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News & Community

From the Editor's Desk

by Carol Riley, Copy Editor

What comes to mind when you think of June? I'm sure there are many responses to be had. If you are of school age, then June most likely brings a sense of release and joy that carefree summer days lie ahead. Gardeners rejoice that the first week in June is National Garden Week, and it ends in the celebration of the gift of sparkling wine with National Bubbly Day on **June 7**. Dads welcome the celebration of Father's Day that falls this year on **June 15**.

Whatever June means to you, the Farmers' Almanac calls it the month of peace and love. For us in the Pacific Northwest, it should mean the start of summer and warmer weather, although experience has taught us that in reality, that happens closer to **July 4**.

The Almanac goes on, "June is filled with symbols that remind us of sweet affection and stillness. The June birth flower rose symbolizes love, while the June birthstone pearl stands for purity, bringing us peace and balance in life. Gemini and Cancer stand as the month's zodiac keepers, bringing intellect and protection to those born during this month. The dove, June's bird of the month, coos with delicate tranquility. Lavender and this month's healing herbs are associated with serenity, adding even more meaning for those born in this month."

Well, I wasn't born in June, but I am going to embrace that sentiment as if I was, and let it be my guide during these less than serene days.

I hope the contents of the June issue offer you some escape as well. We have the blessings of our regular contributors in sports, community news, and the arts. We have those fabulous nuns returning in the Ludlow Village Players production of *Nunsense II*. We catch a glimpse of the Himalayas, dip our toes in the Salish Sea, grow berries, listen to music, learn how to keep wildfires at bay, follow the farm trails, and take pride in our local schools. Doesn't that sound like a lovely June to you?

Be Safe While Walking

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

Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament

by Michael Stuber and Carole Fett, Guest Writers

The 13th Annual Dove House Benefit Golf Tournament will be held on **Friday, August 15**, at the Port Ludlow Golf Course. This event is sponsored by the PSO Bluebills, a local service organization, whose volunteers work with local agencies and schools to improve the quality of life for members of the communities they serve. The tournament is the largest annual fundraiser for Dove House.

The entry fee is \$150 for the general community and \$100 for Port Ludlow Golf Course members. There will be a shotgun start at 11 a.m. (recommended arrival at 9:30 a.m.).

The registration fee includes a golf cart, box lunch, prizes for the winners and an awards ceremony afterwards at the Bay Club, including a buffet dinner with an open bar. One of the favorite parts of the event is the raffle for gift baskets and gift certificates, generously donated by local businesses and people who wish to support Dove House services. Tickets will be sold at the golf course and at The Bay Club during the reception and dinner.

Golfers may bring a non-golfing guest to the dinner for \$25.

This is a very popular event, and the roster is already filling up. Be sure to sign up as soon as possible to ensure a spot! The deadline to sign up is **Friday, August 1**.

This year for the first time you may register and pay online. Sign up at dovehousejc.org/golfer-registration.

One hundred percent of the proceeds raised go directly to Dove House to help alleviate the dangerous situations for victims of sexual assault and domestic violence. Items not provided for in the Dove House restricted budget include such things as personal care products, emergency housing, transportation, and school supplies—things that ease the lives of traumatized families. This year's funding from federal sources has become less stable than in prior years, so the need is greater than ever. The tournament has raised over \$130,000 over the past ten years.

For further information, contact Carole Fett at 425-244-0030 or Barb Burke at 206-890-5387.

Martha's Book Group— Racism and Romance

Kelli Estes' first novel, *The Girl Who Wrote in Silk*, published in 2015, is an intriguing story of two women centuries apart whose lives are affected by miscegenation.

In the late nineteenth century, a wave of anti-Chinese sentiment sends a young Chinese girl into hiding on one of the San Juan Islands. In the early twenty-first century, an aspiring female executive is sent to Orcas Island to settle her aunt's estate and discovers an embroidered silk sleeve. The story embroidered in the sleeve is uniquely parallel to the young executive's dilemma and is the subject of Martha's Book Group discussion in June.

All are welcome to join in this discussion on **Tuesday, June 10**, at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club. Martha's Book Group will not be meeting in July but will reconvene on **Tuesday, August 12**, to discuss Dr. Abraham Verghese's 2023 novel, *The Covenant of Water*. For more information on Martha's Book Group, or on any of the future book selections for discussion, contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org.

First Wednesday Luncheon

by Stephanie Buehler, Guest Writer

Looking for something fun and different to do with your visiting friends and family this summer? Join us on **Wednesday, June 4**, at the Bay Club from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. to learn about Destiny Harbor Tours out of Gig Harbor and Tacoma. They operate two retired and restored U.S. Navy boats that are USCG certified for up to 33 passengers each, and offer an exciting adventure to experience the beauty, wildlife, and history of the Puget Sound! This is the last luncheon of our season, so you won't want to miss it.

Please RSVP to firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com, or sign up at either the Bay or Beach Club by **Monday, June 2**.

There is no charge to attend the First Wednesday Luncheon. However, we do ask attendees to bring donations in the form of cash, checks made payable to the JCFBA, hygiene products or non-perishable food, such as condiments, coffee, peanut butter, jelly, etc. We also ask for a small donation to cover the cost of the Bay Club's usage fee.

Come prepared to participate in our monthly raffle, as the money collected helps us with donations to the Food Bank for the summer months when the luncheon is on hiatus.

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, September 3**, when the First Wednesday Luncheon resumes.

Growing Knowledge in the Garden

Come learn with us in the beautiful Kul Kah Han Native Plant Demonstration Garden. The Kul Kah Han Native Plant Garden is excited to present a bi-monthly speaker series on the second Saturday of May, July, and September at the Salmon Shelter, HJ Carroll Park in Chimacum.

The May presentation was about *Inside Passage Seeds* on the Olympic Peninsula prairies.

On **Saturday, July 12**, at 1 p.m., Kris Ethington will discuss a *Garden for Nature* by supporting native bee nesting habitats.

On **Saturday, September 13**, at 1 p.m. Joe Holtrop, District Manager for Jefferson County Conservation, will inform us on how to landscape with native plants.

Presentations will focus on the importance and benefits of planting native plants in the landscape and garden and will provide valuable information about nurturing these species in your home gardens.

All talks will be held rain or shine. There is some seating in the shelter but feel free to bring a lawn chair.

Farm to Table Trails

Experience the Food and Farming Culture of Northwest Washington

The food, farming, and fishing culture of Northwest Washington is rich and diverse, and the most delicious way to explore this region's offerings is by taking a trip on the Farm to Table Trails. Whether you're a local hoping to learn more about your backyard or a visitor coming to the area for a getaway weekend, the Farm to Table Trails have something for everyone.

Sustainable Connections is proud to announce the launch of their 2025 Farm to Table Trails, ten loops that invite participants to savor the sights and sounds of beautiful Northwest Washington. On these trails, folks will enjoy bountiful harvests from u-pick berry farms, find the most decadent local cheeses, and visit markets and farm stands for local vegetables, fruit, meat, and fish. These trails are available in print and digital forms—making them accessible and convenient, no matter the user's preference.

On the Eat Local Lynden to Everson loop, visit bakeries, farm stands, and wineries, all with a sweeping view of Mount Baker and the agricultural fields the area is known for. The Bites of Bellingham trail incorporates beloved farm-to-table eateries as well as urban farms, and two Skagit loops invite folks to explore the "Magic Skagit,"

a region known for its farming culture, exceptional local dishes, and charming towns.

“The Farm to Table Trails are fun and easy ways to discover delicious food and charming locales in our region,” says Jessica Gillis, Sustainable Connections’ Food and Farming Program Manager. “Farming and fishing are such labors of love, and these trails are a chance to support our community and get a look at what it takes to get food from the farm to the table.”

Grow your appreciation for this community, try new foods and experiences, explore the beautiful region, and win prizes on the Farm to Table Trails. Learn more and sign up at sustainableconnections.org/farm-to-table-trail. You can also find printed maps of the Farm to Table Trails at tourism offices, participating businesses, and at other locations throughout the region. Search these sites for more information: facebook.com/profile.php?id=61559106563726 instagram.com/farmtotabletrails

June Brings Summer FUN to the Jefferson County Library District

June means the start of Summer Fun at Jefferson County Library! Kids of all ages are invited to visit cleoreads.beanstack.com or download the *Beanstack* app to participate. You can also pick up a paper tracker at the Library or the Bookmobile. Track your reading and complete fun activities for chances to win prizes! We’ll also have programs and events for both kids and adults throughout the summer season. Visit jclibrary.info for complete program details.

Starting **Sunday, June 1**, adults can participate in this year’s Adult Summer Read! *Tomorrow, and Tomorrow, and Tomorrow* by Gabrielle Zevin is a modern love story about two childhood friends who reunite as adults to create video games, finding an intimacy in digital worlds that eludes them in their real lives. Place a hold through our catalog at jclibrary.info or call 360-385-6544 to reserve your copy of this moving and exhilarating novel.

Storytimes at the Library will move outdoors beginning **Monday, June 2**, and will be held at HJ Carroll Park on Mondays from 10:30 – 11 a.m. all summer. Listen to stories, sing songs, enjoy physical movement, and create free-form art with Early Childhood Coordinator, Rosaletta Curry. Please dress for the weather and bring a blanket or cushions to sit on.

Summer Fun for Kids at HJ Carroll Park will take place weekly beginning **Monday, June 23**. Meet at HJ Carroll

Park in Chimacum on Mondays from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for crafts and fun educational programs designed especially for children.

Beginning **Thursday, June 26**, teens can meet at the Library on Thursdays from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. for a series of epic gaming events! There will be card games, role playing games, and a Wii showdown. Activities will be flexible based on what you and your friends want to play. Plus, we will have snacks to keep the good vibes rolling.

