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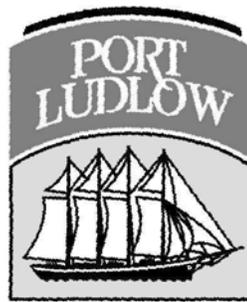
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Sol Duc Falls

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News & Community

Editorial

by Mary Ronen, Editorial Staff

Today, I am feeling somewhat optimistic. It has been warmer and sunnier, yet not too hot as to be uncomfortable—we finally could be heading into summer. While warmer and drier conditions are much appreciated, caution is in order as there are still the threats of possible wildfires.

The August *Voice* is packed cover to cover with something for everyone. Learn about some fun things to do here at home and nearby, such as local art fairs and exhibits, and concerts (some free). The library offers discussions and a book sale. You can go hiking (see the Sports and Recreation section for more information). Carol Riley wrote about dining at Spirits Bar & Grill at the Old Alcohol Plant in Port Hadlock.

Look for information on the upcoming Community Opportunity Fair, a chance to meet representatives from Port Ludlow clubs and organizations. There will be entertainment, raffles, and more.

As I am putting this issue of the *Voice* together, I am encouraged to see that more and more organizations are coming back with folks beginning to meet in person. At the same time, I know these clubs and organizations rely on volunteers to do the work. Many of our volunteers have moved away, and some have passed away. I would like to mention some whom I personally knew and who were exceptional and invaluable to our community. One was Bernie Kestler, a member of the Port Ludlow Computer Club (recently known as DigitalLife). Bernie taught beginner computer courses through the club for almost two decades on a pro-bono basis benefiting more than 800 local students, myself included. Jack Randall was one of the founders of the Olympic Peninsula Bluebills. Bob Reasoner was another dedicated volunteer with the Bluebills in his work with the STEM program. He singlehandedly raised money for every eighth grader in Jefferson County to spend a day at the Seattle Museum of Flight.

As I reflect on the contributions of these volunteers and the countless others who keep our community vibrant, I do wonder who will step up to help keep Port Ludlow moving forward. The Number One concern of every organization I talk to is how difficult it is to attract volunteers. Please think about the things you love about this community and find a way to share your time and talents to ensure we not only hold on to them but make them better.

I hope that you enjoy this issue of the *Voice*. It is my pleasure to work with our dedicated volunteer staff in putting it together for you.

Submit your articles by email to
newseditor@plvoice.org by the 8th of the preceding month.

Singing Group Seeks Director and Performers

The Port Ludlow Singers are in need of a volunteer director to lead a chorus of soprano, alto, tenor, and bass voices.

The group also is looking for more singers. They meet on Wednesdays from 4 to 6 p.m. Performances are usually on Wednesday afternoons at retiree facilities in Port Townsend and Kitsap County.

Interested singers or potential directors with experience leading a singing group can email Cheryl Wheeler at cwheeler@broadstripe.net.

The Port Ludlow Singers will be represented at the Community Opportunity Fair on **Wednesday, August 3**, from 4 to 6:30 p.m.

The Midnight Library—A Twist on Life and Death

Martha's Book Group will discuss Matt Haig's *The Midnight Library* on **Tuesday, August 9**. Now in paperback edition, Haig's innovative book has been on the *New York Times* best-sellers list for the past 40 weeks.

We all have one life to live. We make choices along the way that ultimately determine our fate. In this novel Nora Seed makes a tragic choice to end her life prematurely, only to find herself in the Midnight Library.

The Midnight Library is an afterlife created by the fertile imagination of Matt Haig. It's a place filled with books and staffed by Nora's former school librarian. The books present alternatives to Nora's fateful decision and provide insights into ways her life could have changed.

Haig explores this intriguing complexity without resorting to a maudlin conclusion. All are welcome to join the discussion, which will be held in the Bay Club at 3:30 p.m.

Be Safe While Walking Reminder

Pedestrians should always walk facing oncoming traffic. Remember, you can't see what's coming behind you!

Today's Chemakum Portrayed in Exhibit



Rosalee Walz, Chemakum tribal chair and author of the book Still Here.

A photography collection called “Still Here: Portraits of the Chemakum” was recently exhibited at Chimacum Junior/Senior High School. The pictures, taken by Brian Goodman, were each printed more than five feet tall and hung from the rafters of the school commons.

The collection shows today's vibrant descendants of the earlier Chemakum who, with the Quileute, once occupied the whole north end of the

Olympic Peninsula. The Chemakum who gravitated to the Chimacum-Port Townsend area were eventually massacred by the Suquamish, Klallam, Makah, and Snohomish.



Chemakum descendants Cindy Sylvester and her kids (top to bottom): Azuriah, Phineas, and Zishe.

Photos by Brian Goodman/League of Extraordinary Observers
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Surviving Chemakum leaders signed the Treaty of Point No Point in 1855. In the early 1870s Chemakum longhouses

were still standing, but all longhouses in Port Townsend were burned to the ground in 1871. In subsequent years, the Chemakum were left out of the history books and even described as “extinct.” But they were not, in fact, extinct.

Despite immense adversity the people persevere, and the photo exhibit was a testament to their resilience. More than 250 community members attended the “Still Here” opening ceremony, which featured traditional stories and prayers. Toward the end of the event, two Quileute tribal members welcomed the Chemakum people home with an honor song, a wolf song, and a canoe song.

Chemakum representatives called the Chimacum School District the “heart center of the community,” with staff and students enthusiastically responding to the exhibit. School librarian Michele Moriarty said, “What an incredible event to be connected with. Thank you for connecting our school community to this important work of healing on so many levels.” Another staff member, music teacher Garth Gourley, added, “This is by far the neatest community event I’ve seen our school be an integral part of during my time here.”

The project grew out of the Quimper Unitarian Universalist Native Connections Action Group, which organized the Chemakum History Group and invited the descendants and others to participate. The group exists to educate about Chemakum history, find the truth, and seek social justice. Among those participating in the history project was photographer Kerry Tremain of the League of Extraordinary Observers, who suggested taking the photographs of today's Chemakum people. To view a sampling of the portraits, see leophoto.org/chemakum.

Contributors to this article included Rosalee Walz – Chemakum tribal chair; James Harvey – historian for the Chemakum story; Maria Mendes – facilitator; Quimper Unitarian Universalist Chemakum History Group; and Scott Mauk – superintendent, Chimacum School District.

Paper Arts to Welcome Old Friends, New Members

On **Thursday, September 1**, the Port Ludlow Paper Arts Club is resuming in-person meetings on the first Thursday of each month. Members are asked to bring scissors, glue stick or glue tape, and pencils to the meetings, which will be held at the Bay Club from 10 a.m. to noon.

At the September meeting, the group will work on a special paper craft, and plan the programs for the rest of the year. Members will also be welcome to share examples of their work created over the past two years.

For questions, or to be added to the group's email list, please contact Laura Paul at rlplep@yahoo.com or Alice Clive at foureyes22@outlook.com.

Jefferson Healthcare to Expand and Modernize

by Marie Bogan, Staff Writer

Jefferson Healthcare recently completed a series of virtual meetings to get community feedback on upcoming changes to their Port Townsend medical center complex. The two most significant changes would call for replacement of a 1965-era building and retrofit of a 1988-era building.

In one of the sessions, Jefferson Healthcare CEO Mike Glenn said that a 2015 engineering evaluation had determined those two buildings to be “seismically vulnerable structures.” He called the report “pretty daunting,” and added that the engineers advised renovation within seven to ten years.

The modernization initiative also includes plans to relocate or expand critical infrastructure including the OB/GYN clinic, Express Clinic, MRI services, surgery pre-op, vascular imaging, and the hospital café.

While Jefferson County’s population increased by five percent over the last eight years, Jefferson Healthcare’s inpatient and outpatient volume rose by nearly 100 percent in the same time frame. Hospital officials said the growth was due largely to the organization’s focus on new specialty services including primary/specialty/surgical care, urgent and emergency care, home health services, and hospice. Jefferson Healthcare has become the predominant provider of those services in eastern Jefferson County, now serving a population of over 31,000 residents.

To keep pace with ever-growing patient needs, the medical center is proposing the addition of even more services—the ones that residents frequently access outside the county—such as ear, nose & throat, neurology, pulmonology, and geriatric specialties. The organization is also considering new oncology space for a linear accelerator and radiation.

“We are trying to keep our ear close to the ground in understanding the needs of the community,” said Glenn, adding, “we don’t want patients leaving our community for care.”

The online sessions did not address cost or final building plans. Glenn explained that the project team would relay feedback to the design-build team, who will then provide initial renderings and costs to share via additional community meetings. Information gleaned from that round of input will determine financing avenues for the project.

“We are not asking the community for \$100 million,” said Glenn, adding that potential funding sources might include Jefferson Healthcare cash reserves, its foundation and debt

capacity, state and federal grants, as well as a possible bond measure in the fall. Glenn, who reported that work will begin in 2023, concluded by saying “It’s a big deal.”

To find out more or share feedback about the proposed projects, see jeffersonhealthcare.org/modernization.

Library Lineup Includes Prestigious Writer

Jefferson County Library is sponsoring these events and services:

Live Online Author Talk – Wednesday, August 3, 11 a.m. to noon. Dr. Marcia Chatelain will discuss her Pulitzer prize-winning book, *Franchise: The Golden Arches in Black America*. Chatelain, an accomplished scholar of African American life and culture, is a frequent public speaker with expertise in food justice, race and ethnicity, and urban policy. She consults for many media outlets including *The Atlantic*, C-Span, MSNBC, CNN, and BBC America. Registration is required. See the library website for more details.

Online Book Discussion – Thursday, August 4, from 6:15 to 7:45 p.m. Adult summer readers will discuss *World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments*, an outdoor-themed book by Aimee Nezhukumatathil.

Book Sale – Saturday, August 6, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friends of the Library will hold a book sale in the bookmobile garage. The sale will include used books, audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs. All proceeds will support the Jefferson County Library District.

One-on-One Free Tech Support – Jamie Pena, the library’s digital equity navigator, is available for drop-in and scheduled appointments at Jefferson County Library, Port Townsend Library, Quilcene Community Center, and Brinnon Community Center. She can help with low-income connectivity applications and provide basic tech support on a variety of devices.

