads which are inconvenient, environmentally damaging, and expensive. Considering this, Next Marine has worked on developing a system that would provide the lobster boats with onboard generators that could turn the water moving beneath them into a reliable power source.

Cole looked at the prototype of this system, and, he says, "Over the years, I've looked at a lot of great project ideas that turned out to have a fatal flaw. I really looked for it, but I couldn't find a fatal flaw with Next Marine's technology."

Of course, proving that technology on a large scale will require significant funding. That, Cole says, has been "made possible by the bipartisan infrastructure law passed two years ago in D.C." which resulted in the creation of Department of Energy programs designed to support new sources of energy.

Cole's group filed an official proposal for funding with the DOE this October. That could well result in the funds needed for a full-scale test of the Next Marine invention via a hydropower firm in Pennsylvania. Cole's hoped-for next step will be to bring the idea to Port Ludlow and environs.

"Ideally, I'd like to find an Olympic Peninsula group or community interested in utilizing tidal power," Cole says. "This new form of hydropower could offer huge benefits in our area, including more jobs in engineering, operations, maintenance, and manufacturing."



Such strong tides are common in our area. "According to the US Department of Energy, Admiralty Inlet has the most hydropower generation potential of any area in the lower 48 states," says Cole.

Cole, who has a background in troubleshooting projects run by the Department of Defense as well as the intelligence community, would like to see that potential harnessed. As he points out, global warming and our increasing reliance on electrical energy have driven the need for alternative energy sources to new levels.

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It's a possible big win for the area. And you can see a hint of its potential from the shores of Fort Flagler during peak tides.

For more information on tidal power's potential, contact Tim Cole at tim@cole-engineering.org.

Port Ludlow Holiday Pop-Up Shop

To bolster community during this holiday season, Port Ludlow Associates have donated the office space behind the El Molcajete Mexican Grill for a Holiday Pop-Up Shop during four Saturdays in December. The shop will be open on **December 2, 9, 16, and 23** from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and staffed by local artists and crafters.



The Holiday Pop-Up Shop is located at 46 Village Way in Port Ludlow. For more information, please email Donna Moore at donna.moore15@gmail.com.

2023 Lighted Boats Parade

by Rob Hamilton, Guest Writer



The 2023 Port Ludlow Lighted Boats Parade will be held on **Friday evening, December 22**. Any holiday-lighted boat may participate.

To register: email myself, Rob Hamilton rob_hamilton2000@yahoo.com or Tom Satre stjsatre@live.com, or check in at the PL Marina Harbormasters office. We will collect the boats' and owners' names. This is an informal gathering with no formal registration process.

As usual, lighted boats will gather in the west end of Ludlow Bay at 4:30 p.m. to form up. The parade will start at approximately 5 p.m. If tides allow, we will go in behind the Twins to the south cove. After that we will loop counterclockwise around Ludlow Bay, pausing at several locations to acknowledge people ashore who are signaling/watching us! If weather allows, we will then head north outside the bay, turning back before we reach Mats Mats entry. If the weather is too rough for that, we may be able to make a second pass inside Ludlow Bay. Either way, we are usually done by 7:30 to 8 p.m.

If you would like more information about the parade process, don't hesitate to contact me by phone at (360) 344-8001. We look forward to sharing the Holiday Spirit with our Neighbors!

Chimacum Arts and Craft Fair



The 36th Annual Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair will be held at Chimacum High School on **Saturday, December 9**, from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., and **Sunday, December 10**, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. There will be over 100 different vendors with all hand-crafted items. Come get your photo with Santa and visit the Kids Corner shop. Shop for unique items

and stay for lunch prepared and served by our students. Entry fee is \$4. All proceeds will be donated back to local schools. Come and get into the holiday spirit.

What's Up, Neighbor?

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer

It was not his best effort. After six years of accordion lessons, *Whispering Hope* still squeaked over the keys while Jack dreamed of playing Little League baseball with his friends. When he finally quit the music, his father was broken-hearted. Not Jack. He cycled



through every position in Little League and landed on the third-string team "only because there wasn't a fourth- or fifth-string," by his telling. He stuck with it until the seventh grade, when a fly ball sailed between his outstretched hands and hit him in the

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forehead, knocking him to the ground. He never thought about baseball again. He never picked the accordion back up, either.

Jack Rigger and his wife Karen live on Clipper Lane in North Bay in a beautiful home surrounded by trees, and close to green-belt trails that see a lot of foot traffic. When Jack first retired, he was looking at homes in Port Townsend and Sequim. Port Ludlow was just a stop along the way, but he was sold when he noticed the home's construction quality, the treed lot, and the quiet streets. He's been there almost 25 years now and still appreciates the diversity and friendliness of his neighborhood.

Jack grew up in Olympia and joined the Naval Reserve when he was in high school. When he graduated, Jack went to technical school for almost a year learning how to be an electronics technician. When he was on the *USS Brinkley Bass* destroyer, he learned to play cribbage in his free time. My husband and I met Jack and Karen through the Port Ludlow Cribbage Peggery, and Jack double skunked me the first time I played with him. The game was over so fast, my seat was barely warm. Jack's cribbage skills went far beyond his accordion and baseball mishaps.

Once he got out of the service, Jack attended the University of Washington and majored in Building Technology and Administration. He was hired by Bechtel Corporation, the only company he interviewed with, and he says, "If Bechtel hadn't hired me, I would still probably be selling pencils on a street corner in Seattle." I don't believe that for a minute.

Jack started as a civil construction engineer building a two-unit nuclear power plant in Pennsylvania, and worked his way up to the chief civil construction engineer in San Francisco. From there, he branched over to industrial and commercial projects, including foreign assignments. Jack told me he was successful in his career because he was in the right place at the right time and always surrounded himself with exceptional people.

