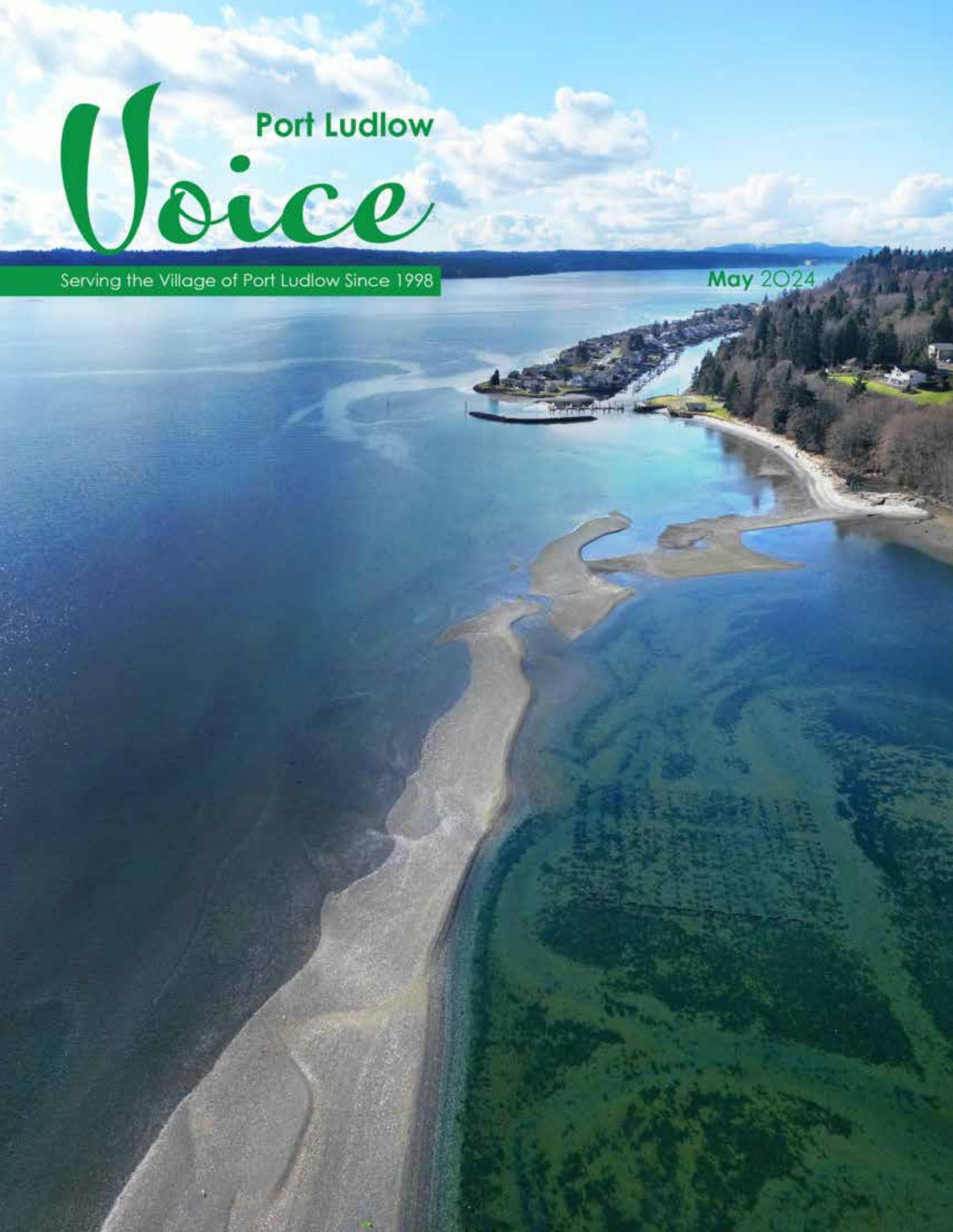


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News & Community

From the Editor's Desk

by Mary Ronen, Editor

Welcome to the May edition of the *Voice*! It's getting a little warmer (finally!) after such a seemingly long and cold winter. Days are getting longer. Trees have leafed out and the rhodies are blooming. I love the changing seasons. Each one has its own special appeal. Spring brings a sense of looking at the brighter side of things, even when things can look bleak.

Here at the *Voice*, we have a few new volunteers. One in particular that you will want to get to know is our new News Editor—Doug Pulling. Doug tells me he's lived in Port Ludlow for 20 years enjoying gardening and sailing. He's decided to do something new and give a little back to the community. Thank you, Doug, for choosing us, and welcome.

We have more spots on our staff if you are interested in giving back—you can talk to any one of our volunteer staff to find out more.

Now, for your reading pleasure, I know that some of the stories in this issue will certainly pique your interest. Not too far from Port Ludlow there is a community called Bridgehaven. Do you know where it is? Shown on our cover is a beautiful aerial shot of the area taken by our photo editor Steve Deligan. A new Bridgehaven resident wrote an interesting article that I'm sure you will enjoy reading.

If you are a gardener, you probably know about peat. But – do you really? Well, there is an interesting article about that, too. Then there are the usual Art League events, including an up-coming Art Fair. I could go on – and on – but the best way to enjoy this issue is to just jump right in and read it for yourself.

So, find a nice comfortable spot and do just that—enjoy.

Note: In addition to new volunteers, we have some new advertisers. If you use their services, please don't forget to tell them you saw their ad in the *Port Ludlow Voice*.

New Executive Director to Lead Jefferson County Historical Society

The Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS) Board of Directors unanimously voted to appoint Tara McCauley to the role of Executive Director in December 2023. McCauley brings over two decades of experience in museum education, programming, and leadership to this role.

JCHS stands as a cornerstone institution dedicated to celebrating the rich history and artistic heritage of Jefferson County. Through its thoughtful and engaging exhibits, programs, collections, and research, JCHS serves as an indispensable resource for locals and visitors alike, cultivating a deeper understanding and appreciation of the region's past, present, and future.

Born and raised in the Pacific Northwest, McCauley has dedicated her career to reimagining museums and enriching cultural experiences. Having worked at five different organizations including Seattle's Museum of History & Industry and the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture, she has been instrumental in major transformations and museum developments, including the creation of multiple new museum spaces. She holds an undergraduate degree in art history, and a master's degree in museum education from the University of British Columbia.

Throughout her tenure with JCHS, initially as the Program Director and later as Interim Executive Director, McCauley has demonstrated exceptional leadership and vision. She played a pivotal role in navigating the organization through the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, leading innovative virtual programming and community outreach initiatives.

"We have an incredible, professional, dedicated, passionate, and smart-as-heck staff who inspire me and who I learn from every day," McCauley remarked. "Our Board is engaged and supportive and have such deep care and commitment for this community and its cultural landscape, bringing such a diversity of experience, expertise, and perspective to our organization."

In 2021, McCauley helped steer the organization's strategic planning process, laying the foundation for the future growth and development of JCHS. With a keen eye towards the upcoming New Museum project, she is excited to lead JCHS into its next chapter of innovation and community impact.

Explore Your Genealogy

Come join the Jefferson County Genealogical Society (JCGS) to celebrate 40 years of providing information and education about searching for your family history. Our celebration will be held from 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. on **Saturday, May 11**, at the Tri-Area Community Center, 40 W. Valley Rd. in Chimacum.

We will celebrate the day with activities including a morning of presentations with Michelle Leonard, a professional genealogist, DNA Detective, freelance researcher, speaker, author, and historian. She has extensive experience both in the traditional and genetic genealogy spheres and runs her own genealogy and DNA consultancy business—Genes and Genealogy.

"The Society is pleased to present this nationally known expert as part of this celebration," says JCGS president Ann McCreery.

Morning presentations on May 11 include two sessions: Top Tips for Researching Your Scottish and English Ancestors and Unknown Ancestors-Mystery Case Studies. You can attend in person or via zoom. The afternoon will offer opportunities to explore local resources available to assist in exploration of your family history. On hand will be local DAR representatives, the Washington State Genealogical Society, Genealogical books for sale, JC Genealogy Research Center volunteers, and others.

Pre-registration is required for the morning sessions and space is limited for both in-person and Zoom attendance. There is no charge for Jefferson County Genealogical Society members and just \$25 for non-members. Registration started April 1 for members and April 16 for non-members. The afternoon session is free to all. Registration, membership, and other details are available at wajcgs.org.

To continue your journey to explore your roots, volunteers at the Jefferson County Research Center offer assistance and resources to connect with family researchers, provide consultation about Ancestry and other software and databases, and share new techniques, tools, and resources, including DNA. Linda Atkins, a volunteer says, "It is incredibly satisfying to see the excitement when you help connect someone with their family history." Along with online resources there is a wealth of written information on nearly every state in the union. Our research center is located at 13692 Airport Cutoff Rd.

JCGS Monthly Meetings feature experts from all over the nation presenting family research methods, case studies, and answers for our burning questions. A calendar of events including the **May 11** celebration and membership information is available at wajcgs.org.

If you are interested in local history, the Research Center has an impressive collection of data—its people and their daily lives, homes and structures, locations, burial places, businesses, professional and religious endeavors, successes, and tragedies. The data can be accessed through the online database by linking to research.wajcgs.org and by visiting the Research Center, where trained volunteers can assist in finding specific information.

Library District News & Events for May

May is the perfect time to visit your Library, browse the shelves for your next great read, and attend one of our fun and educational programs. From technology classes to early learning programs to our annual teen photography show, the Library District has something for everyone! Please visit jclibrary.info for complete program details.

Local artist and illustrator Rose Soini will make a special May appearance at the District's weekly *Storytime for Toddlers and Preschoolers*. Join her at the Library from 10:30 – 11 a.m. on **Monday, May 6**, to read, sing songs, and celebrate the launch of her new board book *Hello, Rain!* with author Katherine Pryor.

Learn How to Navigate the MyChart App on **Tuesday, May 7**, 3 – 4:30 p.m. This Tech Tuesday class will welcome Jefferson HealthCare professionals Rachel Barbieto and Cindy Koch to walk you through using MyChart to access your medical information online. Learn how to view test results, book appointments, message your care providers, and more. The one-hour class is followed by a 30-minute question-and-answer session and time to practice what you've learned.

LEGO® at the Library will take place on **Thursday, May 9**, 4 – 4:45 p.m. Join other LEGO enthusiasts to design, build,

and socialize in an open, creative space. Each monthly session features a special design challenge to spark ideas. This program is designed for kids 7-11 years old, but all ages are welcome.

Having Lived and Worked in the Middle East: Is There Hope? Join George and Lee-Alison Sibley at the Library on **Wednesday, May 15**, 6 – 7 p.m., as they share their experiences living in Jordan and their unique perspectives on the Middle East. George, a career diplomat for 34 years, will discuss the historical background of regional conflicts and his efforts to promote discussion for mutual benefit as he addresses the question: Is peace even possible? Afterward, Lee-Alison will share stories behind her book *Jordan's Jewish Drama Queen* and her insights on fostering better relations between Arabs and Jews through education. The pair will wrap up the evening by holding a Q&A session with the audience.

Join us on **Thursday, May 23**, 4 – 5 p.m. to write letters and cards to older adults through *Letters Against Isolation*, a volunteer effort to battle loneliness by providing senior adults with a sense of connection through the mail. Everything you need will be provided for this fun and easy workshop, including postage and mailing, and children are welcome to come along and help decorate the letters. Write as few or as many as you like, each letter sent will brighten someone's day!

