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News & Community

From the Editor's Desk

by Mary Ronen, Editor

As I write this, we are experiencing some unusually warm temperatures, which bring to mind the “Dog Days of Summer.” The earth’s slanted tilt during summer causes the sun’s rays to hit directly, thus causing hotter temperatures. August is the last month of summer and the hottest month of the year.

When summer heats up, naturally we look at the temperature. A better indicator is the “heat index,” which also considers humidity. Heat is the top weather-related killer, causing more fatalities than lightning, tornadoes, and hurricanes combined, so take a moment to understand the Heat Index, which is a measure of temperature plus humidity.

The math equation is very long, so NOAA created a simple chart. This can be found at weather.gov/ffc/hichart. For instance, if the air temperature is 96°F and the relative humidity is 65%, the heat index—how hot it feels—is 121°F. The Heat Index assumes shady conditions with a light wind since it’s important to be in the shade during high heat.

When the index measures anywhere from 103° to 125°F, experts label it as dangerous heat. Such temperatures carry a higher risk for heat stroke, exhaustion, and heat disorders. The National Weather Service will issue alerts when the Heat Index is expected to exceed 105° to 110°F for at least 2 consecutive days. The Heat Index is also called the “felt air temperature.” For example, the heat you feel when the actual temperature is 90°F with a relative humidity of 70% is 105°F.

Dry heat can also be dangerous because the body can only handle so much heat. The combination of high temperature and high humidity reduces your body’s ability to cool itself. Remember to stay alert—be aware of heavy sweating, hot and dry skin, rapid pulse, pale or clammy skin, and/or cramps in your leg or abdomen muscles. All could be signs of heat disorder.

Last but not least, with the fire danger high and climbing, don’t forget your go-bag. Get your important papers, a flashlight, batteries, your medications, and other items you may need together and keep them handy. Keep your cell-phone and tablets charged.

Dog Days aside, what is there to celebrate in August? There is much more than I can list here, but here are a few.

August 1, traditionally known as Lammas Day, was an old festival to mark the annual wheat and corn harvest. It was a sort of Thanksgiving (harvest time) in Britain. Lammas also marked the mid-point between the summer solstice and autumn equinox. August 11 marks the end of the Dog Days of Summer, which began on July 3. August 26 is Women’s Equality Day, which celebrates the 1920 ratification of the Nineteenth Amendment and, with it, women’s right to vote in the United States.

A look inside this issue finds a message from Jefferson County Health with ways to cope with the heat. There is an interesting article about puffins and pufflings. Do you know what a “Dabob Bay shrimper” is? Find that out on page 30. There is a recycling update—glass is back! There is so much more; I can’t list everything. So, sit back, carefully enjoy the sun, and enjoy this issue of the *Voice*.

Prepare to Stay Healthy this Summer

Jefferson County Public Health is urging residents to plan ahead for higher-than-usual summer temperatures and increased wildfire smoke. As temperatures rise and wildfire smoke becomes more common, it’s important for everyone, especially those with underlying health conditions, to take steps now to stay safe and healthy.

Air Quality and Smoke Preparedness

Residents are encouraged to monitor current air quality at AirNow.gov.

To reduce exposure:

- Plan ahead to filter your indoor air. Use an air purifier with a HEPA filter or make a DIY box fan air filter using MERV 13 or higher filters.
- Avoid outdoor exercise or strenuous activity when air quality is poor.
- If you must be outdoors, wear a tight-fitting N95 mask for added protection.

Staying Safe in the Heat

Residents are encouraged to monitor the National Weather Service’s alerts at Weather.gov for local heat alerts.

Extreme heat can pose serious health risks. Take these steps to stay cool:

- Modify your activity level—avoid outdoor exertion during the hottest parts of the day.
- If the air quality is good, capture cool air at night by opening windows, then close windows and shades during the day.

- Stay hydrated and wear loose, light-colored clothing.
- Know the signs of heat-related illness. If someone shows symptoms of heat exhaustion—headache, tiredness, nausea—help them cool down by hydrating, finding shade and dampening clothing with water.
- Watch for signs of heat stroke—such as dizziness, confusion, or fainting—get them into shade, apply cool water, and call 911 immediately. Stay with them until help arrives.

Cooling and Clean Air Centers Available

Several Cooling and Clean Air Centers are open throughout Jefferson County. These locations provide relief from heat and smoke and may have extended hours during weather events. Please call ahead for current hours.

Port Townsend

- Port Townsend Library – 360-385-3181
- Quimper Unitarian Universalist Fellowship – 360-379-0609 (Recommended for those with asthma or health conditions)
- The Nest Coffeehouse – 360-344-2374
- The Recovery Cafe – 360-379-6866
- Port Townsend Recreation Center – 360-385-2221 (For youth and families with children)

Tri-Area

- Jefferson County Library – 360-385-6544
- Tri-Area Community Center – 360-390-4014

South County

- Quilcene Community Center – 360-765-3321
- Brinnon Community Center – 360-796-4350

For additional guidance or questions, visit the Jefferson County Public Health Climate & Health webpage or call 360-385-9400.

Glass Recycling Returns

Good news, not super news. The good news is that Jefferson County has received confirmation that the new owner of the Seattle company that stopped accepting recycled glass from area cities and counties in October of last year has resumed operations and can now accept recycled glass from Jefferson County. With new ownership and improved rail service, recycled glass will now be delivered to secondary markets outside of Washington through the Seattle intermediary Sibelco, a multi-national mining and materials corporation.

The not super news, however, is that glass recycling is not returning to Port Ludlow at this time. Keep saving your glass bottles, jars, etc., and take them along when you drive

into Quilcene enroute to Hwy 101 or into Port Townsend when you are there for any number of errands or events.

Consider neighborhood collaboration to decrease trips and shorten lines at drop off.

Styrofoam Recycling

Check the Port Townsend StyroCyclers page on Facebook when you have rigid, white Styrofoam you want to keep out of the landfill. Most collections are in Port Townsend, but Port Ludlow and Quilcene have events as well. A week or two of hanging onto that environmentally toxic material will make a difference.

Go to facebook.com/PortTownsendStyrofoam to find the latest published date for upcoming collections. To schedule a Styrofoam pickup or delivery, send an email to PTStyroCyclers@gmail.com or message them on Facebook.

Hazardous Waste

Residents can dispose of most household hazardous waste at collection events, which will be held throughout the county and throughout the year.

Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, September 6** – Chimacum High School, 91 W. Valley Rd., Chimacum, WA, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, September 27** – Jefferson Transit, Haines Park and Ride, 440 12th St., Port Townsend, WA, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Store your hazardous waste items in a safe area until you bring them to an event. Keeping these items out of the landfill will protect Jefferson County's lands and waterways. A complete list of disposal items can be found at jeffersoncountysolidwaste.com/hazardous-waste.

Items that cannot be disposed of at these events include antifreeze, motor oil, fluorescent lights, and lithium, button, and rechargeable batteries. The transfer station and Quilcene drop box have receptacles in the recycling area where these items can be disposed of during regular operating hours.

NOTE: Containers holding fuel, paint, etc., will not be returned.

Spring Rain Farm Tour and Presentation by John Bellow

Have you ever wondered what fall vegetables grow best in our beautiful Pacific Northwest? Would you enjoy visiting a working farm in Chimacum?

Please join us at Spring Rain Farm & Orchard on **Wednesday, August 13**. Our host, John Bellow, a

horticulturist and owner of the farm, will give us a tour and share his knowledge of the best veggies to grow in our area.

