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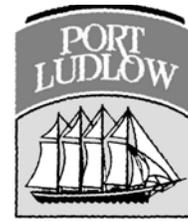
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News & Community

From the Editor's Desk

by Carol Riley, Copy Editor

Thirty days hath September, April, June and November... and here we are. The beautiful days of October have gone. Growing up in New England, we referred to that lovely time of year as Indian Summer. The Zodiac sign for November is Scorpio, endowing those born in November with "intense charisma." That may be, but I have always thought of November as a more moody month. Daylight saving time is gone, the leaves have fallen, there's a chill in the air, and the warmth of the gas fireplace is most welcome.

November is not without holidays; although they, too, seem somber or at least thought-provoking—Veterans' Day, Thanksgiving, Native American Heritage Day. Election Day on Tuesday, November 5, certainly falls into the thought-provoking category.

"And nothing is of more local importance now than the fate of the Port Ludlow Village Council...."

The November issue of the *Port Ludlow Voice* is a reflection of this timbre. Our writers and regular contributors have brought us issues for serious consideration. Cyber fraud is the topic for Dine and Discover. We are witnesses to Milt Lum's connection to the opening of the National Museum of the American Indian. We are being asked to "think globally and act locally."

And nothing is of more local importance now than the fate of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC). If you just said, "who, what?" then you have touched on part of the problem. I confess when I moved here in the fall of 2018, that was my reaction. The PLVC was not on my radar as an important part of life here in Port Ludlow. Then, I served a year on their Board and changed my mind. You will see that both LMC and SBCA have written articles in support of PLVC, made mention of what they do for our community, and asked for your support in attending upcoming town hall meetings and also for financial support. There is a recommended amount of \$50 per household to put the PLVC back on firm ground financially. No stranger to the demographics of our community as it relates to the creation of the *Voice*, it seems to me that for a population where the median income is \$86,891 (2022 figure) a \$50 annual donation to secure oversight of our water supply, well-maintained trails, emergency management procedures, timber harvesting and holiday lights (brightening moody November) is a small price to pay.

I think the November *Voice* is well in keeping with a more somber mood. So much to think about, so much to act on, so many important issues. Dear Reader, I know you will give it your full attention.

Your Port Ludlow Village Council: Should We Dissolve?

by John Goldwood, Interim President, Port Ludlow Village Council

In my September article for the *Port Ludlow Voice*, I noted that the PLVC Board of Directors would be evaluating potential changes to the structure of the board. I am now writing to share that the board has reluctantly concluded that there may be insufficient community financial support to maintain the existence of PLVC. I'm reminded of these lyrics from one of my favorite Joni Mitchell songs, "Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got 'til it's gone."

Are you concerned about issues of water quality and sewer services? Abandoned boats in Ludlow Bay? Do you wonder how timber harvests might impact us in the future? Have you considered how this community might need to respond to major emergencies such as wildfire, earthquakes, severe storms or similar events? **Your Village Council is the only local organization with the ability to represent the interests of ALL our residents in discussions with Jefferson County and the State of Washington.**

PLVC supports many organizations that contribute to the quality of life here in our village. Do you appreciate hiking on our thirty-plus miles of trails? Do you enjoy perusing articles of interest in the latest issue of the *Voice*? Do *Holiday Lights* brighten your dark evenings in December? Did you attend the recent Community Opportunity Fair to explore the many organizations in which you might participate? **Your Village Council provides direct and indirect financial and organizational support to each of those community assets.**

For several years, your Village Council has experienced a declining number of volunteers willing to serve on the PLVC Board of Directors, significant declines in the number of voting members participating in our annual election of board members, and insufficient donations resulting in the depletion of previous reserves and jeopardizing PLVC's ability to provide continued financial support for the many organizations that depend upon us.

There are approximately 1780 households within our village. Of those households, we received donations in our most recent fiscal year from only sixty-one households, 3.4 percent, for a total of \$3,650. While we are grateful for those who have donated, our annual budgetary support for organizations covered by the PLVC umbrella is over \$14,000. Additional operating expenses for the

annual election, website hosting and maintenance, email, etc. are modest. The donations we received cover barely 20 percent of our combined expenses.

Some of us see the governance of our community as a three-legged stool: LMC for North Bay residents, SBCA for South Bay residents, and PLVC as the only organization with legal standing to represent all residents of the community. LMC and SBCA are supported financially by assessments that provide guaranteed income to support their activities. PLVC, incorporated as a 501(c)(3) organization, relies exclusively on your tax-deductible donations. Realistically, we need at least 20 percent of our residents to donate an average of \$50 each annually to provide a firm financial base for PLVC to continue supporting the organizations that depend upon us, as well as improving our ability to support our residents with an improved website and better communication tools.

The timeline to determine the future of the Port Ludlow Village Council is short. We will host two Town Hall meetings in November to discuss the Village Council's purpose and activities and to address any questions or concerns you may have. These will be followed by your annual voting members' meeting and certification of board member election results on **December 5**. Your donations, in response to the perceived value of your Village Council by the end of December, will determine the continued viability of PLVC.

If you believe in the value of the Port Ludlow Village Council, and are willing to provide financial support for its continuation, your tax-deductible donations in any amount may be made by mail to:

Port Ludlow Village Council
PO Box 65012
Port Ludlow, WA 98365

Or online at plvc.org

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the future of PLVC, please plan to attend one of the Town Hall Meetings on:

Monday November 11, Beach Club, 7 – 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday November 12, Bay Club, 3 – 4:30 p.m.

If you are unable to attend, please feel free to contact me directly via email at john.goldwood@gmail.com or by phone at 253-651-0664. I am also available to provide a brief overview of PLVC to any of our interested village HOA's or other groups that might desire an in-person presentation.

We look forward to seeing you at our Town Hall meetings in November, and at your Annual Voting Members Meeting at the Bay Club on **December 5**.

Dine and Discover Presents “Cyber and You”

by Allan and Nancy Kiesler, Guest Writers

Whether already a victim of cyber fraud or not, most people who use the internet are well aware of the risk and potentially devastating consequences of clicking on the wrong link or similar mistake. On **Monday, December 2**, our own David Jackson will be addressing this issue in his presentation entitled, “Cyber and You.” He will talk about the good and bad of cyber and what you can do to protect yourselves. Dave, a retired Navy Admiral, was the Chief Technology Officer (CTO) for the Navy from 2009-2018 and currently teaches at the US Naval Academy, Naval War College, and Naval Post Graduate School.

This is sure to be an interesting presentation and is open to North and South Bay members and their guests. Sign-up sheets will be available by **Wednesday, November 6** at both clubs and will be removed on **November 29** or sooner if we reach our maximum.

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

Martha's Book Group - *The Absolute True Diary of a Part-Time Indian*

Sherman Alexie's 2007 semi-autobiographical novel is about a fourteen-year-old American Indian male who was raised on the reservation and attended an all-white high school. This coming-of-age story depicting the confusion and angst of adolescence while straddling two cultures will be the subject of our book group discussion in November.

Alexie, a prolific writer with many successful books and awards, was embroiled in a major scandal involving sexual harassment which has resulted in his alienation from many of his supporters. This controversy, as well as that of other well-known authors who have been exposed for major moral indiscretions, will also be a part of our discussion.

Martha's Book Group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club. All are welcome to join us on **November 12**. Contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org for further information about Martha's Book Group and future book discussions.

Our December selection is *True North* by Andrew Graff.

Port Ludlow Garden Club Presents “Divine Plants for Your Garden”

The Port Ludlow Garden Club is excited to host a special event featuring Kelly Dodson and Sue Milliken of Far Reaches Farm and the non-profit Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy in Port Townsend. The event will be held on **Wednesday, November 13** at 11 a.m. at the Beach Club, Port Ludlow.

Known throughout the horticultural community, Kelly and Sue have traveled the world on plant-hunting expeditions. Their mission is to search out, bring home, grow, and propagate rare and unusual plants. That mission expands to include the Far Reaches Botanical Conservancy, a 501(c)(3), which saves and conserves rare plants, teaches others, and shares their knowledge for the purposes of education, enjoyment, and scientific endeavors.

A highlight of the event will be stories of their travels, the plants they find, and particularly their success in the vital role of plant conservation. With enthusiasm and humor, Kelly and Sue will present information about exceptional and rarely found plants for your garden that they have gathered from around the world.

This event is open to Garden Club members with reservations made in advance. Non-members are invited and welcome to attend for a \$5 donation. All must please RSVP to Michelle Pelkey at 360-710-3547 or portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com by **Friday, November 8**.

Toys for Tots Locations

Toys for Tots is a program sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve. The toy distribution is carried out by several other not-for-profit organizations for the benefit of children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The National Toys for Tots program has been in operation since 1947. The local program started helping children in East Jefferson County in 2011.

Collection boxes will be available in Port Ludlow beginning **Tuesday, November 19** through **Thursday, December 12** for your new and unwrapped children’s gift(s) at the following locations:

- Coldwell Banker, 9522 Oak Bay Road
- Port Ludlow Brokers, 40 Teal Lake Road
- Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, 7650 Oak Bay Road
- Edward Jones, Financial Advisor, 9526 Oak Bay Road, Unit 300
- The Village Store, 40 Village Way

Donation boxes will be picked up on **December 15**.

Cash donations can be made online at toysfortots.org. Go to ‘Find Local Campaign,’ scroll down to ‘Select your State’ then select Port Townsend. The donation goes into our local account. To request a toy, send an email to port.townsend.wa@toysfortots.org

First Wednesday Luncheon

by Stephanie Buehler, Guest Writer

We are having a “two-fer” program this month (two for the price of one, or in this case, for the price of your donation to the Food Bank) on **Wednesday, November 6**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Beach Club. Patricia Hennessy, CEO of the Jefferson County Food Bank Association (JCFBA), will be giving us an update on current affairs and future plans for the association, as well as taking your questions.

Following Patricia’s presentation, we will be entertained by Port Ludlow’s improvisational comedy group, Disorderly Conduct. This will be different and lots of fun for those who’ve never seen them perform as well as those more experienced with improv. Come with an idea to propose. They’ll choose one, and then just sit back and watch what they do with it—very creative!