Once he retired in 1998, Bechtel kept calling Jack back for projects cropping up all over the world. Jack provided construction planning and heavy rigging support for Chernobyl's new roof enclosure. He supported the reconstruction of schools and clinics in Iraq. He worked on the Launch Complex 40 (Mars Shot), with a timeline crunch so steep they almost didn't get the spacecraft off the ground. He supported the construction planning of the heavy lift rigging of deck sections for the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge in 2003. In 2005-2006, Jack helped with the emergency housing response to Hurricane Katrina, shepherding in 30,000 travel trailers for the newly homeless from Biloxi, MS to New Orleans, LA.

For four long months, Jack was also involved in the cleanup of the September 11, 2001, attacks on the World Trade Center, providing construction planning and heavy rigging support for the cleanup process, where debris was inspected for personal effects. I wondered how he dealt with it emotionally and he just said he "had a job to do."

Jack calls Karen the "bright light of his life." They met in high school and married when he got out of the Navy. Their first union

wouldn't last two years. Both went on to have children with other spouses, and Karen eventually moved to Paris where she had successful careers, including teaching English in the Government Ministries. Karen is a cancer survivor and when she moved to San Francisco in 2001 to complete rehabilitation at her sister's home, she and Jack reconnected after 37 years of leading separate lives. A chance phone call between Karen and Jack's father led to that serendipitous reunion. They remarried in 2004 and now they split their time between Paris and Port Ludlow.

Jack used to volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and was involved in building their first 25 homes constructed in Port Townsend. He still volunteers with the LMC Greenbelt Committee and the Trails Committee. Jack says the people in our community inspire him. His friends and family make him smile. Jack's thinking about getting back to hooking rugs, a favorite hobby he started in 1970 when he made his first rug for his oldest son.

I asked Jack what made him put his feet on the ground every morning. Know what he said? "Commitments." When he's promised to volunteer, hike, sail, or anything else, he's made a pledge to someone, so he honors it. He said committing to something "makes you get up and out" because others are counting on you to show up. Jack doesn't want to spend his time in a recliner with his feet up. He says he's slowed down some, but it's hard to tell when he's still got so much to do.

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!

GBF Catering Shares Holiday Recipe

Lucky us! Thysen Scott, chef and owner of GBF (God Bless Food) Catering, has generously shared a recipe for a tasty side dish to grace our holiday tables. Ty is famous for his simplistic sounding recipes that have great flavor. Enjoy!

Sweet Potato Apple Au Gratin

Note: This recipe serves 24 so use an oversized casserole dish or cut the recipe in half for a 9 x 13 baking dish.

Mix together and place in coated pan:

- ½ lb. butter, diced in small cubes
- 4-5 Granny Smith apples, sliced
- 4 large sweet potatoes, thinly sliced
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 3 teaspoons nutmeg
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 1.5 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon ground black pepper
- 1 cup Panko breadcrumbs (reserve until after baking)

Bake at 350 degrees for approximately 30 - 40 minutes until done, sprinkle with Panko crumbs and broil for 2 - 3 minutes until golden brown.

Serves 24



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Arts & Entertainment

A Cappella Holiday Show at the Bay Club

by Dave Cunningham, Guest Writer



Backtrack Vocals.

Submitted photo

In the middle of its 32nd year in existence, it's obvious that Port Ludlow Performing Arts (PLPA) took some bold steps in the kinds of artists it selected for its 2023-24 six-concert series. The next concert will be Backtrack Vocals—all voices, no instruments—in a holiday show at the Bay Club on **Sunday, December 10**, at 2 p.m. Tickets are available online for \$35 each at portludlowperformingarts.com, or you can order by mail at PO Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA 98365.

Backtrack Vocals is a five-person a cappella group from New York City with a versatile repertoire that includes Top 40, Motown, classical, show tunes, original music and more, but they are especially well-suited to perform a holiday show ... they made their motion-picture debut in *A Ring for Christmas*, a made-for-TV movie released in December of 2020.

Backtrack Vocals got its start on YouTube in 2013, where the group has now amassed over 100,000 subscribers and 12 million views across their channel. They appeared on NBC, FOX, PBS, Steve Harvey's daytime show and Broadway's *Kinky Boots*. They also won *New York's Got Talent* Season 6 in 2019.

While it might seem a challenge to perform without any instrumental backup, the five singers are known for their abilities to infuse heart and humor into every performance, as well as stunning harmonies and the beatboxing abilities of all members. The group is comprised of Melissa Jordan, a singer, songwriter and managing member of Backtrack; Mike Hinkle, a former musical theater performer who studied at the Stella Adler Studio and the Lee Strasberg Theatre & Film Institute; Chrissy Aloiso, Assistant Music Director and featured soloist of the group; Craig Simonetti, Backtrack's music director, chief arranger, beatboxer and former voice teacher at Berklee College of Music in Boston;

and Xander Teplansky, who has performed with the Boston Symphony Orchestra and New York Philharmonic, among others.

PLPA is always looking for volunteers. You may talk to any of the board members or look for a sign-up sheet at any of the concerts.

Happy Holidays from Ludlow Village Players

by Randy G. Powell, Guest Writer

Pumpkin pies, roast turkey, savory dressing, pine scented trees, gaily wrapped gifts, and glasses of cider or champagne make our holiday season even more memorable. We at LVP want to wish you the happiest of holidays and to thank you for your generous support of your own local community theater.

We brought you four performance opportunities this year, and you didn't disappoint. You joined us for the murder mystery, *Night Watch*; the Spring Fling talent show; the musical, *In This House*; and our fall scholarship fundraiser of *Holidays on the Bay*. You helped us fund two academic scholarships for performing arts students and enabled us to give three this next year.

We are diligently planning our 2024 season with you in mind. Our opening show in April will be the blockbuster musical, *Nunsense*. We have gathered a cast from Port Ludlow, and Jefferson and Kitsap counties to give you the best talent available. Our Spring Fling fundraiser will be an *Evening of One Acts* with offerings from local playwrights. One of these playwrights lives right here in Port Ludlow and another works here in your community. Our second main stage production is scheduled for late September and is a comedy called *Murdered to Death*. We end our 2024 season with our new traditional community scholarship fundraiser *Holidays on the Bay* in November.