WSU Seed Library – The bookmobile will continue to deliver a variety of seeds provided by Washington State University Seed Library. As patrons watch their plants mature, they set aside a portion of their generated seeds to go back to WSU for next year’s borrowers. Contact WSU for complete details and schedules.

The library, located at 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock, can be contacted at 360-385-6544 or information@jclibrary.info. View the full event calendar at jclibrary.info.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue	
Alarm Statistics June 2022	
Alarms	
Fires	4
Rescue/Emergency Medical	63
Service Call/Good Intent	9
False Alarms	3
Hazmat	2
Total Alarms	81
Ambulance Transports	
Jefferson Healthcare	14
St. Michael's	20
Medevac	1
Total Transports	35
Aid	
Aid Given	12
Aid Received	10

East Jefferson Fire Rescue and Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue to Formally Pursue a Merge

*by Keppie Keplinger, Public Information Officer
Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue*

During the past year, Port Ludlow and East Jefferson fire districts have increased collaboration in an effort to get the most out of available resources while continuing to deliver outstanding emergency services.

In order to realize further efficiencies, the boards of commissioners at each district have decided to formally pursue full integration of our resources and have directed staff to develop a plan leading to a merger of the two districts.

“There is a lot of work ahead,” said Fire Chief Bret Black. “The community and media can expect plenty of engagement as we capture input, gather information, and put the steps in place to provide even better services by joining forces. Our collective goal is to be as efficient as possible with our resources while continuing to enhance the emergency services for our communities.”

East Jefferson Fire Rescue has been providing management services to Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue since May 2021 via an interlocal agreement, which extends to September 1.

Free Life-Care Planning Zoom Seminars

Attorney Tony Hinson will host a discussion of estate and life-care planning on **Tuesdays, August 9 and 23**, at 11:30 a.m. The online programs will focus on solutions that preserve wealth, minimize taxes, and ensure your legacy.

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

The seminars will be held live on Zoom. To register, visit sherrardlaw.com/seminars, or call 360-779-5551.

Stream Steward Course Offered by WSU

An in-person course with field trips will focus on waterways across the North Olympic Peninsula. The five-week class will meet on **Tuesdays, September 20 to October 18**, from 9 a.m. to noon.

Sponsored by the Jefferson and Clallam County Extension of Washington State University, the course will feature field trips to the rivers and streams that flow into the Strait of Juan de Fuca and the environments that impact them. Field experiences will be supplemented by online presentations from regional experts. Lectures will be pre-recorded so students can review materials on their own schedules.

Topics of the stream steward course will include salmon, stream and watershed ecology, native plants and forest ecology, protecting and conserving watersheds, and storm-water mitigation, as well as tribal treaty rights and natural resource management.

Upon completion of the course, volunteers will be asked to commit to 20+ hours of ecosystem-based service in the next year with the organization of their choice. Service options range from citizen-science projects to public-outreach programs. Volunteers will choose the opportunities that best fit their skills and interests.

Applications are being accepted through September 10. The cost is \$25, with scholarships available. For more information, see extension.wsu.edu/Jefferson. Online registration can be completed at 2022streamstewards.eventbrite.com.

Avian Influenza Now in Jefferson County

Jefferson County has joined the list of others in Washington state being struck by the highly pathogenic avian influenza H5N1. A flock of domestic poultry became this year’s first case detected in the county when it tested positive on July 1. As of that date, 29 flocks across the state had been affected by avian influenza.

Washington State Department of Agriculture reported the outbreak in the Jefferson County flock, with a reminder that the condition is fatal in poultry and spreads quickly. “We expect the disease will remain an ongoing risk for poultry in our state,” the agency’s announcement said.

Dr. Allison Berry, Jefferson County Health Officer, said, “Thankfully, this strain of avian influenza is very unlikely to transmit to humans, but it can be quite serious for birds.”



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July 5, 2022

Avian Influenza in Jefferson County

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No human cases of avian influenza have been reported in Washington state.

Despite the low risk to humans, Jefferson County Public Health is monitoring all human contacts for disease. They will also follow up with testing and referral to treatment if needed. Currently, there are no known human cases of avian influenza in Washington.

Affected domestic birds should be reported to the WSDA Avian Health Program at 1-800-606-3056. Affected wild birds should be reported via the online reporting tool of the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Guest Writer

Meet Chief Bret Black, head of East Jefferson Fire and Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue departments. Black has been in the role of Chief in Jefferson County since December 2021, when he accepted the job after being the Chief of the Piedmont, California, fire department in the East Bay/San Francisco area. Bret was one of 22 applicants for the Jefferson County job. The recruiting trip to our area, the lifestyle on our Peninsula, and the people he would be working with appealed to him in his professional development and contributed to his decision to come to our area.



Born in Walnut Creek, California, he began his career in 1994 at the Nicasio Volunteer Fire Department, then moved to the Skywalker Ranch Fire Brigade. In 1999 he joined the Clovis Fire Department where he served for 19 years and became battalion chief. In 2018 he became the chief of the Piedmont Fire Department. He became a firefighter when his friends and business contacts urged him to consider joining the fire service. He joined and has not looked back on that decision.

Bret lives in Port Ludlow with his wife Nimai, who is a gourmet cook. They are building a home here. They have three adult sons, Kailash, who lives in Budapest, Hungary, and is a graphic designer; Mason, who is working on his PhD at MIT; and Nayran, who is a software developer in San Francisco.

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Features & Stories

Edibles

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer



OAP garden

Photo by Steve Deligan

Farm to table has become the catch phrase for so many restaurants enticing their patrons with the idea of menus built around the bounty of fresh fruit and vegetables grown locally. Well, Spirits Bar & Grill at the Old Alcohol Plant (OAP) in Port Hadlock has taken that one giant step further. They are paring down their traditional menu to make room for nightly specials based on Garden to Table – their own amazing gardens right on their property. Each year for several years their talented gardeners, Kira Mardikes and Patrick Ryland, have expanded their fruit and vegetable plots. The rainy spring and recent sunny days have resulted in an abundance of greens and vegetables – so much so that in addition to appearing on the menu, many of the items can be purchased at the newly opened farm stand adjacent to the entrance of the hotel. The fridge is stocked with several types of lettuce, sugar snap peas, artichokes, zucchini, broccoli and more. The items change frequently depending on what's ripe, and you can pay with cash, check, and Venmo.

The vegetables aren't the only thing that has responded to this weather. The flowers on the grounds are stunning, and it is such a delight to dine outside on the patio surrounded by all that is in bloom with a view of the water as an added bonus. Pet owners will be happy to learn that well-behaved dogs are welcome on the patio dining area.

The OAP has expanded to where they knew it was time to bring in more expertise. They have hired Joe Mollerus from Coho Services to help them fine-tune their operation, exchange ideas with other hotel/restaurants, and benefit from shared services.

I hope you take the opportunity soon to visit OAP, shop at the farm stand, dine on the patio and enjoy this gem in our midst. Please remember that you are also 'dining for a cause' as the proceeds from the restaurant help to support Bayside Housing and Services.

A Firefighter Is Off to New Adventures

by Ron Dawson, Guest Writer

On July 13, Tye Seeley, firefighter and EMT for Port Ludlow Fire and Rescue, entered into retirement after 40 years of public service. He was in the fire department for all but four years, when he was in the Coast Guard serving



on a buoy tender in Alaska. He started as a volunteer at the fire department when he was fourteen because his father thought he could use some structure in his life, so Tye volunteered at the fire station, working with others who were all in their 40s and 60s.

Tye's retirement breakfast was attended by family, many friends, and fire department personnel. It was noted that his sense of humor and ready smile will be missed.

The best to you, Tye, on this new chapter in your life.

The Mercer Girls—Mail-Order Brides

by Tim Rensema, Staff Writer

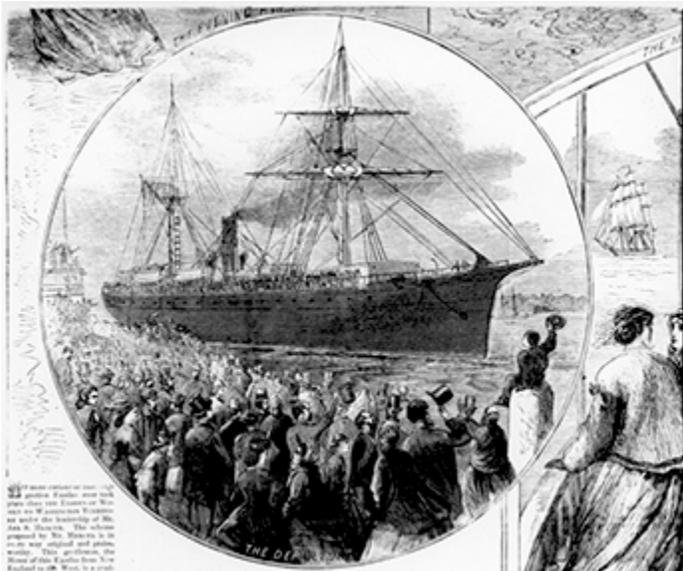
First, to explain, the Mercer Girls were not actually mail-order brides but the idea was the same in 1863: Women from the east would travel west to be both teachers and wives in Seattle.

The concept was dreamed up by Asa Mercer in 1861, the only instructor and the first president of the University of Washington. Some references said that Mercer offered \$80 in gold per month to any women willing to make the 7000-mile trip (by ship) to Seattle. (He had solicited funds from the bachelors of the Northwest.) In a speech in Lowell, Massachusetts, Mercer told the prospective brides that the cost for travel as far as San Francisco was \$250, which was a lot of money back then (Original Mercer Girls seattlemercergirls.com/who-were-the-original-mercergirls).

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Why would a woman want to chance such a trip into the unknown? This was during the Civil War and eligible men were scarce in Massachusetts, and for that matter in most of the north. Initially 11 women between the ages of 15 and 25 took him up on his offer. Of the 11, seven did go on to teach. Of those, three ended up in Jefferson County: Sarah Cheney who married Captain Charles Willoughby, Aurelia Coffin who married a Mr. Hinkley from Port Ludlow, and Kate Stevens who married the Customs Inspector Henry Smith.