For those of you who are new to the community, Port Ludlow has been supporting the food bank for over 50 years. Some early residents decided to start a luncheon so they could have a place to meet each month and get to know one another better. Shortly after they began meeting the women discussed expanding their purpose in meeting, and it was their decision to raise funds for the Tri-Area Food Bank by bringing monthly donations. It is remarkable that this program has survived for so many years in that it is not a formal organization; does not have a membership; does not have a board, per se. It simply continues through the dedication of volunteers who think its purpose is worthy and who love to get together with friends and meet new neighbors.

Somewhere along the line, a monthly program was added to include something educational and/or entertaining as well as a fun raffle. The purpose of the raffle is to raise funds to donate to the food bank during the summer months when First Wednesday takes a 2-month hiatus.

The luncheon is open to residents of the greater Port Ludlow area, including but not limited to Port Hadlock, Chimacum and Port Townsend. Men are always welcome, so please bring your husbands, partners, friends. In the past decade, we have been able to donate nearly \$100,000 and 36,000 pounds of non-perishable food and hygiene items to the Food Bank.

This will be a BYOL (Bring Your Own Lunch) program with cookies, coffee & water provided. RSVP to firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com or sign up at the Beach or Bay Club by **November 4**. This is a courtesy to the club and luncheon coordinators so we can have the appropriate number of tables set up in advance.

Plan to make your donations in the form of cash, check made payable to JCFBA (Jefferson County Food Bank Association), or non-perishable food and/or hygiene products. If you’d like your donation to go specifically to the Tri-Area Food Bank, indicate that in the check memo. Finally, mark your calendars for our annual program in December when we’ll be sung into

the holiday spirit by our own Port Ludlow Singers. A nice lunch will be provided. Holiday centerpieces will be raffled off along with our regular raffle items.

Food Bank Board Seeks New Members

Want to help serve our community? Join our Board of Directors.

We are actively seeking passionate and dedicated individuals to join our Board of Directors at the Jefferson County Food Bank Association (JCFBA).

We believe that a diverse group of people with varied backgrounds and perspectives will strengthen our organization and we look forward to filling these important roles.

In order to maximize our ability to lead, we are looking for individuals with strong expertise in one or more of the following areas:

- Supply Chain Logistics
- Jefferson County Local Food Network
- Experience in Local, State, and/or National Government Service
- Non-Profit CEO
- Commercial Real Estate Builder and/or Developer
- Publisher/Media

Interested? Please review the job description on the website jcfba.org/about/careers and, if interested, send us a cover letter telling us about yourself and why our mission appeals to you. Also, please include a resume or work history and your contact information. Send your materials to jcfba.org/board-of-directors. Thank you for your interest.

Bluebills Christmas Giving

The PSO/Bluebills are organizing Christmas gifts for OlyCAP homeless families again this year. We have around 29 kids from 0 – 18 years old. PSO/Bluebills will collect donations, divide the amount collected among the 29 kids, and shoppers will purchase gifts according to the ages and interests of the children. The gifts are wrapped and bagged into the family units to be delivered to OlyCAP by **Thursday, December 19** for distribution.

To join with us, please mail checks made out to “PSO/Bluebills” to PSO/Bluebills, P O Box 65098, Port Ludlow, WA, 98365, by **Saturday, November 30**.

Questions? Please contact laura.paul@psobluebills.net. Thank you for helping these kids to have a beautiful Christmas. The community has been very generous in the past years.

November at the Jefferson County Library District

November is here! As the fall colors begin to fade and winter slowly creeps in around us, it’s a time to be thankful for crackling fires, warm drinks, and good books to push the darkness away. Your Library District is a haven of comfort and knowledge, and November is the perfect time to escape the chill and enjoy all that we have to offer. Explore all the Library District’s programs and services by visiting jclibrary.info.

Kick off the season of giving with an all-time favorite tradition – the Jefferson County Library District’s Annual Gingerbread House-Making Contest! Join us in celebrating the Library District’s 45th Anniversary by building an edible structure that represents our mission statement Feeding Minds, Fueling Dreams, and inspires creativity, growth, and learning. You can submit your creation online at jclibrary.info, and optionally bring your work of art to the library for public display. Enter the contest as an adult or child or work together and submit a family creation. Need supplies? You can register for a supply kit with graham crackers, frosting, and candy. There is no need to register if you are using your own supplies. After you build your tasty masterpiece, get ready to vote for your favorites. The deadline to enter the contest is **Tuesday, December 10**, at 8 p.m.

Don’t miss The Friends of the Library Autumn Book Sale. The sale takes place in the Hagen Building next to the library on **Saturday, November 2**, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Discover a wide selection of gently used books, audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs, with all proceeds supporting the Jefferson County Library District. “Friends” members enjoy early access at 9:30 a.m.

Our popular Live Online Author Talks series will host three captivating speakers this month! First, Navajo Ranger Stanley Milford, Jr. will be online on **Thursday, November 7**, at 4 p.m. to talk about the strange and unexplained tales from his memoir *The Paranormal Ranger*. Bestselling author and poet Javier Zamora will join us on **Thursday, November 14**, at 1 p.m. to share his riveting tale of survival and perseverance as told in his award-winning memoir *Solito*, and finally, on **Wednesday, November 20**, at 4 p.m., award-winning writer Mona Susan Power will talk about her newest novel *A Council of Dolls*.

November programs for children include the monthly *LEGO® at the Library* program on **Thursday, November 14**, from 3:45 – 4:45 p.m. Build your Lego creations in an open, imaginative space. Storytime for Toddlers and Preschoolers is held each Monday at 10:30 a.m. Meet in the Humphrey Room to hear stories, sing songs, and enjoy physical movement to build children’s love of reading and learning.

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.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, EJFR Community Outreach Volunteer



When a new person is hired by East Jefferson Fire Rescue, extensive training and testing takes place to ensure that the individual can be successful in handling the challenges that are faced when responding to calls. I sat down with Captain Trevor Bergen, training officer with EJFR, and he described some of that training, which is included in this article.

A new firefighter employee begins with a sixteen-week, five days a week training at the Fire Academy located at the Bremerton Regional Training Facility, which supports many organizations in their training requirements. The trainee will be exposed to 59 job performance requirements that match the standards set by the Washington State Fire Marshall. There is extensive testing of the curriculum being taught. Skills as basic as getting into fire gear in one minute, to deploying hose lines, to deploying ladders for rescue, to executing forcible entry, to learning how to ventilate a building that is on fire, and dealing with hazardous materials are just a few of the areas covered. After successful testing, a trainee is accredited as a FF1.

The accreditation for FF2 requires two more weeks of training and covers topics like using foam, vehicle extraction, and additional hazardous material training. Testing is completed on all subjects covered.

When a new trainee goes to work at EJFR after completing the academy, their training continues as probationary employees. They are exposed to EJFR agency subjects, with monthly testing, on maps of the area, knowing in detail the equipment that is carried on the vehicles, as well as the standard operating guidelines and procedures that are in effect for EJFR.

The training is a big commitment, and a person is on probation for a year at a minimum. Captain Bergen says that staff members are ready to help someone who might be having difficulty in a subject. The teamwork of all to create success is extremely helpful.

To operate a fire department vehicle, training and testing is required. It begins with an eight-hour class, and includes driving a course with cones on the road to demonstrate the skills required. The sequence of vehicles that a trainee learns to operate includes beginning with a fire department utility vehicle, then to a Medic Vehicle, to a Brush Vehicle, to a Fire Engine, to a Water Tender, to a Ladder Truck. There is a class for each and

includes evaluation from a supervisor doing five hours of road time with the driver.

For a firefighter to become certified as an Emergency Medical Technician, there is a separate course, five days per week, over an eight-week period. EMTs take the State EMT exam for certification. The EMTs get additional training from local physicians and more is received in the Medic One program from the University of Washington and Harborview Medical Center in Seattle.

Lastly, as officers, all of the Lieutenants or higher are certified as well to ensure that fire command and management is clearly understood and properly executed.

There is a lot that takes place behind the scenes at EJFR that benefits our community. The personnel take their job very seriously and make a big commitment to serve us well.

Port Ludlow Tangle Club



Think you can't draw but wish you could? Mark your calendars now for the last 2024 meeting of the Port Ludlow Tangle Club, **Thursday, November 14**, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Bay Club. With a nod towards the holiday season, Certified Zentangle Teacher (CZT) Alice Clive will guide all who attend through a special holiday tangling session. "Tangles" are hand-drawn, structured images that are created one stroke at a time in a mindful manner that can be meditative and relaxing. In the Zentangle Method, you go slow – enjoying each deliberate stroke of your pen. You'll be amazed at what you can create! All are welcome. Please RSVP by emailing Alice at foureyes22@outlook.com. You will need a monthly kit of paper tiles (available for \$3). A list of other supplies to bring will be emailed when you RSVP. In addition, beginner kits, which include the micron pens and paper blending stumps you will need, will be available for \$5. The Club meets every other month on the second Thursday. Next year's dates are January 9, March 13, May 8, July 10, September 11, and November 13. Plan to come and learn something new!

EJFR CARES in Action

by Miranda Burger, Olympic Community Health Director of Programs

East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) CARES (Community Assistance, Referral, and Education Service) was launched January 2023 and works to reduce the impact of non-emergency incidents to the 911 system. The CARES team walks hand-in-hand with clients to assess needs, set goals, and support connection to resources and services.



In late August 2024, EJFR invited Olympic Community Health (OCH) Director of Programs, Miranda Burger, to ride along with the CARES team. During the ride-along, the EJFR CARES team travelled between Port Ludlow and Port Townsend. The team travels to south Jefferson County at least once a week as well. Miranda shares her observations and reflections:

8:45 a.m. – I arrive at the Port Ludlow fire station where I meet Jeff Woods, EJFR Community Paramedic, and his partner for the day, a peer support specialist from Gateway to Freedom. They show me their systems and give me some background on the program. Jeff shares what motivates him in this work: “I had never heard of this program before, but I spent 20 years (in EMS) standing over people thinking, ‘You don’t need to go to the hospital, but you can’t stay here. So, what do I do?’ Now I get to be that solution.”