Our Disaster and Emergency Preparedness workshops will continue in June! Hosted by Jefferson County’s Department of Emergency Management (DEM), this month’s discussion will focus on Extreme Heat and Wildfire Smoke Safety. It will be held on **Tuesday, June 17**, from 3:30 – 5 p.m. and repeated on the same day from 5:30 – 7 p.m. Registration is required, so be sure to visit jclibrary.info and sign up

June also brings another popular Art & Music Meditation program, which will be held on **Thursday, June 26**, at 10:15 a.m. Enjoy a short, inspirational reading before you mix colors and create, letting art take shape while listening to peaceful music. Supplies will be provided, but space is limited. Please register online at jclibrary.info or by calling the library before **June 26**. This program is for adults 18 years old and over.

The Library District will be closed on **Thursday, June 19**, in honor of Juneteenth.

Visit the Jefferson County Library District at 620 Cedar Avenue in Port Hadlock. For questions or assistance, call 360-385-6544 or email information@jclibrary.info. For complete program details and the event calendar, visit jclibrary.info.

Free Life Care Planning Zoom Seminars

Join Tony Hinson on **Tuesday, June 10**, at 11:30 a.m. as he explores estate and life-care planning solutions that preserve wealth, minimize taxes, and ensure your legacy.

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

These seminars occur once a month on Tuesdays at 11:30 a.m. and are held live on Zoom so you can ask questions. To register, visit compassandclock.com/ or call 206-627-0790.

Mindfulness in Motion Summer Camps



Participants in a previous Mindfulness in Motion Camp.

Submitted photo

The Benji Project is offering Mindfulness in Motion summer camps for middle and high school students in July and August in the Port Townsend-Chimacum area. These camps focus on discovering mindful self-compassion through art, games, nature exploration, and reflection. Participants explore ways to navigate the ups and downs of life through fun activities in a supportive community. The Benji Project has been offering these camps for local youth since 2018.

Summer is a great time to find some moments of calm and joy together. Two weeks of camp make sure there is something for everyone! The middle school camp takes place **July 28-August 1**, for students ages 11-14, while the second week of camp, **August 11-15**, is Pride Camp, offered for young people ages 12-16 who identify as LGBTQ+.

Campers build new friendships while learning to listen deeply. Participants learn formal meditations and informal practices as they explore what it means to pay attention in the present moment, how to cultivate a relationship with themselves based on kindness and compassion, and how blending these two concepts can provide important strategies for managing stress and anxiety. Pride Camp features the same core curriculum components, with added layers of support for queer youth and their unique experiences.

The camps take place from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. with snacks provided. Free transportation is available for south county youth. Tuition is on a sliding scale basis, with no one turned away for lack of funds. For more information, please contact info@thebenjiproject.org or go to the website: thebenjiproject.org.

Chimacum Schools Stand Out Statewide for Student Achievement

“We see this recognition not as an end, but as an affirmation that we are on the right path.” – Superintendent Dr. Scott Mauk

The Chimacum School District has cause for celebration! Two schools—Chimacum Elementary School and Chimacum Junior/Senior High School—have been recognized by the Washington School Recognition Program for their outstanding student growth and continuous improvement during the 2023 – 2024 school year.

This honor places Chimacum among an elite group: only 16% of schools statewide earned recognition this year. The awards celebrate schools not just for academic results, but for fostering positive systems change that supports long-term student success.

“Our students, staff, and families have worked incredibly hard to build a culture focused on growth, inclusion, and engagement,” said Superintendent Scott Mauk. “It is exciting to see that work recognized at the state level. We are proud of the direction our schools are moving.”

The Washington School Recognition Program is a joint initiative of the Washington State Board of Education (SBE), the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), and the Educational Opportunity Gap Oversight and Accountability Committee (EOGOAC). The awards highlight schools making a real difference in student outcomes, particularly in areas like academic growth, closing achievement gaps, and building strong school cultures.

As part of the celebration, both honored schools will receive commemorative banners from the Olympic Educational Service District 114. “Every day, we are working to build a stronger, more inclusive school district for all of our students,” Dr. Mauk added. To learn more about the Washington School Recognition Program and view a full list of honored schools, visit: sbe.wa.gov/school-recognition-resources-honored-schools.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, EJFR Community Outreach Volunteer



Meet Mike Harte, East Jefferson Fire Rescue's new Volunteer Coordinator since March 10. He has been a volunteer EMT with EJFR since joining in 2018. He began his fire service career in 1977, immediately after graduating from high school, when he enlisted in the military. After completing a 4-year tour of duty, and still enjoying the fire service greatly, he served five years with a volunteer fire department while attending college. A short time later, he served nine years with a wildland fire crew in Colorado.

Mike's first career fire department position was in Cheyenne, WY, where he commuted from Wellington, CO—and his first day on the job was the day of the 9/11 disaster. While living in Wellington, CO, he concurrently served as a volunteer FF/EMT in Wellington. Mike retired from these jobs to move to Port Townsend, where his family lives. He has been the Volunteer Lead at EJFR's Station 5 on Marrowstone Island for four years. His family includes his wife Cindy and adult son Joe.

In his off-duty time, Mike enjoys hiking, running, kayaking, and leatherworking.

Mike looks forward to his new duties as EJFR's Volunteer Coordinator and will put forth his very best effort working with all career and volunteer members to build and coordinate optimal relationships and outcomes for volunteers serving in this incredible fire department.

One thing people don't know about Mike is that he has been a beekeeper for 21 years.

JC Master Gardeners' 2025 Secret Garden Tour



The Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation is pleased to announce that the Secret Garden Tour returns on June 21 after a three-year hiatus. The 2025 Secret Garden Tour, which supports the Master Gardener Foundation's educational and charitable activities, features five beautiful, inspirational gardens in Port Townsend.

Ticket sales began on Friday, May 9, at the Port Townsend Garden Center and the Secret Garden Nursery. Each ticket is a brochure with a map of locations of the gardens.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 on the day of the Tour. On the day of the Tour, tickets will be sold **ONLY** at the Port Townsend Community Center, 620 Tyler Street, across from Aldrich's store.

The Tour will run from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on **Saturday, June 21**. The Tour is self-guided and can be started at any of the five gardens. Garden owners and Jefferson County Master Gardeners will be available to answer questions about plants and landscaping, and direct visitors to particular areas of interest. Parking is available at each garden, although close-by spaces may be limited. Participants are advised to bring water and a good pair of walking shoes.

"This year's Secret Garden Tour has astonishing gardens—each one is remarkable," says Secret Garden Tour Committee Chair Wendy Wright-Scevola. "We can't wait

to share these unique gardens with the public. It's been three years and it's time to let the garden fever loose. Come join us on this year's Secret Garden Tour!"

The tour is a fundraiser that supports the Jefferson County Master Gardener Foundation's grants program as well as other Master Gardener activities. The foundation's fundraising activities have provided seed money to develop community, food bank and school gardens as well as other civic projects.

Local Volunteers Answer Call for Help After Hurricane Helene

by Rick Smith, Guest Writer



Last October, Hurricane Helene brought devastation to western North Carolina, leaving many communities in need. Among those affected was Lake Lure, where residents faced the daunting task of rebuilding their lives.

Inspired by the stories of resilience and the call for help, a group of local volunteers, including myself, answered the call to action. We joined forces to provide much-needed disaster relief to individuals impacted by the hurricane.

Our efforts were part of a larger initiative supported by Praying Pelican Missions (PPM), which partners with local churches to provide resources, support, and volunteers in the wake of natural disasters. PPM plays a crucial role in meeting the physical needs of affected communities through donations and volunteer assistance. This includes debris cleanup, rebuilding homes, roof replacement, food distribution, and offering much-needed emotional and spiritual support.

I learned about this opportunity through Frank Trafton, a fellow member of my Rotary Club. Frank's dedication to community service is truly inspiring, and it was through his connection that I was able to join this meaningful effort.

Our team worked alongside Just the Crumbs Ministries in Lake Lure, one of the local partners supported by PPM. We witnessed firsthand the challenges faced by families who had lost so much, but we were also inspired by their strength and determination to rebuild.

What struck me most during our time in Lake Lure was the incredible spirit of generosity, teamwork, and genuine family atmosphere within the volunteer group. Despite coming from different backgrounds, we quickly bonded over our shared purpose. Together, we tackled a variety of crucial projects across three residences and even at the Bible camp itself. This included the complex task of completely rewiring the electrical systems in two homes, a significant undertaking that brought much-needed safety and functionality back to those families. At another residence, we focused on restoring stability by replacing damaged insulation and subflooring. We also addressed structural concerns at a different home, diligently replacing deck and upper structure posts and reinforcing the area with an impressive thirty tons of rock. Inside, we celebrated victories like the installation of new kitchen and bathroom cabinets, drywall repair and hanging new doors which represented steps towards normalcy for the homeowners. Even the Bible camp benefited from our efforts, as we reinforced the foundation of their office building and replaced a worn-out deck. Through it all, I forged new friendships and left Lake Lure with a profound sense of accomplishment and a truly rewarding experience.

While the road to recovery is long, the spirit of Lake Lure remains strong, and with the continued support of organizations like PPM and dedicated volunteers, the community will rebuild and thrive once again.

If you're interested in supporting disaster relief efforts, you can learn more about Praying Pelican Missions at ppm.org. You can also contact the East Jefferson County Rotary Club at ejerotary.club to find out about other community service opportunities.

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2025 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.