If you would like to make life easier and help us plan better, we have a new option for you. We have grown from one main stage production a year into two. We are now offering season tickets at a discounted price of \$35 per ticket that includes both shows. Plus, you will receive reminders, show night selection, and early entry into the theater seating area. You may purchase these tickets by emailing kmarshall@hotmail.com. One purchase and the rest is easy. These would make great Christmas gifts! Our two main stage productions are both guaranteed to make you laugh and go home smiling.

Happy Holidays to all and, for now, the ghost light is lit!

Carol Sing-Along

The First Presbyterian Church, 1111 Franklin Street, Port Townsend is hosting its 17th annual Christmas carol sing-along on **Saturday, December 16**, at 4 p.m. This event is free, children are welcome, masks are optional. Contact waltervaux@gmail.com for further information.

Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra December Program

Under the direction of Maestro Tigran Arakelyan, the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra will present its next concert on **Sunday, December 3**, at 2 p.m. at Chimacum High School Auditorium. In addition to the concert, there will be an open dress rehearsal **Friday, December 1**, at 7 p.m. This is a free concert: donations are welcome.

The seasonally inspired concert includes *The Winterlust Polka* by Joseph Strauss, the *Christmas Waltz* by Tchaikovsky, and *Winter Night (Sleigh Ride)* by Frederick Delius. The featured performer is Principal Flute of the Victoria Symphony, Arin Sarkissian. He will be playing the *Flute Concerto* by Carl Reinecke.

Toronto-born Sarkissian was recently awarded first prize in the 2022 Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal and second prize in the Canada Council for the Arts Michael Measures competition. He has been a guest soloist for the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra, the National Arts Centre Orchestra, and the Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal. Carl Reinecke was a German pianist, composer, and conductor who was very popular and renowned in his time. He was also well known as a teacher with students such as Edvard Grieg, Leos Janacek, Isaac Albeniz, and Max Bruch. Today, his most popular works are a flute sonata and his flute concerto.

Also on the program is the Northwest premier of *Courage* by Adrienne Albert. She is an award-winning composer whose works have been played across the U.S. The piece the orchestra is playing was written following a bout with breast cancer. The PTSO percussion section will be performing an encore performance of *Holiday Hoopla*. Rounding out the concert is the *Overture to Candide* by Leonard Bernstein. The musical *Candide* opened on Broadway in 1956. Based on the Voltaire novel, it was not a hit and lasted only two months. Over the years since, it has been enhanced, revised, turned into an opera, and become more popular. The overture, though, quickly became Bernstein's most popular orchestral work.

More information is available on the website ptsymphony.org.

The Joy of Live Theater

by Bev Rothenborg, A & E Editor

A recent performance of the musical *In This House* by Director Randy Powell at the Bay Club made me realize just how important live theater is to the quality of our life in this beautiful place that we call home! The male lead was Glenn Gilbert, whose acting could not have been topped by anyone (and I mean on TV or in Hollywood). Equally professional in the performance that I saw was the female lead, Melissa Denny. What a lovely vocalist! And the notes said that she is "a biologist and writer living on a pony farm in Port Ludlow!"

Other local theaters are offering lots of performances for the holidays. Port Gamble Theater presents *A Charlie Brown Christmas* from **Friday, December 1 – Sunday, December 17**. Can't climb the stairs in that vintage theater? Well, there is an ADA chairlift with an attendant who straps you in! Hey, it's a nice ride! And

for lunch or dinner, you can't beat the food at the deli in the back of the General Store which is just across the street. Bonus – the town is festooned with thousands of holiday lights!

If you don't mind driving to Sequim, Olympic Theater Arts is offering *The Game's Afoot* or *Holmes for the Holidays*. It runs the same dates as the above. At Key City Public Theater in Port Townsend, you can view *What the Dickens?* (and guess who that's about) which runs most of December. At the same theater, you can catch Allen Fitzpatrick's *Great Expectations* on **Saturday and Sunday, December 30-31** (see article below.)

And so, dear readers, I wish you happiness and good health during the coming holidays. Stay safe and enjoy the blessings of the season.

A Month of Charles Dickens Shows at Key City Public Theatre!

TWO Charles Dickens-inspired shows make their premieres at Key City Public Theatre. First up, *What the Dickens?!* written by Doug Given with additional material by David H. Schroeder. Shenanigans ensue as infamous business partners Scrooge and Marley now run a vaudeville theatre in this new comedy.

The show runs **November 30 - December 23, Thursdays through Saturdays** at 7 p.m., **Sundays** at 1:30 p.m. New: A block of pay-what-you-wish seats are now available at EVERY mainstage show. Our ASL Interpreted Performance is **Sunday, December 3** at 1:30 p.m. with a reserved section at pay-what-you-wish pricing to promote access for all.

Ring in 2024 with Allen Fitzpatrick's *Great Expectations*: a one-man show featuring a performance by Allen Fitzpatrick as ALL the characters from Dickens' masterpiece. This solo show promises to transport you to 19th century England where you'll follow the story of Pip and his journey from boyhood to manhood. More information, call the box office: 360-385-KCPT (5278).

Port Ludlow Village Annual Christmas Tree Lighting

When: **Saturday, December 2** at 4:00 p.m.

What: Tree Lighting and holiday songs by the Port Ludlow Singers, plus cookies and hot chocolate

Why: To enjoy holiday cheer and start December off with some festive fun

Come one, come all to the annual Tree Lighting Ceremony in the Village courtyard located behind El Molcajete. The Port Ludlow Singers will perform holiday songs, the tree will be lit, then the singers will lead us in some holiday carols. Be warmed by the hot chocolate and thrilled by the cookies. Wear your warmest coat, hat and gloves. Ugly Christmas Sweaters will be adored.