9:40 a.m. – The CARES team’s phone rings. It’s a caregiver calling about an established client. Jeff listens for several minutes, gathering essential details to help him determine next steps. The client, an elderly woman Jeff describes as “not a complainer,” hasn’t been able to get out of bed today due to a severe headache. The caregiver says, “I thought to myself I don’t want to just take (my friend) to the hospital, but I’m worried. Who can I call? I know, I’ll call Jeff.” He asks a few clarifying questions and lets

the caregiver know we’re on our way. Jeff shares the value of seeing clients face to face. “Over-the-phone interviews just don’t work. You can’t see them. You can’t touch them. And that’s why we’re going.” As Jeff frames it, “Just to say hi and check it out.”

10 a.m. – We arrive at the client’s home where we are greeted by the caregiver and the client’s dog. Jeff bends down to pet the dog and greets him by name before conducting a brief assessment with the client. Jeff reassures the caregiver they do not need to go to the hospital and educates her on what to look out for, until the client can be seen by her primary care provider in two days. As we leave the caregiver exudes, “I just can’t thank you enough. You’re the best.”

10:30 a.m. – We’re back on the road. Jeff turns the corner and pulls over to return a missed phone call. It’s a client’s mother calling for advice. Jeff is mostly quiet and gives space for the mother to vent. He offers support and helps her identify and commit to next steps. We continue driving, and I ask Jeff what prepared him for this unique role. “EMS is not all CPR. Ninety percent of what we do is solve problems. If you want a definition of a firefighter, it’s a problem solver. When someone calls because of a fall, we try to figure out why they fell and then fix it. That correlates to this job.” Jeff shares that firefighters are experts at talking to people and listening. His approach with the client’s mother exemplifies his expertise, and he shares, “Even if you don’t have an answer, they still feel heard, and they feel better.”

10:45 a.m. – We arrive at Jefferson Healthcare to pick up a walker for a client who was recently discharged from the hospital after a fall. “I’ve never gotten a walker from the hospital before, so we’re going to go find out how,” Jeff states as he strolls through the ambulance entrance. After a few minutes of explanation, hospital staff brings Jeff a walker, but there’s a problem. It’s a bariatric walker which won’t work for his petite client. Another few minutes of problem solving, and we drive across the street to pick up the appropriately-sized walker from a different building. As we drive away with the walker safely in the trunk, I think about how challenging this would have been for the elderly client to navigate.

11:20 a.m. – Jeff knocks on the door of a camper and the client shouts from inside, “I’m sleeping.” Jeff calmly replies, “That’s what you said yesterday, and I said I would come back.” He presses his ear to the door to hear better. After a few minutes of talking through the door, the client invites Jeff to the front seat. The client visited the emergency room last night, and Jeff spends the next 30 minutes listening in order to understand his needs and goals. He was prescribed medication for a chronic medical condition, but he doesn’t know how to get the prescription filled and is concerned about the cost. Back in the car, Jeff connects with Jefferson Healthcare pharmacy and another case manager from the Jefferson County LEAD (Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion) program working with the client to determine the

best path forward. He obtains financial assistance paperwork. The LEAD case manager is visiting the client this afternoon, and they agree she will tackle the next steps with them.

1 p.m. – Jeff knocks on the door of a newly referred client but there’s no answer. This is the team’s second attempt to reach the client. Jeff leaves his card on the door as well as a voicemail: “The firefighters were worried about you, so I’m stopping by to check in and see if you’re alright. I’d love to chat if you want to call me back.”

1:30 p.m. – We deliver the walker. When we arrive, the client is in bed but quickly agrees to stand so Jeff can size the walker for her. Once it’s sized, Jeff shuffles some furniture around to make the bed more accessible. It’s a quick 15-minute visit, and as we leave, the client is using the walker to get a snack from the kitchen.

2 p.m. – We visit a client who has made several fall-related 911 calls. The client is sitting up in bed when we arrive and immediately identifies the cause of her most recent fall: a large pile of laundry that has accumulated. Jeff proposes a few options including moving the client’s bed or taking the bedroom door off the hinges to allow more room for her walker, but she adamantly declines. They agree to move the pile of laundry out of the walkway. The client confirms that in-home care will bring laundry soap at the next visit so she can tackle the pile.

3 p.m. – We pull into the driveway of our final stop of the day, a client discharged from the hospital last night with a safety plan. His wife escorts us upstairs where we spend the next 45 minutes chatting with the client. Before we leave, the client shares his intention to re-start mental health support group services.

EJFR has a deep commitment to responding to community needs and has adapted their model of care. “We learned early on that we were sending referrals and then moving on thinking we’d solved it. Then we would connect back and find out no one ever called. So now we follow through to make sure,” says Jeff. The CARES team has two mantras when it comes to community-based care coordination:

- 1) Always pick up the phone, and
- 2) Always follow up.

The EJFR CARES team is the first of its kind in Jefferson County, and prior to their launch, there was no service in the area dedicated to reducing the impact of non-emergent 911 incidents. EJFR CARES preserves the precious finite emergency response services and seeks to reduce impacts to other finite and costly emergency services as well. As an innovative initiative, the primary concern for EJFR is sustainable financing to ensure this much-needed service doesn’t disappear.

Programs like EJFR CARES exemplify the community-based care coordination efforts Olympic Connect (olympicch.org) seeks to bolster. With the added layers of support Olympic

Connect offers, the staff time and energy of community-based workers like Jeff can be devoted to what they do best—serving people. When asked what makes the program successful, Jeff replies, “The CARES Team isn’t this awesome thing by itself. It only works because of the other partners who work with us.”

2024 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

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

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

September Alarms

Fires.....	1
Rescue/Emergency Medical	361
Good Intent	47
Hazardous Conditions	11
False Alarms	23
Service Call	83
Special Incident.....	1
Total Alarms	527

Ambulance Transports

911 Transports.....	220
Hospital Requested Transport.....	0
Non Transports.....	139
Total Transports	220

CARES Contacts..... 134

Free Life Care Planning Zoom Seminars

Join Tony Hinson on **Tuesday, November 12**, at 11:30 a.m. as he explores estate and life-care planning solutions that preserve wealth, minimize taxes, and ensure your legacy.

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

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

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Village News

Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association Update

by Bob Gilbert, President, SBCA Board of Directors

Revitalizing PLVC: A Renewed Focus for Our Community

As your SBCA President and South Bay's representative on the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board, I want to address growing concerns about PLVC's future and share why I believe preserving and revitalizing this organization is crucial. In recent years, PLVC's mission has become unclear, prompting many, including myself, to question its relevance. After extensive discussions and reflection, priorities have been realigned, cooperation and collaboration between SBCA, LMC, and PLVC have been re-established, and I am now confident that PLVC's role remains essential to the well-being of our community.

To lead this revitalization, the PLVC Board has appointed John Goldwood as Interim President until the December 2024 elections. I firmly believe John should be elected as President in his own right, as his leadership is already breathing new life into PLVC's focus on key initiatives and cherished community programs. Both the SBCA Board and I fully support John's efforts to guide PLVC through this critical time.

It's worth asking: What would Port Ludlow look like without PLVC?

PLVC is the backbone of several beloved and vital community programs including the Utilities Committee, Trails, Emergency Management, Holiday Lights, and the Community Opportunity Fair among others – all of which depend on the coordination and support provided by PLVC. These initiatives transcend the boundaries of individual homeowner associations like SBCA and LMC, and without PLVC's leadership, they would struggle to continue. Losing these programs would leave significant voids in the fabric of our community.

What challenges does PLVC face?

Like Port Ludlow's two Master HOA organizations, SBCA and LMC, the PLVC depends upon volunteers to staff the Board, Committees, and many vital roles to fulfill its missions. Unlike SBCA and LMC, PLVC relies solely on donations to fund its projects such as Trails, and Utilities Committees. The loss of PLVC would jeopardize these vital community programs, which contribute so much to our quality of life and help assure our communities vitality in the future.

Together with SBCA and LMC, PLVC will soon host a two-part Town Hall series to discuss our renewed vision and plans. Please attend, ask questions, and understand why PLVC's continued existence is essential for our community's long-term future.

SBCA Important Dates

Friday, November 1, 8:30 a.m. Pancake Breakfast
benefiting Tri-Area Food Bank

Saturday, November 2, 7 p.m., PLPA Concert

Friday, November 8, 5:30 p.m., Member Social,
Salmon Feast, \$20 per person

Thursday, November 14, 9:30 a.m.,
Monthly SBCA Board Meeting**

Friday, December 13, 5 p.m., Bay Club Holiday Gala

Sunday, December 15, 2 p.m., PLPA Concert

Wednesdays at 4 p.m., Member's Lounge

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

All SBCA members are welcome.

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

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

At these meetings, you will learn about the priorities that PLVC will dedicate itself to working on: the Timber Harvesting Agreement in the Master Planned Resort spaces (MPR), and questions related to water and sewer services in Port Ludlow. These efforts are crucial to safeguarding the beauty of Port Ludlow and help ensure the continued reliability of essential services.

To continue this work, we urgently need your help. Please donate. Every contribution, regardless of size, will directly support PLVC's ability to serve and protect the interests of our community.

Together, we can ensure a strong and vibrant future for Port Ludlow, upholding the values that make our community special, the preservation of our environment, reliable public services, and a strong sense of community.

If you believe in the value of the Port Ludlow Village Council and are willing to provide financial support for its continuation, your tax-deductible donations may be made online at plvc.org or by mail to Port Ludlow Village Council, PO Box 65012, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Thank you for your continued trust and support.

Going Local

by Michael Stuber, SBCA Board Secretary

As you read this, the national election may be upon us or even concluded. Perhaps, like me, you have followed the events closely, only to feel the weight of casting a single vote amidst millions. You might wonder: Does my vote matter? Is it even worth it?