Teens 11 – 18 are invited to take part in our annual *Teen Photography Show* by entering photos online or dropping them off at the Library or Bookmobile. The deadline to enter is **May 22**, and a reception will be held on **Thursday, May 30**, from 4 – 5 p.m. to honor the photographers and award prizes. Find complete details for these programs and more on the calendar of events at jclibrary.info.

The Jefferson County Library District is at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. For questions or assistance, call 360-385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info.

Race Amity Classes in May

by John and Sally Nuereberg, Guest Writers

Race Amity is vital in advancing access, equity, social justice, and unity. Join us for a six-part interactive discussion that explores the history of Americans working courageously to overcome racial injustice through acts of amity, harmony, and peace – from nationally significant friendships addressing racism to our local challenges and progress on the Olympic Peninsula.

Mark your calendar for the final classes to be held at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow from 6 to 7:30 p.m. on **May 7** and **14**. A video will be shown to begin the discussion of each class followed by a guest speaker. On May 7, we will host Naiome Krienke, a member of the Chemakum Tribal Services to talk about the Native American story and the longhouse project in Quilcene. On May 14, we will host Peter Mustin, a Black farmer in Chimacum to talk about African American life in the US and in Jefferson County. Plan on joining the conversation.

Port Ludlow Tangle Club News

What's a tangle? Well, it's a noun as well as a verb! A tangle is a pre-determined, structured pattern used in the Zentangle Method of drawing beautiful images by using just five elemental strokes: a line, a dot, an S curve, a C curve, and an orb. And when we draw these patterns, it's called tangling!



There are still a few seats left for the next meeting of the Port Ludlow Tangle Club on **Thursday, May 9**. We'll be meeting from 1 – 3 p.m. at the Beach Club's Bridge Deck. This month, we will use a special Zentangle tool called the "markus operandus." Anyone can tangle and all are welcome. Come join the fun! Due to limited space, you must RSVP each month—please contact certified Zentangle teacher Alice Clive at: foureyes22@outlook.com. Bring your own supplies or \$5 for a kit; there's a \$1 fee for non-residents. Don't be surprised if you leave more relaxed, more inspired, and ready to keep on tangling!

2024 Community Opportunity Fair in August

The fair is coming to town! After a one-year hiatus, the 2024 Community Opportunity Fair will once again be held at the Bay Club on **Tuesday, August 27**, from 4 – 6 p.m. This event is held every two years and is open to all Port Ludlow residents. Over 70 clubs, classes, and service organizations within Port Ludlow will be onsite to provide information. No matter how long you've lived here, we're sure you will learn something new. Please mark your calendars!

Innovative Culinary Education at Chimacum School District

by *Upuli Murray, Communications Specialist, Chimacum School District*



Chimacum School District's culinary program represents a blend of education and practical experience, highlighting a commitment to student development and community engagement. The program has evolved under the guidance of Justin Oas, Food Services Director and teacher who joined the school district in August of last year.

The program's core mission revolves around equipping students with essential life skills while offering diverse career pathways, including opportunities in the culinary field. Through a comprehensive curriculum that integrates classroom instruction with firsthand experience in professional kitchens and on a fully operational food truck, students gain valuable insights into culinary techniques, food safety, nutrition, and entrepreneurial concepts. According to Oas, the program emphasizes the importance of teamwork, communication and confidence-building, essential attributes for personal and professional success. This integrated approach extends beyond the classroom, as students actively participate in serving the community through the food truck, creating a symbiotic relationship between education and real-world application.

The enthusiasm and interest surrounding the culinary program underscore its impact on students, staff, and the wider community, highlighting its role as a catalyst for innovation, skills development, and community connection within Chimacum School District. "We have had quite a bit of interest in the truck, both curious community members, and requests to have the truck at events. I see this as a wonderful outreach program tying the community back into the school, and it creates excitement about what CSD is doing for our students," says Oas.

2024 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

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

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

Alarms

Fires.....	10
Rescue/Emergency Medical	327
Good Intent	42
Hazardous Conditions	4
Special Incident	1
False Alarms	16
Service Call	78
Total Alarms	478

Ambulance Transports

911 Transports.....	218
Hospital Requested Transport.....	1
Non Transports.....	108
Total Transports	219

CARES Contacts..... 127

CARES Program Making a Difference Countywide

Launched in January 2023, Community Assistance Referral and Education Services (CARES) has filled a vacuum within Jefferson County, providing vital resources and services for individuals with recurring, non-emergent needs. The primary focus of CARES is to reduce dependence of 911 services for non-emergent needs, while improving individual client outcomes. Often, people in need call 911 when there is simply no one else to call. To date, the CARES Team has connected with 1,860 county residents.

CARES gets their assignments from firefighter and law enforcement referrals. The firefighters may discover multiple and overlapping needs that are not emergent: home health needs, mental health issues, housing insecurity, cognitive decline and even substance/alcohol abuse. CARES is uniquely skilled at connecting residents to services. They may even help connect the client to specialty healthcare and medical devices at little or no cost.

The initial grant application was developed in partnership with the City of Port Townsend. The Association of Washington Cities funded the initial grant of \$217,300 to serve needs within the entire County. Subsequently, additional funding was secured from several local and regional agencies including: Jefferson

County Behavioral Health Consortium, Olympic Community of Health's (OCH) "Strongest Together" initiative and "10th of 1%" funds. Collectively these contributions will keep the program functioning through the end of 2024. Funding beyond 2024 has not been secured.

CARES is staffed by East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR) CARES specialist, Paramedic Jeff Woods, and Behavioral Health Clinician, Leeann Peterson, who is certified in behavioral/mental health and senior services. CARES provides important services to all the communities within Eastern Jefferson County, including Port Hadlock, Port Ludlow, Brinnon, and Port Townsend. CARES has been tremendously impactful in connecting our community to important services, preserving an independent lifestyle as long as possible. CARES has also reduced the burden on our 911 services keeping them available for exigent, life-threatening emergencies.

Share your thoughts on EJFR CARES with the Fire Chief, Bret Black at bblack@ejfr.org

The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

Lisa See, prolific author of historical novels from China and Korea, journeyed to Yunan Province in China to research her novel, *The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane*. In See's 2017 novel, her protagonist is born to an unmarried woman from the ethnic minority group, Akha, in rural Yunnan Province of China. Her mother leaves her at the door of an orphanage where she becomes one of many orphaned female children adopted by families living in the U.S. during China's one child policy. See's novel explores the conflicting emotions of these children when they come of age seeking answers about their biological and ethnic origins.

All are welcome to join in the discussion of this fascinating novel about tea, the ethnic minority Akha, and what happens as adopted orphans come of age and recognize that they are different from their peers. Martha's Book group meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bay Club starting at 4 p.m. Join us on **May 14**.

This book is available at Jefferson County Library, Kitsap Regional Library, and the Seattle Public library in hard copy, as an ebook and an audio book. Copies from the Jefferson County Library book kit may be available through Sarah Schuch. Contact Sarah at bookclub@plvoice.org for further information about Martha's Book Group and future book discussions. June's book selection is *West With Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge.

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Port Ludlow Garden Club—Create Your Own Ikebana-inspired Arrangement

Join us for a hands-on workshop to learn how to create your ikebana-inspired arrangement.

Ikebana is the art of Japanese flower arrangement. It consists of three components: a long branch or flower called shin, which represents heaven; a medium branch or flower called soe, which represents humanity; and a short branch or flower called tai, which represents earth. This type of floral arrangement values asymmetry and space to give the flowers an impression of life and vitality, along with a sense of depth and space.

The workshop is led by avid gardener and artist Pamela Raine. Pamela graduated from the University of New Hampshire with a Bachelor of Science in Plant Science, encompassing not only botany, but also soil science, entomology, and genetics. After working as a florist and traveling to Japan, Pamela combined her love of floral design with her love of ceramics, creating ikebana-inspired containers. As the president of the Port Ludlow Art League, Pamela also leads monthly hands-on sessions teaching different art techniques to spark creativity in attendees.

The workshop is hosted by Port Ludlow Garden Club and is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 8**, starting at 11 a.m. at the Beach Club located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow.

The workshop includes containers with floral foam, some materials, and instructions. Attendees are asked to bring garden shears and greenery (branches, flowers, leaves) from their own garden. To participate in this workshop, Garden Club members and non-members must RSVP by **May 1** by calling Michelle Pelkey at 360-710-3547 or emailing her at portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com. Those without an RSVP will only be admitted if space is available and only after the event begins. Non-members are welcome to attend for a donation of \$5. Refreshments will be provided.

First Wednesday Luncheon with Fabulous Photos

In the last 30-plus years, Keren Su has taken photographs from Antarctica to the North Pole, from east Asia to west Africa. He has traveled to over 120 countries on all seven continents. His major works cover a wide variety of subjects, including nature, wildlife, landscapes, urban scenes, and tribes of people with unique cultures around the world. His photography, painting, and adventurous life story have been featured in publications such as *National Geographic*, *Washington Post*, *Forbes*, *Smithsonian*, “Good Morning America” to name a few.

Come hear Keren at the First Wednesday Luncheon on **Wednesday, May 1**, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. at the Beach Club while enjoying a taco salad bar, provided by our volunteers in recognition of Cinco de Mayo. If you have a fun Mexican topper, wear it!

Coffee, tea, and cookies will be provided, but please bring your own place settings. RSVP to firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com

or sign up at either the Bay or Beach Club by Monday, April 29. This is a courtesy to the club and luncheon coordinators so we can have ample taco salad makings and the appropriate number of tables set up in advance.

We are looking for volunteers to help keep this luncheon alive and thriving in its support of the Tri-Area Food Bank. Please contact one of our team to learn more about opportunities that are available.

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Guests are asked to bring donations in the form of cash or checks made payable to the Tri-Area Food Bank, or non-perishable food and hygiene products.

Don't forget to bring a few extra dollars for the monthly raffle. Proceeds are used to support the Food Bank during the summer months of July and August when we are on hiatus.

Also, next month, join us **Wednesday, June 5**, at the Bay Club to relive the 60s with the Grand Olympics Chorus.

Memorial Weekend Art Fair



The Port Ludlow Yacht Club will host the outdoor Memorial Day Weekend Art Fair sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League on **Saturday, May 25**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enjoy views of the Port Ludlow Marina and the Olympic Mountains while you shop for artwork by local artists, including jewelry, paintings, photographs, woodworking, ceramics, textiles, cards, and baskets.

The art fair will be located behind the Port Ludlow Yacht Club and easily accessible using the floating bridge over the pond between the Resort at Port Ludlow and the Port Ludlow Yacht Club. The Yacht Club is located at 55 Heron Road in Port Ludlow. The Resort at Port Ludlow is located at 1 Heron Road in Port Ludlow. For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.

Annual Master Gardeners Plant Sale

Spring is here and it's time for the 2024 Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation Annual Plant Sale on **Saturday, May 4** from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. This year the Master Gardeners are joining forces with the Food Bank Growers, the organization that grows and harvests produce for four Jefferson County food banks.

Master Gardeners have been busy for months selecting, seeding, and propagating thousands of plants, including hostas, small trees, shrubs, perennials, annuals, ground covers, tomatoes, fruits, and succulents. The Food Bank Growers have done the same with a wide variety of vegetable starts.

