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News & Community

Port Ludlow Connects: This Month!

The wait is almost over! The Port Ludlow Village Council invites you to *Port Ludlow Connects: Connect with Purpose* **Friday, August 28**, from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Bay Club.

This community event features over 60 exhibitors filling indoor and outdoor spaces, showcasing the clubs, classes, businesses and service organizations that make Port Ludlow such a vibrant place to live.

And there is plenty to look forward to beyond the exhibitors. Enjoy live music by *The String Alongs*, pick up a free swag bag and enter our raffle for a chance to win some great prizes.

This event is made possible by the generous support of our sponsors: Port Ludlow Brokers, Active Life Physical Therapy, Coldwell Banker, SBCA, and LMC.

Whether you're a long-time resident or new to the area, Port Ludlow Connects is your opportunity to discover just how much is happening right here in our community. Come ready to explore, connect, and leave with something to smile about. For more information, visit portludlowvillagecouncil.org.

Friends of Fort Flagler Events

by Rachel S. Imper

One of the best things about living in Port Ludlow is having beautiful Fort Flagler State Park just minutes away on Marrowstone Island. Helping preserve this treasured park is the Friends of Fort Flagler (FoFF), an all-volunteer nonprofit whose work is even more important with funding cutbacks. Along with supporting park improvements—including the recent restoration of a WWII theater—and many volunteer opportunities, FoFF also hosts a variety of fun, educational events open to the public.

Events in August and September, 2026

Join FoFF at these upcoming events. Admission is free for members and just \$5 per person for non-members. Annual membership is only \$20 for an individual or an entire family.

Clamming at Fort Flagler's Lower Campground - August 9 (9 a.m.)

*Presented by Michael Zimmerman,
Washington State Park Ranger*

Discover the fun of harvesting clams while learning to identify local shellfish and how to use harvesting tools. Whether you're new to clamming or just want to sharpen your skills, come and join in.

Presentation: "Who Are The Orcas That Frequent Our Local Waters?" September 23 (4 - 5:30 p.m.)

*Presented by Rebecca Berger,
Volunteer, WWII Recreation Center*

Transients (Bigg's Orcas) are frequently observed in our area, and many are recognizable individuals with fascinating family histories. Learn more about these remarkable predators.

New events, members and more:

- Be aware that new events may be added. Go to fortflagler.org. Under Resources, click on 2026 events for the latest schedule, and sign up.
- To become a member, go to fortflagler.org and under Ways to Help, click membership.
- Looking for a rewarding way to get involved? Discover many opportunities, including trail parties, the Rat Island Docent program to help protect pupping seals and seabirds, the museum docent program, beach clean-ups, and more. Go to fortflagler.org and under Ways to Help, click Volunteer.

Martha's Book Group – Contemplative Reflections on Nature

Martha's Book Group begins another season of book discussions after our summer hiatus. Rather than an epic novel, our group has selected two non-fiction books with an emphasis on how nature can provide us with different perspectives on coping with the vicissitudes of life. Robin Wall Kimmerer, of *Braiding Sweetgrass* fame, returns with a shorter treatise in her book *The Serviceberry*. She is joined by Margaret Renkl's *The Comfort of Crows* which is her year-long journey into how life in her backyard provides her with inspiration. Join us on **Tuesday, August 11**, at 3:30 p.m. at the Bay Club as we delve into thinking about how nature can heal and inspire.

Martha's Book Group meets monthly on the second Tuesday of each month. All are welcome to attend. If there are books you have found interesting and would like to discuss with others, join us. For more information, contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org. September's book group selection will be *Bewilderment* by Richard Powers.

August Fun at Jefferson County Library District!

With summer fun slowly coming to an end, come join us for the last of our summer activities! For a full list of our upcoming events, visit jclibrary.info/events.

Plant a seed, read—and let your reading grow! Don't miss this year's Adult Summer Reading Program. Play Plant a Seed Book Bingo and read *Close to Home: The Wonders of Nature Just Outside Your Door* by Thor Hanson. Join us at the end of the summer to enjoy for a conversation by the author of this year's summer read, Thor Hanson!

Don't miss JCLD's Summer Reading with programs and events for kids of all ages! Sign up at cleoreads.beanstack.com or pick up a paper tracker at the library or bookmobile to get started!

August 6, 10 a.m. – noon marks the last day of **Read to Rover!** Bring your favorite book or choose one from the library, then build reading skills and confidence by reading aloud to a certified therapy dog. Sign up for a 20-minute session!

Looking for a helping hand with taxes? Please join Francisco A. Diaz Saldivar from the Department of Revenue for free Working Families Tax Credit application assistance on **August 7**, from noon – 5 p.m.

Explore creativity through the art of collage on **August 27**, from 2 – 4 p.m.! Use magazines, images, text, and more to create original artworks while learning basic design!

Don't miss the *Friends of the Library* book sale on **August 15**, 10 a.m – 3 p.m.! Support the library while you shop for gently used books, audiobooks, puzzles, DVDs, and music CDs. The sale will take place in the Hagen Building next to the library.

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

Wills and Trusts Seminar

Amanda Wilson, locally based estate planning attorney with Northwest Estate Planning & Probate, P.S., will present this free seminar on wills and trusts so that attendees can decide what is right for themselves and their family. Amanda will answer questions as time allows.

The seminar is on **Wednesday, August 12**, 1 – 2 p.m. at the Beach Club. Walk-ins are welcome but RSVPs are appreciated by calling 360-437-4172 or emailing info@nwpepp.com. The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Dr., Port Ludlow, WA.

Port Ludlow Photographers – August Meeting

Our next meeting is at the Bay Club on **Monday, August 24**, 10 a.m. – noon. Everyone is welcome and

it's free to join and participate.

Do you have images on your smartphone that are hard to find? Want to organize them? Come to our next meeting of the Port Ludlow Photographers and learn how to organize images on your smartphone (iPhone and Android). Find out how you can display your photographs at our September exhibit at the Bay Club.

For more information, email Aven Andersen at aven1936@live.com. The Bay Club is located at 20 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow.

Port Ludlow Tangle Club to Meet August 13

The Port Ludlow Tangle Club will meet **Thursday, August 13**, at the Bay Club from 1 – 3 p.m. August's



meeting will be a Chat and Tangle meeting — come with your own supplies, tangle what you want, and enjoy what others are doing as well.

Anyone can tangle, one stroke at a time! It's easy to learn because it's just a series of repeated strokes used in structured patterns called tangles. Zentangle helps you slow down and unwind as you focus on each deliberate stroke of your pen. The fun comes in adding your own touch by varying the tangle patterns or combining them. In Zentangle, there are no mistakes, only opportunities!

For first timers, beginner kits will be available for a nominal fee. To RSVP, please email certified

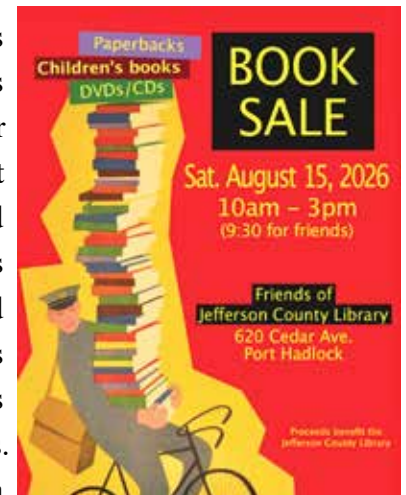
Zentangle teacher Alice Clive at foureyes22@outlook.com.

Next month's meeting will be an all-day retreat on **Saturday, September 12**, at the Bay Club from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. Email Alice to ask about space availability.

Friends of the Library Book Sale

Friends of the Jefferson County Library will have an extensive array of reading material and entertainment media for sale at the summer book sale, to be held **Saturday, August 15**, from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the library, 620 Cedar Ave. in Port Hadlock. Bring a box or sack to collect all your treasures.