We often find ourselves overwhelmed by the grand scale of national or global issues, losing sight of something crucial—the significant impact of local elections. Regardless of national outcomes, we live with the local realities: the roads we drive, the air we breathe, the water we drink, and the utility services we rely on.

The local level is where we, as individuals, can truly make a difference. “Think Globally, Act Locally” is more than just a slogan; it is a call to action, whether through grassroots campaigns, community service, or simply doing our part to improve the neighborhood. Local efforts do not require distant travels to build schools or save rainforests—the next tree is a good place to start.

Imagine the influence you can have by regularly attending local meetings—whether it’s your county council, local arts board, or your homeowner’s association. These gatherings are often sparsely attended, offering you a unique opportunity for your voice to be heard. U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis is credited with saying that “sunlight is the best disinfectant.” Conversely, neglect and apathy allow bad ideas to thrive.

Look no further than Sequim, just 32 miles away, where residents recently faced a takeover of their town council and school board by fringe elements. Thankfully, they rallied and reclaimed control, hopefully learning to remain vigilant moving forward (see *The Nation* article entitled, *The Town That QAnon Nearly Swallowed*, February 7, 2022).

While Sequim’s experience was dramatic, let’s aim for a more proactive approach in our community. I encourage you to engage with at least one local organization. Find one that aligns with your interests, explore their website, attend a meeting, and get involved. If not the right fit, try another. Listen, ask questions, and engage with new people—you may even gain a new friend in the process.

The local world is wider than you might think. Out you go, launch!

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Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

I know that there are others in our community that have been voicing their support and appreciation for the work that the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) has provided our Port Ludlow community for more than 25 years, and I would like to do so as well.

When Pope and Talbot developed the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort Community (MPR), we ended up with two master homeowner associations, Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) and South Bay Community Association (SBCA). Both organizations are responsible for working within the structure of their respective governing documents and providing the services that our membership needs and desires. For the most part our responsibility is to our members, not those that may reside outside our homeowner's association (HOA).

As an HOA we can get tunnel vision when we are focusing on our corner of the community and not the entire community. PLVC has a more global perspective as it relates to the MPR. The organization isn't focusing on North Bay or South Bay. It sees Port Ludlow as a whole.

PLVC's Utility Committee has been active in researching and commenting on proposed rate increases by Olympic Water & Sewer and water quality issues that have come forward and affected all of us.

This past August, PLVC helped sponsor and organize the Community Opportunity Fair that was held at the Bay Club. This event brought in about 200 attendees, and there were 60 exhibitors.

PLVC's Emergency Management Committee's mission is to first, educate residents on how to prepare themselves in case of a disaster; second, if an emergency took place, to be a communication vehicle between the community and Jefferson County; and third, to organize and facilitate neighborhood and community-wide self-help efforts in the event of a disaster.

Fortunately, I'm on the PLVC Trails Committee's email list so I get to see what this amazing group of volunteers is doing every week to maintain more than 30 miles of walking trails in our community.

Yes, LMC, SBCA and PLA provide some financial support to PLVC Trails Committee, but what this group is able to do each year for our community is remarkable.

I have only mentioned some of the important work that PLVC does for Port Ludlow. Like so many of our Port Ludlow organizations, it is all being done by volunteers. Unlike the two HOA's, the Village Council must depend on donations to fund their efforts.

LMC and the Beach Club

Phone: 360-437-9201

Email: GM@LMCBeachClub.Org

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

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

I encourage our members to visit the Village Council website at plvc.org which provides a full overview of PLVC's good work and how you can volunteer or donate to this important organization. We don't always appreciate what we have until it's gone.

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.

North Bay Homeowner Potlucks Presents...

A Homecoming-themed get together on **Saturday, November 16, 5:30 p.m.**, at the Beach Club. Wear your old school duds and mingle with friends—old and new. Bring your neighbors. Enjoy the music of the 50s and 60s. Sign up at the Beach Club to bring a hearty appetizer or dessert. BYOB and tableware.

For information or to volunteer to help, email bettyjluce@gmail.com.

And...save the date! **Friday, January 17**, for the Chili Cookoff. Bring your famous chili for judging and prizes.

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Village Council

PLVC Board Meeting Summary

by Tamra McDearmid, Vice President

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by John Goldwood at 3 p.m., following Robert's Rules of Order for Small Boards. Board members present: John Goldwood, Tam McDearmid, Tracy Geipel, Bob Gilbert, representing SBCA; Joan Johnston, representing LMC; Dave Jurca, by telephone access. Board member absent: Paul Hinton. A quorum was declared, and meeting was recorded.

Stakeholder Updates

Jefferson County Representative – Greg Brotherton was absent due to business travel out of state.

Jefferson County PUD – Jameson Hawn

Jameson Hawn provided an informative update regarding Jefferson PUD. Port Ludlow residents are encouraged to visit the Jefferson PUD Website, jeffpud.org for up-to-date information, budget processes, scheduled meetings, etc. Please note the ongoing transition to new electronic smart meters—78% of Port Ludlow residents have had new meters installed. Homeowners will experience a brief interruption of power during the meter replacement process. If you have special healthcare needs impacted by a power outage, be sure to advise the PUD so they are aware. The meter replacement process itself will potentially cause a power outage to our homes for approximately five minutes.

Port Ludlow Associates – Diana Smeland

OT2 Plat Approval is on the Consent Agenda for Jefferson County Commissioner meeting on October 7. OWSI received an award from Department of Ecology for outstanding performance of their Wastewater Treatment Plant, and the Port Ludlow Marina received an award for Best Customer Service. We placed third in Best Golf Courses in Washington State.

Other events of note: OWSI Town Hall Meeting on October 31, 10 a.m. – noon;

Fireside Restaurant's Sunset dinners, 3 – 5 p.m., 3 course menu; Prime Rib Dinners, Sunday nights; Apple and Cider Festival October 7.

Be sure to support the new restaurant at the golf course, JR's Sandtrap.

October 19, Wedding Tour for wedding or special events such as family reunions or gatherings.

Question regarding ice-pigging, surcharge, \$500,000. No grant available so far. Water System Plan approval pending; possible drinking water loan after water system plan approval.

Village Council Meetings

PLVC Board Meeting

Thursday, November 7

3 - 5 p.m., Beach Club Bayview Room

PLVC Workshop

Tuesday, November 19

3 - 5 p.m., Beach Club Gallery Room

plvc.org

Boat in Ludlow Bay has been removed, now in Port Townsend.

Discussion regarding manganese build-up, chlorinating now dissolves build-up. Ice-pigging is expected to eliminate 'brown water' issue for up to three years, potentially longer. Pigging project depends upon approval from WUTC for rate surcharge.

Lead line survey – 100% completed, no issues with lead contamination from either OWSI or Jefferson PUD.

Breaker Lane access, a private road built by PLA for access into commercial area, will be revised to eliminate through traffic between Oak Bay Road and Paradise Bay Road. Road is being used as shortcut, not built for that volume of traffic.

Board Business

Approval of September 5 Minutes: Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to approve, seconded, passed unanimously. Motion to change signatories on PLVC bank account, moved, seconded, passed unanimously. Paul Hinton is evaluating Election Buddy and Election Runner companies for electronic voting.

Motion to approve placement of PLVC article in the *Voice*. Moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Fundraising focus for PLVC survival, need \$14,000 by year-end. Raised only \$3,100 last year.

Approval of Action for Consent without a Meeting, approving John Goldwood as Interim President until new board and officers are elected in December. Moved, seconded, approved.

Board Activities October – December 2024

Community Opportunity Fair – a thanks for sponsorship letter was read into minutes.

Citizen Comments - none

Committee Reports

Port Ludlow Emergency Management

PLEM Committee meeting minutes provided by Jason Wright

Holiday Lights – Dave McDermid, Chair

Permit is secured to use trees and island for holiday lights for next five years. Astound and Lakeside will be contacted for bucket trucks and traffic control. Lights will go up Friday before Thanksgiving, turned on Thanksgiving evening.

HOA Updates

LMC – Joan Johnston, PLVC Director and LMC Representative

Port Ludlow Yacht Club has submitted a proposal to LMC to build new 2-story building on upper parking lot of Beach Club. That building would house PLYC and LMC Beach Club. Top story is PLYC, lower story is potentially LMC space. Good off-street parking, better meeting space, reduced utility costs. Bridge Deck costs \$4,500 annually to heat, potentially demolished. Social events include polar plunge on **December 28**, at 11 a.m. Wine and cheese social February 14, members social April 18, garage sale May 28, volunteer brunch June 6, ice cream social June 28, music on the lawn July 17, BBQ August 9. LMC also focused on Accessibility Project for existing Beach Club; elevator and ramps cost estimate \$1.5M. LMC evaluating how to minimize cost to members.

December 8, Choral Belles concert to benefit LMC Accessibility project.

Potentially 42 multifamily units to be built around lagoon, after demolition of the existing yacht club.

SBCA – Bob Gilbert, PLVC Director and SBCA President
Thank you to PLA for fixing potholes on Breaker Lane.
Howard Weiner is newest SBCA Board member. Renewed SBCA focus on PLVC.

SBCA to re-focus on members as customers, treated appropriately.

Invitation to attend SBCA board meetings, second Thursdays of the month at 9:30 a.m.

Focus of SBCA on Emergency Management.

There will be a board-to-board social in November to explore opportunities for improved relationship between SBCA and LMC.

Schedule of SBCA events will be in the *Voice* on monthly basis.

Pancake Breakfasts first Friday of each month for charity events.

Adjournment, 5 p.m., Moved, seconded, passed unanimously.

Next Board Meeting: **Thursday, November 7**, 3 p.m., Beach Club Bay View Room

Next Workshop: **Tuesday November 19**, 3 p.m., Beach Club Gallery Room

PLVC 2024 Annual Election Information

PLVC President John Goldwood's article in this issue of the *Voice* has alerted you to this year's election of Board Members being certified at the Annual Members Meeting scheduled for **December 5** at the Bay Club. You will receive a postcard on or about **November 1** inviting you to the Annual Members meeting. Additional instructions for voting will be included.