April Alarms

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| Fires..... | 11 |
| Rescue/Emergency Medical | 284 |
| Good Intent | 26 |
| Hazardous Conditions | 7 |
| False Alarms | 20 |
| Service Call | 75 |
| Special Incident..... | 2 |
| Total Alarms | 425 |

Ambulance Transports

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| 911 Transports..... | 199 |
| Hospital Requested Transport | 0 |
| Non Transports..... | 116 |
| Total Patient Contacts | 315 |

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| CARES Contacts..... | 111 |
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The Benefits of Jefferson County's Wildfire Protection Plan

After much hard work in collaboration with fire districts, local, state, and federal agencies, the Hoh and Quinault tribes, and with the U.S. Navy, Jefferson County's Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) was accepted by FEMA in June of 2024. The Jefferson County Community Wildfire Protection Plan advisory group explains the plan's benefits:

"A community wildfire protection plan has multiple benefits to the community which identifies and prioritizes the wildfire risks in our County. The adopted CWPP opens doors to federal and state funding sources for preparedness and mitigation efforts that would not be accessible otherwise. Several fire districts have already accessed state grants for wildfire mitigation projects. Over \$3,000,000 in other grants have been submitted and await approval.

With the future of a state-adopted Wildland-Urban Interface Code uncertain, a CWPP also helps fill the void with recommendations for defensible space, fuels reduction, and other mitigation measures. Jefferson County has programs in place for flood damage prevention, earthquake

preparedness, and other substantial events, and the addition of this CWPP is another tool to aid in community resiliency.

A CWPP is a key element in increasing public awareness and education, as well as establishing strategies for a stronger, healthier, more resilient community. This effort is a proactive approach to prevention, preparedness, and response, and can also help facilitate a robust recovery after a destructive event.

Jefferson County is proud to introduce a multiyear effort with stakeholders from the community, service agencies, and partners from across the region."

The entire plan can be found at:

jefferson-county-cwpp-jeffcowa.hub.arcgis.com.

If you have questions about the services that East Jefferson Fire Rescue provides, please contact Chief Black at 360-385-2626.

Wildfire Update

by Gary Rygmyr, Guest Writer

The Washington State Department of Natural Resources has initiated a campaign to increase wildfire awareness and promote actions that every homeowner can take to reduce wildfire risk to their home. A key offering is a free Wildfire Ready Plan and a consultation from East Jefferson Fire Rescue wildfire experts, wildfireready.dnr.wa.gov.

In the North Bay community, a pilot project has been initiated to promote wildfire awareness and actions to reduce wildfire risk around the home. Eighteen home assessments have been completed by EJFR and several actions are taking place as a result of these assessments. The primary focus is the Immediate Zone, that area in close proximity to the edge of a home and its decks.

During the course of the project, many bushes and trees have been trimmed, limbed, or removed. Over one weekend two 20-yard dumpsters were completely filled from just 8 homes! And with much more to do, two additional weekends with dumpsters are scheduled. The work is being completed by homeowners, contractors, and community volunteers.

Another action was to ensure every home had an Emergency Locator Number sign. These are the small red reflective signs, usually located where your driveway meets the road. These signs are actually a Jefferson County Code requirement: codepublishing.com/WA/JeffersonCounty/#!/JeffersonCounty12/JeffersonCounty1220.html#12.20.060

The signs are a homeowner responsibility and are available from Jefferson County Department of Community Development, 360-379-4450.

The main reason that homes are lost to wildfire is that flying embers ignite combustible material in and around the home. As such, the EJFR home assessment also includes a close examination of all home openings such as gable vents, soffit vents, and crawl space vents. These openings should be covered with steel mesh with an opening no greater than 1/8 inch.

To learn more about wildfire readiness and how you can reduce wildfire risk to your home and property, visit the National Fire Protection Association site, nfpa.org/Education-and-Research/Wildfire/Firewise-USA

Coupled with the DNR program, the National Fire Protection Association provides many resources to address home wildfire risk. They also have a national recognition program, Firewise USA®. The program encourages neighbors in a geographic area to work together to reduce wildfire risks. The North Bay project will complete the requirements to be a nationally recognized Firewise USA® site.

The East Jefferson Fire Rescue website has great information to help homeowners be aware of current conditions and prepare for wildfire risk reduction. You can also sign up for a home assessment there, ejfr.org/information/wildfire-preparation.

The Jefferson County website also provides information regarding wildfire preparedness. In 2024 Jefferson County published the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). It is a comprehensive guide to wildfire information in Jefferson County. Of particular interest is the Community Risk Assessment Explorer. You might want to check out your community's risk assessment.

Being aware of emergency situations in the community is important, and the County provides a service just for that. It is called Nixle. You can sign up at co.jefferson.wa.us/1066/Alerts-Warnings

At the end of the day, it is the responsibility of all homeowners to take action to reduce wildfire risk. Wildfire season is nearly upon us and now is the time to plan and prepare to make your home and your community safer in the event of a wildfire.

Berries! Strawberries, Raspberries & Blueberries

How do fresh strawberries and cream, raspberry pie, or blueberry buckle sound to your tastes? Have you tried growing berries and found it difficult? If you would like to learn how to grow luscious berries, and more, then you won't want to miss the June Garden Club presentation offered by Doug Van Allen, a WSU Jefferson County Master Gardener with 30+ years of experience growing these special treats. He comes highly qualified, so you won't want to miss this one!



Join us at the Bay Club at 11 a.m. on **Wednesday, June 11**. Refreshments are provided.

All are welcome, but we do request an RSVP to set up your table. PLGC members and guests, please RSVP no less than 5 days prior to the event to Michelle Pelkey, 360-710-3547 or porthudlowgardenclub@outlook.com. Non-members are asked to contribute a \$5 donation.

Powers of Attorney and Health Care Directives

Amanda Wilson, locally based Estate Planning Attorney with Northwest Estate Planning & Probate PS, will present this free seminar and answer questions as time will allow.

The seminar will be held at the Beach Club, 121 Marina Drive, Port Ludlow, on **Wednesday, June 4**, 1 – 2 p.m.

Walk-ins are welcome but RSVP appreciated at 360-437-4172 or info@nwpepp.com

Reminder to Dog Owners

So we all can enjoy our walks,
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your dog, large or small!



Features & Stories

Notes from Ranikhet

by Suyin Karlsen, Staff Writer

Robert Arnett took a striking photo of the Himalayan mountain range from Ranikhet, a hill station in Uttarakhand, northern India. This photo is on page one of his coffee-table book, *India Unveiled*. I was equally privileged to have beheld this marvel of nature, standing perhaps at the same spot he did.

India's history dates back 10,000 years. Its biggest export to the Western world is its ancient Vedic teachings. Therefore, I was not surprised to see blond-haired, blue-eyed attendees when attending a *darshan* in Ranikhet. Their Birkenstocks left outside the door, worn and weatherbeaten, resembled our worn and weatherbeaten searching souls.

Darshan is an encounter between a student and a spiritual teacher. It also means being in the presence of a holy one.

I hadn't planned on attending this *darshan*, but a chance encounter with another soul-searcher, Peter, brought me to Ranikhet. A chance encounter could be life giving you another chance to encounter whatever lesson you need at the time.

At this particular *darshan*, the holy one was an ascetic, a *Swami*, a man who had renounced all worldly things. We gathered in a semi-circular room, on *zafu* cushions, some on chairs lining the back of the room.

Then, *Swamiji* came in. He was dressed in an ochre-colored robe of a monk. Lowering himself on a cushioned dais, he effortlessly crossed his legs, each foot resting snugly on the other thigh. He sat like this, yogi-style, spine erect, for an hour and more, looking serene and as firmly planted as a lotus in a pond. His bushy, greying hair fanning out to his shoulders, resembled a lion's mane. From this impressive mane, a pair of steely eyes gauged the room.

Swamiji's darshan took place in a whitewashed, brick house with large, green-framed windows that matched the dark green roof. The house was modest, but views from the large picture windows were majestic. From every window could be seen the splendor of the Himalayas, their jagged peaks softened by dollops of pure white snow. Yet, despite the dazzling distraction outside, all eyes were on the magnetic *Swamiji*.

"Namaste, welcome," he said, as his eyes once again swept the room. Closing his eyes, *Swamiji* pressed his palms together in prayer and chanted, "Lead us from the unreal to the Real, from darkness to Light, from death to Immortality. *Aum, shanti, shanti, peace.*"

"Dear ones," he said, smiling broadly, steely eyes now replaced with compassionate ones, like a parent remembering the child responded better to coaxing rather than scolding. "You do not have to come to India to find your purpose in life, to find the meaning of existence, to find happiness, or even to find God. I will explain why.

"You are here because of resurrected memories. Somewhere in your psyche is a remembrance of something splendid, and you want it again. And you *will* indeed find it, IF you have the discipline to do the practice.

"It is not easy. At the same time, it is not impossible nor improbable. It can happen! Might take 10 years, a lifetime, 10 lifetimes, but it can also happen in one day! Not likely, but it can! Self-realization or enlightenment can happen at any time!

"Athletes wanting to get to the Olympics, musicians wanting to play in world-class orchestras, practice night and day! Likewise, if you want the Best Prize of all prizes, you too must practice! You *must* do the work. Don't waste your time going from one guru to another, hoping to find a teacher who specializes in shortcuts. There are none. And if you *do* find one like that, run as if hyenas are chasing you!"

Swamiji's English was very good, so the rumor that he went to school at Oxford could be true. The story was that he came from a wealthy family, got the best education, inherited much wealth, and turned his back on all of it to become a monk. As soon as those thoughts crossed my mind, *Swamiji* looked at me directly, and held my gaze for a second. It felt like a gentle rebuke.

He continued, "Some of you have heard of the now-immortal madeleine cake in Marcel Proust's 'In Search of Lost Time.' When dipped in tea, it resurrected childhood memories for the protagonist, taking him back to his family's estate in Combray.

"You, too, can dip into your Still Place, and resurrect very blissful memories. By meditating, you can dip into that Ocean of Consciousness or *turiya* which illumines your waking, dreaming, and sleeping states.

“You are in the sleep of ignorance, living in a world of delusion. You must wake up! That is why the Buddha is called the Awakened One. He awoke from his sleep of ignorance.