“The Departure” – Photograph of an illustration from Harper’s Weekly, January 6, 1866, pp. 8-9. Photographer: Warner, Arthur Churchill, 1864-1943, Negative #70x. Original Mercer Girls seattlemercergirls.com/who-were-the-original-mercer-girls

In 1865 Mercer embarked on another trip to bring more unmarried women, called Mercer Belles this time, to the Northwest. He escorted 125 passengers, of whom 75 were women, on this trip (Camfield, Thomas W. 2000. *Port Townsend*, p. 364). Mercer stated his intent: “I appeal to high-minded women to go into the West to aid in throwing around those who have gone before the restraints of well-regulated society, to cultivate the higher and purer facilities of man by casting about him those refining influences that women always carry with them, to build up happy homes and let true sunlight shine round the hearthstone” (from Port Townsend Tour, JCHS).

Sarah Cheney came from Lowell in 1863 and married Captain Charles Willoughby in 1865. Willoughby became an agent on a Native American reservation and first settled at Neah Bay, then moved to the Quinault reservation further south. He died there in 1888. Sarah honed her artistic talents in drawing and sketching the daily life of Native Americans while on the reservations (Hermanson, James 2001. *Port Townsend Memories*, pp. 207-208).

A little information on Willoughby: Charles Willoughby was born in New London, Connecticut, in 1832 and signed on as a cabin boy at age 12 rising to captain of his own ship at 21. He served on the government survey ship *Fauntleroy* and later was part-owner of the ship *Narraissie*. He settled in Port Townsend, met Sarah Cheney in 1865 and married her the same year.

Sarah was teaching at a private school at the time and later established an art school in Port Townsend after her husband died. Her daughter followed in her footsteps and became a well-known artist as well. Adaline Willoughby McCormack (Sarah’s daughter) gave art lessons and operated an art store for over 40 years in Port Townsend, with many of the early homes exhibiting her artwork. Her brother Fred worked at the *Leader* as a printer.

In 1968 a series on ABC called “*Here Come the Brides*” was based on the Mercer Girl story. It starred Bobbie Sherman (some might recall he was a singer in that period) and Joan Blondell. In the series Perry Como sang that the bluest skies you will ever see are in Seattle – sounds like a bit of tongue-in-cheek. This song was loosely tied to the Mercer Girls story as well.

So, this interesting event that provided women from the east with marriages in the west did impact the towns of Puget Sound. One well-known Mercer Girl, Elizabeth Ordway, was the oldest participant at age 35. She became the first woman elected as a superintendent of schools in Washington (in Kitsap County) and was a friend of Susan B. Anthony. Most women stayed as wives and teachers, so the Mercer Girls tale should be considered a success in arranged marriages. Asa Mercer, disappointed with the second attempt with the Mercer Belles, moved to Oregon and later to Wyoming with his Mercer Girl Annie Stevens, whom he married in June of 1866 (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mercer_Girls#searchInput).

Are you Sirius?

by Jim Gormly, Staff Writer

It’s August and the dog days of summer are upon us, or so the saying goes. Hot weather in Port Ludlow is usually not an issue, and as I write this article in early July, we’re experiencing a stretch of cool, typical Olympic Peninsula summer weather. Growing up in St. Louis where steamy hot August days are the norm, however, I perspired a lot as a child in August, but I never gave the meaning of ‘dog days’ much thought. I just assumed it was too hot for dogs to run about. Nonetheless, Earth is currently traveling through a part of its yearly orbit that people for millennia have called “the dog days of summer.” But what is the dog, and why is it associated with hot weather?

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The “Dog” is Sirius, the Dog Star, in the constellation Canis Major, the Greater Dog. In the fertile imagination of those ancients who saw an image in the sky when they connected some “dots,” Canis Major is one of the few constellations that, in fact, somewhat resembles its name. Sirius (Greek, meaning “scorching” or “glowing”) is not only the brightest star in the constellation, but this alpha dog is also the brightest star in all the night sky. And speaking of alpha dogs, Harry Potter fans know that Sirius Black, a powerful wizard who happens to be Harry’s godfather, can manifest himself as a black dog. Like all good novelists, J. K. Rowling takes naming her characters, well, seriously.

We are surrounded by billions of stars in virtually all directions. As Earth proceeds on its orbit, some stars annually pass behind the Sun from our perspective. As they subsequently reappear from behind the Sun, their initial appearance is known as “heliacal rising.” Sirius is hidden by the Sun during early summer, rising from behind the Sun in August. As the Dog Star glows very brightly and was assumed to be quite hot or scorching, the ancients in the northern hemisphere thought that the reappearance of Sirius contributed to the extreme heat in summer, hence the dog days of summer. They weren’t aware that Sirius is more than eight light years away and that any of its heat is unlikely to reach Earth.

In ancient Egypt the heliacal rising of Sirius always occurred just before the annual flooding of the Nile, generated by rainstorms upstream. Without this flooding, Egypt’s soil was dry and lacking in the nutrients to feed her people. So, the reappearance of the Nile Star, as they called it, gave people hope and provided sustenance. In fact, the Egyptians even went so far as to base their calendar on when Sirius became visible again in the eastern sky.

Canis Major is one of the 48 constellations originally cataloged by the Greek astronomer Ptolemy in the second century. The constellation, however, had different meanings in other cultures. The ancient Babylonians saw it as an arrow aiming towards Orion. To the Chinese, the stars in Canis Major were part of the Vermillion Bird. Aboriginal peoples in New South Wales, Australia, saw a bat and his two wives. Both the Māori and the people of the Tuamotus recognized the figure of Canis Major as a distinct entity, though it was sometimes absorbed into other constellations.

Humans have studied the night sky since time immemorial, trying to make some sense of the universe in which we live. Constellations have been used to map out the sky and recognize specific stars. They were used to mark the passage of the year, informing the stargazer when to plant and when to harvest, as well as help sailors navigate on the oceans. Now we have GPS and a standardized universal calendar

available on paper, computer, smartphone, or TV, reminding us what day it is. It might be your birthday, a holiday, a Tuesday or trash day. But every dog has its day, and Sirius’ day of heliacal rising is August 19 here in Port Ludlow, if my calculations are seriously correct.

Chasing Cash

by Evie Maxwell, Staff Writer

Money, they say, is the root of all evil.

Unfortunately, it’s also the root of practically everything else. Food. Shelter. Medicine. And, of course, funding—the cold, hard cash needed to start, and sustain, a business.

That is no easy task anywhere, but it’s arguably even tougher in our northwest corner of this northwest state. While the Olympic Peninsula hosts many vibrant, thriving communities, these communities are predominately rural, with roots running deep in both land- and sea-related businesses. In many ways, this is wonderful. We eat great food and play an important role in in the nation’s food security. But, as made crystal clear by Covid, these nature-based industries are also fragile and rarely high-paying. Which leads to the relative poverty of this region.

That, of course, brings us back to money and the unique difficulties of raising it for local businesses. Explains Mike Skinner, executive director for CIE, the Center for Inclusive Entrepreneurship (cie-nw.org), many would-be business owners in this area “are just not bankable. They don’t own homes or have credit scores or any of the other things you need to get a loan from a bank or venture capital group.”

In response to this problem, a variety of innovative programs including CIE, EDC Team Jefferson (discussed in a previous article), and the delightfully out-of-the-box LION investor network have taken root in East Jefferson County. We’ll tackle CIE first, then those LIONS.

CIE grew out of a bright idea at the Bainbridge Graduate Institute (now Pinchot University). Under the aegis of Gifford Pinchot, a group of students and faculty members came together in order to start a new kind of service, a counterpoint to the traditional MBA approach designed with an eye to combining business with sustainability.

Their goal, says CIE Program Manager Rick Dickinson was “to change big business for the good.”

Across nearly a decade, that goal morphed into today’s CIE which focuses on making “it possible for everyone to start a business,” Dickinson says. “Thus, we have a particular focus on micro enterprises and on those folks who couldn’t otherwise have a business.”

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Among the many local businesses helped by LION investors is ACI Boats, maker of welded aluminum boats, both catamaran and monohull for recreational and commercial use.

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With offices in Port Angeles, Mount Vernon, Palouse and Port Townsend, CIE starts with a variety of classes. These range from the most basic ‘Start Simple’ course, which aims at helping would-be entrepreneurs determine if their ideas are workable, to a lineup of increasingly sophisticated courses. More importantly, graduates of the Start Simple course are eligible for one-on-one advising to help get their business launched and on its way to success. CIE supplements that with an array of specialized learning opportunities. Among these are what CIE Business Advisor Micah Jonet describes as “One-off trainings, for example on taxes, media marketing, Quick Books” and the like.

While this assistance is critical, this article is about money. Here the CIE has been, and continues to be, very active, serving as a conduit to help link entrepreneurs to a variety of funding sources. During the height of Covid, the group acted as a sort of clearinghouse for government grants designed to help keep restaurateurs and the like stay in business. When those dollars dried up, the group embarked on a number of other initiatives.

On the smallest end of the scale, they hosted a training session where all participants received \$500 to help them get started. On the bigger side, Skinner notes, “We recently became a Kiva trustee.” This international, non-profit platform for crowdfunding “offers zero percent interest loans, all based on social collateral,” Skinner explains. In short, recipients don’t have to be “bankable.”

While Kiva (kiva.org) has been most active in the developing world, the group is “now looking more domestically,” Skinner notes. “As a Kiva trustee, we can now endorse people who have been through our training program.”

Another option for local money is the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Under President Biden, Skinner notes, the Department has moved much of its focus “to helping local producers do better.”

That, in turn, has given CIE the ability to help local entrepreneurs with the endlessly complex process of applying for USDA loans. “We’re hoping that during the winter we can figure out what some of our local farmers need and help them apply,” Skinner says.

In other efforts, CIE works with organizations such as the previously mentioned EDC Team Jefferson; the NCCU Food Resiliency Loan in Skagit County; and with investors in the LION group.

LION, aka the Local Investing Opportunities Network (jeffersonlion.net), traces its roots to Jefferson County’s Local 20/20 group which focuses on the sustainability of the community. Back in 2008, the efforts of this group led to the formation of LION here in East Jefferson County, the first-ever local investing network. The network was designed as an informal group of local investors dedicated to helping the community, and it has been so successful that it’s now duplicated in communities across the state.

Says Earll Murman, a long-time resident who has served with the East Jefferson LION for 14 years, “We’re a network, not an organization. We don’t have officers or make decisions as a group. We don’t have a collective pot of money or anything like that. We’re just people who want to build a thriving local community.”