Last year PLVC went to online voting with provisions for those unable to vote online, to save a great deal of money. We are currently working with various service providers to support online voting again this year. At this time, we do not know if we can afford those services. Therefore, the postcard will let you know if voting will again be online (with provisions for those unable to vote online), or in-person asking you to go to either the Beach Club or the Bay Club to cast a paper ballot that will be provided there.

There are currently four candidates whose statements are included in this issue. Write-ins are also accepted provided the candidates present a letter to the PLVC stating their willingness to serve on the board.

We look forward to your support of your Village Council by your vote and your financial donation. As stated in President Goldwood's article, your support is critically needed for the Village Council to continue its valuable services to the community.

PLVC Candidate Statements



Lois Grazioli – I am a newcomer to Port Ludlow, moving here in January 2024. I lived in Southern California for over 40 years where my two daughters and six grandchildren still reside. I have a B.S. in Science, an M.A. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Michigan, and a Doctorate in Education from San Diego International University.

I was a science instructor, special education teacher, middle school counselor, and elementary school principal, retiring in 2010 after 40 years in education. I also worked in the private sector and volunteered regularly at our Lagoon Nature Center in Carlsbad, California.

I recently became a member of the Choral Belles and am delighted to be considered for a position on the Village Council. I am an avid hiker, enjoy gardening and reading, and especially love exploring the Olympic Peninsula. I occasionally do educational consulting, particularly for students with special needs. What drew me to this vibrant community is the beauty that surrounds us and the people, who make me feel welcome.



Tamra McDearmid – Tam continues to serve on the Village Council because the community is very important to her, and she wants to support keeping this fine village running smoothly. It’s a true joy living in a place where miles of fern-lined trails are right out the backdoor; where a beach and marina are within a mile; where wildlife exists alongside

our homes; and where the people are open and friendly.

Tam’s roles on the Village Council have included the duties of Vice President, Secretary, and chairperson of the Administration, Communications, Elections and Movie Night committees. This year she was a co-chair of the highly successful Community Opportunity Fair. She is on the board of the First Wednesday Luncheon, sings with the Choral Belles, and coordinates the Port Ludlow Annual Tree Lighting Celebration with PLA’s President, Diana Smeland.

Tam sees the major functions of PLVC as “...a collection of civic responsibilities, including encouraging the Developer to complete the promised buildout.” Tam earned a master’s degree in public administration with an emphasis in Organizational Development. She made a career of public service in two states: working for California’s Department of Education and Oregon’s Land Conservation and Development Commission. She retired after serving 10 years as Registrar for the Lindsay Wildlife Museum in the San Francisco Bay area.

She enjoys reading, singing, aquacise, walking, gardening, creating birdhouses and jewelry. Both she and her husband Dave enjoy living in Port Ludlow surrounded by water and forest. They have three sons and two grandchildren. Thank you for your kind consideration in re-electing her to the Village Council board.



Kay Mol – Originally from northern England, I just moved to Rainier Lane after living in Boston, Rockport, and Blue Hill, Maine and most recently Cooperstown, New York. Looking to make a fresh start in a small, safe, quiet, close-knit community with a mild year-round climate, Port Ludlow is now home to myself and my beloved cat, Bubble.

I was a private fitness trainer for 27 years but after a spine injury/surgery in 2016, I had to change careers. I then worked for local government in the Public Works Department overseeing town trees,

cemeteries, small building projects and trash recycle operations. I currently work remotely as the Facilities Coordinator for Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, managing facility operations’ compliance documentation.

Home renovation started out as a necessity and became a passion; I have bought, gut-renovated and sold five properties in the last 10 years. Having intentionally just purchased my first ever brand-new home, I now plan to immerse myself in the Port Ludlow Community, make friends, and pursue my other passions in life—cycling, swimming, functional fitness, and time with my cat.

I hope to bring a newcomer’s perspective to the Council, along with experience and insight from my past and current employment. I look forward to learning about Port Ludlow’s community needs, meeting and representing you.

Carol Prisson-Reed – Port Ludlow is a dynamic and diverse community. And while we are all usually content to be self-sufficient, there are many aspects of our area that require a community focus, and the PLVC is a central means to addressing these common concerns. It would be my goal to develop this capacity and strengthen our collective influence in enhancing our quality of life.

I have previously served on the Council board as an LMC representative. This gave me a good view of current projects and showed me the potential PLVC has for making our community a truly vital and thriving place.

As an unincorporated village, we are dependent on the County and PLA for utility services and police/fire response. This means we need an organization that is able to monitor and support the community needs and keep the residents informed. The PLVC has a comprehensive view to ensure the needs of the whole community are considered and encompassed by the planning and implementing bodies involved. This is the goal I aim to pursue.

Furthermore, my recognition of our community as a diverse and wonderful citizenry means I can listen to the needs we have and work for the benefit and well-being of all. We are, indeed, more productive working together.

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Port Ludlow's Hidden Gem



Port Ludlow's Hidden Gem - Port Ludlow Art League Gallery.
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In some communities there are hidden gems that often go unnoticed. One such gem in Port Ludlow is the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. Art league members are often surprised to hear that many residents don't know about the gallery, so they would like to introduce or reintroduce you to this local gem.

Located next to the Sound Community Bank at 9500 Oak Bay Road, the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery is an artists' cooperative and has been servicing the community for over 15 years. The gallery's current hours are Tuesday through Friday from noon – 4 p.m. Artists accept cash and checks and there is an ATM next to the gallery for customers.

The gallery features artwork from artists who live in Port Ludlow and surrounding communities. These artists and gifted crafters offer unique, one-of-a-kind artwork at affordable prices.

Whether you have a small area that needs that certain piece to complete the look or a wall that needs a statement piece, you can find it at the gallery. The gallery features wall art in a variety of mediums and sizes, including acrylic, oil, watercolor, photography and mixed media.

In addition to wall art, the gallery is Port Ludlow's own local gift store with something special for all your gift giving needs. From housewarming, host and hostess gifts, special occasions or holidays, the gallery has everything from greeting cards to jewelry, including fused glass pieces, ceramics, handcrafted knitwear, stained glass, and wooden vessels. At the gallery, there's something for any occasion and budget.

Gallery inventory changes on a regular basis so there's always something new and exciting to see and discover. The best part of shopping at the gallery is that you'll be supporting the local art community and delighting family, friends, and neighbors with your thoughtful purchases.

With the approaching holidays, the Art League will be hosting a Holiday Open House at the gallery on **Wednesday, December 11** with extended hours from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. Enjoy a festive beverage and snack while you shop for the perfect gift.

On the second Wednesday of every month from 4 – 6 p.m., the Art League hosts an Artists of the Month reception at the Sound Community Bank and gallery where you can meet the artists and join in a fun social gathering. For information about art league's events and classes that are open to everyone, please visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League's Artist of the Month - Larry Davidson



Floral Flight, by Larry Davidson.

Submitted photo

Larry's paintings are created using a multitude of digital brushes and other tools that enable him to paint directly into a digital image. Other areas of Larry's paintings are developed from extractions of his photographs and watercolors, and then added to the composition. Images are then printed on metal, high luster art paper, or canvas, and framed to present the final painting.

In producing his art exhibit, Larry took inspiration from botanical gardens but departed from literal depictions of plant life. Instead, he reimagined florae using new techniques in lighting and rendering with a generous bit of whimsy. Larry hopes to inspire experienced and emerging artists to explore the innovative techniques associated with digital brushes and mixed media

painted directly on images. Without a doubt, viewers will be captivated by his unique approach to the creative process.

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

A reception for Larry is set for 4 – 5 p.m., **Wednesday, November 13**, in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is open Tuesday through Friday, noon – 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League's Jeweler of the Month – Maria McGrane



Jewelry by Maria McGrane.

Submitted photo

Maria has been incorporating diverse techniques and styles of fabrication and design into her fused glass jewelry since she first borrowed her father's hammer and a bit of leftover wire in high school. Maria states, "I'm drawn to the myriad colors and textures found in gemstone beads, as well as art glass."

Maria began working with glass 15 years ago and was fascinated by the unique physics and chemistry of glass subjected

to high temperatures during kiln firing. After assembling the components of a piece, Maria places it in a kiln where it's fired in a five- to six-step process over 14 to 24 hours at 1375 to 1500 degrees Fahrenheit, and then cooled to anneal or strengthen the glass. Maria often incorporates fine silver wires into her jewelry pieces before she adds precious metal findings and beads. For Maria, the alchemical reaction that takes place when someone finds one of her jewelry pieces that speaks to them is the final step in her artistic process.

During November, Maria's jewelry will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, Sound Community Bank, and online at portludlowart.org.

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Port Ludlow Art League November Program Meeting Speaker – Melissa Klein



The Port Ludlow Art League welcomes Melissa Klein as their speaker for the November Program Meeting. Melissa is a working artist who learned that much of the advice she was given as a young artist about making a career in the arts hasn't worked for her. In fact, she learned that the more she broke the rules of how to make it as an artist, the better she did. Melissa states, "I learned how to reach my audience and communicate my vision without selling my soul."

Melissa forged her path as a full-time artist through trial and error, looking at business models in other fields and working with a business coach. Melissa found that creating opportunities and collaborating with individuals and organizations was essential.

In her presentation, Melissa will bust some myths and identify pitfalls she encountered when following the usual advice given to artists on how to be successful. She'll relate what's worked for her as she transitioned from being a casual artist to a full-time, professional artist. Melissa invites attendees to bring pen and paper for some prompted exercises.

The program meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 20**, from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Beach Club. The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow. Guests are welcome to attend for a \$5 fee. For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.

Save the Date - Holiday Art Fair at the Beach Club

The Port Ludlow Beach Club will host the annual Holiday Art Fair sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League on **Saturday, December 7** from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Enhance your holiday gift shopping this season by selecting unique works of art created by local artists. You'll also have the opportunity to help raise funds for the Port Ludlow Art League Scholarship Fund that benefits Jefferson County residents.