Spring Rain is an organic farm of 26 acres in the heart of Chimacum that was started in 2008. It grows a wide variety of berries, orchard tree fruits, perennial vegetables, greenhouse crops, salad greens, and also produces eggs, chickens, rabbits and ducks.

We hope that you can join us for this special opportunity to see a working organic farm in action and learn more about growing some of your favorite vegetables.

The tour is limited to 20 guests, so sign up soon. We will meet at the Beach Club parking lot at 10:30 a.m. to carpool. This event is open to Garden Club members with reservations in advance. Non-members are invited and welcome to attend for a \$5 donation if space is available. All must RSVP to Michelle Pelkey at 360-710-3547 or portludlowgardenclub@outlook.com.

The Garden Club is looking for a new Membership Coordinator—please contact us if you are interested in volunteering!

Please note: This event is in place of the trip listed in our brochure

Looking for a Career in Food Service?

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer

Or do you know someone who is? Then you will be interested in the Bayside Skill Center housed at the Old Alcohol Plant's Spirits Bar and Grill in Port Hadlock. The Skill Center is preparing to offer their second Food Service Program in October.

The first program, begun earlier this year, just graduated its first class of five students. The class consisted of two high school students, two young adults, and one 70-year-old student. Three of the participants are already working in the food service industry and all five students are planning to return to the program for advanced training and possible mentoring of the new students.

The Skill Center has been a dream of the Bayside Housing & Services team for several years. The goal? Job creation matching the needs of the community. Jefferson County has over 400 entry-level cooking positions open for people to work in the food service industry but a lack of trained workers. The Skill Center is helping to close that gap.

A combination of hands-on learning three days a week with Executive Chef Troy Murrell in combination with the classroom management skills of long-time teacher Mitch

Brennan, and completion of the training modules with the Rouxbe Online Culinary School program equips the students with the basic skills needed to work in a restaurant kitchen—and the program is free of charge.

Over 700,000 users have gained culinary confidence using the Rouxbe online modules, and Chef Troy's mentoring and coaching enhances the learning experience through live demonstrations of knife skills, methods of frying, choosing quality ingredients, the basics of plating and how to comport yourself while working with others in a restaurant setting. The end goal is to raise the skill level for each participant to that of a line cook – someone who can take an order all the way from preparation to delivering a table-ready meal.

For more information on this free culinary skills program, please visit baysidehousing.org/baysideskillcenter or contact mbrennan@baysidehousing.org.

August FUN with the Jefferson County Library District

While August marks the gradual end of the library district's Summer Reading events and activities, there are still many opportunities! For a complete list of what's happening, please visit the program calendar at jclibrary.info.

Outdoor Storytime for Toddlers and Preschoolers will continue into the fall. Meet at HJ Carroll Park in Chimacum on Mondays at 10:30 a.m. for stories, songs, and physical movement to build children's love of reading and learning.

Kids are invited to join us at HJ Carroll Park on Monday, August 4, from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. for a lively discussion of *Otter* by Katherine Applegate, followed by a hands-on otter-themed craft. If you haven't read the book yet, join us anyway and hear about this wonderful story. Next up, it's the teens' turn on **Thursday, August 7**, from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Teens will meet at the library to chat about *Free Lunch* by Rex Ogle, hang out, and enjoy some tasty snacks!

WSU Master Gardeners will continue their beloved monthly plant clinics through October, with the next workshop occurring on **Saturday, August 9**, from 1 – 3 p.m. Master Gardener volunteers come armed with the latest science-based training, environmental research, and practical horticultural resources to help with all your gardening needs and aspirations. Early birds are invited to a special session about lawn alternatives taking place from 12 – 1 p.m. the same day.

The Friends of the Library Summer Book Sale will take place on **Saturday, August 16**, from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. Discover a wide selection of gently used books,

audiobooks, DVDs, and music CDs. The book sale will be held in the Hagen Building next to the library, with all proceeds supporting the Jefferson County Library District. Friends of the Library members enjoy early access at 9:30 a.m.

Our popular Emergency Preparedness workshops return in August with a timely topic: *Communication During a Disaster*. Join experts from the Department of Emergency Management, JeffCom 911, and VECOM to learn how to create an effective communication plan and where to find accurate information when it matters most. Two sessions will be offered on **Thursday, August 21**, and registration is required. Visit jclibrary.info to sign up for either the 3:30 – 5 p.m. or 5:30 – 7 p.m. session. The Adult Summer Read continues through August 31. *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.

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 event details and the program calendar, go to jclibrary.info.

A New Linear Accelerator for Cancer Patients

by Rick Smith, Jefferson Healthcare Board Member

As a Jefferson Healthcare Foundation board member and local business owner in Port Ludlow, I'm excited to share some fantastic news. Thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, the foundation has successfully raised \$2.5 million for a Linear Accelerator that will provide radiation treatments for people with cancer in Jefferson County. This cutting-edge equipment, now installed in the new building at the hospital, means our community will be able to access advanced cancer treatment right here at home, alleviating the need for patients to travel distances for imperative treatment.

Celebrate With Us!

Sunday, August 24, beginning at 2 p.m., at Jefferson Healthcare Medical Center, 834 Sheridan St., Port Townsend.

We invite you to witness the impact of your generosity firsthand. Jefferson Healthcare CEO Mike Glenn will officiate the ribbon-cutting, and we expect several hundred community members to attend, with tours of the new linear accelerator building available.

Support our Ongoing Mission

Jefferson Healthcare is a cornerstone of our community, providing vital services and driving our local economy. While celebrating this milestone, we continue to work on enhancing local medical excellence. If you are a business or individual looking to contribute further, you can learn more about the impact of your support, sponsorship opportunities for the celebration event, or other donation avenues by visiting jeffersonhealthcarefoundation.org. For volunteer opportunities with the Foundation or to sign up for our newsletter, contact Executive Director, Carla Caldwell at carla@jeffersonhealthcarefoundation.org.

Thank you, Port Ludlow, for your dedication to a stronger, healthier community. I hope to see you on **August 24!**

Martha's Book Group— *The Covenant of Water*

Martha's Book group will be discussing Abraham Verghese's 2023 novel, *The Covenant of Water*, on **Tuesday, August 12**, at 4 p.m. at the Bay Club. Verghese's novel is a saga spanning several generations of an East Indian family cursed with a drowning fatality in each generation. The family's matriarch was a pre-pubescent girl when she was betrothed to a 40-year-old widower. Forced to leave her widowed mother, she refused to become a victim to her circumstances and endured to raise her family through the tumultuous period of India's emancipation from British colonialism.

Martha's Book Group begins a new season with this novel followed by Ann Patchett's *Tom Lake* in September and Elizabeth Strout's *The Burgess Boys* in October. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at the Bay Club, and all are welcome to join in our discussion. Contact Sarah Schuch at bookclub@plvoice.org for further information about our book group.

Free Life Care Planning Zoom Seminars

Join Tony Hinson on **Tuesday, August 12**, at 11:30 a.m. as he explores estate and life-care planning solutions that preserve wealth, minimize taxes, and ensure your legacy. Topics will include estate tax issues and retirement accounts; healthcare, Medicare and Medicaid; long-term care insurance; maintaining quality of life; aging in place; preserving wealth; estate plans, supplemental needs trusts, and more.

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

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, EJFR Community Outreach Volunteer



East Jefferson Fire Rescue recently acquired a new truck that is called a "Wildland Fire Truck," or a "Brush Truck." It will be based at Station 2 on Jacob Miller Road. Station 7 will have a 2005 Ford F450 transferred to the Oak Bay Station in Port Ludlow as a frontline brush unit. With the fire danger at a high classification, this type of firefighting equipment is a very important part of the equipment required to manage brush fires.