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Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Jeanne Joseph



Seagull, by Jeanne Joseph.

Acrylic artist Jeanne Joseph is December’s artist of the month. Living on the shores of the Olympic Peninsula, Jeanne states, “I have saltwater running through my veins and am intrinsically linked to the sea and shore. It’s where I find inspiration and why so many of my paintings and drawings are coastal-related.”

During December you can view Jeanne’s artwork at the Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. A reception for Jeanne is set for 4 - 5 p.m., **Wednesday, December 13**, in the lobby of the bank, and 5 - 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery.

Jeweler of the Month – Pamela Raine

Mixed media artist Pamela Raine is drawn to the challenge of creating both jewelry and artwork using different materials. Pamela’s jewelry features a charming collection of lampwork beads



Necklace by Pamela Raine.

Submitted photos

donated by Diane Thierry. Lampwork is the term used for making beads from melting and forming glass in a flame. Hundreds of years ago, glass used to be heated over a small oil-burning lamp, hence the term “lampwork.”

During December Pamela’s jewelry will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery and at the Sound Community Bank. You can also view her jewelry online at portludlowart.org.

The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Art at the Bay Club - Cozy Colors



Cozy Zen-Straction, by Sheryl Goldsberry.

Submitted photo

During December, the Port Ludlow Bay Club’s art exhibit, *Cozy Colors*, will make you feel warm and cozy during the cold, shadowy days of winter. The art exhibit is sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League. Be sure to stop by the Bay Club and vote for your favorite artwork. As a bonus, Ann Arscott’s artwork will be on display in the Bay Club’s lobby through January.

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.

Textile Artists Create Daily Dose of Fiber Walk-by Exhibit

Silk paintings, art quilts, embroidery, beadwork, and custom-designed garments are featured in *Daily Dose of Fiber*, the new Peninsula Fiber Artists walk-by exhibit open through **Sunday, December 31**, in the “Fiber Habit” window at 675 Tyler Street in uptown Port Townsend. Most pieces are for sale at prices ranging from \$95 to \$5,600; sales contact information is in the exhibit. Terri Wolf from Port Ludlow is one of the featured artists. Peninsula Fiber Artists meet on the second Wednesday of each month. For more information about exhibits or the meeting schedule and location, see sda-np.com.

Port Ludlow Art League - Art Around Town



Truth Teller, by Diane Walker.

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow Art League is comprised of artists who create a rich variety of artwork. Along with art exhibits at the Port Ludlow Art League’s Gallery, Sound Community Bank, the Port Ludlow Inn and Resort, and the Bay Club, our membership

provides a spectacular collection of artworks at the following locations November 2023 through January 2024:

- Active Life Physical Therapy – Pamela Raine – Mixed Media Paintings
- The Beach Club – Diane Walker – Abstract Paintings
- The Bay Club Lobby – Ann Arscott – Realistic Acrylic Paintings
- Port Ludlow Post Office – Port Ludlow Art League Fundraising Plaques

For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.

Northwind Art Offers Classes, Gallery Exhibition



Walk in the Park.

Throughout December, Northwind Art is hosting a major showcase of locally made art in *Small Expressions*, the 22nd annual juried show of small works. The exhibition fills the front space of Jeanette Best Gallery, 701 Water Street, Port Townsend.

At the same time, the nonprofit Northwind Art School at Fort Worden State Park offers art classes and

workshops designed to enliven the winter days. Information about classes and teachers is found on the Courses page at NorthwindArt.org.

“The gallery and the school are two of our pillars,” said Communications Manager Diane Urbani. “Our mission is to build community through art, grow artists, and give all people a place to develop their creativity.”

Small Expressions presents art in many media, from beaded sculptures to *plein air* paintings. There’s handmade jewelry and fiber art, all of it no bigger than 16 inches in any direction. Prices start at \$50.



Suzanne Lamon, watercolors.

“This show is designed to encourage local art buying during the gift-giving season,” Urbani noted. *Small Expressions* is open noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays. During First Saturday Art Walk on **Saturday, December 2**, Northwind Art’s gallery stays open ‘til 8 p.m. The show stays up through **Sunday, December 31**.



Meg Kaczyk.

Submitted photos

At Northwind Art School, enrollment is open for a variety of classes from now through April. Among the offerings coming soon:

- Open Sew & Quilt, an informal quilting afternoon with Barbara Ramsey on the first Sunday of each month including **December 3, January 7, and February 4**.
- Collage Holiday Cards & Gift Tags with Anne Schneider and Carol Nielsen, **Tuesday, December 5**.

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- Itajime Shibori, a silk dyeing process with Diana Gipson, **Saturday and Sunday, December 9 and 10.**
- Wearable Art: A Silk Journey with Evette Allerdings, **Saturdays, December 16 and January 13.**
- Mindfulness Practices for Art-Making with Meg Kaczyk, **Thursday, January 4.**
- Introduction to Watercolor Painting with Suzanne Lamon, four **Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, and 31.**
- Nuno Felted Berets with Lora Armstrong, **Saturday, January 13.**

“We’re fortunate to have expert teaching artists guiding our classes,” said Urbani.

“With our winters, coming to an art class with a great teacher and friendly classmates is good for our health.”

Enchanted Holidays in Port Townsend!



The Port Townsend Main Street Program invites you to celebrate what’s special about Port Townsend during the holidays!

The Kiwanis Choo Choo will roll merrily through town making several Saturday appearances.

Saturday, December 2

- 2 p.m. Caroling with the Wild Rose Chorale under the heated tent at Tyler Street Plaza
- 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. “Photo ops” with Santa and the Kiwanis Choo Choo by Flagship Landing (Tyler/Water Streets)
- Take a selfie with the holiday cartoon cut-outs at Tyler Plaza.
- Dusk: Tree lighting at Haller Fountain (Washington/Taylor Streets)

Tour the Winter Lights: The Port Townsend Main Street Program is lighting up Port Townsend with sparkling white lights decorating the trees in the historic districts.