The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please visit portludlowart.org

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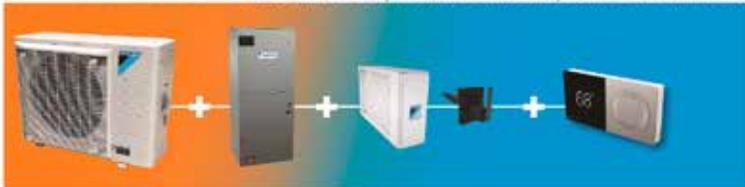
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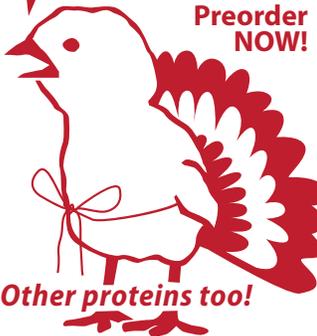


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Features & Stories

National Museum of the American Indian

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

On the morning of September 21, 2004, about 20,000 Native Americans and Pacific Islanders convened on the National Mall along Independence Avenue to prepare for their march to celebrate the official opening of the National Museum of the American Indian (NMAI). The morning air was cool and crisp, an auspicious start to a pleasant late summer weekend of celebratory activities on the mall.



It was an important occasion for me given that my career began in 1975 at the Public Health Service Hospital in Bethel, Alaska, as a physician in the Indian Health Service. From that day on, I had a vested interest in the struggle of Native Americans in their fight to regain control of their rights, culture, and dignity. This day marked a major milestone in that struggle, and I had the good fortune to be in Washington, D.C. to witness it.

The journey to the creation of the NMAI began with a visit to the Museum of the American Indian in New York City by twenty-year old Suzan Shown Harjo (Cheyenne and Hodugee Muscogee). This was Harjo's first visit to the privately endowed museum which opened in 1922 to exhibit George Gustav Heye's extensive collection of Native American artifacts which he collected while working as a mining engineer in Arizona. With Heye's death in 1957 and the loss of two wealthy benefactors, the museum was struggling to maintain its collection of over 800,000 items. The occasion of the visit was her mother's birthday, but their impression of what they saw was hardly a cause

for celebration. They both left with a feeling that the museum's display of the artifacts was profane and sacrilegious to their culture. One display that left an indelible impression on Harjo was that of "a young Cheyenne girl's dress displayed with dead rust patterns surrounding a bullet hole where her belly had been." What Harjo saw distressed her greatly. She sought the counsel of the tribal elders about what she had seen and what to do about it. From those discussions she became one of the leading advocates for reparation of Indigenous remains that had been collected by museums and universities for study and display.

Harjo was appointed a Congressional liaison for Indian affairs in 1978 by President Jimmy Carter to advocate for Native American positions in the development of federal policies. Her successful lobbying led to the passage of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act in 1978. In 1984, Harjo, now the Executive Director of National Congress of American Indians and a trustee of the Museum of the American Indian, met with Robert Adams, the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institutions. Since its inception in 1846, this was the first time that the Secretary met with an indigenous Native representative. She discussed with Adams several areas of concern which included: the care, treatment, and display of Native objects; return of Native human remains and sacred objects held by the Smithsonian museums; fostering the development of relationships with Native peoples and their cultural institutions; and having the Smithsonian assume the care and storage of the extensive collection housed at the Museum of the American Indian. Over the years she was encouraged by the changes made at the Smithsonian, but she needed a stronger advocate to enact legislation that would lead to the creation of a National Museum of the American Indian.

She found that advocate in Senator Daniel K. Inouye who assumed the chairmanship of the Senate Indian Affairs Committee in January 1987. Harjo remembered him this way, "What was wonderful to me about Senator Inouye was his respect for us, the way he listened to our oral history, the way he understood it, and the way he identified with what we were trying to accomplish when it came down to human remains, and to property, and to sacred objects and all those things."

Two years after assuming the chairmanship of the committee, Inouye sponsored a bill which became Public Law 101-185. Public Law 101-185, also cited as the "National Museum of the American Indian Act," passed both houses of the 101st Congress and was signed into law by George H.W. Bush on November 28, 1989. The bill included such key components as: reparation of ancestral remains and sacred objects; assimilation of the collection of the Museum of the American Indian into the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian; Native American representation among the Board of Trustees and in the management of the museum; and funds for a physical structure

to be built on the National Mall. The Act also addressed the issue stipulated in George Gustav Heye's will that his collection would remain in New York City, and the problem of an inadequate storage facility in the Bronx.



In 1994 the first phase of the National Museum of the American Indian was realized with the opening of the George Gustav Heye Center in the refurbished Alexander Hamilton Custom House in New York City. Phase two was accomplished in 1999 with the opening of the Cultural Resources Center in Suitland, Maryland. This modern state-of-the-art facility insured the proper care and maintenance of all of the artifacts, photos and archival material as well as serving as the technological resource to its other branches. Phase 3, the flagship of the Museum of the American Indian, opened on September 21, 2004, on the National Mall. The five-story curvilinear building designed to represent natural rock formations shaped by wind and water faces east toward the Capitol Building.

Now 20 years old, the National Museum of the American Indian still struggles with how to depict the history of its people. The current curators have decided on art and material culture as a window into Native life and culture instead of displays and stories of the five hundred years of colonial exploitation, broken treaties, and genocide and its impact on their descendants. For Jacki Thompson Rand (Choctaw), Associate Professor of American Indian Studies at University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, this represents a broken promise to its elders to tell their true stories. Native artist, Jolene Rickard (Tuscarora Nation, Turtle clan) and Associate Professor of Art history at Cornell University presents an opposing view in saying, "There are other places where you can learn the exact dates of the Trail of Tears. It's less important to me that someone leave this museum knowing all about Wounded Knee than they leave knowing what it takes to survive that kind of tragedy." What is the right story to tell and how receptive will our nation be to hear it is also about what we are as a country. For the present it is enough that there is a place where these stories can be told by the people who deserve to tell it.

What's Up, Neighbor?

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer

When your guard is down, isn't that often when you meet that special someone? Because you're *not* looking? That's how it was for Rob Rigoni and Cynthia Shaffer. They first met at the Tempest Lounge in Tacoma, a place well known for hip crowds and live music. Rob was tuning his acoustic guitar for a solo when he noticed Cynthia sitting at a table with her friend. He introduced himself, and they found they had things in common, like Port Clinton, Ohio, where Rob was born. It was the same place Cynthia's family used to go for fishing excursions.

A week later, they would get together at Tacoma's now-closed Mandolin Café, where Rob would give his phone number to Cynthia's friend in case Cynthia wanted to go on a date later. He says he didn't want to appear too forward. Cynthia laughs and says he was old-fashioned and wanted permission from her friend, whom Rob also knew because she was friends with members of Rob's band.

They've been together since 2008 but, to them, it seems longer. They finish each other's sentences when they're sharing stories, with transitions so smooth it's clear they're in sync with each other. Maybe it's because they've played together in a couple of bands.

Rob used to have a cover band focused on playing popular music for corporate parties and destination weddings, but when his keyboard player left the group and they still had gigs lined up for the next year-and-a-half, Rob talked Cynthia into joining his band. He gave her two-hour lessons on the keyboard, putting painter's tape on the keys so she'd know what chords to play. Cynthia says that she wrote four songs practicing those chords, songs they still perform today with their band, Budapest West.

Cynthia's first gig was with Rob's cover band. They were playing at the Civic Center in Helena, Montana, a beautiful Moorish Revival building with a tall spire. Cynthia had massive stage fright looking out at the audience of 700 people and, until that moment, her musical experience had been limited to playing the flute in high school, singing in the choir, and practicing those chords Rob had taught her. Rob says the only solution was what he called "baptism by fire," so he started playing his guitar, hoping she'd join him. And she did. When people in the audience started dancing, Cynthia found her voice and began to sing.

Today, their focus is on Budapest West, a band Rob started in 1999. The band's first CD was released in 2002. It's called *Letters From Afar*, and it's all instrumental. When you listen to the music, you'll feel as though you're taking a spin around the world, a journey only limited by your imagination.

Budapest West is a four-person world progressive rock band with acoustic and electric guitars, mandolin, drums, keys, bass, and old-world instruments like the tenortrope, and the hurdy-gurdy that Cynthia plays – a wheel fiddle with a keyboard and drone strings that's reminiscent of a bagpipe's haunting sounds. Rob plays the tenortrope, a cross between a tenor guitar and a banjo.

Rob has always been into music. He grew up in Port Clinton, on the shores of Lake Erie. He says that, when he was growing up, his dad always encouraged him to do what he loved, but he suspects his dad was probably thinking of something more practical than being in a band. But Rob's heart was into music, so he studied jazz guitar and music technology at Bowling Green State University, and in 1992, he moved to Washington during the height of the music explosion in Seattle. Rob is a graduate of the Pacific Northwest Film Scoring Institute in Seattle. He even opened for a few well-known bands, like Nazareth and Blue Oyster Cult. It's always been about the music.



Rob Rigoni and Cynthia Shaffer at the Port Ludlow Marina.
Submitted photo

Cynthia took a different route. She grew up in Fort Collins, Colorado, and she says she never liked the winters. It's the sky, the trees, the water, and the air in Washington that she loves. Cynthia is currently the Director of People and Performance for the city of Port Townsend and has worked in Human Resources for universities and local governments for 30 years. She has an undergraduate degree in psychology, and advanced degrees in human resources and education, and she loves working with people and organizations. But when Cynthia's not at her day job, she gets to unleash her creative side that was dormant until Rob re-awakened it. When Cynthia taps into that energy, it flows through the music she writes.

Rob feels lucky to still be doing what he loves. Yes, he's older and more mature now, but he says that with age comes a more philosophical interpretation, and he brings this into the music. By channeling that perspective, he and Cynthia can transport people to a different place and time where they can feel and experience wonderful things.