“Once upon a time, a baby lion got separated from its mother. A herd of sheep adopted him. The ignorant lion grew up thinking he was one of them. One day, a lion came upon this strange phenomenon, a brother lion, living with a herd of sheep, and bleating like one. He pounced on the clueless-lion, scattering the herd. ‘What is this?’ he roared. He dragged the frightened lion to a pond and said, ‘Look at your reflection! You are a lion, like me, not a sheep!’

Swamiji explained, “This is what happens when your soul identifies with the ego. You falsely believe that you are a sheep not a lion!

“In moments of grace, and you all have experienced this, you are shown the truth of what you truly are. You envisioned that you are divine and have *no* mortal limitations...limited only to matter, time and space. What a thrilling revelation!

“Once you have glimpsed this reality, you will forever yearn for it. And what do we do? We look for it in all the wrong places. You won’t find it in a job, in a place, in a relationship, in positions of power. This type of ever-new joy, sustaining and fulfilling, is found *only* inside of you. You have it, inside of you, this potential for discovery. So, *that’s* the answer that you are looking for. Go. Discover it!

“Discover your divinity upon your own sacred altar, which is your spine. The holiest place in the world is the space on your forehead, between your eyebrows, aka the sixth *chakra*. Here, your spiritual eye looks out into the astral world. Find enlightenment there, if you need to go to a *place* to find it. “The reason saints are often painted in pictures, looking upwards.”

Concluding *darshan*, he blessed us by raising his hands and chanting a deep and melodious *aum*. His rich, sonorous voice resonated through the ether, filling the room and beyond.

Something compelled me to turn and look out the window. What a shock it was to see the Himalayas transformed into a pride of lions. A display of such majesty, it took my breath away. Be a lion, I heard a voice say, not a sheep.

Gasping, I turned back to look at *Swamiji*.

Again, I got that same gentle rebuke of a look. But this time, the look accompanied a wink that was filled with mischief and mirth.

A Treasure Trove of Artifacts

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

Having whizzed by 13692 Highway 19 (Airport Cutoff Drive) on multiple occasions since August of 2011, I decided it was time to satisfy my curiosity and find out what went on at the Jefferson County History and Genealogy Research Center. I was greeted warmly by Ellie DiPietro and Cathy Beatty-O’Shea at the appointed time on a sunny Friday afternoon. Their brightly lit and orderly working area immediately dispelled my preconceived and erroneous image of dusty desks piled high with books and a meandering cat.

The single-story blue building, a reconfigured former church, serves as the research center for the Jefferson County Genealogical Society and the Jefferson County Historical Society. Both groups share the space amicably. Bookshelves in the middle of the building divide their working areas with desks near the entrance to accommodate guests doing research. Each of the directors agree that their work supports the other’s mission of uncovering relevant details of the individual lives during the historical period in which they lived. The historical society provides the contextual details of the period while the genealogy society provides the individual’s details extracted from public documents and census information.

The genealogical society is headed by Beatty-O’Shea and staffed by a group of dedicated volunteers all of whom are members of the Jefferson County Genealogical Society. Guests are welcomed to learn about their work or access their reference library and documents during visiting hours. Information about membership and hours of operation may be found on their website *WJCGS.org*.

The other half of the research center is staffed by two employees of the Jefferson County Historical Society: DiPietro, director of the research center, and her assistant Reed Barry. Together they are responsible for receiving, preserving, and cataloguing the collection of documents, photos, files, and artifacts that the Jefferson County Historical Society has acquired over the years.

Deep diving into an individual’s past or reconstructing history from artifacts and documents is not for the faint of heart. From dark damp basements and dusty attics, people will bring a variety of objects, photos, letters and documents which have been retained by their descendants until memories of their original owners have long passed. The staff at the research center will evaluate what is brought to them but will only accept items that have research or exhibition value and are not duplicates of what is already in their collection.

Items which have the potential to be harmful to the staff are sealed in plastic wrapping and stored away until they have been disinfected and rendered safe. Once cleared, the objects can then be carefully examined and provided a data base identification number which allows the item to be tracked. It is also given a title, a description, a date of receipt, a place of origin, and other relevant tags that may be used as a cross reference.

There is a specific space and care plan for each category of objects received and stored. Newspapers, journals, books, magazines, and photographs are stored and treated separately. Larger artifacts such as period furniture, farm or industrial implements which have exhibition or research value are accepted only if they can be cared for properly.

DiPietro allowed me to accompany her on a tour of the storage center which is the red metal building adjacent to the research center. It is the size and configuration of a medium-sized airplane hangar and can be accessed via a covered walkway from the research center. Public access to this building is granted once a year in fall when the historical society provides guided tours to its members.

The ambient temperature within the building is carefully maintained to protect its contents. The insulation is such that the internal temperature within the facility is stable for a critical period in the event of a power failure. Industrial sized storage shelves, and sliding bookshelves on metal tracks house their extensive collection of photos, newspapers, and documents for Jefferson County from its earliest territorial days to the present day.

One of the rooms is equipped with modern photo equipment to record acquisitions and make digital images to add to their digital library. A scanner is also present to scan documents. To date 75 percent of the 25,000 photographs in their collection have been digitized and are available online. Ninety percent of the 27,000 archival descriptions and catalog records have also been uploaded. Remaining is the Herculean task of photographing and uploading their artifact collection of which only one percent has been completed.

Another room has a sealed vented hood in one corner and a large stand-up freezer in another corner. Sealed plastic sacks are stacked along the walls adjacent to a rack from which hangs a haz-mat suit. This is their decontamination room. Objects which are potential health hazards are sealed upon receipt and taken to this room to be disinfected and cleared before being handled by staff. There is a strict protocol to follow which entails donning protective clothing including mask, face shields, and gloves while handling the objects in a sealed hood. Spores, molds, and

moths are the organisms most likely to be present and can be destroyed by heating or freezing.

Entering another storage area for the artifacts collected is like a journey into yesteryear with relics ranging from the early days of sailing ships, and ox-drawn carts, to large saw blades, and an extensive collection of women's hats. All are reminders of Port Townsend's early and continued existence as the commercial hub and principal town on the Quimper Peninsula since its first log cabin in 1851.

Completing the tour, I am impressed by DiPietro's knowledge of where everything in the collection is stored. She was hired in 2018 with years of experience having worked at the University of Kansas Natural History Museum during her undergraduate years and at the University of Washington where she completed a Master of Arts degree in Museology. She is also well versed in information technology, a critical skill to assist with the cataloging and digitalization of the collection.

The Jefferson County Historical Society which operates the museum in Port Townsend, the Rothschild House, and the research center is a 501(c)(3) corporation which receives its funding from donations, memberships, fees, and grants. Their mission is to "bring people together to share, learn, and be inspired by Jefferson County arts and heritage through collections, research, exhibits, and programs." Evidence of their commitment to this mission is seen in the care and diligence taken in preserving the treasures entrusted to their care.

Hot Off the Press!

Rethink, Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose, RECYCLE

Through the extensive research of volunteers including Maraiah (Lynn) Nadeau, *Moving It On 2025* is now available. The entire 5-page document is packed with resources for ways to keep serviceable items out of the local landfill, and is available for download or reference: jeffersoncountysolidwaste.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/Moving-It-On-Guide-2025.pdf

Just a Sample of the Resources Available

Recycle bikes and bike parts at the ReCyclery, 1925 Blaine St. (Mt. View), Port Townsend, 360-643-1755, Wednesday – Saturday, noon – 6 p.m., accepts usable bike equipment and bicycles. Email a photo to nick@pt.recyclery.org.

There are three places to recycle cell phones. (1) Dove House, 1045 Tenth St, Port Townsend, 360-385-5292, Monday – Friday 9 a.m. – noon and 1- 4 p.m. No chargers. (2) Cell Phone Bank, 911cellphonebank.org for shipping label, 866-290-7864. (3) Jefferson County Public Works lobby, recycle. No chargers.

The Jefferson County Transfer Station and Goodwill accept for free items taken by E-Cycle Washington. They accept computers, monitors, laptops, tablet computers, televisions, portable DVD players, and e-readers. No printers!

With glass recycling on hold for the county, there are local businesses that will refill their glass containers. Check the list under the Local 20/20 section of the document for a complete list.

The Food Co-op allows self-refill of any container you bring in (weigh it first). Red cooking wine, white cooking wine, balsamic vinegar, cider vinegar, rice wine, and cleaning vinegars, sunflower oil, sesame oil, canola oil, olive oil, avocado oil, coconut oil, honey, tamari, shoyu, vanilla extract, peanut butter, almond butter, maple syrup, liquid aminos.

If you need tools or want to downsize your tool collection, there are five options:

(1) Community Tool Library: Find more information for donating or borrowing at JeffCoRepair.com. (2) Habitat for Humanity Store accepts most hand tools and working power tools. (3) Northwest Tool & Trade, 1893 Irondale Rd., Port Hadlock, Tuesday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. (4) Waste Not Want Not, PT: see Building Materials. (5) Marine Thrift, Boat Haven, Thursday – Saturday 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

The online file has dozens of resources for moving your unneeded items on to others who may be looking for the exact item that has been gathering dust in your home or garage

Porch Talk

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer

Serendipitous and connections. Those words kept coming up during my conversation with Sarah Schuch. That, and Kevin Bacon, as it applied to the “six degrees of separation” theory. Sarah said there were so many connections while moving from one place to another, one career to another (hence Kevin Bacon), that it seemed serendipitous.

Sarah was born in Attica, Indiana, a place generations of her family have called home. Her mother’s relatives hail from Scotland, and her father’s grandpa had a blacksmith shop in Rob Roy. Not the movie, in case you’re wondering, but a tiny little town just four miles south of Attica. Her dad was a machinist, and her mother was an artist in acrylics and watercolors. They met in high school, and when her father was stationed in the Philippines during World War II, her mother wrote to him, though they weren’t yet a couple. She has all her mother’s letters.