From two-inch seedlings to young trees, a rainbow of colorful annuals and perennials are available at enticing prices, and include many varieties not available at local nurseries.

Vendors include Port Townsend Garden Center, Secret Gardens Nursery, Chimacum Woods (a rhododendron nursery), and Kul Kah Han Native Plant Garden. The event will be held at the Chimacum High School, Multipurpose Room, 91 West Valley Road, Chimacum. There will not be any online sales.

Both the Master Gardener Foundation and the Food Bank Growers are 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations registered in the state of Washington. This fundraiser supports Master Gardener programs and the food bank gardens serving East Jefferson County.

The event is co-sponsored by Washington State University Extension of Jefferson County.

Quilcene Rural Drop Box

Port Ludlow residents...

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Make it part of a perfect day! Have a sit-down lunch at one of the excellent restaurants or gas up and get food to go at the general store. Buy some fresh produce at one of the self-serve farm stands. Take a hike on any number of fantastic State Park trails. Pack your suit and take a dip in Quilcene Bay. Buy a log at the local mill and start carving your own totem pole.

* by the employee who works there

Bicycle Safety

by John Sweet, Guest Writer

Spring has arrived, and bicyclists are out on the roads around Port Ludlow and East Jefferson County. This area attracts many local riders as well as those who pass through on self-supported tours. According to the Washington Driver Guide, both motorists and cyclists share the responsibility for the safety of bicycle riders on the road. All bicyclists have the same rights, duties, and responsibilities as motor vehicle drivers. Unfortunately, over 38,000 bicyclists are killed or injured every year in the United States.

If motorists and cyclists understand and obey the following state laws, it will help make the roads safer for everyone. One important law is that motorists must allow at least three feet of space when overtaking or passing a bicycle. Motorists can even cross the yellow line, if it is safe, to allow for the three feet of space. As cyclists, we are grateful when vehicles provide us with ample space when passing, especially on Oak Bay and Paradise Bay Roads where there is little shoulder.

Cyclists also have responsibilities. Always ride on the right and always wear a helmet. Obey all traffic laws. Signal your turns and stops.

Washington's "Safety Stop" legislation was passed in 2020. This allows cyclists to legally treat stop signs as yield signs when no other traffic is approaching, after slowing down to a reasonable speed. Cyclists must yield to any vehicle or pedestrian already in the intersection or with the right of way. Cyclists must still fully stop at stoplights, stop signs on school buses, and stop signs at railroad crossings.

Let's make this a safe bicycling season.

Low Tide Beach Walks at Shine Tidelands State Park

by Gail Wellenstein, Kitsap Beach Naturalist

Kitsap Beach Naturalists will be on hand to help you explore the delights of Shine Tidelands State Park this summer. All you need is a hat, sunscreen, and shoes appropriate for the beach. There is parking both within the state park and outside of it, so a pass is not mandatory. Naturalists are available for 1½ hours, but you can stay as long as you like:

Wednesday May 8, 10:30 a.m.

Sunday June 9, 12:30 p.m.

Sunday July 7, 11:30 a.m.

Friday August 2, 9 a.m.

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Features & Stories

Let It Not Happen Again

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

Nidoto Nai Yoni, the Japanese translation of the phrase ‘let it not happen again,’ is inscribed on the granite wall at the Japanese Exclusion Memorial on Bainbridge Island. The Memorial, located directly across from one of the busiest ferry terminals in Washington State, is partially obscured by the grove of western red cedar trees that surround it. Located across Eagle Bay, it is not easily accessible to the day visitor walking onto the ferry from Seattle. For the residents of the island, the Japanese community, and the thousands of students, dignitaries, and tourists who have visited the memorial since its completion in 2011, it is a stark reminder of what can happen to citizens of our nation when fear is fueled by bigotry and ignorance.

One of the defensive measures initiated by the United States government in the aftermath of the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor on December 7, 1941, was issuance of Executive Order 9066 on February 26, 1942, by President Roosevelt allowing military commanders to exclude civilians from military areas. General Dewitt of the Western Defense Command expanded the scope of the Order to forcibly remove all Japanese-American citizens living on the west coast from their homes and place them in internment camps. On March 30, 1942, 276 residents of Bainbridge Island were taken from their residences and detained for the duration of the war at the internment camp, Minidoka, in Idaho.

A single dissenting voice against the forced removal of these Bainbridge residents emanated from the editorial pages of *The Bainbridge Review*, a local paper, owned by Walter Woodward. His editorials decrying the violation of constitutional rights for his neighbors were the singular voice of dissent throughout the war. He hired four young men to report on activities from the camp – births, deaths, marriages, and who had enlisted in the army. For the residents of Bainbridge Island, this was the sole source of information about their friends. When the war ended, Bainbridge was the only community where the internees were welcomed home.

For the nation it took a longer period of time to reconcile this injustice. In 1980 Congress appointed a committee, The Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians, to examine Executive Order 9066. After interviews with more than 750 people in eleven cities, the Commission published its findings in 1983 in the report *Personal Justice Denied*. The Commission found that the decision to displace and confine the Japanese-American citizens was based on “race prejudice, war hysteria, and failure of political leadership,” and they recommended monetary reparations be made to the internees. In 1987 the Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of American History opened an exhibit, *A More Perfect Union: Japanese Americans and the US Constitution*. The exhibit chronicled the history of the Japanese Americans in the United States: the first immigrants arriving in Hawaii and the west coast, the war years and their internment, the

valor of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team (RCT) composed entirely of Japanese-American soldiers, and the impact of the internment on their lives. For many Americans this was their first exposure to seeing their fellow citizens housed within compounds surrounded by barbed wire fences with guard towers patrolled by armed soldiers. In 1988 Congress passed the Civil Liberties Act of 1988 authorizing each surviving internee \$20,000 compensation for damages sustained and a provision for funding education and research about the incarceration. For the Japanese community on Bainbridge Island, this was but a first step toward building their memorial.

The Bainbridge Island World War II Nikkei Internment and Exclusion Memorial Committee evolved out of discussions between the Bainbridge Island Japanese-American Community (BIJAC) and the Bainbridge Island/North Kitsap Interfaith Council. From its creation in 1998, the committee, through city, state, federal and private funding, has guided the progressive development of the Memorial from the placement of the memorial plaque in 2002, its designation as a national historical site and becoming part of the National Park Service in 2008, the completion of the memorial wall in 2011, the completion of the departure deck in 2018, and the installation of the interpretive artwork on the departure deck in 2022. The final phase of the Memorial will be the completion of an interpretive center in 2025.

Throughout the planning of each stage of the Memorial, the internees shared their stories of the hardships, heartache, and desire not to let this happen again. The Timber Framers Guild listened and offered their services pro bono to build the gates and pavilion from an ancient Alaskan yellow cedar toppled in a storm. Members of the US House of Representatives subcommittee on national parks heard Fumiko Hayashida, age 96 and the oldest internee, on September 28, 2006, describe her experience of being “rounded up by soldiers armed with rifles...and could only take what we could carry or wear...and carrying her daughter Natalie who was only thirteen months old.” They supported a bill affording national park status to the memorial which was approved by a House vote of 419-0. Johnpaul Jones, architect and recipient of a National Humanities Medal awarded by President Obama, requested to hear their stories before designing the memorial. He heeded their advice in creating a memorial composed of natural materials with visual simplicity, but conveying the powerful emotions of real people as they silently walked on that same path to an unknown future. Anna Brones and Luc Revel, the artists designing the departure deck, recognized the indignity of each internee identified solely by the numbered tag visible on the photos taken that day. Their metallic silhouettes, representing each man, woman, and child, are filled with outlines of those tags conveying that final stage of dehumanization when their names were replaced with numbers. There is a translucent barrier at the end of the deck. There are sculpted footprints extending beyond the barrier, a reminder that real people boarded the ferry that fateful day.

Natalie Sakuma, a fourth grade teacher in Skagit Valley, was the keynote speaker for the 82nd anniversary remembrance ceremony on March 30, 2024. The theme was “To Teach The Children.” She asked her grandfather, Satoru Sakuma, who was sent to Manzanar at 16 and later enlisted and fought with the 442 RCT, how he dealt with it. He told her that he did not look back at what happened and what he can’t change, but looked ahead at what he could do. For Natalie, she will tell her children stories about her grandfather’s life in the camps and how he survived and remained a kind and humble man who lived a selfless productive life filled with love. *Nidoto nai yoni*

Peat: An Endangered Resource

by Eline Lybarger, Staff Writer

Peat has long been the preferred source for planting. It can hold up to 20 times its weight in water but still provides air to the roots, never has errant seeds in it, and is reasonably priced.

Peat is formed in a bog ecosystem that covers about three percent of the earth’s land surface, from the tropics to subarctic. In the United States we get 85 percent of our peat from Canada, where there seems to be an endless supply of waterlogged land ranging from six to fifty feet deep. So why is it endangered? Though it is now abundant, it takes 1,000 years of the right conditions to form one meter of peat, so it really isn’t a renewable resource. In addition, it has been connected to climate change as peatlands are the largest store of carbon, holding twice as much as all other trees and vegetation combined. Harvesting peat for horticultural use releases large quantities of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. At the United Nations climate change conference in Glasgow, Scotland, in 2021, more than 140 countries signed a declaration to reverse forest loss and land degradation by 2030, which includes peat bogs.

Peat bogs that have been drained for harvesting can no longer produce peat or retain carbon, so restoration has been implemented: The “bog” is flooded and covered with three inches of moss seeds, rhizomes, spores, and pollen from a pristine peatland. This enables it to return to its carbon sink function and begin the slow process of building more peat.

So what can we use? Most alternatives are not as effective and are more expensive, but they leave less of a carbon footprint. Coconut Coir comes from the pith of a coconut husk. It comes compressed into blocks, bricks, or discs. When water is added, it expands and is ready to use. It holds 10 times its weight in water and promotes aeration for a strong root system.

Wood Fiber is lightweight and provides good drainage. It is less expensive because it can usually be found locally and shredded wood chips can be substituted.

Other soil-less mixes usually contain compost with the addition of things like Perlite, made from volcanic glass, creating space for roots; or Vermiculite, a combination of magnesium, aluminum, and iron silicates that are mined and heated. This absorbs water and helps trap nutrients, but may contain trace amounts of asbestos. It is best to use it wet in a well-ventilated area.

Also available today are:

- PittMoss Plentiful Organic Potting Mix, a ground up post-industrial cardboard with poultry manure, feathers, and pine bark. It is good for retaining moisture, but also promotes fungal development.
- Organics Mechanic Soil, ingredients which include coir, compost wood fiber, a porous type of charcoal, rice hulls, worm castings, and something similar to Perlite. It holds water moisture longer with less fungal issues.
- Houseplant Chunk Mix includes pine bark, compost pumice, Perlite and clay.

Other items that are being tried are heat-treated puffed wood fiber, peanut hulls, and parboiled rice hulls. When trying any of these, you will need to closely monitor your water.

Spotlight on Bridgehaven— Port Ludlow’s Neighbor to the South

by Stephen Browning, Guest Writer

When I moved here this past summer, I thought I was moving to Port Ludlow because that was the address of the property. Makes sense, right? What I *didn’t* realize is that I was actually moving to Bridgehaven, and although it is still part of the 98365 zip code, it’s not part of the village itself. What was even more of an *aha* moment, of course, was when I told village residents where I lived, they got this quizzical look, most often followed by, “I *think* I’ve heard of it, is it down by Shine, maybe?”