The truck is equipped with new "wildland" hoses, chain saws, specialized tools, and equipment designed for wildland suppression strategies and tactics. The new vehicle, a Ford F550, is powered by a 335 hp gas engine and will carry 400 gallons of water and 10 gallons of foam. The pump on the truck is rated at 103 gallons per minute and is powered by a 23 hp Vanguard engine. The hoses are 400 feet of 1½ inch diameter, and 400 feet of 1 inch diameter, supplemented with an additional 400 feet of 1½ inch hose, and 200 feet of 1 inch hose.

The equipment has a projected lifespan of twenty years. A crew of four firefighters can be deployed for fourteen days or longer. With wildland fires, gaining access to the fire is sometimes very difficult and that is why this type of equipment is so critical to have for our community.

Preparing for Long-term Care

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

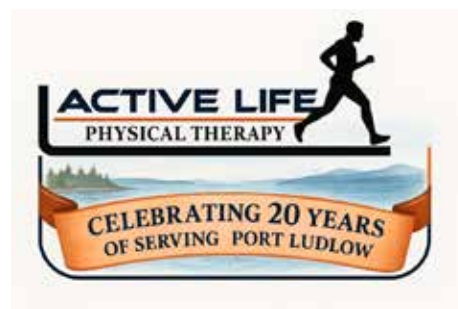
The seminar will be held at the Beach Club, 121 Marina View Drive, Port Ludlow, on **Wednesday, August 20**, from 1 – 2 p.m.

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

Active Life Physical Therapy Celebrates 20 Years!

We're turning 20 and it's all thanks to YOU!

Join us for a special community celebration hosted by Active Life Physical Therapy on **Saturday, August 23**, from noon – 3 p.m. at the Beach Club in Port Ludlow.



This family-friendly open house event will include:

- Fun games
- Golf putting
- Cornhole
- Popcorn & refreshments
- Music
- Giveaways

... and more! Whether you've been a longtime patient or are just getting to know us, we'd love to see you there. RSVP for headcount to info@activelifetherapy.com or 360-437-2444.

For two decades, Active Life has proudly served Port Ludlow and Jefferson County. Running a small business comes with both challenges and incredible rewards. We couldn't have done it without your loyalty, trust, and support for our small business.

From all of us at Active Life Physical Therapy,

Thank you for 20 amazing years!



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.

June Alarms

Fires.....	7
Rescue/Emergency Medical	336
Good Intent	34
Hazardous Conditions	2
False Alarms	18
Service Call	65
Special Incident / Severe Weather.....	2
Total Alarms	464

Ambulance Transports

911 Transports.....	229
Hospital Requested Transport	0
Non Transports.....	124

CARES Contacts..... 137

Stay Vigilant About Burn Restrictions

Memories of August 2024 and the Mt. Jupiter wildfire in Brinnon are a reminder to all Jefferson County residents to practice wildfire safety in these times of hot and dry weather. Some preparations you should do to protect yourself and family include:

- Make sure fire response vehicles can get to your home. Trim low-hanging branches along your driveway.
- Plan escape routes from your home and office.
- Have local maps available if you are detoured through an unfamiliar area.
- Put your pets in a portable kennel and have a leash for dogs.
- Consider how you could help neighbors who have special needs.
- Have a Go Kit in your vehicle in case you need to evacuate quickly.

- Sign up for Nixle—a text and email notification service that notifies subscribers of public safety related incidents to include road closures and evacuation notifications. There is no cost for this service. Text JEFFCODEM to 888777. Follow the steps and respond to the confirmation message you will receive from 888777.
- Listen to KPTZ 91.9 FM and KROH 91.1 FM for updated information about incidents.

For information go to ejfr.org/information/burn-ban-guide.

Please contact East Jefferson Fire Rescue with any questions about the services we provide by calling 360-385-2626.

Port Ludlow Car Show by East Jefferson Rotary

East Jefferson County Rotary Club is again holding a Car Show on **Saturday, September 6**. The Show will be held in the parking lots across from the Port Ludlow Yacht Club near the Beach Club. You can register your car ahead of time at EJC Rotary.club or register at the door. Registration at the door starts at 9 a.m. The show is open from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. with awards, raffle prizes, and goodie bags.

All vehicles, including yours, are welcome. Preregistration - \$20 by **August 30**. Registration at the Show - \$30. There will be seven classes of vehicles:

Pre 1949 Car	Post 1949 Car
Pre 1949 Truck	Post 1949 Truck
Pre 1949 Import	Post 1949 Import
Special Vehicle (Rat Rod, Fire Truck, Motorcycle, etc.)	

All are welcome to come and enjoy the show. There is a requested spectator donation of \$5 per person or \$20 per family. Under 12 – Free

To preregister, download the Registration Form at ejcrotary.club and mail it to:

East Jefferson County Rotary Club
PO Box 654
Port Hadlock, WA 98339

Questions: Ned Luce at NHLuce66@gmail.com or Nelson Atkin at SUGrad74@gmail.com.

East Jefferson County Rotary meets on Thursdays at noon at the Tri-Area Community Center, 10 West Valley Road, Chimacum. Visitors always welcome. Program information at ejcrotary.club.

Features & Stories

McNeil River Wildlife Sanctuary

by Milt Lum, Staff Writer

In March 2021, having been fully immunized against Covid 19, I was struck by a moment of post-pandemic lunacy and submitted \$25 to enter the McNeil River lottery. Held annually by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, this lottery was a drawing for one of 185 bear viewing permits in the McNeil River – State Game Sanctuary and Refuge.

The sanctuary was established by the Alaska State Legislature in 1967 and consists of 200 acres of wildlife habitat on the Alaska Peninsula, about 250 air miles southwest of Anchorage. Access to the sanctuary is primarily by float plane and is regulated by permits. The lottery system has proven to be the most effective means of maintaining a pristine habitat for the wildlife while providing unique viewing opportunities for the public. Since the inception of the permit program no humans have been injured by bears, nor bears killed because of threatening behavior. The success of this program is predicated on allowing the wildlife to have dominion over their habitat and reducing the impact of the human interaction upon the wildlife.

There are 20 four-day time slots available for up to ten applicants per slot for the period from June through August of each year. Each applicant has four full days at the sanctuary and one day on each end as a grace period while awaiting departure. When notified, the lottery winner must reply within 30 days and purchase a guided viewing permit. The non-transferable permit costs \$225 for Alaska residents and \$525 for non-residents.

The permit holder is responsible for transportation costs, all meals, and shelter while at the sanctuary. Public facilities at the sanctuary include: two outhouses, a sauna, a communal cookhouse and tent sites. This spartan existence while at the sanctuary is essential to prevent the bears from looking to the human visitors as another viable source of nutrition. It also reinforces the oft quoted, but seldom adhered to, “leave no trace behind” mantra.

What began as an impulsive chance became a sobering reality when I received notification that I needed to respond to my first successful lottery win. The lottery suddenly became an expensive proposition, the most expensive item being the cost of chartering a float plane to ferry me from Homer, 100 air miles from the sanctuary. One estimate was \$3,000 for a round trip. Fortunately, a second company had a scheduled charter with three other permit holders during

the same period as mine, decreasing the cost significantly. However, it meant a loss of two days of viewing time as landing there was tidal dependent with the most favorable tidal period reducing the viewing window.

I responded in twenty-four hours with a mixture of elation and apprehension. Having lived in bush and rural Alaska from 1975 to 2004, I had camped on many sandbars in pursuit of salmon and trout. Camping in the wild was not the issue. Rather it was the one variable which plagues any venture into the Alaskan wilderness...the weather. It was the one variable I had no control over. Going with the risk of severe inclement weather spoiling this trip was a risk I chose to take.