December 6 - 11 and 24: Port Townsend Magic of Christmas - extravaganza of lights.

December 16 - Olympic Peninsula Steam Big Brass Yule Ball from 7 - 10 p.m. at The American Legion. Visit *op-s.net*. Tickets on *Eventbrite.com*.

First Night in Port Townsend, **Sunday, December 31**, from 3 to 9 p.m. – an all-ages New Year’s Eve celebration featuring live music and performances, interactive art experiences, heritage and history exhibits, food, fireworks and more! Event is a self-guided tour of indoor and outdoor downtown venues. Visit *theproductionalliance.org*.

Events are subject to change.

For more information about the holidays in Port Townsend visit *ptmainstreet.org* or *enjoypt.com*.

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Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association Update

by Christine Spagle, President, SBCA Board of Directors

Here we go folks, the holidays are here! And if you don't believe it, a trip to the Kitsap Mall in Silverdale will likely convince you otherwise. And that's fine with me, as I enjoy holiday cheer and holiday spirit. Not to mention all the activities going on during December.

But first, a few words about two presentations from October. First was Chimacum School Superintendent Dr. Scott Mauk (accompanied by the Chimacum High School Pep Band), who made an excellent presentation about the state of the school district, what he and his staff are doing to connect with kids to encourage them to stay in school and be prepared for whatever they decide to do after high school, and the challenges they face in accomplishing that goal. His commitment to the kids was incredible. One of our members who attended suggested we invite him back so that others who were not able to attend the October 24 presentation would have an opportunity to hear him. I thought it a great idea. On October 26, Molly Parker, MD, was at the Bay Club speaking about the importance of social interaction, the negative health effects of isolation, and the positive impacts socializing can have on one's mental and physical health. Her presentation got the audience involved as we had to put on our thinking caps—it made for a fun as well as informative session. A big "thank you" to Jefferson Healthcare for partnering with SBCA on these health-related presentations.

Our monthly pancake breakfast is ongoing and, though we haven't achieved the attendance we were seeing prior to Covid, our monthly attendance has been fairly consistent and we are pleased to support several local charities. One of the things I like most about our pancake breakfasts is seeing folks sitting and chatting with one another long after they've finished their breakfast—we are doing our part to provide activities that support social interactions!

The SBCA Holiday Gala is scheduled for **Friday, December 8**, at the Bay Club. Appetizers and wine will be the order of the day, and the decorations in both the Great Room and Auditorium should be festive and help to get all into the holiday spirit.

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, December 14, 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/home/schedule-sbca

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

The Health and Fitness Committee continues its sessions regarding the use of Club equipment. In December, there will be a session on Resistance Bands and Loops—space is limited to 12, so if you'd like to participate contact the Bay Club at 360-437-2208 for additional information. Don't forget to check out the monthly *Communiqué* from the Health and Fitness Committee. It has fitness suggestions (Keep Moving!) as well as other interesting information.

If you've volunteered in the community—thank you. If you'd like to volunteer at SBCA, contact GM Mark Torres at gm@sbca.club.

Happy Holidays to all.

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Reminder to Dog Owners

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Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Breakfast with Santa is back at the Beach Club!

On **Saturday, December 16**, Santa’s elves will serve breakfast at 9 a.m. at the Beach Club. Then around 9:30, kids will have an opportunity to do some arts and crafts and then at 10:30, Santa arrives to hand out gifts.

We are suggesting that LMC parents and grandparents drop off a small, wrapped gift with the child’s name on it at the Beach Club between **December 10 – 15**. If you have questions about this event, please send me an email or call the Beach Club.

LMC will host our annual Polar Plunge event on **Saturday, December 30**. This year not only are our LMC members and their guests invited, but we are also inviting our South Bay neighbors to join us. While not quite the frigid temperatures that many “Polar Plunges” boast, our pool will be in the 40s which should still be cold enough to get your attention.

The brave souls willing to take the plunge in the unheated outdoor pool will be rewarded with hot coffee, hot cider, and hot chocolate as well as a few sweets. The “Plunge” will take place at 11 a.m. I encourage plungers to come at least 15 minutes early so that everyone has time to sign a liability waiver.

Bring your suits, fluffy towels, and a warm change of clothes to the Beach Club. Don’t forget your cameras, too, since there should be plenty of memorable moments.

Last year we had 30 “plungers” and 45 spectators watching the crazy people jumping into the pool. And yes, I am one of those crazy people.

As a reminder, the Beach Club will close at 1 p.m. on **December 24** and will be closed on **December 25** and **January 1**.

Finally, I would like to wish everyone a happy and healthy holiday season!

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

Summary of PLVC Board of Directors Meeting

by Tamra McDearmid, PLVC Vice-President

Board members attending: Jennifer Forsberg, John Goldwood, Paul Hinton, Dave Jurca, Tam McDearmid, Carol Prisson-Reed, Jason Wright. Absent members: Randy Edwards and Adina Rivers.

Stakeholders Reports

Port Ludlow Associates, Diana Smeland, President

Real Estate: Building work is continuing at Olympic Terrace II, Phase 2. **Hospitality:** Fireside Restaurant is extending their 3 - 5 p.m. Sunset Dinners, a three-course meal offered Monday through Thursday. Thanksgiving Dinner will be both sit-down and take-out service this year. Take-out needs to be picked up the day before Thanksgiving. **Marina:** Holiday Lights start **Friday, December 15.** There will be judging of the decorated boats. The Parade in the Bay is **Friday, December 22.** The Annual Tree Lighting ceremony will be held **Saturday, December 2,** from 4 - 6 p.m. **Village:** Office or restaurant space is available. A pizza place will be opening soon. The Mexican restaurant is still planning to open a hamburger restaurant next door. The PL Art League has asked for a pop-up location in the Village during the month of December. **OWSI:** the town hall water system update meeting was attended by about 160 residents. There were a lot of questions with many concerned about brown water. OWSI was able to follow up on all questions and get them answered. Recently, we held a meeting about the OWSI proposed rate increase with UTC, AG's office, the PLVC sub-committee and OWSI. **Dusty Green Cafe** has decided not to renew their lease; PLA is actively looking for a replacement restaurant to fill this location at the golf course.