Located SW of the Hood Canal Bridge, you exit on South Point Rd., off SR 104, continuing down to the waterfront portion of Bridgehaven, or splitting off to the upper portion, on both sides of Thorndyke Rd. Developed in the 1960s, Bridgehaven boasts a total of 204 lots, 160 of which are currently built on. All homes, as well as many in surrounding areas, are served by our own water wells, located off one of the upper residential streets.

The neighborhood is overseen by an active HOA and amenities include, in addition to a generous water allocation, 300 feet of waterfront and beach access, a large event pavilion, a boat launch, and a 20-slip marina—all for the exclusive use of homeowners.

There are many contented residents of Bridgehaven. Among them are Bill and Marilyn Bryant who have lived on the waterfront spit since 2004. Bill, a retired insurance adjuster, and Marilyn, a tax preparer still working part-time, relocated from Woodinville. As boat owners, they were drawn not only by the area’s beauty and convenience, but the fact that they could dock their boat so close to their home, literally in their back yard. “We love it here and enjoy our great neighbors and our warm-weather happy hours every Thursday.”

With its own unique location on Hood Canal and a rural, off-the-grid, laid-back vibe, Bridgehaven is a hidden gem that attracts a wide range of working families, boaters, artists, outdoor enthusiasts, and retirees. With a Port Ludlow address, it’s a community all its own.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, EJFR Community Outreach Volunteer



If you need medical help and call 911 for assistance, East Jefferson Fire Rescue will send a medical vehicle in response to the call. The call may be for basic life support, in which case a team of EMT trained firefighters will handle the call, or it might be for advanced life support, where a Paramedic is dispatched. The Paramedic is best trained to handle serious situations that may be encountered. The medical vehicle is an “emergency room on wheels.” Medical calls make up approximately 74 percent of what EJFR does. The district has nine medical vehicles which are similarly equipped and are distributed across the district.

Some of the equipment includes:

- Patient Monitor (Life Pak 15) with multiple capabilities in this equipment
- Defibrillator
- Bag Valve Mask
- One gurney per vehicle
- Trauma Spinal Board and Cervical Collars
- Suction Unit
- Medication Locker including Heart Attack medication
- Oxygen Supply Units
- Intubation for airways
- Bone Drill if having difficulties with I.V. connection
- IV Equipment
- CPAP Equipment for airway pressure and to force fluid out of lungs
- OB Kits for delivering babies
- Soft Restraint and Chemical Restraint capability where required

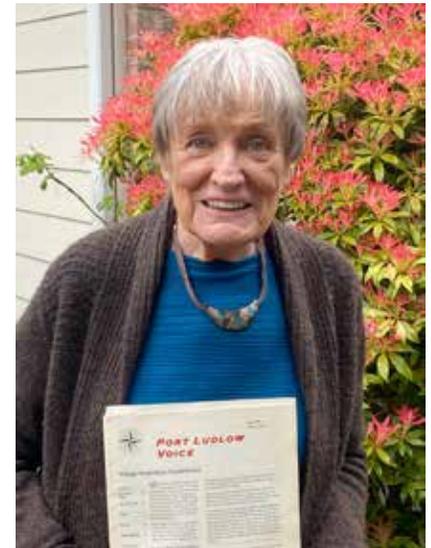
If a patient has a serious medical condition, the decision may be to send the patient to outlying facilities, such as the Harborview trauma center, via helicopter. In normal dispatches, EJFR’s goal is to provide quality emergency care within minutes of calling 911 where every minute counts in improving long-term outcomes.

What’s Up, Neighbor?

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer

She doesn’t always get the tension right, but it’s not been that long since she learned to crochet from YouTube. When she was a little girl, her mother had tried to teach her but to no avail. Now Mary’s made a lot of scarves and a couple of small lap blankets, most in shades of red or blue. She prefers bulky yarns and large hooks because her projects go much faster. If only her mom was still here.

Mary Ronen is a proud mother to five children; two sons and a daughter who live here in Washington, a son in Houston, TX, and her youngest daughter in Long Beach, California. She has three grandsons, all grown now; two in Washington and one in Italy. When I asked her about some of her favorite memories, she said her daughter’s wedding stands out. Another was being there when one of her grandsons was born by Cesarean



Mary Ronen holding the first issue of the Port Ludlow Voice.

Photo by Linda Pudwill

section. She remembered when she was eight, when her mom and dad traded their house for a silver bullet trailer and a job in Long Beach, CA, that would never materialize. She said they moved to Hawaii when she was eleven for her dad’s job at the Pearl Harbor shipyard. All that traveling made them closer. Family is what she’s most proud of.

Mary and her husband Ken met in Long Beach CA when they both worked for a shipping agency that handled foreign ships when in US ports. They came to Seattle on a business trip in 1969 and stayed, trading California for Kirkland. In 1990, they retired to Port Ludlow and built their house on Fairwind Court. Mary’s been there ever since, even after her husband died in 2006 from Intraocular Melanoma when the cancer spread to his liver. Her sister Linda lives with her now. Mary has lived here so long she feels like a *stick-in-the-mud*. Really, she’s anything but.

Mary’s been the production manager of the *Port Ludlow Voice* since 2002. But she’s been volunteering with the magazine since the beginning, when the first monthly edition was mailed in August 1998. It was a 16-page newsletter back then.

How did she get started? She was involved in the local computer club hosted at the Bay Club, where she put together the group’s

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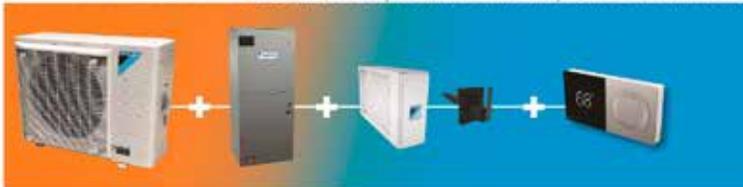
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newsletter. And it was a guy in the computer club who had the idea to start a Port Ludlow newsletter so the community would know what was going on in their town. Mary said she couldn't do the magazine layout today without the knowledge she gained from that club. The *Port Ludlow Voice* has grown from that first 16-page black and white newsletter to a beautiful color magazine, often 36 pages. All of the publications are available on *plvoice.org* in the archives section, and Mary has been involved in every single issue.

She told me she's inspired by the volunteers on the magazine, and she's proud to be a part of it. It's challenging to put the magazine together, and it keeps her on her toes because she's never quite sure it'll come together. It always does, and when it's done, it's an "aha, I did it!" moment. Then it's off to Printery Communications in Port Townsend and into mailboxes on the first of every month.

I asked her why she decided to work on the magazine in the first place, and she told me she loves our community and believes volunteering is how we make things better for everyone. She volunteered in the past for various groups, but most of those aren't around anymore. Still, she attends Grace Lutheran Church in Port Townsend and when help is needed, she's there. She's had to slow down a little due to an injury, but she does what she can.

Late last year, Mary fractured her pelvis and was in a rehabilitation center for an entire month. She said it was scary, but it gave her a better understanding of how easy it is to get injured when you're older, and how hard it can be to heal. It's been a slow process to get her strength back, and she's been told it could take a year or more.

I asked her if this experience had made her more patient, and she told me it had with other people, but that doesn't necessarily translate to her own injury. Her pelvis is healed now, though she's in physical therapy to strengthen her injured muscles. It will take more time, but she'll get there.

She's 83 years old now and said she mutters a lot to herself when working on the *Voice*, in an office stuffed with a copy of every single issue of the magazine—all the way back to that first newsletter in 1998. One of these days, she's going to take some of it to recycle, she tells me. *One of these days.*

Mary looks forward to getting up every morning, whether she has something planned or not. There'll always be something to do. She has a closet full of clothes in different sizes that take up far too much room. She knows she needs to clean it out, but it'll keep for another day. Just like her office. Maybe she'll crochet a larger blanket. Or maybe she'll convince you to join the staff at the *Port Ludlow Voice*. You're thinking about it, aren't you?

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

Changes at LVP

by Jim Gormly, President, LVP

The Board of Ludlow Village Players regretfully announces the retirement of Randy Powell as Artistic Director effective April 30. Randy joined the Board in 2019 and directed the cast of funny characters in the comedy, *The Outsider*, for scheduled performances in 2020, though Covid delayed the production until 2022. He subsequently guided us through the drama, *Night Watch*, and the musical, *In This House*, in 2023, as LVP expanded its season schedule to two main-stage productions, along with *Holiday on the Bay* shows. However, due to medical issues, he has decided that he must now focus on navigating through a new drama for which he has the lead role but no script. The musical, *Nonsense*, was his final play as director.

As Artistic Director and stage director, he put in hundreds of hours of planning, rehearsing, meeting, performances, and promotion for each play—such is his devotion. This included innumerable round-trip drives from his home in Brinnon. Randy has been involved with the theater for nearly 60 years, acting countless times, directing over 50 dramas, comedies, and musicals, and teaching theater for 15 years. Theater is clearly his passion, and his skills and enthusiasm will be missed. We wish him well.

Randy's retirement, along with other unforeseen reasons, unfortunately has forced us to cancel the scheduled Spring Fundraiser of one-act plays for May 10 and 11. We plan to bring that to you at a later date.

Meanwhile, auditions for LVP's fall comedy, *Murdered to Death*, which will be directed by Kate Marshall, are scheduled for **Thursday and Friday, May 9 and 10**, at 6 p.m. at the Beach Club. No experience is necessary to try out for a role in this funny play.

Ludlow Village Players is a 501(c)(3) organization in which everyone involved is a volunteer, and we need more of them. What is a volunteer? Someone who gives of their time freely and enjoys success as their compensation. Actors ranging from those with no experience to veterans are always welcome, but we particularly need people to work behind the scenes. Previous background is not required. We need people interested in working with sound, lighting, or costumes—as well as set, props, and makeup people. Join us and expand your circle of friends. Send an email to: volunteer@ludlowvillageplayers.org.

Estate Planning

On **May 15** at noon, Northwest Estate Planning & Probate will host a one-hour free seminar at the Beach Club, where estate planning attorney Amanda Wilson will discuss asset protection strategies and how to use Medicaid benefits for Long Term Care.

Arts & Entertainment

Port Ludlow Art League

Artists of the Month – Donna Dowdney



Silver Spirals, by Donna Dowdney.

As a fabric and mixed-media artist, Donna Dowdney creates designs with acrylics on canvas and then prints them on fabric. She captures the energy of the design with bold, saturated colors and uses beads, mirrors, ribbons, and threads to add sparkle, color, and movement.

The recent discoveries from the James Webb Space Telescope opened Donna's eyes to the artistic beauty of the galaxies. Donna stated, "I have been designing with spirals since I began creating art. Now I see how my designs relate to the art of the universe. Nature's dance of life inspires my art, as my designs encircle, spiral, branch, and wander." Donna's fabric and mixed media art has been displayed at the Pacific International Quilt Festival, Washington State History Museum, Washington State Convention Center, and the Latimer Textile and Quilt Center. In 2024, Arts

and Humanities Bainbridge awarded Donna a grant to continue pursuing her artistic interests. For more information on Donna, please visit donnaleedowdney.com.