Hundreds of books across all genres will be available for purchase, with most hardback books priced at \$1, DVD movies at \$1 per disc, and pocket paperbacks and children's books costing only 50 cents. There will also be a



selection of music CDs (\$1 per disc) and audio books on CD (\$2 per title). All proceeds from the sale go directly to the Jefferson County Library to support programs and services that are beyond the scope of its annual budget.

Members of *Friends of the Jefferson County Library* are allowed into the sale at 9:30 a.m., a half-hour before the general public. The cost of membership is just \$10 per person, which can easily pay for itself in those first 30 minutes of shopping. New members can join at the book sale or in advance at friendsjcl.org (click on "Join Us."). Membership and book sale purchases can be made by cash, check, or credit card. Beginning at 2 p.m., *Friends* will conduct a bag sale.

Bring a shopping bag or box. Fill it to the brim with books and take home the whole lot for \$5.

Friends also maintains a used-book shop inside the library that is accessible during regular business hours. Books are available for 50 cents to just a few dollars. Many award-winning books, puzzles, children's and young adult titles are available every day. The supply is replenished daily, so make multiple trips!

Ludlow Garden Club Presents: Hydrangea Frenzy!

In Port Ludlow, the hydrangeas start to bloom in May and June, and to our delight, those beautiful flowers keep blooming throughout the summer. Every year, these plants perform their magic and amaze us with their variety of colors and flowers. Our presenter, Mike Boock, will help you achieve that beautiful display in your own yard.

Mike Boock is a Washington State Master Gardener who lives in Port Ludlow. He will be talking about hydrangeas and their



versatility and use in a variety of garden settings. He will include a review of the most popular types of hydrangeas, their planting and growing conditions, care and maintenance, and their uses in a garden.

Mike is known for his presentations about Jefferson County on such diverse subjects as creating a bog garden and the selection and care of Japanese maples. In addition, he has been a contributor to the Port Townsend Leader's Garden Notes, recently writing about efforts to curtail noxious weeds in Jefferson County. The Washington State Master Gardener Program is a volunteer-based, research-driven horticultural and environmental education program offered through Washington State University

Extension, providing training, community service, and lifelong learning opportunities.

This event will be held at the Bay Club in Port Ludlow on **Wednesday, August 12**, at 11 a.m. The Garden Club is open to all local residents. Members and guests must RSVP five days prior to the event. Guests are welcome to attend with a \$5 donation. Refreshments are complimentary. RSVP to portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com.

ECHHO Welcomes Drivers to Coffee and Sweets

ECHHO, the non-profit organization that provides rides to medical appointments and essential services, like grocery shopping, is holding a "Meet and Greet" event at The Beach Club, **Thursday, August 6**, from 10 a.m. – noon. All current ECHHO volunteer drivers are invited, along with their friends and neighbors who would like to know more about ECHHO's transportation program and maybe even think about becoming a driver. If you just want to meet and chat, that's just fine too.

Walk-ins welcome, but an RSVP would be appreciated: 360-379-4236 or volunteer@echhojc.org.

Wildland Fire Preparation of Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, EJFR Community Outreach Volunteer

As we are in the time of year when there is a threat of wildfires; this submission explains the requirements for firefighting personnel. This may give you an idea of what the necessary steps are that a wildland firefighter must take to qualify to fight the fires in the forests and fields.

Starting with the basics, applicants must be at least eighteen years old and generally requires U.S. citizenship. A high school diploma or GED is usually required.

The work is arduous. Firefighters must pass a medical exam, verifying good health and respiratory/

cardiovascular function. Firefighters must pass a fitness test based on their duty level. The standard test requires completing a three-mile hike carrying a 45-pound pack in forty-five minutes or less.

The training requirements include completing wildfire courses in the role of working a fire and an introduction to fire behavior, which is critical. Trainees are strictly required to learn the deployment and use of an emergency fire shelter. A trainee must also perform tasks under a qualified supervisor and



Practice drill with Wildland firefighters

complete a position task book to earn the Incident Qualification Card, also known as the Red Card.

Wildland firefighters require specialized gear designed for maneuverability and heat resistance. Mandatory gear includes fire-resistant Nomex shirts and pants, leather boots that are eight-inch lace-up with lug soles, hard hat and eye protection, leather gloves, fire shelter (carried at all times), and a web gear/backpack containing water, rations, and sleeping gear.

The 30/30/30 rule is a wildland firefighting and fire weather guideline indicating conditions for extreme wildfire behavior. A fire is highly likely to burn out of control and spread rapidly where the temperature is 30 degrees C or higher (86 degrees F), relative humidity is 30% or lower, and wind speeds reach 30 km/h or greater.

Introducing Riley Earl Volunteer Coordinator for EJFR

East Jefferson Fire Rescue welcomed Riley Earl on June 16 as the new Volunteer Coordinator for the department.

She will be responsible for recruiting, training, mentoring and evaluating new volunteers with East Jefferson Fire Rescue (EJFR).

Currently, there are 45 volunteers serving in several areas in the department to including Volunteer Firefighters-in-Training, Emergency Medical Service (EMS), Support Volunteers—individuals who assist the fire department in the delivery of fire suppression services, and administrative volunteers who provide data entry, communication support, public education, and other services the department may need.

Riley's background includes working for Olympic Ambulance in Bremerton, WA where she was recognized for her strong clinical skills, leadership and dependability in high-stress environments all while working collaboratively with fire departments, law enforcement and emergency room departments.

She also worked with the Bainbridge Island Fire Department as an Emergency Medical Technician where she attended Kitsap Fire Academy and was trained in structural firefighting techniques.



She is certified as a Firefighter I, an EMT-B through the National Registry of Emergency Medical Technicians and holds two certificates for Hazardous Materials, one for Awareness and one for Operations.

June 2026 Statistics for East Jefferson Fire Rescue

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

June Alarms

Fires	19
Rescue/Emergency Medical	363
Non-Emergency	43
Hazardous Condition	20
Service Call	73
Other	11

Total Alarms 529

June Ambulance Transports

911 Transports	203
Hospital-Requested Transport	0
Non-Transports	150

June Community Assistance Referral Education Services (CARES)

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The Food Bank is Ready to Help!

Doing anything for the first time can be intimidating, no matter what it is. And that includes coming to any of Jefferson County's five food banks for the first time. Each food bank is set up a little differently, but each one is welcoming, unique, and packed with main staples. Just be sure to bring your own bags, and you will likely leave with most everything you need.

On every food bank day, volunteers (the folks with name tags) will be on hand to greet customers with a smile and help shoppers get started. First thing, you will need to provide a little information.



But it's not much, and the paperwork is super simple. Here's what you will need to fill out:

- Your name
- Last four digits of your phone number (just for our internal records, so we can look shoppers up easily on future visits)
- Number of people in your household and their general ages
- The name of anyone in your household who may pick up for the home weekly
- Have you been to a food bank in WA State in the past year?

That's it! Once you have provided this information, you will be ready to shop. If you wish, just ask a volunteer to help. In addition to helping, they will likely give you tips on their favorites. In fact, most of our volunteers and shoppers say the food bank isn't just a food bank. It is a community event where everyone gets to catch up and trade the latest news each week.

Shopping should be easy. All our locations are set up like small grocery stores, organized by department, with labels and volunteers on hand to guide you. We always have a range of the following available:

- **Meat & Protein** – pork, poultry, beef, fish, vegan options, and canned proteins
- **Dairy** – milk, eggs, cheese, yogurt, butter, and boxed milk
- **Rice, Grains, Beans & Pasta** – pantry staples to round out any meal
- **Canned Meals** – chili, pasta, stews, and soups
- **Fresh Fruits & Vegetables** – the season's best, including produce grown right here by our own Food Bank Growers
- **Bread** – fresh loaves, tortillas, and bakery items

Plus you will likely find some specials, such as plant starters in spring and flowers during the summer.

Our volunteers are available to help you in every department. Feel free to ask questions or share information about how you might cook something. We love trading food secrets almost as much as we love helping folks find the best foods for their family, especially in the fresh produce section! Thanks to our local farms and the Food Bank Growers, and individuals, our food banks offer fresh, seasonal vegetables, and fruit of top quality that should win awards.