Focusing on the ‘individual’ aspect of the process and ensuring that investors and the folks they invest in have a personal relationship is essential as it frees businesses from a variety of lengthy, and often expensive, SEC regulations.

Collectively, LION investors have helped fund dozens of key businesses in this area, including such well-known names as Aldrich’s Market, SpringRain Farm, Ajax Café, and The Broken Spoke. The loans offered by LION investors are typically uncollateralized, giving start-ups the ability to get going without existing wealth.

The process for obtaining a loan from LION members involves dedication, know-how in the planned business and, perhaps more than anything, an ability to connect with the community. As with so much else these days, that process starts with an online submission. Once completed, the submission is sent out to the entire LION network.

“About half of the business opportunities get no response,” Murman notes. For the other half, the proposed business owners either meet with an individual investor or, if a group of investors is interested, make a 30-minute presentation on the proposed business and its financial needs.

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“From that,” says Murman, “over half of those will end up getting an investment.”

“When a LION member makes an investment,” Murman says, “they do expect the loan to be repaid with interest. But the important dividend is not quantitative; it is the connections to the community that really counts. These investments help stitch the community together and, as an investor, when you know you’ve helped somebody get their start, that’s very rewarding.”

Editor’s Note: LION is hosting a community meeting on November 2 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at Finnriver Cider Gardens for anyone interested in learning more about LION or possibly joining. For more information about membership, please check the LION website at jeffersonlion.net.

Iris: Iridaceae

by Eline Lybarger, Staff Writer



Japanese Iris.

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This article will not cover all Iris (there are, after all, 200 to 300 species), but hopefully it will make you aware of some options for your garden. Most common are the Tall Bearded Iris. They need good drainage but regular watering from the time growth starts in late winter until six weeks after the flowers have faded: This six weeks is when next year’s blooms are formed and the rhizome increases in size. Fertilize in early spring and after they have finished blooming.

Less common are the Bearded Dwarf, 8 to 15 inches; Medium Dwarf, 8 inches; Intermediate, 15 to 28 inches; Border Bearded, 15 to 28 inches; and Miniature Tall, 15 to 28 inches with a small flower two to three inches wide. It looks like a Tall Bearded Iris, but in miniature. These are ideal for well-drained pots.

The Dutch Iris, *xiphium*, is from Spain. The Dutch grower, Van Tubergen, crossed it with *tingitana* in the early 1800s and claimed it. It has rush-like foliage, and the silky, orchid-like flowers are three to four inches across on slender one- to two-foot stems above the foliage and are long lasting when cut. “Wedgwood” is less hardy but still okay for our area. It has large lavender-blue-with-yellow flowers and blooms the same time as daffodils. They are beautiful together. Unfortunately, the foliage dies after it blooms.

The Reticular Iris looks like a small Dutch Iris and does well in containers and rock gardens. It is one of the few fragrant Iris with two- to three-inch violet-scented flowers in purple. The bulb is hardy to minus 10 degrees.

English Iris, *I. latifolia*, looks much like the Dutch Iris but tolerates wet feet and acid soil. It does well in our area or beside a pond or creek.

Rhizome Iris, the most widely grown group, are bearded and beardless. They have sword-like, fan-shaped leaves that stay green until frost. When they have finished blooming, they look like ornamental grass and make a nice backdrop for other plants.

Japanese (*I. ensata*) is a showpiece with large, flat blossoms on stems four feet tall, and narrow upright leaves. They need moisture during the growing season and, while blooming, also prefer acid soil and full sun.

Louisiana Iris or swamp iris is two to five feet tall. Potted, it can be submerged in a pond. If not in a pond, it likes lots of water that is neutral to acid, full sun, and mulch in the winter.

Siberian Iris has narrow grass-like leaves that are deciduous in winter. Plant in full sun and in late spring for slender, four-foot stems that hold up to two to five blooms in shades of blue, lavender, purple, wine, pink, yellow, and white. It prefers neutral to acid soil. Every three to five years the center of the plant will become crowded with a woody center and need dividing to keep it vigorous and blooming. Discard the woody center. It is best divided in the fall. In late winter or early spring, before new growth emerges, cut dead foliage to the crown, then fertilize as soon as there is new growth and again after the blooms are gone.

A word of caution. All species of Iris are mildly toxic to pets and humans. This makes them deer-resistant, but ingestion or handling roots or other parts can cause digestive upset or skin irritation in humans.

Nuwara Eliya Holiday

by Suyin Karlsen, Guest Writer

Nuwara Eliya is a little hill station in today's Sri Lanka which was known as Ceylon under British rule. Sri Lanka is a tear-drop-shaped island south of India. In 1976, I visited Nuwara Eliya because nobody went there. Also, I have blood lines to that island. Way before *ancestry.com* became famous, I'd already started that ancestral journey. I did not find any relatives but I did find an elysium in the City of Light which is Nuwara Eliya's other name.

The first morning, I awoke to the trilling of a Sylviid warbler and the strong smell of tea and spices brewing in the kitchen downstairs. I had rented a room in what was previously a British officer's residence now converted into a "holiday-bungalow." It was still dark, and surprisingly cold as compared to the oven-like temperatures in capital city Colombo, on the plains. No wonder the locals flee to hill stations like Nuwara Eliya and Kandy, when they get a chance.

Dressing hurriedly, I sneaked out for a morning walk before breakfast. The street was narrow, cobble-stoned, and sheathed on both sides with tall ferns, broad and impenetrable—they resembled squatting palm trees. Nature seemed unashamedly lush and fecund. Even flowers taunted you with their undeniable smells and splendor, and somewhere in the green tendrils, and in the tenuous web of leaf, root and dew, there had to be a serpent with apple, ready to pounce and hiss. "Bite, it'd say, and become God." I shivered at the thought, and thankfully came to a wider road with less compelling nature.

Just as I emerged from that garden of Eden with morals still intact, the sun arched its peachy bald head. On one side of the road were stone cottages bedecked with roses and daisies, on the other side were glades strewn with wildflowers, wild orchids mostly. The serpent's apple can be withstood, but sanctuaries of wild orchids will fell a gardener. One glade entrance was lined with bright yellow canna lilies yards deep. My feet followed the "yellow brick road" half expecting to arrive at the Emerald City. Emerald jungle was more like it, the air infused with pure sweet oxygen. Scents were so thick and aromatic, you could touch and pluck flowers from it.

Growing out of barks, wild orchids are too sacred to pluck as they suckle on trees. One doesn't snatch a baby from its mother's breast. But the canna lilies I did gather an armful of, complete with their thick leaves to give to the owner where I was staying. The leaves are used like banana leaves, to wrap foods with, before steaming. These lilies are an invasive species and are kept in tow by the *Veddas*, the aborigines of the island, who savor the potato-tasting,

tubular parts of the plant. The thought of hot potatoes made me feel hungry. It was time for breakfast and a feast I knew that was awaiting. In Asia, guest is god, and first-class food is supplied in abundance.

Arriving at the house, I noticed for the first time, the elaborate Himalayan Rose pergola that framed the front entrance. Fragrant baby-pink roses were blooming so profusely, there were no leaves in sight. Here again was brazen splendor, the Creator manifest in nature, unseen and unworshipped, but quietly content in its own sublimeness. In India, I had heard the phrase *Sat Chit Ananda* which means Existence, Consciousness, Bliss. And here it was, that lesson again, about universal consciousness and ever new joy.

The owner of the house was happy to have a guest to talk to. I was the first guest for the opening summer season. Curly black hair framed brown sharp eyes that took in everything. Even as we chatted, she noticed an employee arriving late, nodding her head in the direction of lateness. She plucked the day's errands' list from an ample bosom and gave it to the young girl serving us tea and an array of flat breads, curries, and ripe red papayas. The owner seamlessly conducted her staff even while she breakfasted with me. It was as if she had 3-D eyes and Bluetooth ear extensions in every part of the house. Like in many of Sri Lankan households, she was the matriarch that made things happen. You just asked a favor, and legions of wish-list helpers appeared to make that day the Best Day of your life.

Absentmindedly circling the rim of a delicate bone-china teacup with one finger, she asked, *Do you know the story behind Nuwara Eliya?* (pronounced Noor-el-ya). *No, tell me please*, I said.

She started, "Our ancestors told us that in 1819, a group of British officers got lost elephant hunting. They wandered around for days until they came upon a small village in deepest jungle by accident. The villagers were *Veddas*, aboriginals, you know?"

"Yes, I do know about the *Veddas*. The island's aborigines and ancestral Kandyans who had ventured southwards, and then hid up in the mountains, to escape European civilization."

She was pleased I knew a little of her history. She smiled, nodding her head to one side with approval and continued, "The *Veddas* did their best to make the men comfortable, offering food and shelter until they were well enough to go home. Unfortunately, these British officers had other ideas. They had come upon a Shangri-La quite by accident which they interpreted as fate, naturally. When they returned to their post with the help of the *Veddas*, they reported their discovery to Sir Edward Barnes, British governor at the time."

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The British officers talked about “the salubrious climate and rich soils that supported garden agriculture and of the exotic flora and fauna that surrounded natural waterfalls which provided endless sources of natural spring water.”

Governor Barnes thought they had all gone barmy but wanted to see just the same. Imagine his astonishment when he did find such a Shangri-La. *By God, I thought I was in England!* he exclaimed.

Subsequently, he built a mansion of a house there, the Vedda village gradually enlarging into a sanatorium destination for British officers and their families. It wasn't long before this small settlement grew into a town as people started building what they called hill country or upcountry bungalows for year-round living. Clean and cool mountain air became the magnet that attracted people from the city where temperatures could be intolerable in the summer. Soon, the *Veddas* were driven further and further into the jungles again, far away from the Europeans that they had years ago fled from.

In subsequent travels around the world, many stories along the same lines were related with great sadness by the locals. Idyllic places are impossible to keep secret. With time, come dollar-brained developers who can turn any green jungle into a concrete one.

But Nuwara Eliya is still there. It isn't like it used to be nearly a half century ago, but it is still a City of Light. And if you can find the glades with the yellow canna lilies, you may just find your way to the Emerald Eden which I know, still exists there, somewhere.

Be nice to a *Vedda* family, and they will take you there.