I was lucky and the weather was overcast and mild during my visit. We landed on a calm sea. From the onset, it was clear that the sanctuary staff was in total control. With military precision, one staff member shepherded the arrivals up to the camp with our gear while another assisted with loading the departing group and their gear. Our arrival was early enough in the afternoon for a short viewing trip across the lagoon.

After storing all of our gear in the cookhouse, our group of ten set off for a boat ride across the lagoon to the mouth of the McNeil River. Within a few minutes we sighted our first bear through the tall grass less than ten feet ahead of us. We stopped and observed in silence until she moved on. We moved on as well to a sandbar where we sat and observed more bears fishing and a mother and her two cubs across the river.

We hiked the two miles back to camp elated, weathered, and hungry. Orientation had been delayed but could not be dismissed. Our guide reinforced that we were to remain within the set perimeter of the campground, the beach and sanctuary could only be accessed with a guide, all food and scented products were to be stored in the cookhouse, all cooking and eating except when out on trips were to be in the cookhouse, and all wash and gray water were to be collected in the buckets provided. We were shown the location of the outhouses, the sauna, and the staff cabins. The staff was available for emergencies, but their private time was to be respected. Water was collected from a nearby stream in 5-gallon jugs and needed to be filtered before drinking. Boiling water was not an option to purify water as the propane needed to be flown in and reserved for cooking only.

Departure time for viewing was set for the following morning. We would be out for at least 6-8 hours without returning. If one member decided to return early the entire group would have to return ending the trip for the day. We filled our packs with all we needed for the day: food and water, wet weather gear, camera and extra batteries. We trudged through the swampy areas, up along ridges and through the brush and along the riverbanks and sloughs. Everywhere we ventured we saw bears.

We saw the bears and they saw us, sometimes close by and other times at a distance. There were mothers with their cubs, single males, adolescents, and “old battle” – the senior boar. They fished and we watched. They wandered and we followed. We never felt threatened or endangered no matter how close we were. We remained still and silent following our guide’s instructions. Our guide showed no fear and only respect for the bears and taught us to do the same. In turn, the bears reciprocated.

We had a full day of bear viewing and multiple opportunities to photograph a variety of bear behaviors. That evening the cook house resounded with excited chatter about the day’s experiences, but I felt a need to be alone. After cleaning up I retreated to my tent site. It was a pleasant evening with a breeze blowing in from the bay to keep the bugs away. My small two-person tent was dwarfed by the fireweed which sheltered it from the wind. I sat on a camp stool at the door of the tent and felt at peace with the world. There was a total absence of fear though I knew there were bears freely roaming about.

The following morning, we were greeted with clear skies and bright sunshine. The plane would be arriving at high tide that afternoon. We broke camp right after breakfast and had the option for one more brief bear viewing trip across the lagoon. I opted to remain behind wanting to cherish that moment of serenity from the prior evening. As the other guides would be in camp gathering non-combustible refuse, recyclable trash, and empty propane tanks to be taken out on our plane, I was permitted to remain.

I spent that time alone reflecting on how unique this experience had been. Unlike my prior bear encounters in the wild, this one was not accompanied by heart-thumping anxiety. I was not afraid though at times we were quite close to the bears. The guides’ calm and gentle admonitions helped to alleviate our anxiety. In the wake of the recent pandemic where fear fueled so much of our nation’s angst, it was refreshing to face the renowned Alaskan brown bear and not be afraid. I composed a poem to celebrate that day.

*Had I never viewed bears in the wild,
I would have been blissfully ignorant.
Capturing them through the lens of my camera,
I reveled in my successes.
Having experienced them in the wild,
I am humbled and blessed.*

Teaching Your Dog (Almost) Anything

by Evie Maxwell, Staff Writer



She got her first dog when she was sixteen. For someone who would go on to become a well-known trainer for all kinds of creatures with their different needs and personalities, this seems a bit late. But never mind. That first dog helped launch Jan Gould on an educational and training journey that would grow to include not just dogs, but also alpacas, goats, guinea pigs, donkeys, beta fish, goldfish, chickens, and horses. And, oh yeah, sea lions, seals, Bottlenose dolphins, Rough Tooth dolphins, and tortoises.

Today, Jan and her son Grayson run a multi-layered business called Dog Barn Training, located at the end of a dirt road in Chimacum. The facility includes a fully lit, 3,300 square foot barn, plus a fenced 10,000 square foot natural grass arena. During the months of June through November, those spaces can be filled with everything from life skills classes for puppies and older dogs, agility classes of all levels, specialized mat and recall training, private lessons, and, more recently, an intriguing offering called “nose work.”

But let’s go back to the beginning.

“When I had my first dog, the only training available was the jerk and pull kind of thing,” says Gould. That didn’t resonate; so, eventually, Gould and her dog segued to agility training.

“We both loved it,” she said. Thus, Gould began to study the art of teaching dogs to jump over various hurdles, crawl through tunnels, balance on teeter totters, and respond to an array of verbal commands and hand signals. Before long, she was teaching classes alongside the original trainer.

Then came kids, one of whom wanted to try dog 4H.

Says Gould, “That was great, and there was an offering available. But, the class had no leader. So, I volunteered.” This meant that she “had to figure out what to do with the kids and how to teach them to be nice to dogs.”

With this, she dove into the use of positive reinforcement, which led to an impressive array of certifications (KPA-CTP, UW-AAB), a series of training and behavior conferences, numerous online courses, specialized agility work and more. Her professional dossier also includes work with the Department of Defense and, of course, her foray into marine animal training.



Today, the dog training industry has “moved away from jerk and pull to an understanding that these animals have emotions, and their behavior is a symptom of those emotions,” says Gould. Thus, “obedience training alone won’t help a dog that’s scared or aggressive or overly protective of their home. To help them, we need to study their body language in order to learn what’s causing the behavior. Then we can address that.”

Today, the Dog Barn offers both individual training sessions and a variety of classes designed to help all kinds of dogs while also giving humans the tools to successfully work with their dogs. Standard classes include:

- Life skills (sit, stay, come, etc.) for both young puppies and older dogs;
- Advanced loose leash walking & mat work;

- Agility training, from intro to advanced;
- Reliable recalls.

In addition, the Dog Barn offers specialized behavior modification work plus the aforementioned nose work.

On the nose, Gould explains, “Humans learn things through sight and hearing, but dogs see the world through their noses. Any scent will go straight to the emotional part of their brain.” That makes smell a very important tool. At its most basic, nose work helps dogs learn to identify specific scents in a wide variety of situations which, in turn, helps create a dog who is calm and content.

The training starts with a red Kong toy: Red because dogs have difficulty distinguishing that color from others, and Kong because the toy has a unique scent profile plus inner cavities that can be used to hold dog treats.

Level one of nose training at the Dog Barn features thumbnail sizes of cut up red Kong left in obvious places. From there, it works its way up to different smells on smaller and smaller objects, often hidden or placed in unusual places. At the high end of nose training, a dog can find something as small as a drop of oil on a hidden Q-Tip.

While the training provides enormous fun for both dogs and humans, it also “gets the dogs to use their brains,” Gould says, “which leads to calm and content.” In fact, according to Pooch and Mutt, nose training can tire a dog out more effectively than physical exercise alone. Plus, the training has proved very useful for helping reactive (aka problem) dogs who show intense behaviors such as uncontrolled barking, lunging or growling.