Each food bank is different, but one very important thing is to **bring your bags!** This really helps everyone!

Food should be enjoyable, and everyone deserves access to good food. Our

goal is to make sure that all food bank shoppers feel welcome and go home excited about what they received.



Food Bank Addresses & Open Hours

- **Brinnon:** 151 Corey Street Brinnon
Wednesday 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Port Townsend:** 1925 Blaine Street Port Townsend
Seniors (65+): **Saturday** 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
64 and Under: **Saturday** 3 - 5 p.m.
Families & individuals: **Wednesday** 10 am. - 3 p.m.
Quick Pick Hours: **Wednesday** 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **Quilcene:** 170 Herbert Street Quilcene
Wednesday 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
- **Tri-Area:** 760 Chimacum Rd, Port Hadlock-Irondale, **Wednesday** 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
- **Coyle** - 923 Hazel Point Road Quilcene
Wednesday 10 - 11 a.m.; except holidays

Porch Talk with Johnny Hinchman

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer



*Johnny Hinchman at South Beach, San Juan Island
Photo Credit: Susan Hinchman*

You might have seen him playing '70s-'90s acoustic rock at J.R.'s Sandtrap at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. He sings a bit of James Taylor, a little more of Jackson Browne, and a handful of original songs. He really likes the songs that evoke lots of memories, the ones that speak to his soul.

Johnny Hinchman was just a boy when he learned how to play the guitar after being inspired by his classmate, Larry, playing honky-tonk on a piano. That was the same year he went to his first concert, at Memorial Auditorium in Sacramento, close to where

he lived. Neil Young was touring in support of his album *Harvest*, with Linda Ronstadt as the opening act. At the time, Johnny, who was only ten years old, was practicing Young's song "Heart of Gold" on his guitar.

Thirty years later, Johnny would be the opening act in that same venue for a hard rock band from Sacramento called Tesla. Because he'd watched so many concerts at that auditorium throughout the years, from Neil Young to groups like the Doobie Brothers and the Eagles, and musicians like Jackson Browne, I wondered what it was like using the same dressing room as Bob Dylan and performing on *that* stage for a sold-out crowd. He said that it was surreal, seeing people singing the songs he'd written in his garage.

But of all the concerts and venues he's played, the four-month USO world tour, with his older brother, James, in 1991, was one of the best times of his life. They have identical singing voices – "brother harmony," Johnny called it. They sang for the troops in Korea, Japan, the Philippines, and Guam. Their first show was at Camp Bonifas in South Korea. They were so close to the Demilitarized Zone boundary, they could see North Korean soldiers filming their arrival.

That tour changed Johnny's life. When he returned home, he quit his job with International Paper and went to college full time, earning an associate degree in music. Learning all about music theory taught him how to write music.

Johnny had his own band for a while, but when Seattle grunge became popular, he really thought he was done. When he was 36, he created a band called Rogue with some of Sacramento's best musicians. They made a couple of albums and played at Memorial Auditorium, and even opened for Bad Company at Arco Arena in Sacramento. They also played at a lot of local nightspots.

That's how Johnny met his wife, Susan. He was in Lodi, California, playing to a packed house in a place

called Legends. It's closed now, but it used to be famous for all the movie memorabilia hanging on the walls. Johnny and Susan had locked eyes a few times while she was dancing with her friends. At the end of the night, she'd slipped him her phone number on a napkin. That napkin is now on the first page of their scrapbook.

Johnny went on to create a seven-piece Jackson Browne tribute band called Late for the Sky, but when Covid happened in 2020, the amphitheaters cancelled their gigs. Johnny and Susan decided to move to Washington, but not before having one blowout concert in a hall he'd booked himself. He was the only one not wearing a mask.

Moving first to Camano Island and now to Port Ludlow has changed Johnny's life. He's in his sixties, and he's experiencing new things all the time, like the seal that pops up in the water near his house every night. Or the otters and the orcas, and the eagle that perches in their tree. There's a strong sense of community where Johnny lives.

He's building a studio in his basement so he can finally finish that album he started last year. Five songs are finished, but there's another ten to go. He's calling it *Feeling Sound*, based on his experiences here in the Puget Sound region.

Johnny's still finding himself as he writes the remaining songs for his album. He's keen to finish it, so he's going to stop performing on a regular basis — live performances are very taxing on his voice. He wants to save it for his album, so he can hit all those high notes.

He'll still sing at private gigs, and he'll always sing "Piano Man" with his lifelong friend, Larry, who's the other half of Johnny's duo. Larry still plays a mean honkey-tonk on the piano and loves Billy Joel too. Neither one of them is going to stop singing. Johnny will always be a performer at heart because that's who he is.

Johnny's last gig at J.R.'s Sandtrap is on **Tuesday**,

August 18. Consider joining him for some good food and a lot of great music.

Interested in swapping stories? Let's have a conversation while we sit on the porch with our coffee. Drop me a line at sports@plvoice.org. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Whalers of the Cape

by Milt Lum

On May 17, 1999, eight Makah men successfully completed a whale hunt from the Hummingbird, a traditional canoe built for this purpose. Twelve hours later, the whale was brought to the village of Neah Bay, where hundreds had gathered to assist in beaching the whale and celebrating the first successful hunt by the Makah nation in 70 years. Although it was a momentous occasion for the Makah, the hunt was opposed and decried by many who viewed the hunt as unnecessary and an affront to the prevailing norms. The rhetoric generated by those opposing the hunt obscured the facts of why the Makah sought permission to conduct the hunt and why the International Whaling Commission consented.

The Makah and other First Nations tribes on Vancouver Island constitute a group called the Whaling People, who had hunted whales for subsistence in the centuries before they encountered non-Natives in the eighteenth century. Dependent on the bounty of the ocean, they had become skilled hunters as they journeyed from the whale calving grounds in the south to their feeding grounds up north. They relied on the constancy of the whales' seasonal migratory path which brought them closer to shore. Their canoes were constructed to be fast enough to pursue and sturdy enough to retrieve the large carcasses in the waters near their villages. Their harvesting of these sea mammals was always enough to sustain their village and those surrounding them. The Whaling People thrived.

Their legends were replete with whale stories, and

their religious practices acknowledged the bounty of the oceans. They developed rituals preparing their minds and bodies to be worthy adversaries of these gigantic sea mammals, and they never lost sight of the fact that each whale killed was a gift for which they expressed thanks.

On the other side of the continent, whales were hunted as a commodity to generate wealth. Whales were prized for their oil, initially as fuel for lamps and, during the early years of the industrial revolution, as a lubricant for machinery. Over two centuries, this profit-driven industry brought the global whale population to near extinction. The International Whaling Commission was established in 1946 to “provide for the proper conservation of whale stocks and thus make possible the orderly development of the whaling industry.” However, its efforts to curtail the avarice of the industry were piecemeal and ineffective until a total ban was enforced on all commercial whaling in 1987.

The Whaling People felt the effects of commercial whaling before the formation of whaling commission. The First Nations whalers in Canada stopped whaling in the traditional form in the first decade of the 1900’s, and the Makah ceased subsistence and commercial whale hunting in 1928.

The Makah lifestyle had been changing in the last two centuries. With each incursion of settlers to the Pacific Northwest, the Makah found their traditional hunting grounds – the maritime regions around Cape Flattery and the Strait of Juan de Fuca – less fruitful. Commercial fishing for halibut and salmon exploited resources in their traditional areas, and federal regulatory statutes imposed limits on their harvests. Though the treaty of Neah Bay signed in 1855 with the governor of the Oregon Territory, Isaac Stevens, guaranteed fishing and whaling rights to the Makah, it remained for the Boldt decision in 1979 to guarantee access to their quota of the dwindling harvests from the sea.