Rob and Cynthia moved to Woodridge Village from Gig Harbor about a year ago. They feel like they're part of the community, and Cynthia loves all the nature surrounding them – the trees, the view from their deck, and the animals that wander through their yard on their way to somewhere else. It feels like a secret, magical place.

The boy who dreamed of the Pacific Northwest after he read a book on Lewis and Clark would move to Seattle when he was 25 years old. The girl who loved music would rediscover it when she met someone who inspired her to sing. Their rescue dog, a larger-than-life Pomeranian found abandoned in a Texas field, is called Apollo, the patron of music and poetry. All of that sounds like serendipity to me.

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

Planning and Planting Flowering Bulbs in Your Garden

by Dodie Osborn, Guest Writer

It is that time of year to plant your flower bulbs. Bulbs are the garden's magical plants. Like other long-lived perennials, bulbs grow and flower, and then become dormant. Inside their plump storage roots, each cell is arranged so that the next season's blossoms will appear on schedule. Bulbs can be neatly divided into two groups: spring flowering bulbs such as daffodils and tulips, and summer flowering bulbs such as lilies. The three most popular bulbs are daffodils, tulips, and Asiatic lilies. Choose your bulbs' planting sites with good drainage in mind.

To create bold splashes of color, locate like bulbs together in groups of three to five bulbs. With a little planning, you can have daffodils in mid-spring, tulips a few weeks later, and wonderful lilies from early to mid-summer. All are beautiful in the garden and make great cut flowers. To help your bulbs prosper year after year, let them hold onto their leaves until they naturally turn yellow and begin to die back. To keep the planting area neat, I sometimes tie up the plant and the leaves, so they are not flopping on the ground, and when they have turned yellow, I cut them at the soil line.

If you choose a good site and plant lilies carefully, they will continue to grow in your summer garden year after year. When a lily is happy, the number of flowers and stems it produces will increase every season. These bulbs must have excellent drainage, and the soil should be moist and cool. In most areas, lilies grow best with a half-day of sun. You can plant lilies in late fall or very early spring. Asiatic hybrids are vigorous and dependable in a wide range of climates.

All the above bulbs, if planted with a good garden plan, will provide you with a beautiful spring and summer garden to enjoy through the growing season.

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Recreation & Sports

Thank You, Friends

by Greg Buscher, Port Ludlow Yacht Club Communication Manager

There's a lot going on, even with summer fading on us. Or maybe it just feels that way as we squeeze in the last fair-weather adventures of the year. Either way it's a lot, and summer has been a lot of fun. Fall season now lets us ease up a bit and realize again, multiple times a day, how lucky we are to live here, and to be among such a large (and growing) group of great friends.

On **Thursday, November 21**, PLYC will hold its annual Friendsgiving Holiday Dinner at the Wreck Room. This event is an occasion for members to recognize, thank, and celebrate with other members who helped us this year, brought us happiness, wisdom, or just made us better. It's sure to be a very special evening.

And while on the topic of thanks, PLYC greatly appreciates community interest in the club. The PLYC open house held a couple of weeks ago was a huge success, thanks to the efforts of sponsoring members and all those who attended. The atmosphere was lively, the deck was packed, and the appetizer spread was amazing. We are delighted to report that five new membership applications were received, triggered by that fantastic event.

Happy Thanksgiving and Smooth Sailing to all!

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

Escape Shots

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC

There are a certain number of shots that require more than the usual planning, and when the situation presents itself, understanding how to escape can save you strokes.

We've all been out there when our golf ball finds its way into the rough, and now with a tree in the way or maybe a small bush. At Port Ludlow, it may be a stump! Worse yet, maybe we are under the tree and need to punch out to safety.

Let's talk about what to do and how to do it. First, and most importantly, be realistic in your expectations and ability to hit the shot you are about to try. With anything that sits between us and our goal, the choices are most likely over, under, or around. The goal is to limit the damage, don't be a hero!

- Going over – make sure you have enough loft to *easily* make it over.

- Going under – you need enough loft to get it airborne, but not too much resulting in the ball hitting the tree.
- Going around – pick a target, estimate the distance, and choose a club that makes it easy and safe to get there.

Always leave plenty of room when playing an escape shot. It's always a good rule of thumb to not follow a bad shot with a dumb shot. See you on the trails!

Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Nuerenberg, Port Ludlow Hiking Club

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

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

Friday, November 8 – Ranger Hole and Murhut Falls

These are two easy hikes west of Brinnon. The first tracks along the Duckabush River and is 2.1 miles and 200 feet elevation gain. The Ranger Hole is a turbulent fishing hole that was used in the early 20th century and is the objective of this hike.

The second hike is near Murhut Falls and is an easy walk of 1.6 miles round trip with an elevation gain of about 300 feet. The Falls represent an upper fall of over 100 feet and a lower fall of about 30 feet. No parking pass required. Contact Jeff Regan, 360-215-0745 or Joyce Knight, 206-999-6768 if you have any questions.

Friday, November 22 – Mt. Townsend

The Mount Townsend Trail is 6 miles round trip with 2,200 feet of elevation change. Once you get above the tree line at around the 1-mile mark, there are beautiful views of the surrounding area. If you decide not to reach the 6,280-foot summit, you will still have a great hike. The first part of the hike will be in the lee of the mountain and is steep in places, so I will be taking it gracefully. I met a lot of eager pups on this dog friendly trail. Bring plenty of water because the mountain is very dry, and the last half will be in full sun. The last three miles of the gravel road to the trailhead are a bit rough; no problem for ordinary vehicles but we'll need

to take it slow. There is no requirement for a Forest Service Pass or other pass. There are no facilities at the trailhead. Hike Leader: Ken Nelsen, 206-369-3561.

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

PLWGA News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson



The Northern Lights (L to R): Gina Gutler, Sharon Russell, Mandy Whipple, Cheri Wight, Peggy Selby, Linda Aho, Diane Kobz, Sue Fechner, Kathy Traci.

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (PLWGA) announced the 2024 award winners at their French-themed October Awards Dinner titled *Bienvenue aux Golfeuses* (Welcome Lady Golfers). PLWGA members enjoyed a Beef Bourguignon dinner with salad, followed by a chocolate truffle dessert prepared by Rick Unrue, formerly of the Belmont Hotel.

Tournament Chairs Sue Fechner and Diane Germain announced the results for the season's Birdies tally, and as of September 27, the results were as follows: Mandy Whipple (8), Debi Bozanic (3), Lucinda Thompson (3), Sue Fechner (3), Bonnie Vahcic (2), Teri Gangi (2), Cyndy Kelly (1), and Turney Oswald (1). There was a total of 23 birdies for the 2024 Season.

Lucinda Thompson was crowned the PLWGA Club Champion and Sue Fechner was crowned the Captain's Cup Club Champion. Captain Bonnie Vahcic was presented with an appreciation gift from the membership.

The Spring Eclectic Low Gross winner was Teri Gangi, Low Net Flight 1's winner was Sue Fechner, and Low Net Flight 2's winner was Linda Aho. The Summer Eclectic Low Gross winner was Mandy Whipple, Low Net Flight 1's winner was Turney Oswald, and Low Net Flight 2's winner was Meryl Friedman. The 2024 Most Improved PLWGA golfer of the season was Bonnie Vahcic. Since Bonnie already has a low handicap, it is more difficult for her to improve her handicap than a high handicap player.

The Northern Lights won the All-Star Cup Tournament. Better luck next year to the Shooting Stars! The Ryder Cup Tournament was enjoyed by all men's and women's league members who participated. Team Timber won over Team Tide in the Ryder Cup Tournament and the Battle of Port Ludlow, a two-day Match Play Tournament, pitted the women's league with 17 match wins vs. the men's league with 7 match wins.

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

Niners' News

by Kathy Traci, Niners' Publicity Chairperson

The Niners' Captain Cup winners were announced at the October Awards Banquet. Barbara Burke was the ladies' Captain Cup winner, and Jim Laker was the men's. The scores on three specific days during the season were accumulated, and the winners turned in the lowest total net scores. Most Improved Niners were Mary Jo Rablin and Jim Laker. Eclectic winners were Doug Fett and Mary Jo Rablin. These two eclectic winners improved the most on individual holes during the 2024 season.

The following members shot one birdie this season: Jim Laker, Cheri Wight, Don Abbott, Gary Armour, John Bockoven, and Dave Aho. Doug Durasoff shot two birdies on September 19.

The End-of-the-Season Oktoberfest Banquet was enjoyed by all. Niners' Captain Barb Burke was presented with a gift of appreciation from the Niners League members.

Off-season casual play opportunities will be emailed to interested league members via *Golf Genius*. Members need to contact Linda Haskin to receive these weekly golf invitations. Non-members who wish to play with the Port Ludlow Women's League in the off-season need to contact the PLGC pro shop. PL Golf Course membership is not a requirement for casual play.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



Trails is continuing to check off items from its September *Voice* to-do list. This past month, we completed numbers 6, 7, and 8. OK, OK, “What the heck were 6, 7, and 8?” you may ask, and rightly so. That was two months ago—two issues ago and sometimes we can’t even remember why we walked into another room in present time.

No. 6 was ‘Level ground for picnic table installation at junction of McCormick Loop and McCormick Rail Trail.’ That one’s done. No. 7 was ‘Transport and install said picnic table.’ That one’s done, too. This issue’s picture shows the table ready to receive those hikers that want to sit and enjoy the food and beverage they brought with them. (Remember—Pack it In, Pack it Out.)

No. 8 was ‘Install another seating bench along McCormick Rail Trail (this one adjacent to the creek at water level view).’ That’s done too. This is a beautiful spot near the water with a seating bench to view upstream one of the many shallow rapids on Ludlow Creek and downstream a large fallen log that spans the creek.

In conjunction with the above, we also mowed and weed-whacked the following trails for this year’s Volkswalk group that was invited to our trails over a 17-day period: Timberton Loop, Timberton Homes, McCormick Loop, and McCormick Rail Trail.