All Dog Barn classes are limited to four or five dogs, with attending owners guided to provide both useful instructions and treats for work well done. For more information, and lists of upcoming classes, go to dogbarntesting.com.

Porch Talk with Fred Henley

by Donna Geer, Staff Writer

It’s mostly flat in the Kansas prairie, except for the wheat elevators dotting the landscape, standing tall like skyscrapers. Fred Henley was born in the Flint Hills region of Eureka, KS, a place with no forests or mountains. His wife Judy was born in Beloit, KS, just a couple hours further north, where there’s wheat, sorghum, and lots of dry-land farming. People used to say if you grew up in Kansas, you grew up in hardship, but that was mostly because of the weather. It can turn on a dime, Fred said.

He ought to know. In 1959, a whopper of a blizzard blew in the night before they got married. Judy’s dad had to drive the



Fred and Judy Henley.

Submitted photo

family to town so she wouldn't miss her own wedding. The snow was so heavy that Fred and Judy left their reception early in order to get to their hotel. With chains on the tires, they had to drive east in the westbound lanes because the eastbound lanes weren't plowed. They were the last car to make it out of town and Fred says the wedding party was snowed in for three days. Some of their relatives still talk about it.

Fred's mother was a first-generation immigrant from England. His father grew up on a cattle ranch and tried his hand at farming before the Great Depression. Both of his parents believed in education because it meant you could choose your own path in life. They took Fred and his older brother on family trips to national parks when they were young, and Fred says his parents are the reason he went into forestry. He knew he wanted to work outdoors in nature after all that exposure to mountains.

It's why Fred started working summers for the Forest Service to pay for college. He says the most fun he ever had in his late teens was when he was part of a six-man crew surveying the tree community. He worked ten to twelve hours a day, ten days on, four days off. His crew identified ridge lines, streams, and vegetation every 264

feet. Judy used to tease that all that climbing made his legs look like tree trunks.

He remembers putting out forest fires with two-man crews. They didn't have GPS, cell phones, or radios; just a paper map and compass, a 35-pound backpack, a shovel and a five-foot crosscut saw. They'd dig a trench around the fire and move inward, 'spading' it out, sifting the ashes to see if there were any remaining coals. On overnights, they'd sleep on the warm ashes and hike out the next morning. In his 30-year career, he estimates he's been on 50 fires up and down the western states, ranging from 1/8 to 330,000 acres.

After he got his degree in landscape architecture at Kansas State University, Fred designed campgrounds and ranger stations before moving into landscape assessment. He measured the impact of roads and timber sales on wildlife and the land. Fifteen years into his career, the Forest Service called him to Seattle to work on projects on the west side of the Cascades, from Mount Rainier to the Canadian border. He approved ski runs, lifts, and buildings at six ski resorts, always ensuring the impact on the forest community was minimal and acceptable to the public.

He was the Forest Service's primary landscape architect on I-90 from Snoqualmie Pass to North Bend, and in the late 1970s, the North Cascades National Highway (State Route 20). The terrain was so rugged, the North Cascades were called the American Swiss Alps. Fred's role was to ensure the highway caused minimal impact on forest land by making it seem like it had always been part of the environment. They even 'aged' newly-exposed rock by spraying asphalt diluted thousands of times (it wears down in 1.5 years) and then mixed in native seeds and fertilizer to give the plants a start. After retiring in 2000, Fred and Judy moved to Port Ludlow from San Juan Island. Since then, they've traveled the world, continuing the tradition his parents started. They've been to Norway, Russia, Greece, to name a few. They've wandered through Machu Picchu in Peru, toured the Roman Coliseum in Italy and saw the ruins of Pompeii. He marvels at the knowledge required to build such grand structures that have lasted for centuries.

He talks about the Oregon Sand Dunes, how they were formed 100,000 years ago by sand debris from the Umpqua and other northwest rivers, wave action from the Pacific Ocean, and the wind. But it's the big storms that blow the sand further inland. People tried to tame the dunes, he muses, but the sand is always moving. Just like Fred.

He's spent most of his life working outdoors, climbing mountains, breathing in the forest. He's pleased with

what he's accomplished, but he's most proud of his family. He smiles when he talks about Judy, how lucky he is to have her, how they both like to read and solve crossword puzzles. He's proud of his daughters, of how successful they are in their own occupations, how they look after their parents. The youngest is a nurse practitioner in psychiatry and the oldest is an office manager for an import/export company. He says you can read all the books about raising kids, but in the end, you have to figure it out on your own. Just like his parents did.

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.

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) - 2025 Second Quarter Report

by the OWSI Team

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc. (OWSI) is pleased to share highlights from the second quarter of 2025, including key operational updates, infrastructure improvements, and our continued collaboration with the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) and the community we serve. The following recap outlines notable initiatives and developments from the past quarter.

Water Treatment and Distribution Updates

Water System Plan Update: We successfully submitted the second filing of our Water System Plan update to the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) and are working towards approval. The DOH asked for comments from the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) and the Utilities and Transportation Committee (UTC); the DOE asked for a supplemental document. Our engineering partner HDR is hopeful for approval by the third quarter of 2025.

Cross-Connection Program: Backflow assembly test reports were due June 1. OWSI sent out over 200 reminder post cards to non-compliant end users. Please ensure your certified Backflow Assembly Tester (BAT) sends their test results directly to backflowreports@ows-inc.com. Non-compliant end users are subject to service interruption with shut off in congruence with our tariff beginning after the Fourth of July holiday.

Cross-connection surveys have been sent out to every residence. Our tariff requires a 100% response rate. Surveys will continue to be collected through the month of July before they are all compiled. OWSI is required to perform

on-site hazard assessments, and your participation is essential to helping us maintain a safe and reliable water system.

Ice Piggling Has Been Completed: The joint project between OWSI and American Pipeline Solutions (APS) began on May 5 and wrapped up on June 5. The project was successful thanks to the participation of the community and the effective communications via AlertMedia. Thank you to all who signed up for notifications and the patient customers that recognized the hard work of our team to clean out the water mainlines.

2024 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR): The 2024 CCR has been completed and submitted to the DOH. You can find it on the OWSI website and hard copies have been placed at the post office, marina main office, and the Beach and Bay Clubs. Please do not take the hard copies from their designated locations.

UTC Rate Case: The UTC approved the rate case filed by OWSI and as of June 23 the new water rates went into effect. The updated tariff can be found on the OWSI website. Hard copies of the tariff are included with the hard copies of the CCR.

Leaks: So far this year, OWSI has repaired mainline and service line leaks on Montgomery Lane, Baldwin Lane, Adventurer Lane, Resolute Lane, Camano Lane, Wheeler Lane, and Sparrow Court. We are proud to report that service interruptions during these repairs have been minimal thanks to the OWSI team's dedication and quick response in restoring service.

Sanitary Sewer System Developments

Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP): WWTP laboratory accreditation was successfully completed and submitted to the DOE. The DOE regional engineers recently completed an onsite inspection of the WWTP as they prepare our new permit. There will be an opportunity for public comment on the new permit and OWSI will work closely with the PLVC Utility Committee to make sure the community is kept in the loop as things progress.

Collection System Cleaning: OWSI is scheduling its annual sewer mainline cleaning for the end of summer/early fall. We will be contracting with Badger Daylighting again this year to jet and inspect one-fifth of our sewer collection system.

Apprenticeship: Two of our operators are entering the second and final year of their apprenticeship through our partnership with Evergreen Rural Water of Washington (ERWOW). We're proud of their progress and look forward to supporting the next generation of water professionals by

welcoming a new apprentice into the next ERWOW cohort at the Fall Conference in August.