Complying with the treaty of Neah Bay, the Makah resided on Cape Flattery under the supervision of the federal government, which unsuccessfully attempted to convert them to an agrarian subsistence lifestyle. Smallpox, influenza and malaria decimated their ranks and reduced five major villages to one. In 1920 they moved from Ozette to their present home in Neah Bay so that their children could attend school. Reduced to dependence on the federal government, the Whale People struggled against significant odds to retain their dignity.

The Ozette archeological site uncovered during the period 1970-1981 reaffirmed to the world and to the current generation of Makah that whaling had been an essential part of their culture. (*Ozette - Pompeii of the West*. plvoice.org February, 2024). They became invested in preserving their traditions as both guardians of their ancestral remains as well as the practices which defined them. The federal government removed gray whales from the endangered list in 1994, and the tribal council petitioned the IWC for a whaling quota. In 1997, they were granted a quota of five whales.

The success of the 1999 hunt has yet to be repeated, as the Makah have been stymied by numerous court challenges by animal rights and environmental groups which are still being dealt with in the judicial system. The delays have not diminished the Makah’s interest in the next hunt. Memories of the first hunt remain as the next generation hones their paddling and harpooning skills to be ready. There is a renewed interest in learning the language to repeat the tales of their grandparents.

At the same time, the Whaling People have become advocates for preserving the ocean home of the whales against the effects of warming seas, pollution, and overfishing. Hunting the whale brings them closer to who they once were. Once again, the Whaling People look upon the whale as a touchstone to their past and a guide to their future.

Arts & Entertainment

Port Ludlow Art League – Artist of the Month

Featured Artist – Pamela Raine

Pamela's passion for travel is her primary inspiration for her art. This time, she invites you on her journey from Prague to Budapest.

Since the dawn of the 7th century, the citizens of the Czech lands have endured centuries of shifting borders, religious strife, and foreign occupations. Their extraordinary capacity to endure hardship, resist oppression, and reclaim life is



Emerald Reflections
by Pamela Raine

a powerful hallmark of the human spirit. This resilience is not just about surviving; it is the pursuit of rebuilding and finding hope in the face of immense adversity.

Pamela's exhibit offers an intimate look at Central Europe through the lens of everyday life. By focusing on daily routines rather than grand monuments, her mixed media work highlights the specific textures, sights, and sounds that give these regions their unique character.

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

A reception for Pamela is set for 4 - 5 p.m., **Wednesday, August 12** in the lobby of the bank and 5 - 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The bank is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. - 5

p.m. The gallery is open Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League – Jeweler of the Month

Featured Artist – Kandice Crusat

There's a special bird sanctuary on the Big Island of Hawaii called Parrots in Paradise. It's a secluded, five-acre property on the slopes of Mauna Loa. Most of the resident birds live out their life there, eating healthy food and fresh island fruit, and are protected in large flight aviaries. These conditions make their naturally molted feathers exceptionally colorful.

Kandice has been using exotic parrot feathers in her work for many years. Kandice states, "Working with feathers takes a lot of patience because they can be disturbed with just a puff of air." Kandice used feathers from Parrots in Paradise to design the collar necklace made from Peacock and Eclectus feathers, embellished with Swarovski rhinestones, and hand-dyed Venice lace.

During August, Kandice's jewelry will be on display



Collar Necklace by Kandice Crusat

at the Port Ludlow Art League Gallery, Sound Community Bank, and online at portludlowart.org.

The public is invited to attend a reception for Kandice

on **Wednesday, August 12**, 4 - 5 p.m. in the lobby of the bank and 5 - 6 p.m. at the adjacent Port Ludlow Art League Gallery. The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The bank is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. The gallery is open Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Outdoor Concert and Art Fair

The Port Ludlow Art League proudly announces its continued collaboration with Port Ludlow Performing Arts' summer concert to bring you their annual art fair — a fantastic celebration of music, family activities, crafts and fine arts.

The concert and art fair will take place on **Sunday, August 9**, in the field adjacent to the Grace Christian Center at 200 Olympic Place, Port Ludlow. From noon - 5 p.m. browse and shop for unique crafts, jewelry and fine arts created by local makers. Secure a spot on the lawn to listen to the band starting at 1:30 p.m. Keep the family entertained at the Family Fun Zone.

For more information on the art fair, please visit portludlowart.org.

Northwind Art — August Exhibits, Events, and Classes

Summer Gala

A Picnic in the Park is the theme for Northwind Art's summer gala on **Saturday, August 29**, at Fort Worden State Park. Tickets are available at northwindart.org/gala for this afternoon party featuring live music by Ants Misbehavin', hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and heaps of Mo-Chilli BBQ. The festivities will include tours of Northwind Art School, a sneak peek at the ceramics studio scheduled to open in September, and a keynote talk by ceramist George Rodriguez.

Gala proceeds are an important source of support for Northwind's year-round programs, including the nonprofit Jeanette Best Gallery, the Jefferson Healthcare art program, and the art school at Fort Worden.

Exhibits

- The juried *Northwest Expressions* exhibit remains on view through **August 10**. *Northwest Expressions* juror, Anne Pfeiffer, will give a free talk on the variety of work in the exhibit at 3 p.m. on **Saturday, August 1**.



Trail to Marymere
by Anne Pfeiffer

- The *Migration* exhibit presents the art of Kate Flores, Carolyn King, Loran Scruggs, and Mary O'Shaughnessy.
- *Showcase 2026* features the work of 12 local artists through **September 7**.

Jeanette Best Gallery at 701 Water St. in Port Townsend is open Thursdays through Mondays from noon – 5 p.m. During the First-Saturday Art Walk on **August 1** and **September 5**, the gallery remains open until 8 p.m. For information about gallery shows, events, and artists, visit northwindart.org.

Northwind Art School

- Sketching around Town, **Saturday, August 1**
- Plein Air Woodcut Printmaking, **Saturday** and **Sunday, August 1** and **2**
- Gouache for Painters, **Sunday, August 9**
- Make Your Own Floor Broom, **Friday, August 21**
- Fashion Sewing for Beginner to Intermediate Sewists, **Saturday, September 5**
- Pacific Northwest Abstract, **Saturday** and **Sunday, September 12** and **13**

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Northwind Art — August Exhibits, Events, and Classes (continued)



The Conversation
by Gary McMannon

For information about classes, visit *northwindart.org*. Northwind Art School is at the Fort Worden State Park campus in buildings 306 and 324 at 200 Battery Way, Port Townsend.

Port Angeles Field Arts & Events Hall – August Calendar of Events

- **Sunday, August 2**, at noon | Jazz Sunday with the Hot Club of PT
The ensemble features Django Reinhardt-style Hot Club jazz, harmony vocals (in English and French), French waltzes and the occasional Brazilian choro. Free event.
- **Monday, August 3**, at 7:30 p.m. | The Travelin' McCourys
Ronnie McCoury (mandolin), Rob McCoury (banjo) and sons of bluegrass legend Del McCoury bring an improvisation-driven performance that blends the intersection of traditional bluegrass with progressive jam influences. Tickets are \$29.50 - \$54.50.
- **Thursday, August 6**, at 7:30 p.m. | Pedro Pastor y Los Locos Descalzos
Join us for a night with Spanish singer-songwriter Pedro Pastor and his band, Los Locos Descalzos, as they celebrate 10 years of touring the world and songs from their latest album, 10 LOCOS AÑOS DESCALZOS. Tickets are \$37 - \$47.
- **Saturday, August 8**, at 8 p.m. | Pigs on the Wing Presents: Animals
Relish a Pink Floyd concert experience with a full performance of Pink Floyd's 1977 album, Animals, and a second set highlighting the best of Pink Floyd's Roger Waters-era catalog. This event is not eligible for membership benefits. Tickets are \$26 - \$51.
- **Thursday, August 13**, at 6 p.m. | Farm-to-Table Wine Pairing Dinner with Castle & Crown Cellars
Celebrate summer's bounty with a four-course farm-to-table dinner featuring wine pairings from the Castle and Crown winery. An innovative menu includes extraordinary meats, cheeses and produce from Olympic Peninsula farms. Tickets are \$115 (members) - \$125 (general admission). Pricing is inclusive of tax and tip.
- **Saturday, August 15**, at 7:30 p.m. | The Rumba Kings
The Rumba Kings will transport you the Mediterranean, where music and passion collide! The Spanish guitar takes center stage with a string quartet. Tickets are \$55 - \$70.
- **Tuesday, August 18**, and **Thursday, August 20**, at 6 p.m. | Tenderly: The Life & Times of Nat King Cole
Duane Forrest reimagines the music of Nat King Cole in a soulful, story-driven performance about legacy, race and quiet resistance. Tickets are \$40 with a two-item food and beverage minimum.
- **Saturday, August 22**, at 7 p.m. | Music on the Strait Presents: Opening Night at the Opera
Music on the Strait opens with mezzo soprano Abigail Nims performing Respighi's expressive *Il Tramonto* (The Sunset) and *El Mundo*, an arrangement by Gabriela Lena Frank, a Pulitzer Prize winner. The program will close with Erno Dohnanyi's Piano Quintet in C minor with pianist August Baik. Tickets are \$15 - \$55 adults, \$10 students (under 25).
- **Sunday, August 30**, at 3 p.m. | Music on the Strait Presents: Festival Finale with Jeremy Denk and the Takács Quartet