Her eyes lit up when she told me about a canoe trip down the Lower Platte River with her dad when she was 11. Just the two of them, paddling past eclectic cabins dotting the shoreline, cutting through the small rapids just before the river reaches Loon Lake. Her four sisters and mom were waiting with a celebration picnic when they finally reached the shore of Lake Michigan.



Sarah and Denny Schuch at Ruby Beach.

Submitted photo

In 1967, Sarah followed in her mother’s footsteps and went to Purdue University just 30 miles away. She majored in sociology and psychology, but during her senior year, a program called Urban Studies caught her attention. It was at Hamline University in Saint Paul, Minnesota, a small school compared to Purdue’s 25,000 students, but she loved it. It was at Hamline that she learned about the National Teacher Corps in Hartford, Connecticut, so she enrolled in their program and taught math to inner-city kids kicked out of mainstream schools. She didn’t get paid a lot, but graduate school was free, so she earned a master’s degree in education.

For two years, she taught math at a small school on Lake Champlain, Vermont, where winter temps dropped to 36 degrees below zero and snow fell before Thanksgiving and didn’t melt until late spring. She remembers the wooden fishing shacks the locals sheltered in and the high pitch scraping of augers grinding through the thick lake ice. But she didn’t like the bitter cold, so she moved to Bloomington, Indiana. She worked in a garden center, which was another serendipitous moment, because that’s when she met her future husband. Denny was a Vietnam vet, and he’d recently moved from Florida to Bloomington.

He said meeting Sarah changed the direction of his life because her family brought him into the fold, and he felt like he belonged.

She had two more teaching jobs after that, and in 1986, she was ready for something new, so she earned a second master's degree in computer science and started working as a programmer and then a database administrator at Electronic Data Systems. Once she moved into Java programming and website development, she was often the only female on her team. She occasionally traveled to New York and Sweden for her job, until she worked from her Port Ludlow home the last six years of her career.

Sarah and Denny always talked about retiring to Asheville, North Carolina, but the lure of the Pacific Northwest upended those plans. When her childhood friend, Jane Sutton, moved to Port Ludlow, Sarah and Denny started visiting every summer. Six trips later, they put their Noblesville, Indiana, house up for sale and arrived in Port Ludlow just before Christmas. They rented and then purchased their current home in North Bay.

Sarah and Denny have traveled to many foreign countries throughout the years, but it's the mountains they're drawn to. Maybe it's the thrill of adventure or being out in the wild. They once hiked Glacier National Park and, when the temperature suddenly dropped from a sunny 70 degrees down to 40, they almost became hypothermic on the trail because they'd left their rain jackets in the car. Another time, they RV'd to Banff National Park and got chased by an angry moose into a thick copse of trees.

On their 30th anniversary, they went to Tofino on Vancouver Island and ate dinner at the fancy Pointe Restaurant perched on a cliff with a 240-degree view of the ocean. She kept the menu with their names on it. Now most of their vacations are closer to home. Sarah says living in Port Ludlow is like being on vacation, so she doesn't want to leave.

Sarah has volunteered with the *Port Ludlow Voice* since 2013. She's been the website manager, sold website ads, and now she manages subscriptions and helps Denny with magazine distribution. Sarah's the current leader of Martha's Book Group. Since 2012, she has been a member and occasional hike leader of the Port Ludlow Hiking Club.

She still has her parents' vintage map of Attica, Indiana, hanging in her foyer. It's a birds-eye view of the town as it looked in 1869 when people still used a horse and buggy on dirt roads and ferried supplies down the Wabash River. She has the clock her father crafted, and a console table, and other furniture he made. It keeps her connected to her heritage and is perhaps a little serendipitous too.

Got a story you want to share? Let's sit on the porch and share a cup of tea, coffee if you prefer. You can reach me at sports@plvoice.org to start the conversation. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Update: Port Ludlow Cemetery

by Tim Rensema, Staff Writer



Contractor conducting Ground Penetrating Radar Survey at Port Ludlow Cemetery.

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow Cemetery was active from approximately 1852 until 1900. During this time, the Port Ludlow community consisted of many transient workers with a small staff who oversaw mill operations. There were families and most of the early ones consisted of white men with Native American wives. There were two major causes of death in sawmill communities: mill accidents and disease. Children especially were impacted by diseases such as diphtheria. Accidents in the mill and in logging were a regular occurrence. One mistake could result in the loss of a finger, a hand, or even death. Children and mothers were very susceptible to death during childbirth. We know of one case where Minerva Jane Walker died in childbirth in 1876 leaving a daughter, Amanda, who was raised by an aunt. Minerva was buried in the Port Ludlow Cemetery. The location of her grave and unique headstone has been identified through eyewitness accounts. The headstone has been removed from the cemetery and remains missing; however, we have an excellent photo for reference.

Historically, the only evidence of the Port Ludlow cemetery was that it was noted on many maps with the dimensions and bearings provided in a March 1968 Port Ludlow No. 1 long plat survey. We knew the location of the cemetery, and there were eyewitness accounts of two burials (one of Minerva and another of Jim Olsen, whose wooden grave

marker had been seen in the 1960s). Through death records and interviews with residents, other names surfaced of likely and possible burials. We believe that up to 50 people could have been buried in the cemetery. All the grave markers were gone (all, except Minerva Jane Walker's, were of wood) so there was little evidence of burials.

In an effort to learn more about burials in the Port Ludlow Cemetery, we hired Peninsula Environmental of Port Angeles to conduct a Ground Penetrating Radar survey of the cemetery site on April 21 of this year. The Port Ludlow Cemetery gave them a very serious challenge with fallen trees, stumps, and a duff layer that was very thick. The contractor surveyed the entire cemetery (7,500 sq.ft.) in four hours and located fourteen graves. To locate a grave, some remnant of the coffin containing a void (air pocket) was necessary. If part of a coffin existed, then all four corners of the coffin were not "visible" on the screen. We had three of these situations. We also had two instances where two graves were close to each other but were separate graves. These could have been mother and child buried next to each other, or other family members buried close to each other. An example of this situation was Lucy and Henry Cooper. Both died of diphtheria around 1877, so they could have been buried next to each other. All the graves found were under the cover of existing trees. Approximately 25 percent of the cemetery lies in the open, where all trees have been removed. We believe this area also was impacted by the 1960s construction work on Oak Bay Road where it appears approximately 250 sq. ft. of cemetery may have been removed.

As a result of the GPR survey, we now have evidence of 14 existing graves in the Port Ludlow cemetery. It's possible that some people were not buried in coffins, which would have caused them to be missed in this survey. A partial grave was found in the area where we believe Minerva Jane Walker was buried. In the future, we plan to install a replica of her memorial stone based on an existing photograph. We also plan to establish each known grave so that they can be permanently viewed. While we believe there were many more graves that were not discovered in the survey, we do have 14 identified gravesites we can properly protect. In the case of Minerva Jane Walker, we can now place the location of her gravesite in the Historic Port Ludlow Cemetery.

The Ground Penetrating Radar survey was funded through funds provided by a SBCA pancake breakfast (June 2024), and major donations from residents of Port Ludlow.

Progress continues on our effort to preserve the Historic Port Ludlow Cemetery and provide a place of peace and respect for the pioneers who rest therein.



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Arts & Entertainment

Port Ludlow Art League Artist of the Month



Featured Artist – Terri Wolf

Terri Wolf is a native Illinoisan. She moved to Sacramento in 2004 and relocated to Port Ludlow three years ago. Terri's studio is surrounded by trees and overlooks the Hood Canal, where she finds artistic inspiration throughout the Olympic Peninsula.

Terri has been making textile art since 1996. Vibrant colors are the hallmark of her work. As a mixed media artist, Terri specializes in fiber arts employing textiles and paper. Terri is known for her exquisite collaged and appliqued quilted pieces inspired by her life stories. In 2024, Terri completed a series of nine quilts that depicted her career as an oncology nurse.

Recently, Terri started making monoprints with a gel plate on both fabric and paper. In addition to stitched work, Terri creates monotype collages that are inspired by her textile work. For more information on her artwork, please visit terriwolfstudio.com.

During June, you can enjoy Terri's artwork at Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org.

The public is invited to attend a reception for Terri on **Wednesday, June 11**, from 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 gallery is now open Tuesday through Saturday from noon – 4 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

Kandice Crusat enjoys sculpting and hand-painting ceramic birds, turtles, porpoises, beads, and medallions, often adding glass crystals, beads, pearls, and shells to make each unique piece sparkle and shine.



Kandice states, "Nature is a wonderful teacher and full of inspiration for my jewelry. Wearable art reminds us of how beautiful and fragile our earth is." Without a doubt, birds, butterflies, flowers, crystals, shells, and sea life inspire Kandice to create fun wearable art for nature lovers.

Kandice's latest jewelry collection features Amakihi, the Hawaiian Honeycreeper, that feeds on nectar from the Ohia Lehua flowers. She has designed a necklace and earring set that contains handmade ceramic leaves and flowers, along with crystals and glass leaves. Sadly, the Amakihi is a semi-endangered bird in Hawaii.

During June, Kandice's jewelry will be on display 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, June 11**, from 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 gallery is now open Tuesday through Saturday from noon – 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League Upcoming Classes



Watercolor Class – Friday, June 6, 10 a.m. – noon
Join us for a class with Pamela Raine to complete the Window Dressing watercolor painting. All supplies and instructions are provided for a fee. To register, please email info@portludlowart.org.

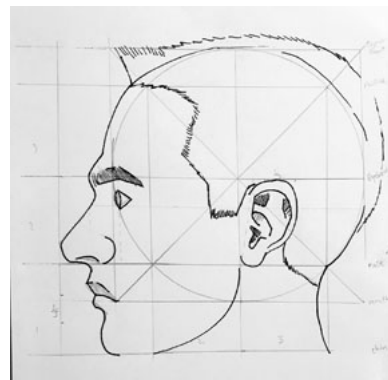


Acrylic Paint Class – Saturday, June 14, 9:30 a.m. – noon at the Bridge Deck

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

Portrait Drawing Class – Saturday, June 21, 11 a.m.