JeffCo PUD, Jameson Hawn,

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Currently, no outages, but the winter season is approaching. Have done tree clearing to improve sightlines along Hwy 19 and to prepare for substation. Breaker Lane project (years out at this point) an approximately \$10 million project to affect the Port Ludlow area. Meter update: 10,121 of 20,764 have been changed out in the county. Fifty-eight percent of Port Ludlow meters have been replaced. The Advanced Meter System will be put into place by the end of the year. Passed a \$75.2 million budget for 2024, an 8.7% decrease from last year. Invite everyone to attend monthly Commission meetings and ask questions. Find out more about this at JeffPUD.org. Calling PUD when there is an outage is helpful to locate exactly where the outage is. Federal infrastructure monies available, \$1.8 billion coming to Washington State. Funds will be distributed by the State Broadband office, part of the Dept. of Commerce in WA.

Jefferson County Commission, Greg Brotherton, Commissioner, District 3

County in the budget process for 2024, usually finalized in December. Adding \$1.1 million to the budget while adjusting

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting
Thursday, December 7
 3 p.m., Bay Club

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salaries which account for 60-75% of the budget. Providing for a 9% salary increase overall. About half of the budget additions will be due to increases in fees. Development Agreement for the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort (MPR) with PLA ends in May 2025. County is still talking with PLA as to their plans. Once these discussions are finalized, will have David Wayne Johnson of Dept. of Community Development (DCD) come to Village Council meeting to explain these developments. Roadwork has slowed down. Multiple agencies are involved with creation of a new Aquatic Park in Port Townsend which might be developed by creating a Metro Park District or Public Facilities District as a ballot initiative to fund the center with a tax increase for the entire county. Brotherton is against taxing the entire county for basically a Port Townsend facility. Question asked about timing of getting house permits: DCD is fully staffed now but Site Development Review applications are still backlogged, processing used to take six to twelve months but is now more like six to twelve weeks. DCD is still converting to new software in the department, new leadership has been great.

Committee Assignments, Tam McDearmid, PLVC Vice President

Could use some additions to the Utilities committee. Committee assignments were discussed by the board at the recent workshop. The following are new assignments to the various committees:

- Adina Rivers, member - Administration,
- eBlasts - Communications
- Paul Hinton, Acting Chair - Communications
- Jennifer Forsberg, Board Liaison - Communications
- Jeannie Price, Web Support - Communications
- Dave McDearmid, Web Liaison - Communications
- Jason Wright, member - Community Development;
- Board Liaison - Trails; and Chair - Emergency Management
- Carol Prisson-Reed: Board Liaison - Emergency Management
- Dave Jurca: Acting Chair - Utilities
- John Goldwood: Recycling - Utilities

Motion made to approve these assignments, seconded, and passed.

Committee Reports

Emergency Management, Jason Wright

Great Shakeout Review: Block Captain radio test in October with 50% participation, while only 25% during the Shakeout. Will remove individuals no longer involved with Block Captains

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program (i.e., 11 block captains listed in one neighborhood, while only 1 person participating). Block Captain Training: all block captains need to be re-trained over the years, will be planning monthly zoom training meetings. A HUB system coming out from county DEM, main HUB in Port Ludlow will probably be the Community Church with micro-Hubs (block captain in each neighborhood).

Utilities, Dave Jurca

The OWSI Town Hall meeting is on their website for community to review. OWSI meeting recently, good communication. Now the ad hoc committee needs some direction from the board as to the next steps to be taken.

Citizen Comments

If Emergency Management need PUD assistance with their training, just ask PUD.

Next EM meeting on **April 17, 2024**, will cover Fire Management. Probably need a meeting on outages sooner as we are coming into the months of winter weather.

Board Business

Secretarial, Tam McDearmid

Motion to approve the minutes of the September meeting which were not approved in October due to the Annual Meeting. Motion seconded and passed.

Financial, Paul Hinton

Motion made to accept the Treasurer’s Report, seconded, and passed. Question asked if this report was on the website. Will have the President and web liaison work with webmaster on this.

Emergency Management, Jason Wright

Emergency Management, funding for the year. Individuals have been paying for supplies needed out of pocket. Need to at least issue receipts so they can deduct these expenses from their taxes. Met with LMC Emergency Preparedness committee and are working on overlaps between LMC and PLVC committees. Considering a new title for PLVC committee, perhaps as Disaster Communications committee. Discussion ensued as to the functions of each committee. A comment was made that perhaps the county would be able to help us finance some of the emergency response committees’ costs with grants.

Executive Session began at 4:09 p.m.

Next public meeting is **Thursday, December 7**, in the Bay Club auditorium.

Next workshop is **Tuesday, December 19**, in the Bay Club Conference Room.





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Jim Mancill heading for the tee.

Submitted photo

Last month we talked about heading out to the bunker as the weather turns in the off-season. So, to continue that theme, I have a rundown on some ways to make the best of the conditions and be ready to make the most of your practice:

- Fitness – The winter is a great time to introduce a stretching program. Besides the benefit to your everyday health, being more flexible can add additional speed to your swing, which WILL translate into more distance. As always, if you are going to start on a fitness program, check with your doctor first.
- Short Game – If you don't like hitting off wet turf or mats, head to the putting or chipping green. Remember that, for most of us, at least 60% of all our shots happen from inside 50 yards.
- Equipment – Now that the season has wound down, it's time to take stock of the condition of your equipment and, if you're not in the market to upgrade, see if new grips can add new life to your clubs. Worn grips result in mishits and may cause you to grip the club too tightly, actually decreasing your swing speed.