The summer finale concludes with Jeremy Denk in concert with the Takács Quartet featuring F minor with Mendelssohn's Op. 80 Quartet and César Franck's Piano Quintet. Tickets are \$15 - \$55 adults, \$10 students (under 25).

For more information, visit fieldhallevvents.org. To purchase tickets, visit fieldhallevvents.org/tickets. Field Arts & Events Hall is located at 201 W Front Street in Port Angeles, WA.

Port Angeles Open Art Studio Tour

The second annual Port Angeles Open Art Studio Tour welcomes everyone to join us for a two-day celebration of the arts on **Saturday** and **Sunday, August 15 and 16**, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This free, self-guided tour is a great opportunity to meet artists in their own studios, talk about their work, and perhaps see a demonstration of their techniques. This event will feature a host of traditional fine artists, high-end crafts, photography, and digital art.

Coordinated with local galleries and arts organizations, you'll be able to explore the scenic Port Angeles landscape, meet talented regional creators, and find that perfect, one-of-a-kind treasure to bring home.

Make your tour extra rewarding by visiting all 10 studios. Collect a stamp at each stop to enter a prize drawing with fantastic local rewards, including Black Ball Ferry Line tickets to Victoria, wine tasting at Olympic Cellars Winery, and gift certificates.

Download studio tour maps online at portangeles-studiotour.com. Printed maps will also be available at downtown locations. Be sure to look for the studio tour signs.

Choral Belles Recruiting Singers

The Choral Belles have a 30-year history of performances for residents of senior living facilities, local businesses, and charitable organizations throughout the Olympic Peninsula. Some of the most

rewarding concerts are those at the senior living facilities. The joy and enthusiastic participation of the residents makes what we do so worthwhile.



To continue this uplifting endeavor for our 2026 Winter Concert Series, we are recruiting volunteer singers. Find your voice and join our dynamic group of female vocalists under the leadership of our experienced director, Wanda Garrett, and talented accompanist, Sung-Ling Hsu. Rehearsals begin on **Thursday, September 3**. Please join us in this effort and help us continue making joyful music for our community. For more information, please contact Judi Smith at 360-301-1162, judi_richard@msn.com or Lois Grazioli at 760-845-6349 loisgrazioli@gmail.com.

Summer Concert

The Port Ludlow Performing Arts season kicks off with the community-favorite Summer Concert on **Sunday, August 9**, from 1:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the field adjacent to the Grace Christian Center at 200 Olympic Place. This free outdoor celebration features live music, family activities, and an annual art fair.



The Barn Cats

Event Highlights and Activities

- **Live Music:** Enjoy performances by The Barn Cats, generously sponsored by Terri Ross.
- **Family Fun Zone:** Sponsored by the Jefferson Healthcare Foundation, this area offers face painting and games for the whole family.
- **Concert Art Fair:** Hosted by the Port Ludlow Art League, local artwork will be on full display noon – 5 p.m.
- **Community Features:** We are hoping to welcome a visiting local fire engine to round out the day's festivities.

For more information, please visit portludlowperformingarts.com/free-summer-concerts

August Watercolor Class

Watercolor Class – Friday, August 7, 10 a.m. – noon at the Bridge Deck



Lavender Fields by Pamela Raine

Join us for a class with artist Pamela Raine to complete the Lavender Fields watercolor painting. All supplies and instructions are provided for a fee. Space is limited. To register, please email info@portludlowart.org.

The Bridge Deck is located adjacent to the Beach Club parking lot at 121 Marina View Drive, Port Ludlow.

Gallery News

by Barbara Grondal

The Port Ludlow Art Gallery has exciting changes in store for you! We now accept credit cards and have new hours, Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. Enjoy local art after your morning cup of coffee. Take a peek at The Corner Gift Shop, a new area inside the gallery offering a nice selection of unique and well-priced, artist-made gifts and cards. Watch for local artist demos throughout the summer. Join us for art and refreshments at the gallery's Artist Reception that happens the second Wednesday of every month 4 – 6 p.m.

The Port Ludlow Art Gallery is located next to the Sound Community Bank at the corner of Osprey Ridge Drive and Oak Bay Road. For more information, visit portludlowart.org.



Port Ludlow Art Gallery

Port Ludlow Art League Scholarship Award



The Port Ludlow Art League is pleased to announce their 2026 scholarship recipient, Isabella Nunn. With a background in theater, she developed a passion for costume and production design. Isabella will be attending the University of New Mexico with an emphasis on film production and design. Congratulations, Isabella!

Village News

Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Happenings

*by Carolyn O'Keeffe, President;
SBCA Board of Directors*

Welcome to August! News on my bird boxes – the swallows nested in their box, had chicks who then fledged and, after days of looking out at the world through their little door, finally decided it was time to head out. The resident in the flicker box was a little brown Douglas squirrel who found that to be the best home to raise her brood.

Thank you to all who attended our Annual SBCA Members Meeting on July 15. We greatly appreciate your attendance, votes, and support of your Board of Directors, our staff, and the South Bay Club. As always, we had a great reception after the meeting where members enjoyed each other's company, a favorite beverage, and a few appetizers.

What to expect for the Fiscal Year 2026 - 2027 at South Bay

Our priorities for this new year include continuing to review and prepare for upcoming Revised Code of Washington (RCW) changes that will govern all HOAs in the State of Washington (full transition in 2028). We have completed the required changes for January 1, 2026. The next step will include a deep dive and major overhaul of our governing document, the Master Declaration. Villages will be doing similar reviews and changes to their individual governing documents, known as Supplemental Declarations or CC&Rs.

We are also working on securing long-term insurance coverage with a new partner. As shared at our Annual meeting on July 15, our current longtime insurance provider will not renew our policy after March 31, 2027. We are searching for a new insurance provider

as are many other large HOAs. The change in providers may impact what we can offer at the club and may include an increase to our insurance rate. We will be sharing more information regarding our insurance challenge as we are able.

We will continue to prioritize long term planning based on insurance allowances and member input. We've been working diligently with a third-party provider on the redesign and upgrade of our website. We will continue to rebuild our rainy-day fund and move toward fully funding our reserves.

We have specific planned reserve and capital expenses for the coming year. Our biggest expense is asphalt resurfacing. Inside the club we are replacing the water heater and electrical panel in the pool pump room. We will also be updating our reserve study including a site visit by Association Reserves.

There's a lot to do this coming year. We look forward to our Bay Club members' support and assistance as we plan for the future.

Informational and Educational Programs for the Port Ludlow Community

by Gil Skinner, SBCA

The following programs are **open to all Port Ludlow Community residents**. Programs are at the Bay Club (unless otherwise noted), 120 Spinnaker Place, and begin at 1 p.m.. Programs are **free of charge**. Topics and speakers from a multitude of backgrounds are offered for our residents. As important as it is to continue to strengthen the body, it is just as important to continue to strengthen the mind.