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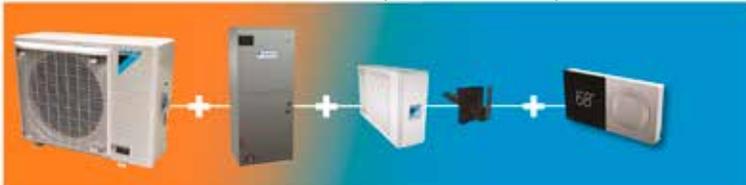
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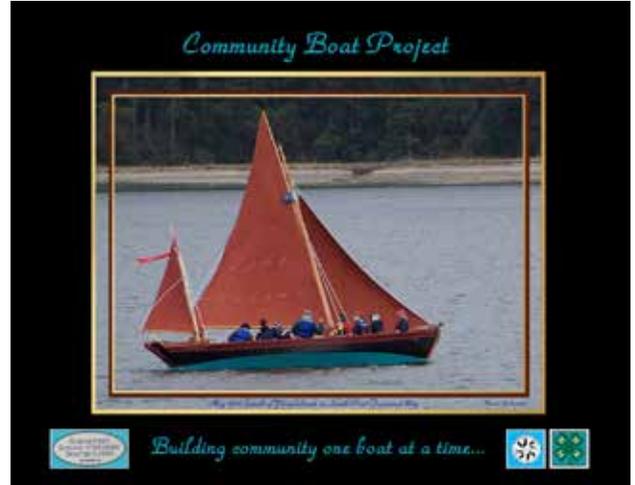
Spotlight

Shelter From the Storm—a Program of the Community Boat Project

by Kat Mullins, Guest Writer

Note: Kat Mullins is an intern for the Shelter from the Storm Program

“I’m looking for a place to live.” If the young people of Jefferson County had a nickel for each time they heard a friend express the need for affordable housing, they might just be able to pay their rent. I sought out an internship at the Community Boat Project in Port Hadlock to be a part of the solution to our local housing crisis while acquiring carpentry skills to aid me in my future job search. As a young farm worker in the neighborhood myself, I am acutely aware of the obstacles to finding suitable living spaces. Like so many people who come to our area to learn and work, I have experienced the struggle to find housing within my budget. The Community Boat Project’s Shelter from the Storm program provided me with an opportunity to make a difference while learning the basics of construction from other, service-oriented people.



The Shelter from the Storm program is an extension of the Community Boat Project’s broader mission to empower youth by offering them a chance to learn essential skills from local experts. While acquiring competency with all manner of tools and materials, participants connect with skilled craftsmen of different backgrounds and ages. Interns, students, and volunteers in the Shelter from the Storm Program assist in every facet of tiny house construction with no previous building expertise needed. In partnership with housing-solution organizations across the Sound, the Community Boat Project offers their completed tiny houses as stable, interim living spaces for folks searching out long-term housing.

I came to the Community Boat Project with plenty of enthusiasm and few carpentry skills. It has been a delight to work in a place where creativity, curiosity, and persistence are valued just as highly as one’s ability to adjust the angle of a table saw blade (though I know how to do that now, too). Located in central Hadlock, the teeming workshop that functions as the Community Boat Project’s home-base plays host to a vast array of resources. In a time when access to materials is so financially restrictive, providing young people like me with the means to experiment is an especially vital service.



Wednesday through Friday, the Community Boat workshop is abuzz with a rag-tag assembly of established artisans, high schoolers, and young-adults of all backgrounds and careers. The Community Boat Project’s youth sailing program, the Puget Sound Voyagers, frequently hauls their boats into the shop for routine maintenance. Though I primarily work on tiny house construction, I am just as likely to have a conversation about the oil-based paints used to coat the bottom of a boat or the ideal wood for oar-making as I am to scheme the design for the loft we’re assembling that day.

One memorable winter afternoon, I spent an hour learning how to splice a rope. On another, I learned how to sharpen hand planes. As the Community Boat Project captain, Wayne Chimenti, knows, mistakes are inevitable and the best way to teach students life-long skills is to empower them to ask “how can I do better next time?” What follows is a sense of competency

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not just with tools, but with problem-solving skills. At the rollout of the Community Boat Project's most recent tiny house, "The Octopus's Garden," shop manager Gillian Kenagy reflected: "what I like most about working here is that everyone is a student *and* a teacher."

One of the internship's greatest assets is its focus on building up the confidence of its participants; it's a truly hands-on experience. No sooner had I filled out my paperwork than I was encouraged to take up a hammer and assist in putting up interior sheathing. Working beside my peers to determine the most efficient and beautiful way to trim a window is more satisfying than I can say. Of course, I have bent my fair share of nails along the way but every time I leave the shop, I walk away with more skills and preparedness for the next day.



The Community Boat Project's Shelter from the Storm program just began its latest build with a new batch of interns and high schoolers and I feel privileged to work alongside them. In collaboration with the Low Income Housing Institute of Seattle, Bayside Housing and Services of Port Hadlock, and the generous contributions of local hardware shops and community members, the crew aims to complete the new structure in under three months. This will be my third tiny house build with the Community Boat Project and the first I'm seeing from start to finish.

Despite the speed of this build, I know that no educational opportunities or creativity will be sacrificed. If I have learned anything during my time in the shop, it's that at the Community Boat Project, building up the capability of the participants is just as essential as building the structure itself. It's deeply gratifying to participate in the meaningful work of providing a roof for folks who are unhoused or in transitional times of their lives. However, the Community Boat Project ultimately provides a service more far-reaching than the production of a single house or the repair of a single boat. In the shop, we collaborate, experiment, we grow. We provide our community with safe places to land while ensuring that the community itself is a nurturing, sustainable place to live.

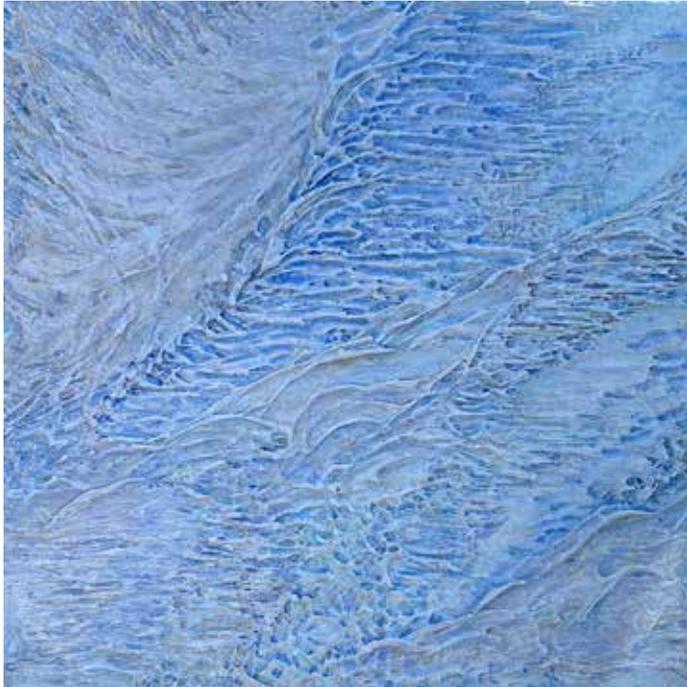
Above the door of the workshop, a brightly painted sign reads "Building community, one boat and one house at a time." If at first I thought that the mission was a tad grandiose, I no longer do. As I learn tricks of the trade that are sure to serve me for the rest of my life, I am also learning the true value of working alongside generous, talented, caring people. When people ask me what I do, I relish the opportunity to explain the ins and outs of the Community Boat Project. I tell them, "You should get involved" and, "There's something for everyone," because it's true. The time I have spent working with the Shelter from the Storm program has been invaluable and I know that I have plenty to learn still. I can't wait to see where the skills I'm acquiring will take me but it's a testament to the program and its participants that for the time being, I am excited to stay right here.

For more information: communityboatproject.org

Arts & Entertainment

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Patricia Webber



At Flood Tide, by Patricia Webber.

As a member of the Executive Committee of the Northwind Art Board of Directors, the founder of the Abstract Critique Group, now in its seventh year, and the Program Director for the Port Ludlow Art League, Patricia has exhibited her artwork in solo and group shows throughout the Olympic Peninsula.

Patricia's art exhibit, entitled "Textures and Gestures," features abstract paintings inspired by the intricate patterns and textures found in our beautiful and fascinating Pacific Northwest waters, shorelines, and forests. Her exquisite paintings have both visual and surface textures created by thick application of paints and other mediums.

In August, you can view Patricia's artwork at the Port Ludlow Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. The bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay

Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Jeweler of the Month – Sharon Zabloutney

Good news for jewelry fanciers: Sharon Zabloutney's jewelry is featured during August. Known for her beautiful glass, silver, and enamel beads, Sharon combines them with a variety of other materials, including zirconia and Swarovski crystals. For Sharon, the freedom to take raw materials and transform them into intricate, beautiful designs is the height of the creative process.

You can view Sharon's jewelry at the Sound Community Bank, the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, and online at portludlowart.org. The bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. Located next to the bank, the Gallery is now open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 4:00 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League Art Around Town

The Port Ludlow Art League is comprised of artists who create a rich variety of artwork. Along with art exhibits at the Port Ludlow Art League's Gallery, Sound Community Bank, the Port Ludlow Inn, and the Bay Club, our membership provides an outstanding collection of artwork at the following locations now through October 2022.

- Coldwell Banker Best Homes: Alan Ahtow – Photographs
- Active Life Physical Therapy: Carol Durbin – Acrylic Paintings
- The Beach Club: Nina Everitt – Scratch Art & Silk Screen Paintings
- Port Ludlow Post Office: Claudia Wicks – Photograph & Acrylic Paintings
- Bay Club Lobby: Janice Gruber – Oil Paintings

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Port Ludlow Brokers Host Art Fair

Port Ludlow Brokers will host an outdoor event on **Saturday, August 6**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at their 40 Teal Lake Road office in Port Ludlow. This festive event will feature live music with David Berger, delicious food from local restaurants, and distinctive artwork by Port Ludlow Art League artists.

For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.



Necklace by Sharon Zabloutney.

Submitted photos

PLAL Group Art Exhibit at the Bay Club



Catch of the Day, by Pamela Raine.

Submitted photo

The new art exhibit at the Bay Club is entitled Trash to Art Treasure. This form of art uses materials that are typically discarded or recycled as the primary medium. There are no rules as to what sort of materials can be used, for example plastic, metal, paper, foam, construction items, and electronic scrap. After viewing the art exhibit, you'll never look at your trash in the same way again.