A quick reminder from last month when practicing your short game:

- Be consistent and pick a landing spot.
- Remember to keep the club accelerating through impact.
- Keep your spine leaning at the target slightly to encourage a clean strike.
- Use the bounce....don't try to scoop.

Fall is truly a wonderful time of the year to get out and play golf, so enjoy the walk and enjoy the journey! See you on the trails!

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, 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.

For the month of December, we are going to reintroduce members and the general public to some of the wonderful trails we have in Port Ludlow, including new trails that have been in the works for the last two years.

Friday, December 8 – Port Ludlow North Trails

Join us for a pleasant walk on new and old trails in Port Ludlow on the north side of town. The hike will be about 5 miles with less than 1,000 feet gentle elevation gain. Several trails will be combined for this hike and would be considered easy to moderate. There are no restroom facilities on our trails. Hike leader: John Fillers, 360-215-4049.

Friday, December 22 – Port Ludlow South Trails

Like the December 8 hike, the trails on the south side will include new and old trails. The hike will be about 5 miles and moderate elevation gain, qualifying it as an easy to moderate hike. There are no restroom facilities on our trails. Hike leaders: John and Sally Nuereberg, 623-229-4657/623-229-4257.

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. If you're looking for an easier approach, try hiking the trail from a counter-clockwise direction so you'll be going down two of the steeper hills.

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

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PLYC Halloween Bash

by Cathleen Blackburn, Guest Writer



PLYC Halloween beauties having a blast.

It may be December, but we’re still talking about the Halloween Bash PLYC had a month ago. A thrilling good time was had by all at the Halloween party organized by Lynn Buscher. Fifty members and eight guests attended the party in an array of costumes from funny to terrifying. Prizes were awarded for best costumes with spooky Tom Stahl winning the best individual costume, and Will and Sandy Litzler and their elaborate pirate costumes taking home plunder for the best couple or group. The bar was hopping with pitchers of witches’ brew and other tasty libations. The dessert contest was a yummy touch providing fierce competition and a sweet end to the evening. The yummiest dessert prize was won by Tish Satre for her Better Than Sex Chocolate Cake. Scariest dessert went to Corey Wilkerson, whose Frankenstein Fingers were realistically terrifying. Monsters danced and played games till the stroke of midnight!

If you are looking for a vibrant social and cruising venue, the Port Ludlow Yacht Club is a great place to meet people and make lifelong friends. Please consider joining us and your first meal will be free with one of the flag officers as your host for the night. To express your interest in visiting PLYC, please complete the form on our website at plyc.us/visit.

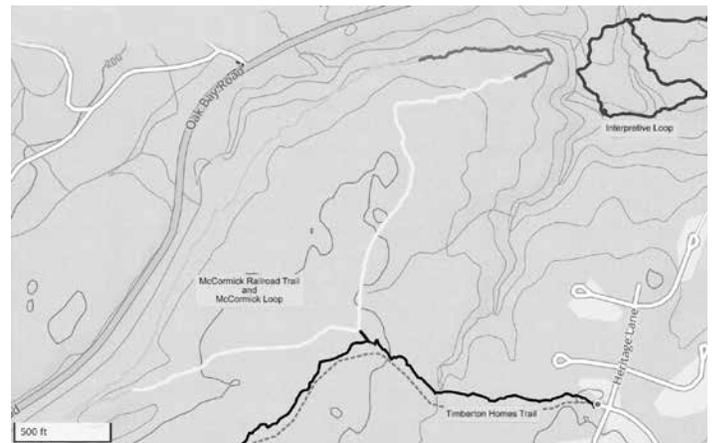


Ladies and ghouls meet at the bar.

Photos by Tom Stahl

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



Progress map of McCormick Railroad Trail and McCormick Loop.

Photo by John Fillers

Sooooo, where are we at now with our trails? We’re mostly in pretty good shape with all our mowing and blowdown maintenance, so we have moved back onto trail development. The spring/summer mowing will not resurface for a few more months and the winter blowdowns have not started yet. The original plan to develop McCormick Loop and Rail Trails’ maintenance routes at the same time as the hiking trail has been set aside due to unforeseen circumstances. Instead, Tim Rensema and John Fillers are taking the lead and will be developing the main hiking path that will be accessible from the Timberton Homes Trail. We will complete the wider maintenance path and build the bridge for access from the Interpretive Trail later next year.

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In other news, new maps will soon be available. These will be (we believe) easier to carry and use. Instead of a large sheet, they will be 6-fold and will fit in a shirt-type pocket. See the progress map of where we are as of this writing on November 7. For the McCormick Railroad Trail and McCormick Loop, green means the trail has been completed, yellow means the trail is completed but still needs some mowing and trimming, and red means the trail has not been completed.

Like to help? Send me an email at mclgscott@cablespeed.com.
 "Let's Keep Improving our Trails."



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"I know. Just checking...got held up. How is she?"

"Same. Not much change. Today was a better day, she wanted to listen to Christmas carols. Come by tomorrow."

Cyrus unlocked the door to his unit, slipped off his shoes, and settled into the recliner. He pressed the button to engage the massage function and felt the spasm in his lower back ease. The past, rekindled by the holiday background music at the Bistro, had left him with a loneliness which was accentuated by returning to an empty apartment. He turned on the TV to ESPN and let the monotonous drone of the talking heads lull his troubled mind.

It was mid-morning when Cyrus went to the local Starbucks and got coffee and croissants. He brought them back to Stephanie's apartment and was greeted by Julia, the day-shift aide. He handed it to her, "Coffee break. Is she awake?"

"Indeed, and already asking for you," answered Julia with that effervescent lilt that punctuated her Tagalog accent.