Tuesday, August 11. Yolanda Wilde previously made a great presentation on elderly abuse and how Dove House operates as a registered provider of emergency domestic violence shelter and advocacy. This presentation will be an expansion and update of

her previous work. Dove House is the only Crime Victim Service center in Jefferson County, WA, and offers services to support victims of all crimes. Its programs also include Recovery Cafe and Dove House Closet. The program will provide guidance on signs of abuse and what actions you can take.

Thursday, August 13. Join **Jefferson Healthcare** to learn about the new online scheduling feature for primary care appointments. Patients can now easily schedule appointments with their primary care team through *MyChart*. *MyChart* is a secure online system that provides patients with easy access to their medical information and allows patients to communicate with their care team. With *MyChart*, you can manage your health records and appointments and communicate with your doctor. Bring your questions and ask the Jefferson Healthcare team!

Tuesday, August 18. JoAnne Schueler of the Washington State Department of Transportation will be giving a presentation on the **Hood Canal Bridge**. Ms. Schueler will share the Hood Canal Bridge story: history, operations, preservation projects, and plans for the future. She will also provide an overview of WSDOT Olympic Region and touch on other ongoing WSDOT projects in the area.

Tuesday, August 25. The **Cascade Range Volcanoes** and the **1980 Eruption of Mount St. Helens** will be the focus of this presentation by Dr. Steve Malone. Increased earthquake activity almost always precedes volcanic eruptions. The Pacific Northwest Seismic Network monitors all volcanoes in Washington and Oregon and is part of the warning and study of eruptions. How this played out in the 1980s, and again in 2004, at Mount St. Helens will be covered in detail.

Thursday, August 27. Our first road trip! This presentation will be at the **Port Townsend Aero Museum** (free admission as part our group), The Museum is dedicated to preserving aviation history

in the Pacific Northwest. The presentation will include a brief history of flight in the PNW including Seattle's first flight, the founding of the Boeing Aircraft Company, and finally the history of the Jefferson County Airport and the Port Townsend Aero Museum. This will be followed by a museum tour. The museum is located at 105 Airport Road, midway between Port Ludlow and Port Townsend.

August and September SBCA Important Dates:

Friday, August 7 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast benefitting the Dove House**

Tuesday, August 11 1 – 2 p.m.: Dove House: Senior Crime issues ***

Thursday, August 13 9:30 – 11a.m.: SBCA Board Monthly Meeting **

Thursday, August 13 1 – 2p.m. Jefferson Healthcare - "MyChart" ***

Tuesday, August 18 1 – 2 p.m.: Hood Canal Bridge (WSDOT) ***

Tuesday, August 25 1 – 2 p.m.: Pacific Northwest Seismic Institute - Volcanoes ***

Thursday, August 27 1 – 2 p.m.: Air Museum. Tour and a talk about "history of aviation of the Olympic peninsula" ***

Thursday, September 3 1 – 2 p.m.: Thor Hansen, internationally known Naturalist***

Friday, September 4 8:30 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Pancake Breakfast benefitting Backpacks for Kids**

Tuesday, September 8 1 - 2 p.m. Jefferson Healthcare***

Thursday, September 10 9:30 – 11a.m.: SBCA Board Monthly Meeting **

Thursday, September 10 1 – 2 p.m.: Port Townsend Museum and **Rothschild House** ***

Wednesday September 23 1 – 2 p.m.: **David Brownell** – Sea Monsters of the PNW***

All Thursdays 4:00 p.m. – Member's Lounge**

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

** All SBCA members and their guests are welcome.

*** All Port Ludlow residents are welcome.

Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Mike Wilson, General Manager

As we welcome the summer season, I would like to remind everyone to remain mindful of the current fire danger in our area. At the time of writing, the fire danger level is moderate.

The following activities are prohibited: burn barrels, land-clearing burns, yard debris burning, and sky lanterns.

The following activities are still allowed: recreational fires in permanent or portable barbecues, outdoor fireplaces, and grills. Portable fire pits, fireplaces, and chimineas placed on non-combustible surfaces or surrounded by at least 1.5 feet of cleared combustible material. Burning of natural wood only, with fuel contained entirely within the device. All fires must be attended at all times and fully extinguished before being left unattended.

On another note, we have a very special milestone to celebrate this month. If you happen to visit the Beach Club and see our Office Manager, Kim Bond, please take a moment to congratulate her on an extraordinary 40 years of service with the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC).

Kim has been a remarkable part of our community's history and growth. Since joining LMC in 1986, she has witnessed decades of change throughout North Bay and Port Ludlow. She has seen residents come and go, watched the Beach Club evolve through renovations and improvements, worked alongside countless board and committee members, and partnered with several general managers. Through all those years of change, Kim has remained a constant source of knowledge, professionalism, and dedication. Few people can claim to have contributed so much to a community for so long. Her commitment to serving residents and supporting LMC operations has helped shape the organization and the community we enjoy

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today. Kim, thank you for your four decades of service, loyalty, and hard work. Your contributions are deeply appreciated, and you are truly a special part of the Port Ludlow community. Congratulations on this remarkable achievement!

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.

August has 3 official birthstones:

- Peridot, the primary August birthstone, is a green volcanic stone, and symbolizes strength, good fortune, and peace.
- Spinel, added in 2016, comes in many colors.
- Sardonyx, a banded quartz, symbolizes courage and protection.

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Village Council

Port Ludlow Village Council - Will You Consider Joining Us?

by Geoff Lang, President, Port Ludlow Village Council

Continuing our series of articles focusing on our upcoming elections, I ask you to consider joining us. Perhaps as a director on the Board of Directors, perhaps as a committee member, or perhaps a volunteer here or there. We have room for all of the above and welcome your input. However, if for now, you just want to stay in the loop with all things Port Ludlow, Village Council, or otherwise, drop by www.portludlowvillagecouncil.org to sign up for biweekly emails. Or, if you just want to come chat with a council member, a couple of us are in the PLVC booth at the Friday Market in the Village Center each and every Friday. Come say “Hi” through **September 25!**

I asked each of our current Board of Directors to write a brief essay about why they give their time to the council. Last month I shared Lois’s essay; this month’s is from Director Tracy Geipel who wrote the following when asked, “What is your Why?”

“I joined PLVC in September 2024 thinking I could help bring a small grocery store with fresh produce to the Village. While this probably won’t happen in my lifetime, I’ve remained on the council because I believe in the power of the people to get things done. While PLVC has no legislative power, it does strive to get residents involved not only with issues important to life in the Village, but also with adding life to the Village. Even though I’m what is referred to as a “social introvert,” I enjoy being involved with helping create ways for folks to get together and have fun, learn new things, bring their skills, and talents to special projects and PLVC committees, and just in general enjoy living within this beautiful natural setting. I also enjoy a challenge (when I’m not feeling too tired) and, like any town, we have these to face as well. Some challenges are positive, some not so much, but as a volunteer councilwoman I am in a

position to learn what these challenges are and help plan how to meet them. “Forewarned is forearmed,” as the saying goes. And although I sat through way too many meetings before retirement, I enjoy the fact that PLVC meetings and workshops offer me the chance to have meaningful discussions with other people who also care about what makes a community successful. PLVC makes me think. PLVC makes me do. PLVC makes me feel like I’m engaged with something beyond myself.”

I hope her words inspire you to consider joining us in the coming year as a board or committee member! Regardless, I look forward to seeing you out and about in the Village or perhaps at our next board meeting on **August 4**, at 3 p.m. at the Bay Club where we will hear from EJFR, Jefferson County Sheriff’s Office, PUD, our County Commissioner, Port Ludlow Associates, and updates from all of our committees working hard to make Port Ludlow home.

The second winner of our summer raffle was drawn at our July board meeting. Judy Cocchiarella was the recipient of the gift basket donated by Sound Community Bank! Congratulations, Judy!