Looking Ahead

At OWSI, we're excited about the opportunities for growth and improvement that lie ahead. Our team remains committed to minimizing disruptions as we continue upgrading our infrastructure and systems to better serve the community. We're also focused on fostering goodwill with residents through improved communication practices and ongoing engagement with the PLVC.

By working collaboratively with local agencies, contractors, and the community, we will continue addressing key challenges and striving for excellence in every aspect of our operations.

Peninsula Fiber Artists Exhibition

Art quilts, sculpted felt, and collages are among the 38 textile pieces to be shown by 15 members of Peninsula Fiber Artists at the Meadery Tasting Room at Wilderbee Farm, 223 Cook Ave. Ext., Port Townsend. "Salish Seasons" is the theme of the exhibit, **Fridays – Sundays, August 1 – October 26** from noon – 5 p.m. Most pieces are available for sale from the artists with prices starting at \$75. Participating artists are:

Port Townsend

Caryl Fallert-Gentry
Sue Gale
Bess Jennings
Cynthia LeRouge
Lynne Elann Morrow
Debra E. Olson
Ellen Thomas

Nordland

Susan Sawatzky

Port Ludlow

Terri Wolf

Port Hadlock

Mary Tyler
Larkin Van Horn

Sequim

Lora Armstrong

Port Angeles

Merrie Jo Schroeder

Bainbridge Island

Donna Dowdney
Erika Wurm

The group alternates its monthly meetings between the Gardiner Community Center and the Northwind Art space at Fort Worden. Meetings are open to all textile artists at no charge. Go to sda-np.com/meetings1 for times and dates.



Alder Trees in Winter No. 1, by Terri Wolf.

Submitted photo

For details of this exhibit, see sda-np.com/current-exhibitions. For more information about Wilderbee Farm, see wilderbeefarm.com/meadwerks-tasting-room.

This association of textile artists from Jefferson, Kitsap, and Clallam counties also opens "Fiber on the Strait" on **Friday, August 15**, at Field Arts and Event Hall in Port Angeles. The Event Hall is open from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. On exhibit through October 25, it will include wall-hung and three-dimensional pieces. PFA also maintains "Fiber Habit," a walk-by 24/7 exhibit space at 675 Tyler St. in uptown Port Townsend. Displays rotate there every two months.

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Arts & Entertainment

Music for a Better World Concert



The *Music for a Better World* concert will be held **on Saturday, August 16**, 1 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Community Church. Featured artists include Pamela Roberts, cello, and Sung-Ling Hsu, piano. This is a free concert with no tickets or reservations required. Donations will be gratefully accepted at the door or during a break in the concert to benefit the homeless. A short reception will follow the concert.

The program features the following:

- *Sonata for Cello and Piano in E minor, Allegro non troppo*, by Johannes Brahms
- *A Song of India*, by Rimsky-Korsakov
- *Sonata for Cello and Piano in F major, Allegretto amabile*, by Jean Hure
- *Ki Mitziyon (Klezmer)*, by Mike Burstyn
- *Sonata for Cello and Piano #2, Andante cantabile*, by Nikolai Myaskovsky
- *Hungarian Rhapsody for Cello and Piano*, by David Popper

Pamela Roberts graduated from the University of Washington, studying cello performance with Eva Heinitz and Toby Saks. Roberts was faculty cellist at the University of Puget Sound and a fellowship recipient at the Aspen Music Festival. Roberts performs as a soloist and chamber musician. She became an educational administrator for 30 years and returned to cello when she retired. Roberts is now the principal cellist in the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra and a Co-Artistic Director of the Port Townsend Chamber Music Series.

Sung-Ling Hsu, pianist and violist from Taiwan, immigrated to the United States in 2014. She started learning the piano at the age of six and the viola at the age of eight. Hsu majored in composition while studying at university. After graduating from university, she worked in scoring

and sound effects design. At present, she is devoted to chamber music and is a pianist at Port Ludlow Community Church and a Co-Artistic Director of the Port Townsend Chamber Music Series.

Port Ludlow Art League— Artist of the Month

Featured Artist – Shelley Brown



Shelley Brown is a Port Townsend artist who works with many media and styles. Her inspiration comes from her love of nature. You'll often find Shelley on the beautiful trails of the Olympic National Park with camera and sketchbook in her pack and dog Ida by her side. When Shelley isn't hiking, she gains inspiration from tending her garden.

Shelley's recent body of work showcases her love of nature with artwork inspired by the many birds that visit her garden. Her exhibit also includes artwork inspired from walking the Camino de Santiago 500-mile trail across Spain. Shelley states, "My artwork always represents a study of and reverence for our local landscape."

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

The public is invited to attend a reception for Shelley on **Wednesday, August 13**, 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 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 Jeweler – Maria McGrane



Earrings by Maria McGrane.
Submitted photo

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

Maria began working with glass 15 years ago and was fascinated by the unique physics and chemistry of glass subjected to high temperatures during kiln firing. After assembling the components of a piece, Maria places it in a kiln where it's fired in a five to six step process over 14 to 24 hours from 1,375 to 1,500 degrees Fahrenheit and then cooled to anneal or strengthen the glass. Maria often incorporates fine silver wires into her jewelry pieces before she adds precious metal findings and beads. For Maria, the alchemical reaction that takes place when someone discovers one of her jewelry pieces that speaks to them is the final step in her artistic process.

During August, Maria'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 Maria on **Wednesday, August 13**, 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 open Tuesday through Saturday from noon – 4 p.m. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org or visit portludlowart.org.

Being Safe While Walking

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

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

Port Ludlow Art League— Upcoming Class

Watercolor Class – Friday, August 1, 10 a.m. – noon



Field of Poppies, by Pamela Raine

Submitted photo

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

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Northwind Art Exhibits and Classes

At Northwind Art, August is rich in gallery shows, art courses, and workshops.



Gouache by Anne Pfeiffer.

Submitted photo

The Jeanette Best Gallery presents the Echoes, Memories and Curiosities exhibit, featuring artist Chuck Iffland's biomorphic figures and clothes-pinned prints that runs from **July 10** through **August 24**.

Also at Jeanette Best Gallery, 14 local artists have filled the Showcase exhibit with plein air paintings, abstract

resin pieces, unconventional ceramics, and paintings of wildlife and the Wild West. Popular Showcase artist Kelli MacConnell will give a free talk on her printmaking practice on **August 10** at 3 p.m. The current Showcase exhibit runs 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.

Northwind Art School at Fort Worden State Park offers the following classes in a variety of topics:

- **August 2-3:** Fashion Sewing for Beginners to Intermediates, with Evette Allerdings, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **August 5, 11, 19:** Aging Creatively classes for folks with memory loss and their caregivers, with Jodi Ericksen, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
- **August 7:** Nurture Lab for artists, with Meg Kaczyk, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- **August 8:** Woodland Jubilation: Mixed Media Tiles, with Erika Wurm, noon - 3 p.m.
- **August 9:** Intro to Woodcut Printmaking, with Charlie Spitzack, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.
- **August 10:** Gouache for Painters with Anne Pfeiffer, 10 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

- **August 10:** Intro to Silversmithing: Making a Simple Ring, with Sarah Calautti, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **August 17:** Open Sew: Garments!, with Evette Allerdings, 1 - 4 p.m.
- **August 17:** Intro to Silversmithing 2: Taking Your Ring to the Next Level, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- **August 23:** Waves & Watercolors: Beachside Water Exploration, with Aliina Lahti, noon - 3 p.m.
- **August 23:** Tote-ally Block Printed: Block Printing on a Tote Bag, with Erica Applewhite, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- **August 24** Online: Overcoming Creative Blocks: Designing Your Life to Support Your Intentions, with Sally Fox, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m.
- **August 24:** Open Sew & Quilt, with Barbara Ramsey, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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.