– 1 p.m. at the Bay Club Classroom
Join us for a beginner's drawing course with Iain McArthur to learn the Loomis' method of portraiture, side view. 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. From **May – July 2025**, you can enjoy original art by local artists at the following locations:

- Active Life Physical Therapy – Denice Craig Tweedy: Watercolor and Batik paintings
- Coldwell Banker Best Realty – Georganne Muse: Acrylic and Mixed Media paintings
- The Beach Club – Pamela Raine: Acrylic, Watercolor, and Mixed Media paintings
- The Bay Club Lobby – Diane Walker: Abstract Acrylic paintings
- John L. Scott Real Estate – Sheryl Goldsberry: Acrylic and Watercolor paintings

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Some Nuns Can't Break the Habit!

by Jim Gormly, President, Ludlow Village Players



Sister Mary Amnesia (Christine Pence Usher) rehearses a number for Nunsense II.

Photo by Ruth Gribbin-Schmitt

The Little Sisters of Hoboken are still at it! Ludlow Village Players is delighted to bring the sequel, *Nunsense II: The Second Coming!*, to the Bay Club on **Fridays, June 6 and 13, Saturdays, June 7 and 14** at 6:30 p.m., and **Sundays, June 8 and 15**, at 2 p.m. (NOTE: An incorrect later start time for the evening performances was inadvertently listed in the May issue of the Voice.)

Nunsense II takes place six weeks after the events of last year and starts with a quick madcap recap of the original *Nunsense*, so even if you missed last year's show you'll be swiftly brought up to speed. Things get off to a rousing start as the sisters sing *Nunsense, the Magic Word*, but chaos soon erupts. Two Franciscans arrive to claim Sister Mary Amnesia (who won the Publishers Clearing House Sweepstakes which saved the convent) as one of their own. At the same time the nuns hear that a talent scout is in the audience to see them strut their stuff. From the riotous bingo game run by Sister Amnesia, to the hilarious duet *What Would Elvis Do?*, to the rousing finale, *There's Only One Way to End Your Prayers and That's to Say Amen!*,

this show will have you laughing your wimple off, if you had one.

Please visit our website at LudlowVillagePlayers.org to purchase tickets. You don't want to miss this musical comedy!

Northwind Art Blossoms in June

Online Art Auction



A class titled Nature Mantras and Mandalas: In the Woods! is set for June 14 at Northwind Art School at Fort Worden.

Submitted photos

This June, Northwind Art is preparing for an unprecedented Art Auction and Gala fundraiser. The Art Auction will take place online at northwindart.org, with a live preview **Tuesday, June 10**, and **Wednesday, June 11**, at the Cotton Building, 607 Water St. in Port Townsend. Fifty works of art from painters,

photographers, sculptors, and jewelers will go up for bid online so people can bid from anywhere.

Gala Fundraiser

Saturday, June 28, is the night of the Gala at the White Lotus Farm located at 3723 Beaver Valley Road in Port Ludlow. With a theme of "surréalisme en plein air," this magical evening includes dinner by Paella House, a special live auction of experiences, an art activity, a camera obscura, and a surprise or two. Tickets are available at northwindart.org/gala.

Exhibits

An influx of new artists has arrived at Jeanette Best Gallery:

- Into the Woods: This exhibition explores our connection with nature through plein air and studio paintings by Patricia Hagen through July 7.
- Showcase 2025: Fourteen artists from Port Townsend, Marrowstone Island, Seattle, Port Angeles, and Quilcene come together in this varied exhibit through September 8.

The Jeanette Best Gallery is located at 701 Water St. in Port Townsend. Gallery hours are Thursdays - Mondays from noon to 5 p.m. For more information about the Jeanette Best Gallery exhibits, visit NorthwindArt.org.

Call for Entries

Northwind Art is accepting applications for the "Northwest Expressions: A Potluck Banquet" exhibition to open in August. The deadline to enter artwork is

Sunday, July 13, and all media are encouraged. The application form is available at northwindart.org.

Northwind Art School Classes

The Northwind Art School is offering a slate of new classes and several back-by-request workshops in June. These include:

- Mixed media collage and acrylic paint with Anne Schneider, **Tuesday, June 3**
- Art Journaling through Change: In Community with Meg Kaczyk, **Sunday, June 8**
- Mindfulness Practices for Art Making with Meg Kaczyk, **Tuesday, June 10**
- Nature Mantras and Mandalas: In the Woods! With Aliina Lahti, **Saturday, June 14**
- Intro to Enamel: Make Colorful Jewelry in a Day with Aran Galligan, **Tuesday, June 17**
- Open Sew & Quilt with Barbara Ramsey, **Sunday, June 22**
- Discover the Art of Japanese Calligraphy with Chiyo Sanada, **Saturday, June 28**



Full Circle is by Kathy Fridstein of Port Townsend, one of the artists who have recently arrived in the Showcase 2025 exhibit at Northwind Art's Jeanette Best Gallery.

Northwind Art School is a nonprofit and dedicated to fostering a creative culture. Classes are at Fort Worden State Park, 200 Battery Way in Port Townsend. For information about classes and teachers, visit northwindart.org and select "Take a Class."

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Village News

Bay Club / South Bay

SBCA Happenings

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

Welcome to June! Flowers are blooming and our yards are green, plants are growing, and the swallows are back. I have two swallow boxes that have occupants as of late April. The nesting box for a nuthatch pair is waiting for its occupants. My two indoor cats, Squeak and Hank, are mesmerized by the aerodynamics of the swallows as they swoop around the back yard looking for insects and keeping the other swallows from getting close to their new homes.

South Bay has been a busy, hopping place this last month. We had a very successful Pancake Breakfast on Friday, May 2, for Friends of East Jefferson County Fire Prevention and Rescue. Chief Bret Black was there and shared a short presentation with us regarding fire prevention and preparedness and their CARES program. We learned that East Jefferson County Fire Rescue offers a free wildfire assessment of an individual's property at no cost. EJFR personnel will guide a homeowner through a series of recommendations for reducing the risk of wildfire impacting their home by doing a one-on-one wildfire mitigation assessment of the property. It's worth the time. Robert Wittenberg, the Community Risk Manager, is a great resource. Please visit wildfireready.dnr.wa.gov to sign up for the assessment. As it becomes warmer and even drier this summer, it's important that we all take steps to mitigate our risks.

Our Members' Lounge is going strong. We have opened outdoor seating as of mid-May, weather permitting. Come join your friends for a beverage and a food bite. A new addition to our week is our Coffee Klatch, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. Come by for a cup of coffee and a pastry and meet your neighbors. We hosted a Tastes and Toasts event on May 9 for our 2nd Friday of the month Members' Social. Food bites paired with three different wines were offered to attendees. It was a very successful evening for our community members who came by to be with friends and neighbors.

SBCA Important Dates

Friday - June 6, 8:30 a.m., Pancake Breakfast, benefiting Ludlow Village Players

Friday - June 6, 6:30 p.m., Ludlow Village Players - *Nonsense I*

Saturday - June 7, 6:30 p.m., Ludlow Village Players - *Nonsense II*

Sunday - June 8, 2 p.m., Ludlow Village Players, *Nonsense II*

Thursday - June 12, 9:30 a.m., SBCA Board Meeting **

Friday - June 13, 6:30 p.m., Ludlow Village Players *Nonsense II*

Saturday - June 14, 6:30 p.m., Ludlow Village Players - *Nonsense II*

Sunday - June 15, 2 p.m., Ludlow Village Players, *Nonsense II*

Thursday - June 19, 1 p.m., Jefferson Healthcare - Sleep Problems

Friday - July 4, 8:30 a.m., Pancake Breakfast, benefiting Bayside Housing and Services

Thursday - July 10, 9:30 a.m., SBCA Board Meeting **

Thursday - July 10, 1 p.m., Jefferson Healthcare, Hospice

Wednesday - July 16, 1 p.m. - SBCA Annual General Meeting

All Wednesdays 4 p.m. - Member's Lounge

** All SBCA members are welcome.

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

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

Flag Day is just days away on **June 14**. A huge thanks to the East Jefferson County Rotary who put up the flags, and to the people who donate \$50 per flag helping to fund the Rotary scholarship program at the high school. The flags fly throughout our Port Ludlow community helping to make this a very special day. It is always wonderful to see the sea of red and blue stripes and white stars line our streets and neighborhoods.

Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

The Beach Club Outdoor Pool is open for the season!! The pool opened on May 23 and will remain open until the end of September. LMC members, grab your towels and sun block and come on down; Don Baker and our maintenance team have the pool looking spectacular.

On May 3, the LMC Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) sponsored another very informative presentation for the community. This one covered Emergency Power Solutions. If you were not able to attend this event, you can access the slides that were presented by visiting the EPC page of the LMC website at lmcbeachclub.org/Emergency-Preparedness.

A reminder to our North Bay members that on **Saturday, June 28**, LMC is hosting our annual Ice Cream Social from 1 – 3 p.m. Depending on the weather, this year's event will either be held on the Beach Club lawn or in the Bay View room.

Jumping ahead to **July 17**, the Sound Advice Band will again have everyone up and dancing on the Beach Club lawn enjoying Motown tunes, classic soul and favorites from the 60s and 70s. LMC will have snacks for sale, but attendees are welcome to bring their own munchies and refreshments. This event is open to the entire community at no charge. This will be the third year we have had Sound Advice perform at the Beach Club and they never disappoint.

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

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Thursday, June 5

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PLVC Workshop

Tuesday, June 17

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Recreation & Sports

PLWGA (Women's 18's) League News

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson



Opening day luncheon at Sue Fechner's home, (L to R) Shayna Worley, Diane Germain, Turney Oswald, Peggy Selby, and Mandy Whipple.