During May, you can view Donna's artwork at the Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org. A reception for Donna is set for 4 – 5 p.m., **Wednesday, May 8**, in the lobby of the bank and 5 – 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery.



Jewelry by Georganne Muse.

Submitted photos

Jeweler of the Month – Georganne Muse

Using semi-precious stones collected over many years, Georganne began creating artisan wire jewelry and soon discovered she had a talent for creating striking jewelry pieces. Georganne's jewelry features sterling silver and semi-precious stones, reflecting the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest.

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

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

Port Ludlow Art League—Upcoming Classes

Share & Explore: Portrait Drawing Basics – Friday, May 3, 10 a.m. – noon

Explore the basics of drawing portraits. All supplies and instructions are provided so you can see if you'd like to invest in the supplies for this technique. To RSVP for this hands-on, try-it session, please send email to info@portludlowart.org.

Acrylic Paint Class – Saturday, May 18, 9:30 a.m. - noon at the Bridge Deck



Citrus, by Shirley Bomgaars.

Submitted photo

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

Port Ludlow Art League - Art Around Town

The Port Ludlow Art League partners with local businesses that graciously offer locations for artists to exhibit and sell their artwork. During May through July, you can enjoy original art by local artists at the following locations:

- Active Life Physical Therapy – Shirley Bomgaars: Whimsical Acrylic painting
- Coldwell Banker Best Realty – Diane Walker: Abstract Acrylic paintings
- The Beach Club – Carol Reynolds: Textile paintings
- The Bay Club Lobby – Janice Gruber: Oil paintings
- Port Ludlow Post Office – Rose Simon: Colorful, Graphic Acrylic paintings
- John L. Scott Real Estate – Pamela Raine: Watercolor and Acrylic paintings

If you'd like to purchase any of the artwork, please use the label information to contact the artist.

Bay Club Art Exhibit - Patterns & Textures

During May and June, the theme for the Port Ludlow Bay Club's art exhibit is *Patterns & Textures*.

Pattern is the repetition or echoing of a graphic motif using line, shape, color, or form. Texture is the perceived surface quality of a work of art and can be actual, implied, invented, or abstract. The physical profile of texture may cast shadows that can enhance the artwork.

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



Life's Journey, by Pamela Raine.

Submitted photo

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.

Northwind Art



Wedding Spell, by Isabel Elena Pérez.

Photo by Dianne Urbani

to plein air painting. Northwind Art, the nonprofit organization based in Port Townsend, operates Jeanette Best Gallery, 701 Water St. in Port Townsend; it is named in honor of the late Port Ludlow artist and mentor. It also runs Northwind Art School at Fort Worden.

In "Lush Language," four women are showing art far outside the ordinary: unconventional weavings, vivid pastels of birds and foliage, dreamlike paintings. They are Isabel Elena Pérez of Quilcene, Tininha Silva and Claire Ragland of Port Townsend, and Becca Fuhrman of Seattle.

"This show is filled with art inspired by the natural world," said Northwind spokesperson Diane Urbani. "It's rich in symbolism and arresting images—a feast for the mind."

Jeanette Best Gallery will have an opening celebration for “Lush Language” during Port Townsend’s first-Saturday Art Walk from 5 – 8 p.m., **Saturday, May 4**. Regular gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays.

At Northwind Art School, in Buildings 306 and 324 at Fort Worden, May brings 16 courses and workshops. Information about these offerings and the teaching faculty is found at northwindart.org.

Among May’s classes:

- Open Air Plein Air Meetups – **May 9, May 23, June 6**: Teaching artist Tracy Grisman chooses a beautiful outdoor location, gives a demonstration, and offers individual guidance during these painterly mornings.
- Improvisational Quilting – **May 9-10**: Teaching artist Robin O’Neil welcomes beginner and intermediate teens and adults in this workshop.
- Narrative Techniques in Photography and the Power of Hidden Pictures – **May 11-12**: Photographer and curator Brian Van Lau teaches how to create a personal photographic project using a mix of ingredients.
- Fundamentals of Art Part 1 – **Mondays, May 20 – June 24**: This six-week class explores the fundamental concepts and language of art and design.
- Dotted Mandalas on Stones – **May 20-21**: Artist Carol Middelburg teaches a bit about the history of mandalas and the steps to create them using acrylic paints and tools (all provided).

“It’s a joy to make art in community,” Urbani said, “that’s what our classes offer.”

Journey Home

by Barbara Berthiaume, Staff Writer

*Long time Port Ludlow resident Mark Pearson joined the Brothers Four in 1969. He continues to perform with the group, as a solo artist, and with his lifelong friend, Mike McCoy. He is donating his time and talent for the upcoming **June 1** concert at the Beach Club.*

Both Mark and Pat Pearson have a philosophy of giving back to the community. Mark has given several benefit concerts, including one for the Jefferson County Food bank, the Y-Summer Feeding Program, and the Chimacum Backpacks for Kids weekend nutrition program. He and the Brothers Four also did a benefit for Dove House, Jefferson County’s sexual assault, domestic violence, and crimes program.

Mark and Pat Pearson chose Port Ludlow as their home 20 years ago. Their good friend and fellow Brothers Four member, John Paine, lived here with his wife, Gail, and invited them to view a property for sale next door. Pat immediately fell in love with



Mark Pearson.

Submitted photo

it because in her words, “the no-bank saltwater beach, unusual saltwater wetlands, a spring-fed freshwater stream, woods of second growth trees, eagles and herons and crows...everything I could hope for in one place. I felt a responsibility to caretake this beautiful natural system, not to change it.” Pat had a background in Natural Environmental Studies and taught courses at the Washington State Extension Program in Port Hadlock and retired as a fully tenured professor. Mark continued touring with the Brothers Four, writing songs, and performing solo concerts as well as with his good friend, Mike McCoy. The *Voice* featured an article in 2014 entitled “The Journey Continues for Mark Pearson.” He and Pat traveled with the University of Washington Civil Rights Pilgrimages to cities such as Atlanta, Montgomery, Selma, and Birmingham, and met with Civil Rights icons along the way. Mark has brought music to eight such pilgrimages with plans for more. To follow Mark and enjoy his music, go to his website at markpearsonmusic.com and hear the evolution of his amazing journey.

Mark agreed to do a benefit concert when he learned of the Accessibility Project developed by the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) which is designed to enable all residents to enjoy the Beach Club and have access to the variety of activities featured there. An elevator, a wheelchair ramp, grab bars in appropriate places, and other safety features will ensure inclusivity to all members of the community. The LMC will provide further information on this project in the near future. The 7 p.m. concert will take place on **Saturday, June 1**, at the Beach Club. Tickets can be purchased at the Beach Club for \$30. For further information, contact Adele Govert at (360) 437-8090 or the Beach club at (360) 437-9201.

Mother's Day Concert

The 13th Annual Concert to Benefit the Ugandan AIDS Orphans will be held on **Sunday, May 12**, at 4 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 1111 Franklin Street, Port Townsend WA. Doors open at 3:30 p.m. A \$15-\$20 donation, cash or check, is suggested for ages twelve and older.



Ugandan students show the mattresses gifted to them.

Submitted photo

Pianist Lisa Lanza brings together young musicians and their equally talented elders on Mother's Day to perform a variety of vocal and instrumental music for the benefit of Ugandan AIDS orphan children. Participating musicians will include pianists Lisa Lanza and Michael Carroll; Vinnie Oheppo, clarinet; Anabel Moore, violin; Laurel Sprig, Jeni Little and Leslie Lewis, sopranos; Sharon Buck, mezzo-soprano, and the Grace Lutheran Church Choir joined by local singers.

Since 2002 Grace Lutheran Church in Port Townsend has been supporting relationships with orphaned children in Uganda. The majority of these children are AIDS orphans without parents to provide for them. Grace Lutheran Church has provided long-term support to them, more than 30 of whom have now graduated from secondary school and training courses with a bright future in front of them. Some have earned government scholarships and gone on to university. While the church has been a primary supporter, our entire community has been involved through Ugandan Orphan Fund-raising Concerts performed in a packed house every spring. As many of them have now graduated, Grace Lutheran continues to support new groups of orphans; there is a new group of 31 this year. This wonderful program continues to make a difference in lives a world away. For a history of Grace Lutheran's support of these students, visit Grace Lutheran Church website gracelutheranpt.org.

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Recreation & Sports

Lag Putting - Avoiding the 3-Putt

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC



Lag putting.

Submitted photo

One of the easiest areas to take strokes off your score occurs on the green. Putting makes up approximately 30 – 40% of your score, so when it's off, our score goes up quickly. Being able to read the break of a putt is important, but the speed is the MOST important factor in making more putts and avoiding the dreaded 3-putt.

Last year on the PGA Tour, Aaron Baddeley led in 3-putt avoidance with only 20 3-putts in 1,440 holes, or only one 3-putt every 72 holes...amazing. The next closest was one every 66 holes – still incredible when the PGA Tour average is one every 36 holes.

So where does the average golfer stack up? Not to get caught up in too much data, but as a reference, a scratch player will 3-putt on average 1.4 times per round, whereas a 20-handicap golfer will 3-putt on average 4.4 times per round. They add up and represent a real chance to cut strokes off our score. So how do we cut the number of “our” 3-putts?

Let's set up a practice routine that works on speed only. We will concentrate on practicing our distance control from a variety of distances. Our goal here is not to make putts, but to be able to set up to make the second putt from a closer distance. As we get past eight feet, the odds of making the first putt start to go down dramatically.

Grab your putter and four golf balls and let's go. Here's two great drills to build better feel:

- Blind putting – Pick a random spot to putt to over 15 feet and putt one ball. Watch and observe until it stops. Now, hit your next three putts trying to match the speed and distance of the first putt without watching where they go once you hit the ball. The goal is to have them in a very small grouping with little variation in the distance between the shortest and farthest. Do this on uphill, downhill, and sidehill at various distances and you'll be amazed at how quickly you get “in tune” with the feel of your putting stroke.
- Ladder drill – Same concept of putting to a random spot, not a hole. First putt to a spot over 15 feet, then try to roll the next three balls an additional one foot farther each. Next round, first putt to a spot over 20 feet and the next three putts each one foot shorter.

Learning to control the speed is the key to better putting. Get out there and have fun! See you on the greens!

Port Ludlow Women's Golf Leagues

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA and Lady Niners' Publicity Chairperson

PLWGA (Women's 18 Hole) League news. The Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association's (PLWGA) 2024 Opening Day on April 2 was great fun. Chairperson Peggy Selby provided challenges for every hole—from directions for everyone in each foursome to hit from the shortest drive to putting on greens with the hole surrounded by pieces of swim noodles, blocking putts from every direction but one. Members enjoyed the variety of this fun-filled round. Peggy and husband Jim provided a nicely spiced white chili with cornbread, followed by delicious iced chocolate brownies.

Following the opening day luncheon, PLWGA Captain Bonnie Vahcic welcomed new members to the league, and then turned the meeting over to Handicap Chairperson, Linda Aho. Since Aho and Diane Germain had attended online new handicap rules workshops, they were able to field the numerous questions asked by the membership. They emphasized that entering scores on the same day that play occurred and entering scores hole-by-hole were very important. Members can download the GHIN app to their cell phones. On league play days, scores will be entered for participants.