Stephanie Woo had been Frankie's and Cyrus' fourth grade teacher and was the principal of the high school when they won the state basketball championship. She was one of the first tenants in the building and one of the last remaining. Cancer had robbed her of her strength in the last two months but not her indefatigable spirit. She never married but never lacked for children who needed her guidance and nurturing. Her Facebook page was friended by many of her former students, ranging from professional athletes to professors at prestigious universities, as well as renowned artists in all areas. To Cyrus, she was Steph, and she had a special place in her heart for him.

Steph was sitting up in bed, her tiny, emaciated frame propped up by pillows. Her eyes were closed as her head swayed gently to the sound of Bach's *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* playing from the CD player on her bed stand. She opened her eyes, slipped her hand from under the covers and patted the side of bed. Cyrus took her hand and gently cradled it in his while easing his large frame onto the bed. She smiled and closed her eyes.

Cyrus remained fixed in that position, still holding onto her hand when Julia returned an hour later. Steph opened her eyes and motioned to Cyrus. He leaned close to hear her whisper, "Tell Jimmy to make me congee for my Christmas dinner."

Cyrus went down to the Bistro. Jimmy was in his command mode, tightly wound but not yelling. He greeted Cyrus with an apologetic grin, "Going to need you again tonight. We're closing early for Christmas Eve so it will be a short shift."

"No problem," replied Cyrus, "but you've got a special order from Steph. Your grandma's congee."

Jimmy had prepared enough congee for a family of four and included a chocolate mousse, another of Steph's favorites, along with a Christmas photo of his family. Cyrus saved enough for himself and Steph and sent the rest home with Agnes at the end of her shift.

Cyrus fed small spoonfuls of the rice gruel to Steph as she savored the comfort food of her youth. She had prepared him for this moment when she shared with him his role in her living will. He had watched her struggle to make it to this day. She wanted to celebrate one more Christmas. When she signaled that she had enough, he picked up her worn Bible and started to read, "In those days a decree went out..." He continued reading until she stopped breathing, then held her till dawn.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Guest Writer



In mid-September, my wife Dodie and I went back to Colorado for a family wedding. On our return trip, we saw a detachment of Seattle firefighters at the Denver airport. When I asked what they were doing there, they said they were at the annual ceremony for fallen firefighters in Colorado Springs. I had never heard about that before, so when I got home, I did some research and this is what I learned.

In 1986 Colorado Springs became the home of the International Association of Fire Fighters' annual Memorial for Fallen Fire Fighters. The memorial went through Congress to gain recognition and was the result of petitioning from Colorado Springs area firefighters.

The granite Wall of Honor was first erected in 1989, featuring the names of all members who died from the job, or from illness sustained in the line of duty from 1976 onward. As the wall filled to capacity, a second wall was constructed steps away and dedicated at the 2001 annual ceremony. The walls, with the engraved names, are located in Memorial Park, Colorado Springs.

Each year in September, the International Association of Fire Fighters honors the sacrifice of members who have given their lives in the line of duty. The ceremony draws families, friends,

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and loved ones to celebrate the lives, heroism, and accomplishments of the association's bravest of the brave. This year's ceremony was attended by 3,800 family members. Because of Covid cancellations in 2021 and 2022, this year 572 names were added to the walls of the memorial. The International Association of Fire Fighters sent 2,500 members to be part of the honor guard.

The job of a fire fighter has its risks, and it is nice to know that there is a memorial that honors the service that these men and women give to their communities.

Goodbye Message from Dusty Green Cafe

by Kass Swindler, Owner of Dusty Green Café

Note: There has been so much misinformation surrounding the closing of the Dusty Green Café at PL Golf Course, the Voice decided to publish this farewell message from Kass.

First, I am apologizing for my "disappearance." To many of you it may seem as if I just left and didn't look back. I want to take a minute to explain....

As many of you know my husband has struggled over the years with medical concerns. In October he had an emergency partial left foot amputation. This has put a major strain on our marriage and financial status and on my husband as he faces the lack of ability to work, walk, and have basic life functions.

Our lease with PLA was to end January 8, 2024. There was an addendum in our lease renewal that would dictate our operating days and hours to satisfy the golfers. We have based our operating days/hours on reports and numbers that make financial sense. A mandate of business days/hours is not sustainable with the lack of available staff and the simple fact we are just a small cafe.

So, with a heavy heart, we are not renewing our lease. Our last operating date is Wednesday, November 22.

This is not an easy message to write. It took us a while to even talk about our new way of life, having to move, our daughter in a new school district, Dan not working and me having to find a job that offered medical insurance that would cover his injuries and daily medical care, daily infusions, wound care, and surgical follow up care at St. Michael's Hospital.

Those of you that have known about my husband's amputation have asked where to send donations. You can mail a check to 2022 Dana Pl., Port Townsend, WA 98368 to Dan's mother's house. Thank you to those who have asked and helped; we are so thankful.

In a million years, I never dreamed of closing a business that has been so near and dear to our hearts. But my dad (Dusty) I like to think, would understand. I never thought I would join the general workplace world again, but it was a decision I had to make for my family.... We need medical benefits....

Please continue to support your local community businesses! We are going to miss our beautiful Port Ludlow community so much. Thank you to those that have supported us through the last few years. We are so blessed.

I wish all of you the best,
Kassandra

There Is Peace Within a Garden

by Lady Rosamund Langham (submitted by Eline Lybarger)

There is peace within a garden,
a peace so deep and calm,
That when the heart is troubled,
it's like a soothing balm.
There's life within a garden,
a life that still goes on,
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plants have gone.
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time of year.
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to fill the heart with cheer.
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you'll find peace.

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to all of you

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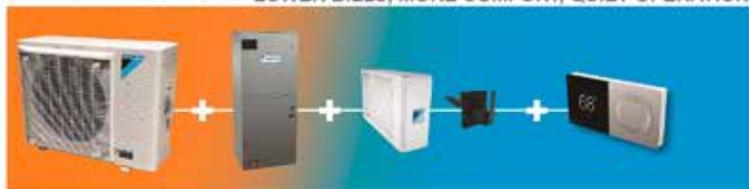
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