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow Women's Golf League (PLWGA) enjoyed the May 12 and 13 Spring Fling Tournament planned by chairpersons Peggy Selby and Mandy Whipple. Congratulations to this year's winners! New PLWGA members were welcomed at the Spring Fling luncheon by Membership and Sunshine Chairperson Debi Bozanich.

The first day of the Captain's Cup, a match play tournament, is **Tuesday, June 3**, and the final round is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 17**. Matches will be played until a winner is crowned. Tournament Chairperson Turney Oswald gave a special match play instruction session to new members to encourage their participation in this match play tournament.

Head Pro Jim Mancill announced that the PL Golf Course will host a Women's Invitational Tournament on **Tuesday, June 24**, and he encourages all PLWGA members to play in this tournament. Other local women's leagues have been invited. League members are asked to donate silent auction raffle items and/or raffle baskets for the tournament. Please see Bonnie Vahcic or Lucinda Thompson to donate.

Members who attended the "Play Day Away" at Gold Mountain Golf Course on May 5 had a marvelous time thanks to the excellent planning by PLWGA Captain Sharon Russell. Another "Play Day Away" is scheduled for **Monday, June 23**. PLWGA members are invited to attend the Niner's "Putt and Pour" on **Thursday, July 10**. Chairs Kathi Williams and Lucinda Thompson announced that the

"Gals Getaway" is scheduled for late in September, possibly at Circling Raven Golf Course in Idaho. League members interested in playing on Casual Play Fridays need to sign up for the Golf Genius email distributed by Linda Haskin.

This season, Head Pro Jim Mancill welcomed Tristen Heath as his Assistant Professional. Jim also commended Course Superintendent Shawn Vetterick and his PLGC staff for doing a wonderful job improving course drainage and irrigation problems in the off season. Their May aerification greatly improved the condition of the greens.

PLWGA Captain Sharon Russell invites prospective PLWGA members to play with the group any Tuesday. To sign up to play with the PLWGA or to join the league, please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop at 360-437-0272. Note: Port Ludlow Golf Club membership is no longer a requisite for joining the golf leagues.

Port Ludlow Niners' News

by Kathleen Traci, Niners Publicity Chairperson

The May Niners' Couples event was well attended by Lady Niners and Niners Men. Many of the new member couples were winners in this red tee event. Couples Chairs Barb and Mike Burke always plan games that allow members to post scores that count toward their handicaps. After the event, many attendees had lunch with other league members at JR's Sand Trap Café because it was such a beautiful day. The next Couples event (Game: 4-person Cha! Cha! Cha!) is scheduled for **Thursday, June 26**.

The Niners' four-day Captain's Cup tournament for men and women will be played on **Thursdays, June 5, July 17, August 14, and September 18**. Scores from these four dates will be compiled to determine the male and female winner of the Captain's Cup. Niners' Social Chairs Diane Germain and Turney Oswald are planning a Putting Contest with appetizers and wine for **Thursday, July 10**.

Some members of the Niners and the PLWGA are playing in WA state golf tournaments. Many members are playing in the Ladies Invitational on **Tuesday, June 24**. The Annual PLWGA Raffle will accompany this event and participants are encouraged to donate a basket and purchase raffle tickets. Quite a few Lady Niners attended a Play Away day on May 29.

Golf Pro Jim Mancill welcomed Pro Tristen Heath as a new permanent member of his teaching professional staff. In the off season, Course Superintendent Shawn Vetterick and

his Port Ludlow Golf Course staff have addressed many of the course's drainage and irrigation problems. The aeration of the course in May has vastly improved the condition of the greens.

Captain Barbara Burke invites anyone interested in the Niners to play with the group any Thursday morning. Interested individuals should contact the Pro Shop desk at the PLGC to try out the Niners on Thursday mornings or to join the Niners. Niners' League membership annual fee is \$35, and a required GHIN Handicap annual fee is charged once the new member has played enough rounds of golf to receive a handicap. PLGC Membership is not required for participation in the PLGC golf leagues.

Springing Into Summer!

by Greg Buscher, *PLYC Communication Manager*

The yachting season for vessels large and small based in Port Ludlow opened on May 10. The occasion was celebrated with a bagpiper, a procession of officers in uniform, a remembrance of those who crossed the bar, flags flying, anthems playing, and a cannon salute heard all around the bay (sorry, pooches!).

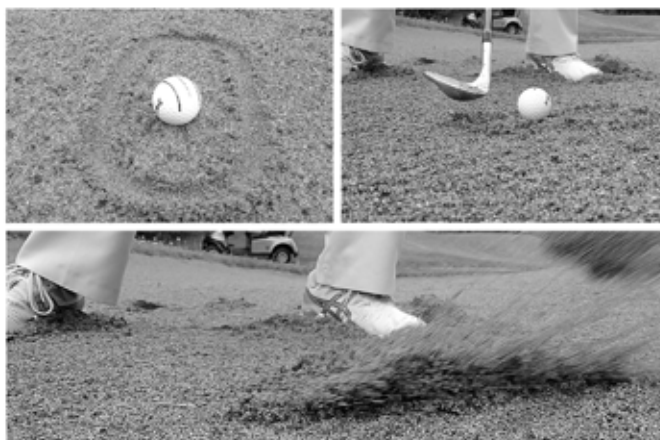
Our boating members are starting to cruise north and south, many non-boating members are excited for vacation, and some, like me, are playing outside in this incredible NW weather. At every point of sail, PLYC members are blooming like the flowers blossoming in our yards! It's great to see, but with so much moving about going on, currently there is less than a full contingent of members in port, so we've adjusted the Wreck Room schedule accordingly. A practical move that might also create an opportunity.

The Wreck Room is kept full year-round with dinners and events two nights a week nearly every week. But during the sunny months when members hit the sea or road, we make the two middle Wednesdays of the month low-key happy hours. Simple affairs. The bar opens at 5 p.m. and light snacks are provided. Members enjoy sitting on the deck watching the sun stay up. For those interested in learning more about membership in Port Ludlow Yacht Club, these are perfect occasions to come in and meet some members, enjoy refreshments, and check out the clubhouse.

Whatever your plans for enjoying this season of sunshine, consider saving a mid-month Wednesday evening to come visit. Just complete the inquiry form on our website at plyc.us/visit, and we'll be in touch.

Bunker Explosion

by Jim Mancill, *PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow Golf Club*



Demonstration of explosion shot..

Submitted photo

shot." If you are going to focus on getting out in one shot and being able to handle all types of sand conditions, this is for you. It's not fancy but it works.

First things first, grab your wedge with the most loft. Second, look for the easiest route out to the green. In some instances, this may not be directly at the pin. And lastly, be positive. You can do this!

How to play the shot: In the first picture I have created a ring around the ball that gives us an idea of the amount of sand we want to remove with the swing. As a general rule, our aim spot is 2 – 3 inches behind the ball and extends 4 – 5 inches past the ball as we follow through. The ball then rides on the cushion of sand towards the green. In the second picture, prior to the start of my backswing, my club is hovering over the spot I want to enter the sand. In the last picture, the sand is flying towards the green, and the ball is gone. Note the amount of weight on my left foot during the follow through. Never lean back and scoop; always keep the weight on your front foot and accelerate the club through the sand.

To be successful, you will need to practice. When you do, draw the outline in the sand around your ball and focus on that, not the ball. Keep the club moving, and you will start to see yourself out in one try every time. Go out there to have fun, and I'll see you on the trails!

Port Ludlow Hiking Club

by John Nuerenberg, Port Ludlow Hiking Club

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

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

Friday, June 6 – Fort Flagler Trails

Explore Fort Flagler State Park on an easy walk of 4 – 6 miles, rated M2. Enjoy beautiful views of Port Townsend Bay and Admiralty Inlet, historic military installations, beach, and forest. A Washington state Discovery Pass is required. One can be purchased at the entrance if needed. There are restrooms at the trailhead. Hike leader: Allison Leonard, 425-442-0072.

Friday, June 20 – Tamanowas/Peregrine Rocks

The hike begins at HJ Carroll Park's parking lot. After walking on streets to get to the trail, we will begin our trail walk toward Tamanowas Rock Sanctuary. We will spend some time there before we continue north to the Crack ending up at Peregrine Rock. We will return the way we came. This hike is about 3.5 miles long with more than 400 feet of elevation gain. It is rated at E2.

Tamanowas Rock is a sacred site of the S'Klallam Tribe and other tribes for at least 10,000 years. It is currently owned and maintained by Jefferson Land Trust. There is a restroom in HJ Carroll Park. No parking pass 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.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



L-R: John Hill, Pete Porter, Jeff Sarantopulos, Tom Lindow at one of the Springboard Trail stumps.

Submitted photo

During the past month, besides the spring maintenance, Trails has been busy building yet another trail route for our Port Ludlow hikers. Springboard Trail initially started out to be just a short access trail for people who will reside in the new Olympic Terrace II development at the end of Mt. Wilder. Initial planning only targeted the golf course maintenance road as the other end of an outlet connector. It turned into something much different.

Instead of Mt. Wilder just meeting the maintenance road, it also connects to Niblicks Loop through a thick second growth forest. But this second growth forest also has many stumps left over from a past harvesting. That past harvesting was accomplished back in the days when only crosscut saws did the job. To get above the root structure, lumberjacks notched the tree, stuck a board in the notches as they moved around the tree, and with wedges and a guy on each end of the saw, they dropped the tree as they were standing on a board. Ahhhh, the days when trees were trees, men were men, and OSHA hadn't even been dreamt of.