The Spring Fling Shotgun on **Monday, May 13**, and **Tuesday, May 14**, is the first tournament of the Season. Chairs of this tournament are Peggy Selby and Mandy Whipple. The Captains Cup, a match play tournament, will be played in the first three weeks of June according to 2024 Tournament Chairs, Sue Fechner and Diane Germain. Chair Kathi Williams announced details of the Gals' Getaway during the last week in May, with Desert Canyon Golf Course Resort near Chelan as the primary destination.

Lucinda Thompson is also a chairperson of this event. Captain Vahcic reminded the membership of the need to provide raffle items or raffle baskets for the Lady Invitational on **Tuesday, June 25**.

PLWGA 2024 officers are as follows: Captain, Bonnie Vahcic; Co-Captain, Sharon Russell; Treasurer, Linda Haskin; Secretary, Peggy Selby; and Member-at-Large, Elaine Raymond. Distributed at the luncheon was the PLWGA 2024 Handbook, created by Linda Haskin with the assistance of Diane Smeland.

Bonnie Vahcic and Lucinda Thompson highlighted the coming 2024 Washington State Public Links Association (WSPLA) tournament season. PL Members were reminded that they must qualify to play in the WSPLA Championship by playing in previous WSPLA events. The WSPLA Championship is a three-day women's event (**July 15, 16, and 17**) that will be hosted by the Cedars of Dungeness near Sequim. Women golfers from the entire state will participate in this exciting event. Casual Friday Golf is being organized by Linda Haskin. PLWGA Members need to contact Linda to be placed on the Golf Genius "Friday Casual Golf" email list. Captain Vahcic invites prospective league members to play 18 holes with the group any Tuesday morning. To sign up to play with either league or to join one of the leagues, please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop at 360-437-0272. Special note: PLGC Membership is no longer a requirement for joining the PLWGA.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



Maintenance vehicle at Timberton Loop.

Photo by Larry Scott

OK, OK, OK. What happened to the Trail Mix article for the *Voice* April issue? It did not get cut out in the editing process, but still, it wasn't there. Well, the typical author (Chair) missed the submittal deadline without a valid excuse. Sometimes ideas just won't obviously present themselves (is that writer's block?) and he mislaid a lesson learned at the Navy's Senior Enlisted Academy. "It doesn't matter what you write, just get started. Write

anything, then go back and edit." So, that's what he's doing now, just writing anything about Trails.

What's the latest? Two Trails have changed status recently – Timberton Loop is back in full hiking accessibility with an entirely new view where the current crop of timber was harvested in February/March. If you haven't hiked it since the harvest, you will be impressed by the open view now available of the nearby terrain. Replanting follows and within a couple/three years it will look like a lawn with all the trees at the same height. A few side roads had been added to accommodate the harvest and were confusing to the newer hikers, so Trails has staked ribbons across the side roads to guide hikers in the right direction. The second trail to change status is Teal Lake Loop. Harvesting is currently under way nearby with the logging trucks using the existing roads to transport the logs out. These logging roads constitute the South and West portions of our Teal Lake Loop, so those segments are temporarily closed for hiking safety. They should be reopened in mid- to late-May.

What else?

Well, by this publication, there should be enough grass growth to warrant a mowing.

1. The annual Scotch Broom Pull will happen in May, led by Mark Makarowski, the Trails Natural Resources guru.
2. The big effort to improve the edging along Osprey Trail should be done or close to completion, and however many "MORE" steps are needed should be done.
3. Effort continues to try to bridge across Ludlow Creek at the Interpretive Trail—this is a long process.
4. Providing our equipment storage shed with electricity is another effort underway.
5. Trails has also acquired a maintenance vehicle that's capable of transporting four Fun Day volunteers and their tools to a site for trail improvements.

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Elaine Girard—End of the Season Hole-in-One

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA and Lady Niners' Publicity Chairperson



Elaine Girard and her hole-in-one on hole No. 3.

Submitted photo

During the last play day of the 2023 Golf season, Elaine Girard had a hole-in-one on hole No. 3. Everyone on the course knew it as the screams from Elaine and members of her foursome reverberated throughout the golf course.

Elaine Girard took early retirement from her Quest Diagnostics position as National Manager of Patient Services. It was discovered that she had a rare condition that caused clots and a stroke at age 55. It took her months of physical therapy to recover from the paralysis on her right side. According to Elaine, “While I loved my job and had never considered retiring, having a stroke makes you look at life differently.”

Since one of her favorite places was the Hood Canal, she sold her home in Gig Harbor and purchased a house on the canal, not knowing a soul in the area. Having grown up with parents who golfed, she turned to the Port Ludlow Golf Course to fill up her free time. Shortly after taking golf lessons, Elaine joined the Lady Niners. After some improvement in her game, Elaine joined the women’s 18-hole league, the PLWGA.

When asked about her other interests, Elaine replied, “Aside from golf, I’m an avid quilter and traveler. I am lucky enough to have a sister that lives in Kailua, HI, who I’m able to visit two or three times a year. In addition, I love to visit the beach and snorkel. In late January of this year, I visited Fiji for seven days and was able to see extraordinary coral beds and phenomenal tropical fish.

Portugal, Norway, and New Zealand are on my bucket list. Who knows what’s in the pipeline for 2024?” Hopefully more holes-in-one and even better golf scores are in Elaine’s future.

PLYC Prepares for Opening Day in the Marina

by Greg Buscher, PLYC Communication Manager

Among boaters and all those who enjoy maritime traditions and pageantry, Opening Day is a big deal, and it will be here soon. Save the date **Saturday, May 11**, and join PLYC members, your neighbors, marina tenants, and boating fans of all stripes at 10 a.m. at the flagpole outside the marina office. There we’ll raise the colors, speechify (briefly), thank community dignitaries and honored guests, and salute the new cruising season with a cannonade.

Opening Day ceremonies will be followed at 11 a.m. by a boat parade around Port Ludlow Bay. Participating boats will be scrubbed, polished, and sporting traditional yachting decoration; it should be quite a show!

We hope to see you there, and then see you at PLYC’s Wreck Room. If you are interested in joining PLYC, we’d love to show you around and invite you to a Club event as our guest. Just complete the inquiry form on our website at plyc.us/visit, and we’ll be in touch.

An advertisement for Printery. At the top, it says "DESIGN/PRINT/SIGNS/MAILING" in a small font. Below that, "Your One Stop Shop" is written in a large, green, sans-serif font. A central image shows a seagull with its beak open, as if calling. To the right of the seagull is a yellow star icon and the word "Printery" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below "Printery" is the slogan "YES, WE CAN DO IT!" in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, there are two phone numbers: "360-385-1256" and "631 Tyler Street Uptown | Printery.com | info@printery.com". The background is white with some decorative elements like a pink swirl and a green checkered square.

An advertisement for newleaf design | build. At the top left is a logo featuring a stylized house with a crown on top, surrounded by decorative flourishes. Below the logo is the text "newleaf design | build" in a lowercase, sans-serif font. To the right of the logo is the text "Residential Design Build Firm" in a bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this are three bullet points: "• Architectural design for new homes and remodels", "• Permit facilitator for all phases", and "• Full service general contractor". Below the bullet points is a photograph of a modern, two-story house with a gabled roof and large windows. To the right of the photograph is the text "Our team of expert craftsmen will take your project from design phase to handing you keys to your new home!" in a black, sans-serif font. At the bottom right, it says "Marie Peterson, President" followed by the phone numbers "360 437 8148 • Cell 360 621 0312" and the email address "marie@newleafwa.com".

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Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Nuerenberg, Hiking Club

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads, arrange carpools, and depart at 8:30 a.m.

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

Wednesday, May 1 – Hike Planning Meeting

The semi-annual hike planning meeting will be held on **May 1**, from 5 – 7 p.m. at the Beach Club in Port Ludlow. We will be filling in a schedule of hikes and talking about several other items of interest and concern. If you are interested in leading a hike and participating in a hiking discussion at the meeting, please plan on attending. After the business portion of the meeting, we will spend some time socializing and getting to know each other better. Please bring a snack to share and a beverage of your choice. Scribe: John Nuerenberg, 623-229-4657.

Friday, May 17 – Ebey's Landing

We will take the 9:30 a.m. Port Townsend ferry. Once on Whidbey Island, we will take a short drive to Ebey's Landing State Park and then explore the National Historic Reserve. Expect an easy walk of approximately four to six miles. Ferry reservations required both ways. A Discover Pass is not required. Restrooms are available at the trailhead. Hike leader: Sarah Schuch, 360-215-4065.

Friday, May 10 – Spruce Railroad Trail

We will be starting at the east end of the Spruce Railroad Trail. Upon leaving the parking area at the end of Boundary Creek Road, we will join the trail which has been improved and paved. We will hike about four miles to the western trailhead, detouring from the trail on a short dirt trail loop to the Devil's Punchbowl. While on the trail, we will see a couple of tunnels, one of which we walk through at the Punchbowl. We will stop to eat our lunch at the turnaround, after which we return to the cars. Most of the hike provides us with beautiful views of Crescent Lake, the opposite shore, and the mountains in the background.

The Spruce Railroad Trail would have transported Sitka spruce to Port Angeles. The wood was to be used to build aircraft during World War I, but the war ended days before the completion of the railroad.

The hike is about 8 miles round trip with about 300 feet of elevation gain. Since the trail is almost all asphalt and very little incline, hiking sticks will not be needed. You may also wear your comfortable tennis shoes! A restroom is available at the trailhead. A National Park pass is required. Hike leaders: Sally Nuerenberg, 623-229-4257 and John Nuerenberg, 623-229-4657.

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

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

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

The Port Ludlow Niners' News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA and Lady Niners' Publicity Chairperson

Lady Niners Captain Barbara Burke has planned many interesting Thursday games—some games will be played from the new Port Ludlow Tees (closer to the hole) allowing members to practice their short game. The format of these games allows members to post their scores for their handicap, while still using the scores to determine Thursday Play Day Winners. Members should continue to use Golf Genius to sign up for play on Thursday mornings. The 2024 Lady Niners' officers are as follows: Captain, Barbara Burke; Treasurer, Elaine Girard; and Couples Chairpersons, Barb and Mike Burke.

The first Couples golf event will be held in late May. Details will be announced by email to all members. Niners' Couples Chairpersons, Mike and Barbara Burke, have announced multiple couples' golf game formats for the 2024 Season. Membership in the Men's Niners or the Lady Niners is required for participation in these monthly couples' events.

Captain Burke invites prospective league members to play nine holes with the group any Thursday morning. To sign up to play with the Niners, please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop at 360-437-0272. Special note: PLGC Membership is no longer a requirement for joining the Niners.

Dove House Golf Benefit - Save the Date

The 12th Annual Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on **Friday, August 16**, at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. This event is sponsored by the Peninsula Support Organization (PSO) Bluebills, a group of volunteers who work with local agencies and schools to improve the quality of life for members of the communities they serve

The registration fee is \$135 for the general community and \$80 for Port Ludlow Golf Course members. There will be a shotgun start at noon, and the registration fee includes the green fee, golf cart, box lunch, and winner prizes. The after-tournament reception, also included with the registration fee, includes dinner and an awards ceremony at the Bay Club. Tickets for raffle baskets, curated and provided by local businesses, will be for sale before the tournament begins and again at the Bay Club. A drawing for the basket winners takes place at the reception at the Bay Club.