The art exhibit is sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League and will be on display during the month of August. Be sure to stop by the Bay Club and vote for your favorite artwork.

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

Free Outdoor Concert

Port Ludlow Performing Arts (PLPA) invites you to a free outdoor concert on **Sunday, August 7**, from 2 to 4 p.m. featuring Black Diamond Junction from Port Angeles. The concert is free to all thanks to the generosity of Terri Ross. The concert will be held on Oak Bay Road on the lawn south of the Grace Christian Center. Bring chairs or a blanket. Food will be available for purchase from Dusty Green Café.

Ludlow Village Players (LVP)

Read a play or listen when LVP presents Readers' Theater on **Tuesday, August 16**, at the Beach Club from 6 - 8:45 p.m. This is a perfect starting activity to get involved with LVP. There is no fee but contributions to a scholarship fund are welcome. Contact Val at rkd@olypen.com for further information.

Save the Date - Art Fair at the Port Ludlow Inn

The Port Ludlow Inn will host the Labor Day Art Fair sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League on **Saturday, September 3**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. You'll be able to browse unique works for sale by local artists, including jewelry, paintings, photographs, woodworking, ceramics, cards, and baskets while enjoying views of the Port Ludlow Marina and the Olympic Mountains. For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.

Kitsap Forest Theater

Take a walk back in time at the Kitsap Rhododendron Preserve where the Mountaineers Foundation presents two plays each summer on their 460-acre nature conservancy with over 70 acres of old-growth forest.

Come join the adventure as *Bend in the Road*, the *Anne of Green Gables Musical*, is brought to life on a unique outdoor stage. Performances will be on **Saturdays and Sundays, July 30 – August 21**. All performances are at 2 p.m.

The quarter-mile trail to the performance location transports you to a magical place where stories have come to life for the past 90 years. Instead of curtains or lights, there are singing birds and a sun-dappled stage. Giant old-growth firs surround the stage while cedar bark and living moss cover the "wing walls." Seating is carved out of the side of a natural amphitheater. The trail opens at 1 p.m. It is recommended that you arrive there early, as this is a popular venue. If you are not able to hike the trail to the venue, a mini-bus escorts people via a short drive.

Before or after the performance, you can hike the trail to "Big Tree." The trail is about half a mile long and starts near the historic Kitsap Cabin, ending at one of the 10 largest Douglas fir trees in the world. The hike takes you on a bridge over Wildcat Creek with views of Hidden Valley, blooming trillium, wild rhododendrons, and many other native trees and plants. Wear walking shoes! There is a wonderful playground with a treehouse and other enticements for kids to let off steam after quietly behaving during the performance.

Go to ForestTheater.com for more information and to purchase tickets. The address for this venue is 200 Seabeck Highway, Bremerton. The phone number is 206-521-6001, and the office is open from Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Concerts in the Barn Gala



Soprano Laura Bohn.

Submitted photo

As all of the wonderful Concerts in the Barn are free, a fundraising gala will be held to help offset expenses. On **Wednesday, August 10**, at 2 p.m., “*Pathways of Love—over land, sky, sea and melody*” will be presented. Soprano Laura Bohn and pianist Hadley McCarroll will dazzle their audience with music by Debussy, Poulenc, Weill, Satie and more. Fine wines and finger food will be served. Tickets for the gala with indoor or lawn seating may

be purchased at [TicketStripe.com](https://www.ticketstripe.com).

The Barn is located at 7360 Center Road, Quilcene. For more information, see their website concertsinthebarnquilcene.org.

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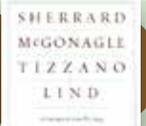

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Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association Update

by Gil Skinner, President, SBCA Board of Directors

Our Annual Meeting is in the rear-view mirror, and we are into a new and exciting fiscal year. So much has happened and there is so much to look forward to. The new board of directors is setting their priorities and figuring out committee assignments. As Covid eased up our members got a taste of a very active and busy club with the expectation it will only get better. So let's take a peek at what lies before us, knowing things do change.

There are many on-going challenges due to the current fiscal environment. Through good stewardship of our finances, we are in decent but not great shape. We have a large looming expense for roof replacement which still has a few unknowns. Right now our reserve fund is healthy but given the unknowns we must be careful. We also have considerable on-going maintenance costs, including at the tennis courts. For those who don't know, we lease the courts from PLA for \$1 a year, but there are significant questions as to whether we should continue the lease or build our own courts. The growing popularity of pickleball creates an opportunity to rethink the tennis court situation, partly because the county has previously taken the position that pickleball is not an allowed use of the existing tennis court property. In addition to questions about the tennis courts, we also have locker room issues at the Bay Club and a number of concerns regarding concrete around the club that should be attended to this year. Being the pride of Port Ludlow keeps our staff busy. If you are interested in assisting on the Finance Committee or Facilities Committee, please contact Mark Torres at the Bay Club. All members are encouraged and welcome to attend any and all committee meetings, with rare exceptions for the Board and the Human Resource Committee.

As for activities, there are some events (such as first Friday breakfasts, and second Friday socials) which are on-going, and there are some events which vary monthly. The Activities Committee strives to provide both fun and social (and sometimes even intellectual!) events each month. We started this concept in April and expanded it in May and June. We want to offer activities of broad enough scale to entice as many members as possible to get together. If you have an area of interest you want to share with club members, please contact the Activities Committee. We are always looking for good speakers and topics for event planning. Please do watch for SBCA eblasts about upcoming events and sign up if you are interested. The Activities

SBCA Important Dates

**Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, August 11, 9:30 a.m.**

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

All SBCA members are welcome

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

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

Committee is also looking for people who might not want to join a committee but might be willing to volunteer for an event or events. Please contact the club about that, as being an event volunteer is a great way to meet people and serve your community.

Hopefully this will be an exciting and eventful year for our members. We will constantly strive to be a place where people want to live and where they can enjoy life. Your ideas and your help are always appreciated, and I look forward to seeing more of you as we enter the 2022-2023 fiscal cycle. Now let's go have some fun.

A final note: if you have not yet voted on the proposed Amendment to the Master Declaration regarding vacant lots, please do so. The Board of Directors in their June meeting voted to extend the deadline for voting on the proposed amendment until **Wednesday, August 10.**

Michael Haberpointner, PT, DPT
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Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Monday, August 1 is a noteworthy date for us at the Beach Club. This year August 1 will mark 36 years that our Office Manager, Kim Bond, has worked for LMC. Kim has seen so many changes in the North Bay community and has interacted with thousands of our members since she began her Beach Club career in 1986.

Kim has known grandparents, parents, and grandchildren of many of our members' families. I cannot imagine how many times she has listened to the kids in the outdoor pool play "Marco Polo" during her tenure.

I still enjoy Kim's stories of the "old days" of Port Ludlow when North Bay had several hundred fewer homes than we have now and before the Beach Club went through a couple of transformations. It always surprises me when she rattles off the names of members that were on the Board or a committee 30 years ago.

I have had the pleasure of working with Kim for the past 17 years, and I'm still amazed with Kim's ability to multitask without missing a beat. Kim's outgoing nature, strong work ethic, compassion, and her willingness to help where help is needed has served our community well for a long time.

So, when you see Kim, please congratulate her, and thank her for all she has done for this community—it has been a job well done!!

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

A Disaster Is Coming—Are You Ready?

We have all probably experienced the frustration and discomfort caused by a power outage for 12 to 24 hours. What if we have a major storm causing power outages lasting a week or more?

Now imagine it is February 1979. An 85-mph windstorm has swept over Port Ludlow, and trees are down on houses and roads. Oak Bay and Paradise Bay roads are impassable, and the Hood Canal Bridge is gone. Power, water, and sewer service are out and remain out for more than a week. Would you have enough water and food? How are you going to keep warm, cook your food, or use the bathroom?

This could also happen with a big snowstorm or an earthquake. Are you ready?

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If you are not sure how to prepare for these and other types of emergency or disaster situations, then watch for a special delivery coming to North Bay neighborhoods in the near future.



The LMC Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) will be going door to door in mid-August to deliver a booklet and other information that contain instructions and recommendations on how to prepare for the unexpected and help you and your family stay safe.

EPC volunteers and PLVC block captains will be distributing packets and hoping to speak with someone at each home. If you are not home, your packet will be available at the LMC Beach Club after **Monday, August 22**.

These packets represent a commitment by LMC to ensure that members know the resources available and how to be part of a safe response during a disaster or emergency. The EPC is also planning regular workshop presentations which will further increase your understanding of emergency situations we might face and what to do.

“When a disaster strikes, it’s too late to prepare!” Do it now and be able to say, Yes, I’m ready!

Village Council

Get Ready for the 2022 Community Opportunity Fair



Mark your calendars for this year’s rapidly approaching event on **Wednesday, August 3**, from 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow. It’s a great chance for new residents (and everyone else) to meet and connect with 50 of the clubs, classes and service organizations that enrich our great community.

A festive fiddle band called Barrel of Monkeys will entertain us on the lawn. There will be refreshments and loads of great prizes in the afternoon raffle. Raffle prizes include a one-hour massage donated by Ludlow Bay Massage & Wellness Spa; quilted items donated by Jan Knodle of Quilters by the Bay; dinner for two donated by El Molcajete; a two-hour boat cruise hosted by the boat captain and a member of the Port Ludlow Yacht Club; and one hour of e-bike rental for two donated by Port Ludlow Associates.

Parking is available at the Beach Club with shuttles to the Bay Club. We’d like to especially thank our generous sponsors for making this event possible: Port Ludlow Village Council, Ludlow Maintenance Commission, South Bay Community Association, Karen Best of Coldwell

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting

Thursday, August 4

3:00 p.m., Zoom Video Conference Call

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, August 16

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We hope to see you for a fun-filled and interesting afternoon.