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material that came to us too late to
include in the print version. Check it out!

Recreation & Sports

Port Ludlow Yacht Club Women's Group

by Liz Healy, Women's Group Co-Chair

While the club has written many articles for the *Voice*, I don't know if any have covered the Women's Group, which was established in 2006. Since then, we've organized annual fundraisers for local charities, donating over \$130,000. We also plan events for the club women, usually about four a year.

In June, Women's Group members took the Kingston foot ferry to Seattle to join Eat Seattle's Pike Place Market food tour. We were not disappointed.

Our chef-guide, Sylas, led us through Seattle's top local eats and hidden gems. Because the Eat Seattle guides are chefs themselves, they bring insider culinary expertise and an authentic, behind-the-scenes look at Seattle's vibrant food scene. We tasted some of the market's best artisan foods while learning about the history and culture of Pike Place Market. Eat Seattle's chef and owner, Liz Philpot, is a classically trained chef from Le Cordon Bleu in Paris. For two hours, we cruised the market and tasted Pike Place Chowder clam chowder, Pizza & Pasta Bar pizza, Hellenika Cultured Creamery Greek gelato, Indi Chocolate chocolate chip cookies (best in the world, in my opinion), Mariscos Mexico tacos, Choice Produce fresh peaches, Totem Smokehouse smoked salmon, and El Mercado empanadas. Along the way, we visited the rooftop Secret Garden and cheered as one of our fellow tourists caught a flying fish at Pike Place Fish Market.

We ended at Fran's Chocolates at the Four Seasons Hotel, the only five-star hotel in the state, where each of us received a box of four Fran's favorites. Since we were already at the hotel needing a rest, we went inside, ordered a bottle of Argyle Brut, and proceeded to have a blast!

What a perfect way to end the most delicious day in Seattle. I've lived here for 46 years and, thanks to

Sylas, discovered market gems I had never known. With the awesome waterfront renovation, the market has expanded and is better than ever.

Sylas also shared his knowledge of cookware, knives, sourcing the best products, and more. The Women's Group will do this again. Walking tours are a perfect way to see and learn; each guide brings her or his own perspective to the subject.

Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Fillers, Port Ludlow Hiking Club

The Port Ludlow Hiking Club offers hikes for all levels, from more than 30 miles of local Port Ludlow trails to the 6,280-foot summit of Mount Townsend.

Some hikes follow a regular weekly schedule, while others are coordinated by volunteer hike leaders. The hikes organized by the hike leaders may take place any day of the week and can be planned days, weeks, or months in advance. The goal is to share the outdoors with as many people as possible. The Hiking Club supports the hikers by sharing planning information with all members.

You can select any of the following hiking opportunities. **Note:** See Port Ludlow Hiking Club website details at portludlowhikingclub.com/.

- **Any Date and Time Port Ludlow Trails Hike:** Port Ludlow's 30-plus miles of trails are available anytime for hikers to enjoy local forests, waterfalls, and views of the Olympic Mountains and the Cascade Range. See the website MAPS tab for a detailed trail map.
- **Wednesday Timberton Loop Hike:** Meet weekly at the Timberton Drive trailhead parking lot at 9 a.m. for a self-led hike on the moderate 4.2-mile Timberton Loop trail. See the website MAPS tab for a detailed trail map that includes the Timberton Loop Trail.

- **Monday/Wednesday/Friday Old Cart Path Hike:** Meet weekly at the Port Ludlow Golf Course Club House parking lot at 9 a.m. for a self-led hike on the Old Cart Path Loop, a moderate 2.8-mile route along the asphalt golf cart path. See the website MAPS tab for a detailed trail map that includes the Old Cart Path Trail.
- **Any Date, Time, or Place Hike:** Any Hiking Club member may act as a hike leader to organize a hike on any trail within a reasonable distance of Port Ludlow (see the website TRAILS tab for suggestions). The hike leader should provide the required hike details listed on the website ORGANIZE tab and email the information along with the hike leader's contact information to the Port Ludlow Hiking Club scribe at portludlowhikingclub@gmail.com. The scribe will forward the information to all Hiking Club members. Anyone with questions about the hike should contact the hike leader directly.

Reopening of the Aquarium at the Marine Science Center

by Gail Wellenstein, Kitsap Beach Naturalist



Aquarium at the Marine Science Center

Photo Credit: Diane Quinn

Most of us look forward to retirement. At the same time, it's a daunting prospect, and for some of us, it might even be terrifying. Some of the big questions are: What will I do with my time? How do I redefine my identity? How do I stay relevant?

One of the answers for many of us, retired or not, is volunteering. There are numerous worthwhile organizations and opportunities on the Quimper Peninsula. I chose the Port Townsend Marine Science Center (PTMSC), and this summer a new exhibit called Our Kelp Forests has opened across the street from the old aquarium location on the pier. It seems like the perfect time to talk about the center and what you'll find there.

PTMSC was founded in 1982 by two teachers, Judy D'Amore and Libby Palmer. With permission from the Fort Worden State Park, helpful husbands and volunteers armed with a \$1,000 scholarship, built four tanks with plumbing in the old building on the pier, abandoned since the Korean War. They partnered with the school districts and built an experiential learning program. A natural history museum, located across the street, was added to showcase the relationships between land and sea.

From its early days of exhibits and school programs, the science center has expanded to include summer camps, low tide walks, lecture series, wildlife cruises, sustainability workshops, and citizen science projects such as Soundtoxins and the Marine Mammal Stranding Network. They even sponsor trivia nights and a book club!

The heart of the center has always been the aquarium on the pier. The pier and the building are aging rapidly, and the State will be removing them at some point in the near future. The staff, with input from supporters, volunteers and friends, spearheaded a renovation of the museum building into a shared space for a natural history display of the Salish Sea and an aquarium display called Our Kelp Forests. The museum renovation was imaginative and relatively quick, finishing before the end of 2025. Moving a saltwater aquarium from a pier, where the water supply is easily accessible, to a land-based building is not easy; the amount of planning and construction was impressive. The final touches were completed by

June 26, the official opening of the aquarium section. The Salish Sea area allows visitors to explore plankton and fish through videos, seabirds and whales through sounds and displays, skeletons of seals and otters, and of course Hope, our transient orca skeleton that hovers overhead. There is a fascinating video on the underwater habitat, with gray whales feeding, sea stars creeping and seals at play accompanied by the sounds of birds. Wandering farther back to the aquarium exhibits, you will take a trip through the kelp forest habitat and visit Wetzel, a rare sunflower sea star. Children are fascinated by all the objects that they can view under the microscopes, using the ropes to see how long a baby orca is and working the scavenger hunt to get that coveted sticker as a prize. There are even backpacks filled with exploration tools to check out for an hour or so for use at the beach across the street.

Come visit and enter the rich waters and lands of the Salish Sea watershed. If you're interested, explore some of the opportunities outside of the exhibits mentioned above. Summer hours are 11 a.m. - 4 p.m., Thursday–Monday. More information is available at ptmsc.org.

Escaping the “Fried Egg”

by Jim Mancill,
PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC

This month, we are tackling one of the most intimidating shots in golf – the buried bunker shot, or “fried egg.” We’ve all been there: you catch a greenside bunker, only to find your ball plugged deep into the sand, leaving you with a nightmare lie. Many golfers panic, resulting in a swing that barely moves the ball, or worse, leaving it in the bunker entirely. But fear not! With the right setup and a commitment to added speed, you can get out of this situation and onto the green.

First things first, let’s look at the setup. The key

to getting out of a buried lie is making a couple adjustments prior to the swing.

- **Square up the Clubface:** Take your sand wedge or lob wedge and shut the clubface down so it is square to your target. This helps the club to “dig,” allowing it to cut through the sand rather than bounce off it.
- **Narrow and Steep:** Use a slightly narrower stance to allow for a steeper attack angle. Position the ball in the middle of your stance.
- **Weight Forward:** Put 60% of your weight on your lead foot and keep it there, just like a pitch shot, to ensure a downward blow.