The tournament registration forms are available at the Port Ludlow Golf Course and also online at dovehousejc.org. Completed forms are to be returned to Dove House Advocacy Services along with a check. Single players are welcome to register and will be matched with a team.

One hundred percent of the funds raised by the event is sent directly to Dove House to help alleviate the dangerous situations for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Funds raised by this event help provide services and items not in the Dove House budget including such things as personal care products, emergency housing, transportation, and school supplies. For further information contact Barbara Berthiaume at 360-301-6207 or Barb Burke at 206-890-5387.

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Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Now that spring has finally sprung, it is time to get going on that spring cleaning...right? Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) will again sponsor the Beach Club Annual Garage Sale on **Saturday, May 25**, from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. We have room for 22 tables in the Beach Club's Bay View room. From Monday April 22 our LMC members can rent table space for \$12 for a six-foot table or \$15 for an eight-foot table. Due to the limited number of tables, space is limited to our members only.

If you are interested in having a table so that you can sell your treasures, stop by the Beach Club front desk to reserve and pay for your table rental as soon as possible. We encourage table setup on **Friday, May 24**, if possible.

LMC held its 56th Annual Meeting on April 20. Please visit our website at LMCBeachClub.org to see the Annual Meeting voting results. Immediately following the Annual Meeting, the Board of Trustees held an organizational meeting at which the new Board officers were elected. Our website also has the results of the organizational meeting election.

LMC is working to provide Beach Club accessibility to all our members. Unfortunately, having stairs in our building that are used to access the lower level of the Beach Club is problematic for many of our members who would like to swim in the pool, soak in the hot tub, or work out in the gym. We are also aware that the location of our current handicap parking and the distance from the building would not meet current building code.

To improve accessibility, LMC has been working with an architectural firm on building modifications that would include an elevator and improved handicap parking.

Currently, LMC is getting cost estimates for the proposed improvements. There are plans being made for several fundraising events that will help defray some of the construction costs. The first event is scheduled for **Saturday, June 1**, at 7 p.m. Mark Pearson of Brothers Four fame has offered to kick off our fundraising efforts. Mark has so graciously agreed to donate his concert proceeds to our project. Tickets are available at the Beach Club front desk for \$30 each. See Barbara Berthiaume's 'Journey Home' article in this publication for more information.

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

LMC and the Beach Club

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North Bay Celebrates Cinco de Mayo



Hola! Celebrate Cinco de Mayo with your North Bay neighbors and learn some interesting facts about the holiday and Mexican cuisine at the same time. This potluck fiesta will be held at the Beach Club on **Saturday, May 4**, at 5:30 p.m. Bring your favorite Mexican dish to share, your place setting, and your beverage of choice. Please sign up at the Beach Club so we know how many tables to set up.

We'll need volunteers to help with set up and clean up, so contact Allan or Nancy Kiesler at 306-437-8091 or goldnresq@aol.com if you can help or have any questions. See you there!!

Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association Update

by Christine Spagle, President, SBCA Board of Directors

Good ole Bill Shakespeare had a quote for everything and though “Rough winds do shake the darling buds of May,” I’ll take the wind as long as I have the flowers. It seems to me that 2024 is speeding along at a record pace, and as I look at my garden, I can hardly believe we are moving so quickly to a Port Ludlow summer – roses are sprouting, daylilies are coming up, and the rhodies are blooming. Occasionally someone will ask me what my favorite time of year is and what I’ve concluded is I have no favorite – each season has its own beauty and appeal; yes, even rainy winter (though you can have the snow).

Now that we are all looking to get out into the garden or take a walk on one of our many trails, what else is happening at the Bay Club? There are a number of group exercise activities happening regularly at the Club: Qigong, Yoga, Pilates, Zumba, Tai Chi, and Dance Cardio to name just a few, plus there are pool exercise groups; and Michael Haberpointner of Active Life Physical Therapy continues to provide clinics on how to use some of the fitness equipment properly. There’s something for everyone. I like to give a shout out to *The Communique* that the Health and Fitness Committee puts out (it comes out monthly as an e-blast to members), as it regularly has good information about general health – the March issue topic was High Blood Pressure with some links to other useful websites. Check it out.

We continue with our regular social events. The Bay Club Lounge on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 4 – 6 p.m. is popular, and the expectation is that as we move toward warmer days, attendees will gravitate toward the patio to enjoy our great water view and, of course, each other’s company. We have made a slight change to the format and Thursdays will be potluck rather than the Club providing food for sale. We’ve had some tasty appetizers from members so far.

The monthly pancake breakfast is well attended. It’s always nice to help a local charity or organization, and the April breakfast was in support of Jefferson Healthcare Hospice. The charity for the May breakfast is Bayside Housing & Services. Come on down to the Club **Friday, May 3**, to enjoy a nice meal and support a good cause.

Monday, May 27, we will have a Memorial Day Service at the Club starting at 10 a.m. The last couple of years we’ve had very positive feedback on the ceremony – it’s certainly, at least for me, an emotional event.

Other upcoming events include the garage and rummage sale on **Saturday, June 8**; Jefferson Healthcare in the auditorium talking about osteoporosis on **Tuesday, June 18**; Music & Brats on **Friday, June 21**; and of course, the monthly pancake breakfast.

Finally, I mentioned last month that the Annual General Meeting of the members is coming up mid-July and there will be four vacant Board positions on the ballot. Consider supporting your community by participating on the Board. I’ve personally

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, May 9, 9:30 a.m.

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learned an enormous amount about the history of our Master Planned Resort community, and it’s always nice to give back. Think about it.

Enjoy the longer, warmer days as we move toward summer – but keep a sweater handy.

Pancake Breakfast - Eating for Good

by Carol Riley, South Bay Editor

The title is a little play on words. The first Friday of the month Pancake Breakfast at the Bay Club is a delicious way to start your day, mingle with new and old friends, and support local organizations and charities that benefit from the proceeds.

The pancake breakfast became a regular activity on the calendar at the Bay Club in January 2019. The goal was to create an opportunity for members to gather, share breakfast, and do some good. For \$15 a person, members and their guests can enjoy homemade hot-off-the-griddle pancakes, scrambled eggs, crispy bacon, savory sausage links, fresh fruit, hot coffee, and fruit juice. The event begins at 8:30 and winds down at 10 a.m. Members are encouraged to make reservations and pay in advance.

Covid put a stop to the breakfast for a brief time, but March of 2022 saw a much welcomed return of the event. A portion of the proceeds go to local organizations such as the Tri-Area Food Bank, LVP, PLPA, Jefferson Healthcare, Port Ludlow *Voice*, St. Vincent de Paul, Chimacum Backpacks for Kids, and many others. It is also an opportunity for the groups to give a brief synopsis of their work for the attendees.

The **Friday, May 3**, breakfast will benefit Bayside Housing & Services, whose offices are located in the Old Alcohol Plant in Port Hadlock. BHS serves people in Jefferson County who are currently without shelter or unstably housed by first housing them and then aiding them in the attainment of secure permanent housing with the skills needed to remain housed. Funds raised at the pancake breakfast will be used to provide safe and sustainable housing, food security, treatment for behavioral and physical health issues, substance use disorder treatment, and financial empowerment through education and employment. "Every dollar raised for Bayside shortens someone's wait for safe and stable housing," said Karen Clemens, Development Director at BHS.

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Village Council

PLVC Meeting Summary

by Adina Rivers, PLVC Secretary

Call to order: President Jason Wright called the meeting to order at 3 p.m., stated the meeting would be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order for Small Boards, and would be recorded. Secretary Adina Rivers declared a quorum. Board members attending: Tam McDermid, Paul Hinton, John Goldwood, Jason Wright, Dave Jurca, and Adina Rivers.

Stakeholders Updates:

Jefferson County - David Wayne Johnson – Department of Community Development

During the meeting, the Development Agreement was discussed. The Development Agreement was originally for 20 years and was extended for another 25 years till May 2025. The agreement outlines how to resolve issues and regulate the continued development of PLA and their properties. However, the agreement is outdated and needs to be replaced. They are reviewing whether to let the agreement expire or develop a new one. They are analyzing the expiration date, and meetings with legal counsel are scheduled soon. PLA offered to extend the contract for five years in March. They will hold quarterly meetings with PLA to discuss the issue of extending the development agreement. During the quarterly meetings with Port Ludlow Associates, they plan to use the meeting approach regarding the development agreement for educational purposes. Olympic Terrace Phase II is set for review of the Final Mylar Plat on **May 16**. George Terry, who will be the lead planner upon Johnson's retirement, was introduced. They are planning to fold in the educational approach with the board in the upcoming comprehensive plan.

Port Ludlow Associates - Diana Smeland - President

That Peetza Place and John L. Scott have opened in the Village Center. The golf course café, (Juniors Sand Trap), has signed a new lease and plans to be up and running for the U.S. Kids Seattle Golf Tour event on April 20 and 21. The High School Biking Invitational will be held on **May 2** and will feature many high schools from Jefferson and Kitsap Counties. The Marina Swap event will take place on **May 4**. Diana confirmed that the permit has been received from the Corps of Engineers regarding the marina, and PLA is now looking for financing. The permit allows them to replace docks C – E in three phases, with the first replacement costing approximately \$5.1 million dollars.

Jefferson County PUD - Dan Toepper - Commissioner for District 3

The organization is conducting surveys to evaluate their rates and services while discussing next year's budget and continuing the broadband build-out on Hwy 101 using federal grant money. They are also working on upgrading the sub-station on Beaver Valley Road and discussing funding for it through a 4-year election work plan. Meetings are held every first and third Tuesday of the month and can be attended in person or via Zoom.

Village Council Meetings

PLVC Board Meeting
Thursday, May 2
3 - 5 p.m., Beach Club

PLVC Workshop
Tuesday, May 21,
3 - 5 p.m., Beach Club

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Committee Reports

Maritime - Dave Jurca substituted for Phil Otness

The process of tagging derelict boats involves giving the owner 15 days to remove the vessel before it becomes the property of DNR. During this time, the owner can appeal to a pollution control hearing board. DNR starts taking bids for removal, which can take 10-30 days. If the owner's appeal is successful, DNR won't take possession of the vessel.

Trails and Natural Resources - Larry Scott

A UTV diesel was purchased to repair some of the remote trails. A couple of trails around Teal Lake are closed for deforestation.

Board Business - Adina Rivers

A motion was made was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes of the March meeting.

Financial - Paul Hinton - Treasurer

Presented the financial report for the month of April.

The board meeting was adjourned.

Being Safe While Walking

Pedestrians: Walk facing oncoming traffic. Wear light-colored or reflective clothing so that you can be seen easily in the dark.

Drivers: Watch out for walkers. Remember, they can't always see you coming.

Don't Miss the Tri-Area Garden Club Plant Sale



The Tri-Area Garden Club (TAGC) wants to announce a location change for their annual plant sale. This year the sale will be held in the Horticulture Building at the Jefferson County Fairgrounds, located at 4907 Landes St. in Port Townsend on **Saturday, May 11** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. We encourage you to come early for the best selections. TAGC's Annual Plant Sale has a 20-plus year history of offering some of the best plant prices around the peninsula, and many items sell out quickly. To make your purchase easier, we will now be accepting credit cards in addition to cash and checks.