Choral Belles Recruiting Singers

This year, the Choral Belles are celebrating 30 years of performances for residents of senior-living facilities, local businesses, and charitable organizations throughout the Olympic Peninsula.

Some of the most rewarding concerts have been performed at the senior living facilities. The joy and enthusiastic participation of the residents makes what the Choral Belles do so worthwhile. In addition, our annual December candlelight performance celebrates the communities of the Peninsula (especially Port Ludlow) as they come together for the holiday season.

To continue this uplifting endeavor for our 2025-26 Concert Series, the Choral Belles are recruiting additional alto, second soprano, and soprano volunteer singers. Rehearsals begin on **Thursday, September 4**. Please join us in this effort and help us continue making joyful music in our community. For more information, please contact Judi Smith at 360-301-1162 or judi_richard@msn.com or Tam McDearmid at 925-323-3464 or mctam90@gmail.com.

Greg Navratil at Bayside Art Gallery



Driveway Puddle, by Greg Navratil.

Submitted photo

Bayside Art Gallery's new exhibit features *Intimacies in Nature: Paintings by Greg Navratil*. The exhibit includes 25 paintings of pluvial northwest forest scenes that bridge abstraction and realism to an astonishing effect. The public is invited to attend the opening champagne reception on **Sunday, July 13**, from 4 – 6 p.m. in the Bayside Art Gallery at The Old Alcohol Plant Inn. The exhibit closes August 31.

Greg Navratil works from his studio on the Oregon Coast, a refurbished historic schoolhouse near Seaside with high ceilings and abundant space for very large paintings. Situated on nearly three acres of woods and gardens, it is his Giverny. Using his own photographs as reference, he lays out grids on both the photo and the canvas and then begins filling in the grids with precisely placed tiny shapes of color. His technique is reminiscent of pointillism. Greg admits, "Sometimes this process can be tedious, but it is stable and not many paintings fall apart in front of me. I'm usually not aware of painting a tree or a rock but only distributing paint to the surface."

The large scale of these paintings is all-encompassing, making the viewer part of the intimate details of the scene. Viewed at close range, the scene disintegrates into squiggles, lines, and dots of pure color that seem to vibrate on the canvas. The power of these paintings is the vibrant colors juxtaposed for your eyes to mix into new hues and shades, revealing recognizable shapes and shadows to complete the scene as you step back. It's only then that you recognize leaf litter on the forest floor, pine needles floating on the surface of a puddle, and the twigs submerged beneath. Curator Christopher Forrest states, "It's an arresting sort of realism, one that is only achieved by the humble act of looking."

All artwork in the exhibit is available for sale with proceeds going to Bayside Housing & Services to benefit people experiencing homelessness in Jefferson County. The Gallery is located on the second floor of The Old Alcohol Plant Inn at 310 Hadlock Bay Road, Port Hadlock. For more information, call 206-465-2193 or email cforrest@baysidehousing.org.

Labor Day Art Fair at Port Ludlow Inn



On **Saturday, August 30** from 10 a.m. — 3 p.m., the Port Ludlow Inn will host the Labor Day Art Fair on their waterside lawn. The art fair is sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League. You'll be able to browse unique artwork for sale by local artists including jewelry, paintings, photographs, woodworking, ceramics, textiles, and cards while enjoying views of the Port Ludlow Marina and the Olympic Mountains.

The Port Ludlow Inn is located at 1 Heron Road in Port Ludlow. For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.

Port Ludlow Art League— Concert Art Fair

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, August 3**, so you don't miss one of the biggest events of the year in Port Ludlow—the Port Ludlow Art League Art Fair from noon to 5 p.m. and the free outdoor concert from 2 to 4 p.m. sponsored by the Port Ludlow Performing Arts group. Both events are located on the lawn adjacent to Olympic Place near the Grace Christian Center.

Enjoy browsing artwork by local artists, including jewelry, paintings, photographs, woodworking, ceramics, textiles, mosaics, and cards. Then secure your spot to hear the *Sound Advice* band. For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.

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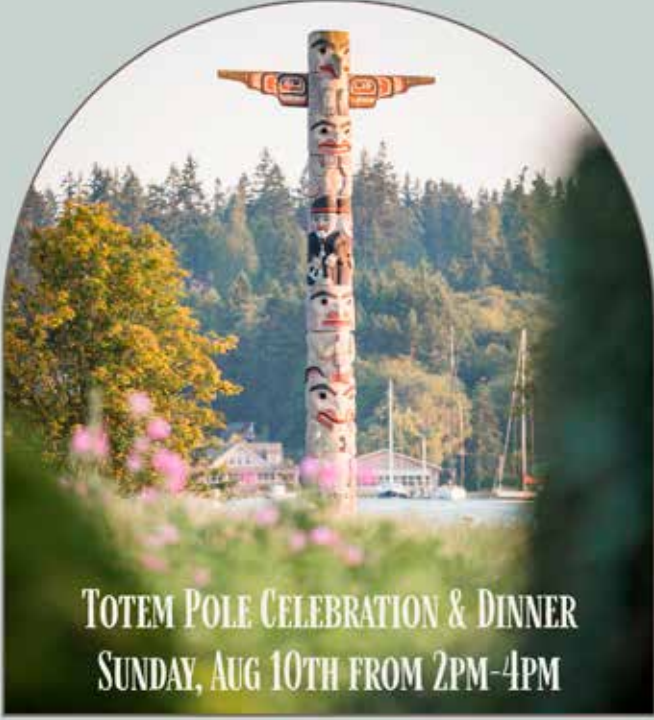


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Village News

Bay Club / South Bay

SBCA Happenings

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

Welcome to August when days will be warmer, and we wish for a little rain to refresh our gardens and tamp down the fire danger.

Thank you to all who attended our Annual SBCA Members' Meeting on Wednesday, July 16. We greatly appreciate your attendance, votes, and support of your Board of Directors, our staff, and the South Bay Club.

What to expect for the Fiscal Year 2025 - 2026 at South Bay

We have specific, planned reserve expenses for the coming year. South Bay will be getting a landscaping facelift for both the front and back of the Club. The trees in the back will be trimmed so our view of the bay can be maintained. A more serious landscaping facelift will happen to the front of the Club. The Katsura trees were initially planted improperly, resulting in the roots outgrowing their space, compromising the integrity of the concrete, heaving the concrete, and causing potential tripping hazards. The soil has not been replaced for years and lacks critical nutrients. Based on analysis, we will be removing the trees, grinding down their roots, and removing the current soil. New soil and compost will be added and appropriate shrubs and/or trees will be planted to create a welcoming front entrance to the Club. This will be a 'work in progress.' Stay tuned for more updates. We will repair the crumbled and broken concrete that has buckled from the tree roots to create a safer environment. Other reserve projects will be to replace the lockers in both locker rooms, replace our SBCA server and laptop, upgrade the workstation OS software, and complete a Bay Club plumbing system evaluation.