How to play the shot. The secret to escaping a plugged lie is “speed, power, and commitment.”

- **The takeaway:** Think of the letter V, take the club back steeper, more “up” than “around,” to encourage a steep downward angle.
- **The impact:** Think “chop wood!” You need to strike the sand about two inches behind the ball and continue downward. Do not try to “lift” the ball.
- **The follow-through:** You *must* accelerate through the sand. If you slow down, trusting that the explosion of sand will carry the ball up and out, even with a square clubface, you’ll likely fail. Play for extra roll and remember that getting out is our goal here.



Try this simple “Line-in-the-Sand” drill the next time you are practicing bunker shots.

*Jim Mancill
demonstrating the
“Line-in-the-sand” drill*

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Draw a straight line in the sand behind where your ball is located. Take a few practice swings trying to hit just behind that line and move a consistent, large amount of sand. Once you are comfortable, place the ball on that line (and push it down halfway, “fried egg” style) and make the same aggressive strike.

Golf is all about managing our misses and having fun, so in this instance, keep that club square and swinging hard, and I’ll see you on the green!

Trail Mix

by Tim Rensema, Natural Resources

“Port Ludlow – A Destination Hiking Village”

This article is dedicated to Larry G. Scott, who passed very suddenly on June 29.



Larry Scott on trail duty

Larry had just about finished twenty hard and arduous years surveying, applying for permits, and building the trails of Port Ludlow, over 30 miles of them. He acted as mentor to us wannabe trail builders so he could go on short vacations while we kept the fun days going. Meanwhile, he was our Committee Chair, dealing with all the negotiations and political interaction that many of us did not wish to deal with. In just the past two years, through Larry’s guidance, we constructed two bridges over Ludlow Creek, enabling us to build some beautiful connection trails in the McCormick and Creek View trails. More importantly, however, was what the lower Ludlow

Creek Bridge accomplished. It provided a connection between the North Bay and South Bay trails without going on Paradise Bay Road. Avoiding roads whenever possible was a fundamental goal for Larry. This bridge unified the two communities into one Port Ludlow. That is just like our volunteers – many from North Bay have learned much about South Bay and vice versa because of digging dirt.

Probably the crown of our trails has been the completion of the Larry G. Scott Memorial Trail. It was originally called the Oak Bay Trail but was renamed by the Trails Committee in memory of Larry. We don’t normally do that, but in this case, it was a no-brainer. Larry essentially was the spirit of trails. Larry worked over eight years on this trail, as it took a very long time to receive permission for the trail. This trail is over one mile long and connects the neighborhood of Pioneer (in North Bay) with the Around the Bay Trail. It follows along the northwest side of Oak Bay Road giving folks from that part of North Bay (and Mats Mats) a safe and enjoyable trail to walk all the way down to the Village and beyond, walking only on trails. There are many benches on the Larry G. Scott Memorial Trail to both take a rest and to get some of the best views in the entire village. It is a bit trying with some elevation change but you feel you accomplished a good hike when you’re done. Just be careful when crossing Walker, Swansonville and Oak Bay Road, as the cars don’t always go the speed limit. The Larry G. Scott Memorial Trail is adjacent to the Port Ludlow Historic Cemetery. This is one relic that remains of the old Port Ludlow. So, when you’re walking on the trail, take a short detour into the Cemetery and imagine how life was 150 years ago.

The Larry G. Scott Memorial Trail has a little bit for everyone. It became official when the black-tailed deer decided to use it as their principle trail along Oak Bay. Stop by the Golden Spike (three cedars) area and read the sign. Can you guess what our

Golden Spike commemorates? Enjoy your hike up the steps that Larry and Glen Bell spent hours on, but don't look down! Or just enjoy the serenity of the Maple Grove beyond the Fire Station. This trail needs to be hiked. Larry designed and engineered it that way – to be an enjoyment for all.

Port Ludlow Women's Golf League Update

by Kathleen Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson

On June 30, the Port Ludlow Golf Club Ladies' Invitational welcomed women golfers from area golf clubs and members of the PLWGA. Visiting players enjoyed the course, raffle and after-play awards luncheon at the Bay Club. Many said they'll be back for next year's Ladies' Invitational. The event was organized by PGA Head Professional, Jim Mancill and PLWGA members, Bonnie Vahcic and Lucinda Thompson. PLWGA members and Chairpersons Grace Allen and Diane Kobz generated lots of interest

and fun for the Invitational's basket raffle participants. Kristina Kelly, Executive Director of the Washington Wine Association, donated a case of wine.



Grace Allen and Diane Kobz with the Ladies Golf Invitational Raffle Baskets

At the WGA/MGA Exchanges on July 8 and July 28, teams of one WGA member and one Men's Group member competed. The event culminated with the announcement of awards at the club house and a luncheon at JR's Sandtrap Café.

A PLWGA Playday Away took place at Rolling Hills



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Golf Course in Bremerton. Another Play Day Away is scheduled for **Monday, August 10**. Members should watch their emails for additional Playday Away dates and destinations. The Gal's Getaway will take place on **September 1 - 4** at Suncadia in Cle Elum. Members should contact Chairpersons Kathi Williams and Lucinda Thompson for more information. Two new home events with White Horse Golf Course will take place in August. White Horse is hosting on **Thursday, August 6**, and on **Tuesday, August 11**, PLWGA is hosting.

The mid-season luncheon and general meeting was held on July 29. The winners of the Captain's Cup Tournament, a team match play event, were announced. Queens of the Captain's Cup Tournament, Debi Bozanich and Sue Fechner, were honored as the winners for the second year in a row. The team of Elaine Raymond and Sharon Russell was runner-up, and the team of Linda Aho and Diane Kobz won the Consolation Tournament.

The **Friday, August 21**, Dove House Tournament is now open for entries.

The PLWGA Club Championship, a three-day event, will be held on **August 24, 26, and 28**, with a party to follow play on **Friday, August 28**. To win flight prizes, members only need to participate in two of the three tournament days, but to win the Championship or Low Net of the Field, participants need to play all three days. The next major tournament event, the All-Star Cup, will take place in September. The date of the PLWGA Awards Banquet has been changed. It will now be held on **Thursday, October 22**, at noon at the Beach Club.

PLWGA Captain Linda Aho invites prospective PLWGA participants to play on Tuesdays. Please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop at 360-437-0272 to sign up. Note: PLGC membership is not a requisite for participation in the PLWGA league.

Niners' News

by Kathleen Traci, Lady Niners' Publicity Chairperson

The Niners have enjoyed playing together every Thursday morning and many non-PLGC members have joined the Niners' ranks. All PL Niners and other league members were invited to attend the July 16 Putt and Pour Niners' event that featured a difficult putting contest set up by Tristan Heath, PL Assistant Golf Pro, and greenside drinks with appetizers. Winners of the putting contest will be announced in the September *Voice*. August's Niners' Thursday games include Blind Holes, Individual Low Net, and Captain's Cup #4. Members sign up for Thursday games on Golf Genius.

Niners' Couples' Chairs, Carole and Doug Fett, organize games for the fourth Thursday of each month. The July 30 Couple's Scramble was well attended. **Thursday, August 27**, is the date of the next couples' golf event. The scramble game is Step Away. Players are encouraged to stay for a luncheon at the Sandtrap Café after play.

Help is needed to prepare for the Dove House Tournament to be held **Friday, August 21**. If any Niner or community member would like to volunteer, please contact the Pro Shop at 360-437-0272.

Another Captain's Cup play day took place on July 23, the third of four competitions where scores are tallied for the season's Niners' Captain's Cup. Winners of all regular Thursday Niners' games are announced via email, and winnings accumulate in members' accounts for the purchase of PL Golf Course Pro Shop items.

The Niners welcomes new league members and non-league golfers. Niner's Captain John Bockoven invites prospective Niners to play on Thursday mornings. To sign up to play, please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop at 360-437-0272. Please note: PLGC membership is no longer a requisite for participation in the Niner's golf league.

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