PLVC Board Meeting Summary

by Tamra McDearmid, Secretary

At the July 6, 2022, Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Board Meeting the following reports were given:

Port Ludlow Associates, Diana Smeland, President

OT2 Phase 2: Final permit has been received; will start clearing land the week of July 13. **OWSI:** Will be holding an open house for the new filtration plant facility on July 18, from 12 to 3 p.m. Notifications for the Open House have been included in utility bills. A PLVC eBlast will go out about the event. More information can be found on the PLA website. **Resort:** Will be offering a “health transformation” 3-day retreat in September. **Fireside:** three course Farm Fresh dinners Wednesday evenings continue plus a SpringRain Farm dinner on August 12. Current information about the dinners can be found on the website and on Facebook. **Golf Course:** The course will be hosting the 2022 Washington State Ladies Public Links Championship Monday through Wednesday, July 11 - 13. Great vantage points can be found on the patio of Dusty Green Café. **Marina:** Running a Crab Derby this month. Each week, largest crab will win a \$10 gift card for the Inn gift shop, and the overall winner will have their name placed on the trophy. Marina dock replacement permit still ongoing. A new policy was generated at the Corps of Engineers June meeting. PLA request is about number 60

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in line for approval. Planning for a new marina building is in process. Currently seeking interested tenants in food service, yacht brokerage, and retail. **Parking:** New parking striping including all parking areas managed by PLA will start with the golf course in July.

Jefferson County, Greg Brotherton, County Commissioner, District 3

Process Change: There are open seats on the Planning Commission in District 3. Will be doing an interview process and added a stipend for each meeting. **Update on BoCC to DNR regarding Beaver Valley Sorts:** By a 2-1 vote, County Commission has retracted the request for DNR to defer the Beaver Valley Sort timber sales until next July. Still interested in alternative management options. Developing a framework for how this will work. **Fourth of July:** Was safe throughout the county. Usual overuse at the Gardiner marina. Fireworks stand in Port Ludlow improperly permitted by the Department of Community Development (DCD). Strict interpretation of the code resulted in heated situation with the vendor. The county refunded the state licensing fee for the Port Ludlow location. Vendor could still sell at the Quilcene location. Fireworks were sold in Port Ludlow on Thursday, June 30. Tent was closed by Friday morning and all inventory had been removed. DCD owned up to their error in allowing permit to go through, handled it responsibly. County and Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) need to understand that if a use isn't specifically listed in the code for the Port Ludlow MPR, it isn't allowed.

Comment by Dave McDearmid, Chair of the Village Council's Community Development committee (CDC): Will be exploring with the county what the process is for approving permits, and how this one fell through the cracks.

Comment by Greg Brotherton: Has been talking to DCD about how this happened. DCD have had staff turnover, lack of training. Currently configuring InterGov permitting software so a filter will be set in the system. If anything comes in for permits in the Port Ludlow MPR a trigger will result in viewing by the planner representing the MPR.

Jefferson County PUD, Dan Toepper, Commissioner - District 3

Major outages in Port Townsend: due to downed tree outside of PUD access. If land or property is within transmission or distribution lines, PUD needs contact from the property owners. Transmission lines were blocked by property owners, so PUD couldn't get to the problem. Heavy winds in August usually cause problems this time of year.

PUD 2023 Budget: Meetings ongoing for the 2023 budget to be ratified in November. Concerning budget and expenditures, heavy factors are supply chain delays and price

increases for labor and materials. Some capital projects put off during Covid are now reaching system critical so will have to spend some money on infrastructure. Check the agendas for issues on this topic. **Broadband:** still waiting on funding contracts and rules, plus need to receive state/county matching funds. Buildout to homes has been delayed. Hoping to get contract done soon. Still working to procure materials. Dedicated funds for a consultant to design the system, getting the fiber. Recent article about PUD broadband in the *Peninsula Daily News* had some inaccuracies—acts and figures were wrong. Trying to work with them so the public understands what's going on.

Q: Probably will be some rate increase for 2023. When would this be implemented? **A:** June or July this year. Did some cost-of-service studies for four years, this is the second year. \$2.50 increase each year on the base rate for the next three years. A small amount on the usage. May re-evaluate the cost-of-service study.

Q: Status on meter replacements? **A:** Some of the meters are coming in, already replacing some meters. About \$3.5 million cost of meters spread out over a couple of years. Moving forward with it.

Q: Website information? **A:** It's at *JeffPUD.org*.

PLVC Committee Reports

Utilities Committee – presented by Jim Moffitt

Sending out an eBlast tomorrow about Filtration Plant Open House on July 18. Spot checking at the recycle center two to three times per week, looks good. Diana mentioned that there will be restriping in the parking lot soon.

Emergency Management – Bill Dean, Chair

At the *Wildfire Presentation* on June 30 at the marina tent, Chief Black went thru a simple discussion about wildfire. The wet spring weather has stimulated growth, which in the summer will dry and be subject to wildfire danger. FireWise has to do with defensive space around your residence. FireWise brochures are available at both the Bay and Beach Clubs.

In an evacuation situation, regular emergency management transmissions will not be quick enough to share with block captains then residents. Key is to get on NIXLE, a county online service that will provide evacuation information quickly to subscribers. Exact evacuation routes will not be given, location of fire and direction away will be available. For instance, if fire is south of Port Ludlow in Shine, go north; and if fire is north in Mats Mats Bay, go south. Chief Black really emphasized the importance of being on NIXLE.

After the wildfire discussion, Chief Black discussed the fact that Port Ludlow and East Jefferson County fire districts are considering a merger. From a personnel standpoint, there

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will be a lot more opportunity for cross-training. Boards of both districts voted in favor of this merger two weeks ago, so they are going forward with plans. There will be a ballot initiative to recommend the two districts merge. Financial forecast is a critical aspect of this merger.

Hoped to have the meeting available on a hybrid basis. About 70 attended in person. Recording the meeting via zoom did not work well. About 40 people attempting to attend the meeting virtually did not see the complete program. Working on alternative solutions to this issue.

Q. How do we get on NIXLE? **A:** NIXLE – go to Jeffcoec.org and follow directions. The eBlast sent out after the presentation contains a link that will go right to the page. There's an image of a smart phone on the right side of page, click on it to be taken to a box to fill out.

Chief Black has been invited to attend the Village Council August board meeting. He will answer more questions about the consolidation of the two districts.

Community Opportunity Fair committee - Tam McDearmid, Co-chair

Have had some wonderful sponsorship this year. Usually sponsored by PLVC, LMC, and SBCA. However, this year we have also been sponsored by Karen Best of Coldwell Banker Best Homes, Sally Derrig of Port Ludlow Brokers, and Diana Smeland of Port Ludlow Associates. Because of this, we have been able to rent a shuttle van, have a group of fiddlers on the lawn, plus additional publicity, and swag bags.

You will be seeing a lot of publicity on Next Door, PLVC, LMC and SBCA eBlasts, plus flyers and signs around the community in the coming weeks. Over 300 newcomers (since 2020) have received postcard invitations and the community at large is invited as well. The more, the merrier!

Co-chairs are Vickie Norris and Allison Leonard, both South Bay newcomers themselves. Our Publicity Coordinator is Janet DeDonato, who has owned a very successful advertising agency in Seattle. We are very lucky to have her. We've been enjoying every minute of the preparations and working well together. The event will be held on **Wednesday, August 3** from 4 - 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Club in the main auditorium and out on the terrace and lawn area.

Next PLVC Board Meeting: **Thursday, August 4**, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Next PLVC Board Workshop: **Tuesday, August 16**, at 3:00 p.m. via Zoom

Wildfire Information Community Presentation

The Emergency Management Committee of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) hosted Chief Bret Black to discuss the subject of wildfires with the Port Ludlow community. The Chief is relatively new to the community and is serving in that capacity for East Jefferson Fire Rescue as well as Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue. He has had an extensive firefighting career, the bulk of which was in Clovis, California, near Fresno, and he then spent two years as Chief of the Piedmont Fire Department outside Oakland, California. Over the years his experiences included earning an Emergency Management Technician designation, engineer, captain, battalion chief, hazardous materials specialist, fire investigator, CERT, and attendance at the National Fire Academy in Maryland.

About 70 residents attended his presentation under the tent in the marina on June 30. The Chief stressed that here in Jefferson County, the Fire Districts, either East Jefferson or Port Ludlow, do not have the authority to enforce codes and ordinances. What they do is fight fires and provide paramedic services. They also operate as a "subject matter expert" and use their expertise to advise the Jefferson County Fire Marshall who is Brent Butler, the Department of Community Development Director.

Relative to our fire danger, the Chief emphasized that the wetter spring brings more vegetation growth and a later fire season. If we see higher than normal temperatures in August and September, we can expect increased fire activity—what is lush and green today can be a threat tomorrow.

The Chief emphasized that 80% of U.S. wildfires are started by people whether by accident, negligence, or intent (arson), so vigilance is critical.

Port Ludlow has a significant vulnerable population with more limited mobility. Additionally, the community is tightly developed which can allow fires to move easily from structure to structure. Those factors emphasize the need for increased attention to evacuation planning.

The Nixle Text Alert system is virtually the only way for residents to get timely notifications.

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The Chief emphasized that waiting until Level 3 is just too late for us in Port Ludlow. When Level 2 is received from Nixle, it is time to get moving away from the fire, period!

Recreation & Sports

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association Update

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson



Sue Fechner and Jim Conklin.

Submitted photo

On July 11, 12, and 13, the Port Ludlow Golf Club hosted the Washington State Women's Public Links Association (WSWPLA) Championship Tournament, welcoming women golfers from throughout the state. Women players were matched with those of similar handicaps for this three-day event. Some Port Ludlow Women's Golf League (PLWGA) members who qualified to participate in this event earned a place in the winners' circle. Visiting players complimented the PLGC management on the excellent condition of Port Ludlow Golf Course. Daily optional luncheon buffets were offered by Dusty Green Café. The awards ceremony followed play on Wednesday.

The WGA/MGA Exchange was held on July 5, with teams of one WGA (woman) member and one MGA (man) member playing a modified Chapman. Following play, the Exchange event culminated with awards announced at the luncheon hosted by the women's league. The team of Sue Fechner and Jim Conklin won first place in this year's Exchange golf competition, and the teams of Mandy Whipple/Bob Murphy and Diana Smeland/Bruce Johnston tied for second. On **August 5**, the men's league will host the Exchange following a similar format.

The PLWGA Mid-Season Luncheon and General meeting was held on July 27. The winners of the Captain's Cup Tournament (a match play event) were announced, and the Queen of the Captain's Cup Tournament was honored. (Forthcoming details will be announced in the next issue of the *Voice*.)