Over this past year, members have been working hard preparing for the sale. A large variety of locally grown annuals, perennials, ground covers, ferns, and indoor plants (including some orchids) will be available. Trees that grow well in the Pacific Northwest also will be available. These trees will be in addition to the traditional Douglas Firs and Western Red Cedars that are native to PNW landscapes.

New this year will be beautiful hanging baskets, whimsical "Garden Guardian" yard art, and a variety of different sized planters for patios or gardens, which were made locally by retired dentist, David Chuljian. Since the sale is being held Mother's Day weekend, consider purchasing a gift for Mom as well.

As in the past, TAGC will continue to provide boxes to carry purchases, a plant sitting area for those of you who want your plants held while you continue shopping, and staffing for the sale floor with volunteers to answer your plant questions. Carts and wagons are permitted inside the building so feel free to bring them to carry your purchases.

Proceeds from the sale are used to fund grants and scholarships supporting the local community. Recent awards were granted to Habitat for Humanity, Chimacum High School Horticulture Department, Dove House, YMCA, Salish Coast School, Swan School, Gathering Place, Sunfield School, Main Street Program, Recovery Café, and Chimacum Wellness Program.

Interested in becoming a member or want more information about the Tri-Area Garden Club? Check us out at our website tri-areagardenclub.weebly.com or on our Tri-Area Garden Club Facebook page.

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Aloha Nui Loa

by Suyin Karlsen, Guest Writer

From atop Diamond Head, looking west, one sees the iconic sprawling brick wren of Waikiki. This distant, imposing vista, resembling a crammed graph of vertical concrete bars is nonetheless dominated by the more expansive and stunning turquoise blue ocean that sweeps the south shore of Oahu. Hikers come here for the promised panorama of Waikiki, but they stay to pay silent homage to the water.

Fifty years ago in February 1974, when I stood at the very spot atop Diamond Head, this current view of Waikiki was improbable to even imagine. At that time, palm trees along Kalakaua Avenue were plentiful. But expanding any hospitality industry translates to bigger hotels, more urban development, and natural landscapes sacrificed for economic progress. The transformation in five decades has been dramatic.

Waikiki, which means Spouting Water, is a two-mile long peninsula and half a mile at its widest. Stretching from the Hilton Hawaiian Village to the legendary Diamond Head crater is a constellation of starred hotels, restaurants, and upscale retailers. Nine pristine beaches, almost entirely manufactured and crowded for the most part, lose a foot of sand annually. Today they are replenished locally, but from 1920 to 1970 sand was barged or shipped in from Manhattan Beach, CA. This often-filmed stretch of paradise is man's closest cloned heaven providing pleasure for body and mind, if you can afford it. Every major *haute couture* has a presence here, and the finest are displayed on Luxury Row at 2100 Kalakaua. The term *haute couture* is protected by French law; therefore, one is promised perfection when stepping into these fashion houses for a thoroughly immersive experience of fashion, art and design, akin to visiting a museum. But it's not just the clothes, shoes, and handbags that capture, there's also the food! Frankly, I preferred the food trucks to the *haute couture*!

Having grown up in Penang that still boasts the best food in the world, my discerning palate rejoiced at the many Waikiki Michelin-starred restaurants like *Tim Ho Wan*, a dim sum restaurant that actually delivered. True to its advertisement that it is "the world's most inexpensive Michelin-starred restaurant," we were able to eat there more than once. Then there were the unrivaled Japanese restaurants like *Marugame Udon* where you watched broth brew and udon produced in their open theater kitchen. There always were very long lines to get in. First come first served, no reservations, the sign said. There's no better advertisement for food than this type of take it or leave it management attitude. The waits are worth the while!

But Waikiki with all its youthful, surfing, effervescent energy is not the end all, as our almost daily sojourns around the island would prove. We took advantage of Oahu's senior HOLO card and rode public buses cheaply, exploring nearly 80% of the island this way.

Our first bus excursion took us to the *Byodo-In Temple*, found southeast of the island. It's a smaller scale, striking replica of the 900-year-old temple in Kyoto, Japan. It is not an active temple as there are no monastics in residence, but it attracts thousands of visitors world-wide. This magnificent shrine built in 1968 to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first Japanese immigrants to Hawaii, sits on two lush acres of picturesque Japanese gardens, graced by peacocks, koi ponds, and sparrows that eat out of one's hands. *Byodo-In's* charm and attraction is the tranquility that naturally abides in any remotely situated spiritual enclave. Especially if it also has the backdrop of the soaring *Ko'olau* mountain range, rendering the landscape a postcard that could not be more perfect. Inside the temple is a 15-foot wooden statue of the Lotus Buddha, lacquered in gold. Outside the temple is a three-ton brass Peace Bell that visitors can strike with an elongated padded mallet. The mallet is massive and is suspended by ropes from the ceiling of the red pavilion housing the bell. Striking the bell produces a low and sonorous sound that permeates the grounds, and adds solemnity to a sacred space.

No visit to any of the Hawaiian Islands is complete without at least a day at one of the many remarkable gardens there. The Foster Botanical Gardens, one of five on Oahu, covers 14 acres. It is the oldest botanical garden in Hawaii and listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Trees dating back to 1853 are signed as Exceptional Trees. Most notable is the Bo Tree (*Ficus religiosa*), a descendent of the actual Bo Tree under which the Buddha attained enlightenment. A sapling from the original tree in India was gifted to Mary Foster (for which the Gardens are named) in 1913 by Anagarika Dharmapala, a well-known Sri Lankan Buddhist monk and writer. There is also the Kola tree from which came the inspiration for the Coca-Cola recipe. The original recipe included the caffeine-rich nuts of this tree. Of all the flora displayed, I found the Exceptional Trees to be the most fascinating. That is not to say that the Cycads did not also pique my interest. They resemble ferns and palms but are actually related to conifers. Instead of flowers they have cones! Big and bright, an orange or red color, they look like gnomes stole into the garden at night and painted them! Ninety percent of Hawaii's 1400 native plants are endemic (found nowhere else) which means once that native plant becomes extinct there, it is gone forever.

The best and most memorable place we went to was the North Shore Meditation Garden, a non-denominational sanctuary dedicated to the "One Light illuminating all spiritual paths." It's an exquisitely landscaped environ designed with the purpose of encouraging meditation, reflection, and prayer. Small, separate gardens are interspersed throughout, while a large tranquil pond surrounded by flora and natural stone add to the serenity. And that is not all. This gem of a refuge overlooks the Pacific Ocean expanding...it feels like...into all of eternity.

Three weeks of vacationing on the island of Oahu were very nostalgic for the memories of what once was.

We ache also for native Hawaiians who lost their Kingdom in an annexation that continues to be dissented. The best they got was the Apology Resolution (US Public Law 103-150) signed by President Bill Clinton on November 23, 1993. This resolution apologized "to Native Hawaiians on behalf of the people of the United States for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii on January 17, 1893...and the deprivation of the rights of Native Hawaiians to self-determination."

While Hawaii is offered to the world as a Paradise Found, and the wealthiest build second homes there, escalating real estate prices displace native Hawaiians and local residents – is *their* covenant one of Paradise Lost?

Aloha Nui Loa is a greeting of hello, and of saying goodbye. But it is, at the same time, a Hawaiian expression of abundant warmth, respect and great love. It is still used to welcome us when we come, and when we leave. It is quite touching. But that is just their way.

Postscript: Our Hawaiian holiday was to celebrate my husband Steve's notable 80th birthday. He joyously experienced first-hand, the genuine *Aloha Nui Loa*, particularly extended to Elders.

The Merry Month of May

by Jenise Harper, Contributing Writer

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The Northwest transitions easily from April Jesting (Day One) to April Showers (the entire month) to greater frivolity and merriment as sun brings warmth to our corner of the world, and we celebrate the Merry Month of May!

Merry Month of May: The phrase in written form appears to have originated with The Bard. "As it fell upon a day in the merry month of May, sitting in a pleasant shade which a grove of myrtles made. Beasts did leap and birds did sing. Trees did grow, and plants did spring." (William Shakespeare. *The Passionate Pilgrim*, from Poem XXI.)

The phrase gained musical fame in the works of Stephen Foster: "We chased the bees and plucked the flowers in the very merry month of May." Edward German, composer of the operetta *Merrie England*, wrote a duet entitled, "It is the Merry Month of May." An Irish folksong boasts the "MMM" title, and its tune was used for the ballad in *The Patriot Game*. *The Merry Month of May* was also the title of a song performed by Nelson Eddy.

May Day: So now that you know more about the "Merry Month of May" than you ever wanted to, how many readers remember May Day? As a kid growing up in small-town Nebraska, on May 1 we would fill paper nut-cups with pillow-mints and other goodies, decorate with crepe paper, and finish off with a pipe-stem-cleaner handle. Then we'd sneak over to our friends' houses, place the decorated goodies on the front stoop, knock on the door,

and run like heck! In addition, the school would decorate the flagpole with crepe-paper streamers. We'd re-enact an ancient Maypole Dance ... weaving in and out, thoroughly tying the streamers in knots ne'er to be re-used ... and wonder why we were taking part in such a strange ritual.

Maypole dancing is believed to have originated in Roman Britain about 2,000 years ago, with dancers celebrating the arrival of spring by dancing around decorated trees, thanking the goddess Flora. And, of course, with longer days, warmer weather, and a bounty of fresh spring flowers and fruits, May Day also marked a celebration of fertility with a few amorous romps ... obviously something we grade-schoolers weren't aware of, since that aspect of the holiday didn't appear in our curriculum.

Cinco de Mayo: And then there's the May 5 celebration that commemorates the Mexican Army's victory over the French at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862. Cinco de Mayo is celebrated throughout the United States, but only in the state of Puebla in Mexico. Why? Because it's a local area and a local celebration. Mexico's official 'Independence Day' is heralded in September, based on its declaration to be free from Spain on September 16, 1810, followed by the Mexican war for independence. The pesky French attempted an invasion 50 years later, occupying the Puebla area for a short time until repelled. It was a minor victory, but still celebrated in Puebla - and the United States. The Mexicans believe it's either because Americans want an excuse to drink tequila ... or else because of how easily "Cinco de Mayo" rolls off the tongue.

Memorial Day: The end of May brings forth the celebration of Memorial Day - a federal holiday established in 1971 for remembering, honoring, and mourning military personnel who died while serving in the United States Armed Forces. The holiday is now observed on the last Monday of May, following a May 30 tenure from 1868 to 1970.

When I was young, we called the holiday "Decoration Day" because that's what we did: decorate the graves of those gone before us ... not just those who'd been in the service. My mother grew peonies, and we'd watch the buds turn into blooms at just the right time to cut and carry to the local cemetery for distribution on all our family grave sites. As I became a Brownie Scout, then a Girl Scout, I marched proudly in the mid-afternoon parade around the small cemetery, ending at the flagpole where we stood at attention as the trumpeter played "Taps," followed by the high school band performing the national anthem. It was a day of pride, community, and honor, and I feel a warm glow right now as I embrace the memories. Did you know that each year on Memorial Day a national "moment of remembrance" takes place at 3:00 p.m. local time?

The holiday to honor our veterans originated in the years following the Civil War. On May 5, 1868, General John A. Logan, leader of an organization for Northern Civil War veterans, called for a nationwide day of remembrance. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their

country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. (The date of *Decoration Day* was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.)

May - Maypoles! Margaritas! Memorials! And, oh, so very Merry!

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