About halfway down the initial route from Mt. Wilder to Niblicks Loop, there is a fine example of a springboard

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tree, hence the name of the trail. The Trails Committee was so enthralled by this stump and similar ones close by, that permission was sought and approval granted to expand on the historical find. Springboard Trail now has a second branch that stretches to the DNR Trails from that stump halfway down. It egresses within feet of the Olympic Terrace II/DNR connector that will take hikers right back to Mt. Wilder between Crystal Ct. and Pelton Ct. making a nice loop. Or, for an alternate route, hikers can follow maps and signs to take them on a return route via DNR to Teal Lake Loop returning via Mt. Constance. For yet another longer option, hikers can continue on the DNR trails (again following maps and signs) to connect with Niblicks Loop through a short connector at DNR's lower elevation. Lots of opportunities to explore Port Ludlow's expanded trail system as we become a "Destination Hiking Village" with over 30 miles of different trail routes.

If you would like to help, send me an e-mail at mclgscott@cablespeed.com. "Let's Keep Improving our Trails."

What's in a Name?

by Gail Wellenstein, Kitsap Beach Naturalist

We live along the shore of a large inland sea that ranges from Campbell River BC, at the northern end of the Strait of Georgia, south to Olympia, west to Neah Bay, and east to Vancouver and Seattle. This inland sea, called the Salish Sea, is separated from the Pacific Ocean by Vancouver Island and the Olympic Peninsula. Salish Sea became the official name for this body of water that crosses the borders of the US and Canada in 2010. If you have never heard of the Salish Sea, you are not alone. A study in 2019 by UC Davis showed that only five percent of Washington residents and fourteen percent of BC residents could identify the Salish Sea when shown the area on a map. Most Washingtonians thought the entire body of water was called Puget Sound, while BC residents identified it as the Strait of Georgia.

Boaters won't find this term on their nautical charts and drivers don't see the name on a map as they drive along 101 to Port Angeles. What we see are terms like the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Admiralty Inlet, or Hood Canal. These charts and maps for smaller areas of the Sea are important. They tell us where we are at that moment in time, what the conditions of the area may be, such as depth and navigational hazards, and what rivers or roads are nearby. So why do we need the name Salish Sea?

Prior to the 1970s, residents, scientists, and government officials thought in terms of the smaller bodies of water, such as Hood Canal. Then oil was discovered on the North



Reference map for the Salish Sea bioregion.

Photo by Aquila Flower, 2020. Made as part of the Salish Sea Atlas, wp.wvu.edu/salishseaatlas

Slope of Alaska, large tankers were built, and the oil was brought down primarily to the Anacortes and Cherry Point areas for refining. Public concern about the impact of an oil spill on the environment grew with an oil tanker spill in the Guemes Channel in 1971. This led to state and federal action, with a variety of scientists cataloging marine life, studying water flow from the ocean and rivers, and many other topics. A major finding of this study showed that Puget Sound, the Strait of Juan de Fuca, and the Strait of Georgia are actually an integrated inland sea whose foundation is the interaction between the salt water from the Pacific and fresh water from rivers, especially the Fraser River, flowing into the inland sea. The mixing of fresh-water and salt water creates a circulation of water and nutrients in the inland sea that supports the incredible biodiversity that we see and enjoy.

Ongoing studies show that this environment is under threat. Water quality has decreased, toxins are accumulating, species are decreasing due to overfishing and habitat destruction, among other challenges. What was happening in Puget Sound was tied to events in Hood Canal and the Strait of Georgia. In order to promote understanding and

management of the environment, a single unifying name that spans the international border and unites the seven million residents was needed. Bert Webber, at the Huxley College of Environmental Studies at WWU, came up with the name Salish Sea to pay respect to the Coast Salish, the indigenous people who lived in connection with this sea long before western settlers arrived.

What's in a name? The understanding that this inland sea is an interdependent and complex system of rivers and tides, inhabited by organisms as small as plankton and as large as grey whales, affected by a long history of human activity that knows no political boundaries. To say that we live on the Salish Sea means that our care and concerns for the environment are shared not just by our neighbors in Port Hadlock but also by our neighbors in Victoria. We are all responsible for maintaining this gift.

Port Ludlow Harbor: A Threat from Within

by Peter Joseph, Retired Coast Guard Officer

Having sailed, traveled or lived in many coastal areas of the United States, I can say with some assuredness that Port Ludlow harbor is one of the nicest in the country. But like all things of great value, there are always risks lurking in the shadows. The risk to Port Ludlow Harbor is not an algae bloom or red tide; it is the insidious spread of fossil fuels contained in the tanks of vessels abandoned in our anchorage. It is not the well-maintained boat with competent seaman on board that pose the problem; it is the boat that shows up at night or is towed into an anchorage with the anchor being dropped over the side and the owner and crew, if any, disappearing with no way to track them down. They have no mailing address, no boat numbers, no hailing ports, no lights, no flag. Essentially, they are stateless.

We have a state law that allows boats to anchor in one specific place for 30 continuous days. At that point, they are required to move at least five nautical miles. The dilemma is that while the law exists, no one is enforcing it. No federal, state or local agency will step forward and claim responsibility and even if they do, they will claim they don't have the resources. While the Coast Guard has no responsibility to enforce state laws, they are required by USC 14-522 to enforce all federal laws on waters where they have jurisdiction – which are massive. Having said that, the fact that these vessels are not showing any anchor lights, usually do not display proper registration, or can often pump out their waste over the side, are federal offenses. And yet all of this is being ignored. The local marine enforcement effort has been relegated a low priority in view of the need to stem felony level crimes.

What would happen if one of these vessels with larger fuel tanks broke loose and grounded so that one of the fuel vents was under water at high tide or even worse the tank got pierced? The tidal action would suck the fuel out of the tanks over a period of time causing a devastating oil spill. One gallon of oil can contaminate one million gallons of water. A moderate size pleasure vessel can carry 300-400 gallons of fuel. Larger vessels that have anchored in Port Ludlow can exceed a thousand gallons. Once the spill has occurred it cannot be cleaned up overnight. It may take months to remediate the beaches, rocks, and water column. In the meantime, the market value of your home has plummeted, no one will want to live here, or stay at the Inn, or moor their boat in the marina.

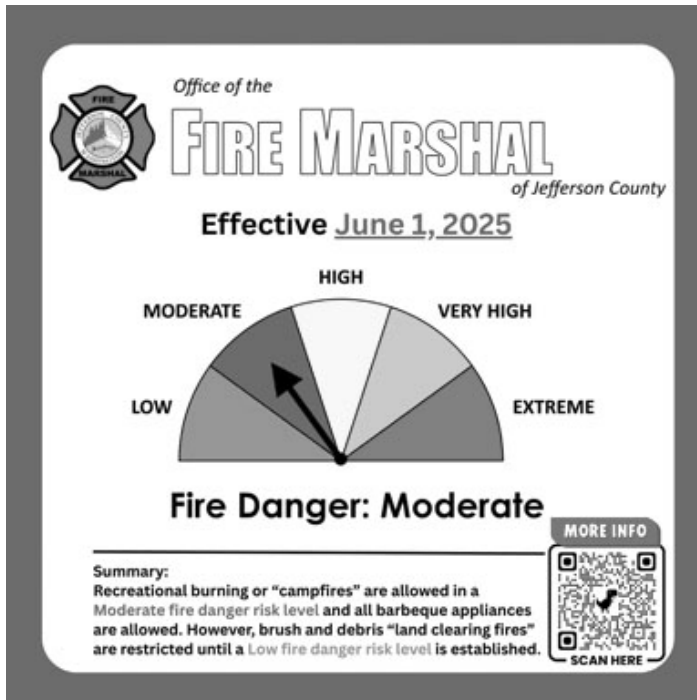
This is why the county needs to step up their enforcement capability. If the property value of the homes does trend toward zero, not just the homes near the water, but all the homes due to the stench, the tax base will suffer drastically. Since Port Ludlow forms a significant portion of the county tax base, it could conceivably force the County into a precarious financial dilemma. The Board of County Commissioners needs to meet with their law enforcement cadre and determine an effective method for dealing with derelict and abandoned boats as well as those overstaying their 30-day anchorage limit.

In the interim, a repository needs to be established where these boats can be safely stashed, preferably out of the water, while the legal responsibilities are adjudicated or effectuated. Bringing this to the attention of your County Commissioner would be a good starting point. Other stakeholders such as the Port Ludlow Village Council, Yacht Club, PLA, Chamber of Commerce, Port of Port Townsend, and others need to rise to the occasion and then persevere when fabricated obstacles are thrown in the path to a practical solution. Those who do not learn from history are doomed to repeat it! Write a note, call, email, or text your County Commissioner/s and emphasize the need for practical, preventative enforcement.



From the Office of the Fire Marshal

Moderate fire danger level in effect June 1, 2025.



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Port Ludlow Art League Program Meeting and Collage Workshop

June's Port Ludlow Art League Program Meeting will feature artists Carol Nielsen and Pamela Raine, who will host a hands-on collage workshop.

The art of making collages comes from the French word, *coller*, meaning to glue or stick together. The technique of making a collage is to collect images, textures, and text from just about anything and then compose and adhere them together to create a piece of art.

All supplies will be provided. Attendees can take home two finished collages in their choice of abstract and landscape designs. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lightweight papers.

The Program Meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, June 18**, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Beach Club. The Beach Club is located at 121 Marina View Drive in Port Ludlow. Guests are welcome to attend for a \$5 fee.

RainShadow Chorale Concert Features American Folk

On **June 7 and 9**, at 3 p.m., the RainShadow Chorale will perform a concert at the First Presbyterian Church located at 1111 Franklin Street in Port Townsend. The program is a patchwork quilt of American folk traditions, stitched together through story, memory, and song. Each piece reflects a different thread in our cultural fabric including spirituals, protest songs, lullabies, ballads, and front-porch tunes passed down by ear and heart.

Selections include both anonymous traditional songs and composed works that have entered the folk tradition over time. The program will encompass the bright, strident energy of the Sacred Harp tradition, the mournful longing of Appalachian ballads, the bold spirit of gospel-infused spirituals, and the dry wit of folk protest. Drawing from oral tradition as well as composed arrangements, the concert will inspire both joy and reflection.

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