August PLWGA regular play on Tuesday mornings continues as does casual play at 11 a.m. on Fridays. Stay tuned for the Ryder Battle format, a new tournament scheduled for **August 23-24**. The next major women's tournament is the PLWGA Club Championship, a three-day event that will be held **August 29-31**. This event is stroke play and winners, including the Club Champion, are recognized after the tournament and receive their awards at the year-end Awards Banquet. PLWGA Captain Elaine Raymond invites prospective PLWGA members to play on Tuesday mornings and on casual Fridays. To obtain a tee time, sign up for a league, or inquire about any of the above events, please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course pro shop at 360-437-0272.

Port Ludlow Women's Golf—Lady Niners

The Port Ludlow Golf Course is in beautiful condition and the Lady Niners enjoy playing together every Thursday morning. Niners' Couples Chairs, Barb and Mike Burke, organize games for the fourth Thursday of each month. The July 27 Couples event was well attended and August's Couples golf event and no-host luncheon at the Dusty Green Café is scheduled for **August 25**. The Lady Niners' 2022 membership ranks have expanded by four new players. The second Captain's Cup play day took place on July 21 and the third day where scores are tallied for the Captain's Cup takes place on **August 11**. Winners of all regular Thursday Lady Niners' games are announced via email and winnings accumulate in members' accounts for pro shop purchases. Those league members interested in 11 a.m. casual play on Friday mornings should contact Linda Haskin. Linda sends out a Golf Genius invitation with play times via email and members respond to Linda's emailed announcement. Due to the limited number of tee time slots, inclusion is based on members' email response times. New members are always welcome. Lady Niner's Captain Barbara Burke invites prospective Lady Niners to play on Thursday mornings. To sign up to play, please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop at 360-437-0272. Please note: PLGC membership is a requisite for participation in the Lady Niner's golf league.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



Hallelujah, the sun came out! Consequently, we were finally able to get in a few Fun Days, so Trails has pressed on to finish the upgrade of the Interpretive Trail. We received another delivery of ¾” minus rock thanks to the LTAC grant and have begun to spread it all along the pathway. We were delayed a bit by an equipment breakdown but forged ahead with the remaining equipment and a dedicated crew. By the time this article reaches distribution we may, in fact, be finished. If so, Trails hopes you enjoy the combined addition of the new logging boom posts and chains, along with the now upgraded pathway sans the mud from this wet winter/spring. Our next item on the busy agenda is to be sure the route selected for the **August 19-21** Volkswalk is ready to show our trails in the best light and condition. Then we’ll move on to develop the new McCormick Railroad Trail and the extended McCormick Loop. This project will take some time and will not be ready for hiking this year, but hopefully next year we will be able to host an opening day. Then, if approved, a new Oak Bay Trail will follow. If you would like to join Trails folks, you can reach me at mclgscott@cablespeed.com. “Let’s Keep Improving Our Trails.”



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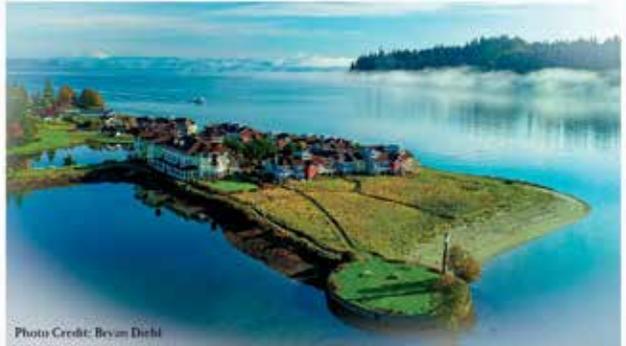


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Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Nuereberg, *Hiking Club*

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

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

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

Friday, August 5 – Three Hikes in the Hurricane Ridge Area

Strenuous: Badger Valley Grand Ridge/Moose Lake

Round up at 7:45 a.m., depart at 8 a.m. This hike begins at the 6,000-foot Obstruction Pass trailhead and descends via the Badger Valley trail to Gladys and Moose Lakes. Though the flowers will be gone by August, it is still very much a first-class descent to the lakes, both of which are equally perfect wilderness jewels. Now the hard part—the ascent up-and-out of this setting begins on the Lillian Ridge trail. This trail is very difficult both in amount of elevation gain and scree-covered hillsides. Please take stock of your limitations to see if they include steep climbs and lots of scree. Be assured, this is not an easy hike. National Park Pass or another interagency pass is required. Restroom is available at the trailhead. Hike Leader: Burt Peterson, 360-437-0849.

Moderate/Difficult: The Sunrise Ridge Trail and Beyond

Round up at 8:15 a.m., depart at 8:30 a.m. Alternate moderate-to-difficult hike, continuing along the Sunrise Ridge trail to where it connects with Switchback trail (approximately 3.1 miles from Hurricane Ridge). We ascend another 3/4 mile of primarily switchbacks to Victor Pass. From Victor Pass continue along the Klahhane Ridge line for 1 3/4 miles further, lunch and the turnaround point. (Possible alternate return decent down Switchback trail will be determined the morning of the hike and carpooling). Approximately 10 total miles, with elevation variations of 700 feet up and down along the pristine ridge. National Park Pass or another interagency pass is required. Restroom is available at the trailhead. Hike Leader: Ken Nelson, 206-369-3561.

Moderate: The Sunrise Ridge Trail

Round up at 8:15 a.m., depart at 8:30 a.m. This trail is 5.2 miles roundtrip with 1000 feet of elevation change. This hike offers some of the best views in the Olympics: Strait of Juan de Fuca, Vancouver Island, Mount Baker, Mount Olympus, Mount Angeles and more. During the summer, it is blanketed with many types of wildflowers. National Park Pass or another interagency pass is required. Restroom is available at the trailhead. Hike Leader: John Nuereberg, 623-229-4657.

Friday, August 19 – Two Lena Lakes Hikes

Easy: Lower Lena Lake Trail

Round up at 8:15 a.m., depart at 8:30 a.m. This is an easy 6-mile roundtrip hike with 1,225 feet of elevation change. Lena Lake is a small backcountry lake surrounded by fir and cedar trees. The trail is easy to follow and well maintained. As you near the lake you will find good viewpoints to rest and enjoy the lake view. The turnaround point is a large boulder with the best view of the lake. Here we will take a break, eat a snack/lunch, and enjoy the views. Hike leaders: John and Sally Nuereberg, 623-229-4657.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 8 a.m.

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

Go to portludlowhikingclub.com for more hiking information, maps, descriptions of the Port Ludlow trails, and pictures of previous hikes and other destinations.

Dove House Golf Benefit

by Barbara Berthiaume, *PSO Bluebills*

This is your last chance to sign up for the Dove House Golf Benefit to be held on **Friday, August 19**, at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. The field can take a maximum of 120 golfers. Last year, we had to turn away three teams due to capacity. Entry forms are available at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. The entry fee for the public is \$125 and \$75 for Port Ludlow Golf Club members. Fees include a golf cart, box lunch, winner prizes, a chance to win great raffle baskets, and an awards ceremony at the Bay Club, including a spaghetti dinner. Deadline to sign up is **Friday, August 2**. It is a great day of golfing for a very worthy cause! For more information, contact Barbara Berthiaume at 360-301-6207 or Barb Burke at 206-890-5387.

The Port Ludlow Volkswalk— Coming August 19 -21

by Jane Holmes, Guest Writer

Reminder: Port Ludlow’s 2022 Volkswalk event will take place over three days, Friday – Sunday, **August 19–21**. Three walk routes will be offered, each with a 10K (6.3 mile) option and a shorter 5 or 6K (3-4 mile) option. Walkers can pick up directions for all three walks at the registration table at the Bridge Deck near the LMC Beach Club, 121 Marine View Drive. The registration table will be open 8 – 11 a.m. all three days. You can walk the routes of your choice at your own pace. This is a free community event, and everyone is invited to come out and join in the fun. For more information contact Jane Holmes at jensenholmespa@gmail.com or 360-496-8610.

Wildfire Presentation continued from page 27

Preparing your home with “defensible space” as outlined in Firewise brochures is the only way to minimize the impact of a wildfire. It is not a guarantee, but with a dose of luck, it gives you a chance.

The Chief then explained what is going on within the two fire districts here in East Jefferson County. Port Ludlow F&R entered into a management agreement with East Jefferson a little over a year ago. The results of that collaboration have been highly successful. As a result, the Boards of both Districts have voted to study merging the two organizations. The goal is to become more efficient financially and to enhance the personnel training and experience interactions. More information will be shared with the community in the near future.

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Cash for Gold Gives \$1,810 to PSO

The Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) received \$1,810 from the June Cash for Gold event at the Beach Club. The funds came from Stan Morton, buyer of precious metals, who donates 10 percent of the event’s profit to the PSO each year. The group received another \$130 in donations from the community.

The combined donated funds will go toward STEM programs on the Olympic Peninsula. Teresa Forrest and Eline Lybarger coordinated the Cash for Gold exchange, and the PSO expressed thanks to volunteers and participants.

How to Attract Baby Ducks

by Eline Lybarger, Staff Writer



Last year a single mama duck brought her babies to our bird feeder. We were delighted, so how could we get her back this year? Once the ducks were paired up,

Ray brought out the cracked corn—a favorite food of adult ducks, and it did attract ducks.

Finally, the first hatchlings arrived: the size of golf balls, decked out in yellow fluff, walking single file behind mother, with father bringing up the rear. The babies couldn’t manage the cracked corn, so we brought out a fine millet and enjoyed their company. Usually, the babies arrived with one or both parents. If it was just mama, she would stand guard while the babies ate, but if dad was along, mom got to eat, too. One resourceful mama brought a goose, who acted as guard while she ate. Wonder how she convinced him to do that?

We were rewarded with several groups of babies waddling through and enjoyed watching them grow, change feathers and finally move on. Fifty pounds of cracked corn was a worthwhile investment.

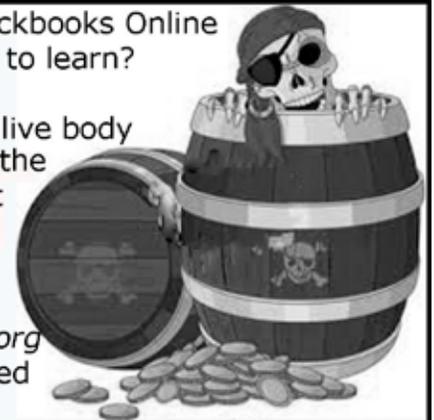
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