And, believe it or not, by the time this November “Trail Mix” is published, No. 2 will be completed as well. What was No. 2? ‘Build a bridge from Interpretive Trail across Ludlow Creek to connect to McCormick Rail Trail.’ Yes, the much-promoted bridge will be in place. We will have a picture for the December Trail Mix.

So, Trails has been up to its usual busy Fun Days, always trying to improve our local trail system of over 30 miles and counting right here at home in *A Village In The Woods By The Bay*.

If you would like to help, send me an e-mail at mclgscott@cablespeed.com. “Let’s Keep Improving our Trail.”

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Baha’i Conference Elects National Delegate

by Elaine Phillips, Guest Writer

On October 5 in Port Ludlow 57 Baha’is from the Olympic Peninsula gathered at the perfect venue, the Bay Club, under colorful banners, international flags, with jazz musicians and a salmon feast. Arthur Fernandez-Scarberry of Olympia was elected as delegate to the Baha’i United States National Spiritual Assembly (NSA). Baha’is come from virtually every ethnic, racial, and tribal background, and the delegates elected to the USA NSA reflect the diversity seen in 176 NSAs worldwide.

In addition to the sacred task of casting ballots, the Electoral Convention was a “Festival of Music, Art, and Love,” a spiritual conference with consultation, music, and art. “This has been the best Baha’i Convention I’ve been to in all my 50 years!” exclaimed Urla Morgan of Gig Harbor. The song books, the salmon, the flowers, bookstore, crafts and banners, she loved and photographed them all. The colorful decor and picturesque forested bay, welcomed travelers peninsula-wide.

Every year, each regional Baha’i community elects a representative who possesses the necessary qualities of selfless devotion, a well-trained mind, recognized ability and mature experience. Picture an election where no campaigning is allowed and donations contribute to the beautiful venue and salmon feast. Each person votes for the individual they think is best qualified and consultation invites learning to unite hearts. “Love was the main theme of our annual USA Baha’i National Convention,” stated Arthur Fernandez-Scarberry. At a time when trust in government is eroding worldwide, and when the electoral process in many nations has become discredited due to corruption, this new model of governance can serve as an antidote to apathy, alienation, and despair.

Paul Bowly of the Jamestown Skallam tribe welcomed the exceptionally diverse group with Native American drumming. We are carrying forward that spirit of unity and love, through ongoing devotions for world peace, and classes for ‘Reflections on the Life of the Spirit’ in the months ahead.

For information about Olympic Peninsula Baha’i, contact Earl Henrikson at 206-235-0823 or Kathryn Neal 360-385-0169.

Functional Arts of Quimper - Fine Furniture and Sculpture Show



The first annual Functional Arts of Quimper exhibit showcases world class furniture, metalwork, and sculpture from local artisans John P. McCormack, Gunter Reimnitz, and Darin Clark. These artisans have formal training from among the most acclaimed art and design schools in the country including The Rhode Island School of Design, The North Bennet Street

School in Boston, and the San Francisco Art Institute.

John P. McCormack makes things of truth and beauty using methods that honor the material. John states, “The life of my furniture is limited by the longevity of the wood itself.” John often brings his sense of humor and whimsy into his work. John also teaches design and woodworking at BARN on Bainbridge and offers private instruction in his workshop.

Born and raised on Kodiak Island, Alaska, Gunter Reimnitz, a fine metalsmith, spent his childhood fishing for salmon on a 42’ fishing boat with his family. Not surprisingly, marine life often shows up in his work along with his signature Abraham’s Crow clutching a red berry in its beak. Darin Clark has honed his woodworking skills crafting custom wood designs.

The public is invited to attend the show at the Cotton Building on 607 Water Street in Port Townsend, on **Saturday, November 2**, 11 a.m. – 7 p.m., and **Sunday, November 3**, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

For more information, please email mccormack.johnp@gmail.com.

Port Ludlow Art League - Upcoming Classes

Watercolor Paint Class – Friday, November 1,
10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Join us for a fun class with Pamela Raine to complete the *Wooly Warriors* watercolor painting. All supplies and instructions are provided for a fee. To register, please email info@portludlowart.org.

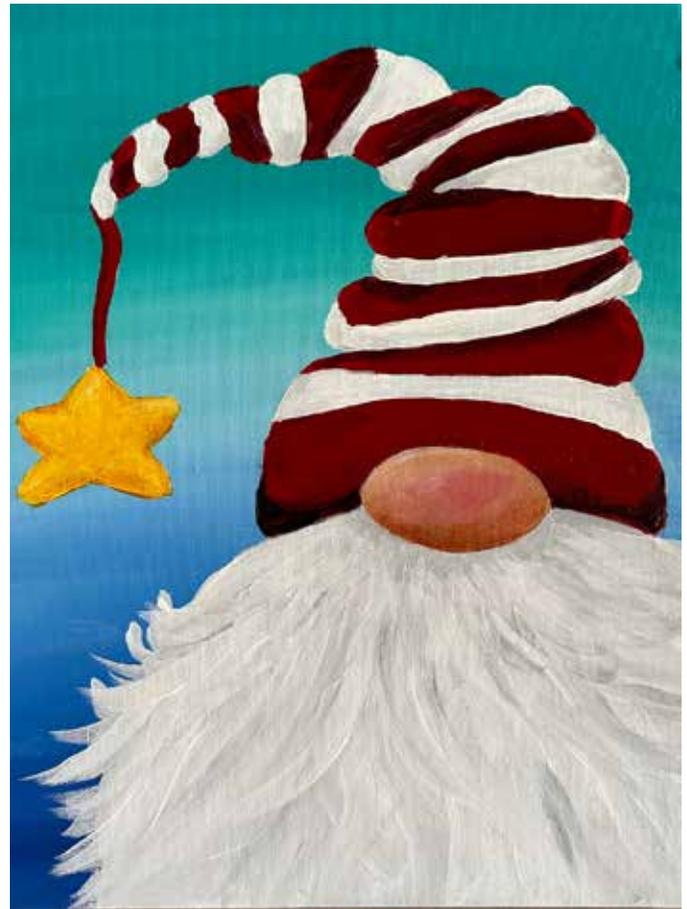
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Join us for a fun class with Shirley Bomgaars to complete the *Gnome-vember* acrylic painting. All supplies and instructions are provided for a fee. To register, please email info@portludlowart.org



Wooly Warriors, by Pamela Raine.

Submitted photos



Gnome-vember, by Shirley Bomgaars.

Bay Club Art Exhibit – Landscapes Real or Imagined



Painted Mountains, by Sheryl Goldsberry

Submitted photo

During November and December, the theme for the Port Ludlow Bay Club's art exhibit is Landscapes Real or Imagined. Perhaps this theme transports viewers to a tropical beach, fairies in an Irish forest, or outer space. This art exhibit is sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League.

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.

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Holidays on the Bay Fundraiser for Ludlow Village Players

by Stephen Browning, Guest writer

This year's Holidays on the Bay fundraiser for the Ludlow Village Players will feature an entertaining staged reading of *It's a Wonderful Life* in an abbreviated format adapted for radio by Joe Landry. The presentation will take place on **Friday, November 8** and **Saturday, November 9**, 7 p.m. at the Beach Club. The Beach Club is located on 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow.

The event will open with singers and musicians performing seasonal and popular music, followed by a brief intermission prior to the feature presentation. Performers include Melissa Denny, Glenn Gilbert, Jim Gormly, Jeff Groves, Christie Lang, and Madison Maxwell. The event and presentation is directed by Bridgehaven resident, Stephen Browning.

It's a Wonderful Life is a five-time Academy Award nominated film by Frank Capra. The 1946 production was based on the 1943 short story, *The Greatest Gift*, by Phillip Van Doran Stern, and originally inspired by the Charles Dicken's novella, *A Christmas Carol*. The film featured a cast of legendary Hollywood actors, including Jimmy Stewart, Donna Reed, Beulah Bondi, and Lionel Barrymore. The American Film Institute, stated, "This film is considered the most inspirational American film of all time."

The Ludlow Village Players, a 501(c)(3) non-profit, is a volunteer performing arts association dedicated to providing live theater for the entertainment and enrichment of our community. Show tickets are \$20 and support the organization's student scholarship program. Attendees can purchase tickets at the door or through Brown Paper Tickets at brownpapertickets.com/event/6458940. For more information, please visit ludlowvillageplayers.org.

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Northwind Art's Art Exhibits

Elemental is the current exhibit at Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery at 701 Water Street in Port Townsend. On display through **Monday, November 18**, the exhibit includes artwork from painter Jeanne Toal from Port Townsend and sculptor Jan Hoy from Coupeville on Whidbey Island. "The combination of earthy sculpture and light-filled paintings has made this exhibit very popular," said Northwind Art's spokesperson Diane Urbani.



The Rough Side of the Mountain, by Jeanne Toal.

On **Friday, November 22**, the 2024 Small Expressions show opens at Jeanette Best Gallery. The show got its name from the size of each piece that measures no more than 16 inches in any direction. This annual show features local and regional artists be they painters, printmakers, jewelers, photographers, or mixed media artists. Last year's show included more than 100 works, and this year's show is expected to be similar in size and diversity.

For more information about Northwind exhibits, please visit NorthwindArt.org.



Northwind Painting by Cathe Gill.

Submitted photos

Northwind Art School's Upcoming Classes

Northwind Art School's remodeled classrooms at Fort Worden State Park features a variety of classes for beginner through

advanced artists. Upcoming classes that range from afternoon workshops to weekend courses include:

- Dotted Mandalas on Stones with Carol Middleburg and Patricia Grainger, **November 2 and 3**
- Transitioning to Acrylic with Wayne Jiang (online), **November 2, 9, 16**
- Design in Landscape Painting with Catherine Gill, **November 9 and 10**
- Writing Inspired by Art with Joanne Clarkson, at Jeanette Best Gallery, **November 11**
- Understanding Composition with Nonie Gaines, **November 17**
- Collage Holiday Cards with Anne Schneider and Carol Nielsen, **December 3**
- Transparency Stars with Meg Kaczyk, **December 12**

For information about class dates, times, teachers, and curriculum, please visit northwindart.org/collections/courses.

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