Besides the planned reserve expenses discussed above, the Board will move into long-range planning to facilitate, not only SBCA's strong fiscal health, but also provide great experiences for our Bay Club members. We recognize that, other than the platted 37 lots in Olympic Terrace Division II Phase II, growth in the South Bay area is stagnant. Our challenge will be to ensure we have adequate

SBCA Important Dates

Friday, August 1, 8:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast, benefiting Port Ludlow Art League

Friday, August 8, 5 p.m. - Member Social Semi-potluck
Burgers and dogs provided, bring sides to share
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Thursday - August 14, 9:30 a.m. - Monthly Board Meeting **

Friday, September 5, 8:30 a.m. - Pancake Breakfast, benefiting Chimacum Backpacks for Kids

Friday, September 12, 5 p.m. - Member Social Music *

All Wednesdays 4 p.m. - Members Lounge

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revenue required for our HOA business demands and secure funds to sustain discretionary expenses associated with entertainment and events for our members. Besides annual assessments/dues, the long-range planning focus will be to review other potential sources that the Board could secure to augment our revenue stream. The Board recognizes the need to move beyond annual assessments as the only source of revenue. Stay tuned for more updates on this critical work. We will be asking SBCA members to join us on the Long-Range Planning Committee.

Along with being fiscally responsible and taking care of the Bay Club, we have work to do regarding upcoming required changes to RCW's (Revised Codes of Washington) that will mean revising specific HOA governing documents. Some of our governing documents will change by January 1, 2026 (bylaws); the major overhaul will be to our Master Declaration by January 1, 2028.

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

Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

With our summer season upon us, I would like to remind everyone to be mindful of our current fire danger. As I am writing this month's article, the current fire danger level is High—which means that the following activities are prohibited:

No recreational wood fires; no yard debris or land-clearing burning; no open flame wood or charcoal cooking in parks or campgrounds; no open flame devices such as tiki torches, liquid fuel candles, or lanterns; no gas or propane fired weed burners; no discharge of fireworks of any type.

What is allowed is gas or propane fueled appliances, enclosed wood, pellet, charcoal, or solid fuel cooking at a private residence.

If our warm, dry weather continues, our fire danger will probably elevate to Very High or even Extreme in the upcoming weeks, so please use common sense and don't put you or our community at risk. For current information on fire danger levels, please visit ejfr.org.

When you are at the Beach Club this month, and if our Office Manager, Kim Bond is working, please congratulate Kim on 39 years as a Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) employee. Kim has witnessed so much of our North Bay community's history during her tenure. It's hard to imagine all the change Kim has experienced since 1986. All the community members that have come and gone, the modifications made to the Beach Club over the years, numerous Board and Committee members and several Managers. Through it all, Kim has been the one constant for us. Thank you so much Kim, you are truly special!

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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Participation in the Village Council offers a broad look at the entire community and serves as a unifying body.

Additionally, it offers the opportunity to work with various members of the County government and related service organizations.

The time commitment is to attend two meetings a month that last a couple of hours each and to participate on 1-2 committees which serve our community. There are also special events, such as the Community Opportunity Fair or the Annual Tree Lighting Celebration to which Directors are encouraged to attend.

To be included on the ballot, or to inquire about questions you may have, please contact Vice President Tam McDearmid at mctam90@gmail.com as soon as possible.

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Village Council Meetings

PLVC Board Meeting

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3 - 5 p.m., Bay Club

PLVC Workshop

Tuesday, August 19

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plvc.org

Silent Auction and Fine Dining to Support the Humane Society of Jefferson County

by Kay Mol, PLVC, Social Wellness Committee Chair

You are invited to celebrate under the tent at the Port Ludlow Resort on **Thursday, August 21**, and help raise funds for our local animal shelter. The Humane Society of Jefferson County WA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, will host their inaugural dinner auction that evening from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

The fun starts with appetizers and a silent auction. Browse the auction with your complimentary “Purple Paw” cocktail or mocktail made especially for the event. The evening will continue with a chef-inspired dinner and wine. Executive Director Jen Dupree will present a program that will inform and inspire you.

Auctioneer Jay Fiske will conduct the live auction and the paddle raise. All proceeds from the event will go to the most vulnerable and deserving dogs and cats in Jefferson County. Funds raised will enable the shelter to continue feeding, sheltering, and providing medical care, socialization and enrichment to our residents while they await their forever homes.

Tickets are \$125 each and a limited number of VIP tickets include an overnight stay at the Port Ludlow Inn. Tickets can be purchased online at hsjcwa.org

Please join us to celebrate community and support our mission!

Outdoor Concert Draws Big Crowds

by Barry Luke, PLVC Social Wellness Committee



Granny Panties Band: Maui Mike, Murph, Paige, Linda, Katie, and Allie with excited guests.

Submitted photo

More than two hundred people showed up to enjoy picture perfect weather and a free Outdoor Community Concert at the Village Center on July 5. Guests were entertained by a classic rock and roll band, the Granny Panties, who performed ninety minutes of songs from the 70's and 80's. Many in the audience danced to the music of Joan Jett, Linda Ronstadt, and The Pretenders. The event was sponsored by Jamie Jensen with John L. Scott Realty.

The food and drink were plentiful thanks to Carlos at El Molcajete, who organized a beer garden with overflowing margaritas and fresh tacos. Burgers from Oreo's and pizza slices from That Peetza Place were also popular. The audience loved the raffle that was organized as a fundraiser by the Port Ludlow Village Council. Twenty-three businesses and individuals donated more than \$1,600 in prizes which included a toaster oven/air fryer, dinners, artwork, golf, theater tickets, massages, and dog grooming, plus much more. The raffle sold 292 tickets and raised \$750 which will support community projects, including funding for ongoing maintenance of area trails. "We are incredibly grateful to the Port Ludlow business community for their generous support of gifts that made the raffle a huge success," said PLVC Director, Lois Grazioli. "We also want to personally thank Jamie Jensen for supporting the PLVC with this opportunity," she added. This is the second year that Jensen has sponsored the outdoor event. She hinted that we can all look forward to another concert next year.

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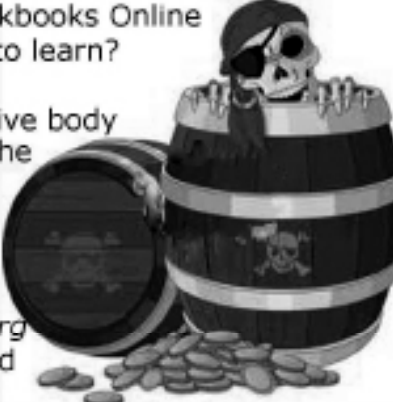
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Recreation & Sports

Make Practice Fun

by Jim Mancill, PGA Head Professional, Port Ludlow GC

Practice. It can get boring, and in some cases, actually be counterproductive. One of the unattended results of practice sessions is when you lose focus on what you came to work on and get sloppy; you fall back into bad habits. Shake it up next time and add some fun to your practice.

Unless you are an ex-tour player or have an unusually focused drive and attention span, you can only really concentrate for a few of the 50-70 golf balls you are about to hit. Studies have shown that you can concentrate and hit three practice shots before it just becomes a repetitive motion, and you retain little to nothing from the following shots. Sounds easy, but most people still just line them up and fire. Let's see about hitting fewer balls and getting more out of it.

Here are some examples of how to mix in some fun to your practice.

Full Swing

- Change up your target frequently. You'll find this helps you aim better, and your ball position will become more consistent.
- Take an alignment stick and put it in the ground 5-8 feet in front of you and try to hit it with your shots. Really helps work on identifying a target.

Short Game

- Practice chipping over an object. Use your golf bag or something that makes you elevate your chips.
- Chip to a target. Use a towel or even a range basket. Chip onto the towel or into the basket. This puts the focus on chipping to a spot, not just the end result.

Putting

- Practice with a friend and play matches.
- Place a water bottle at the high spot on a breaking putt and work on putting around it. This can sharpen your aim and help you see the break even more.

As I have said before, golf is about having fun, so put some fun into your next practice session and get more out of it. See you on the tee!

Port Ludlow Women's Golf League Update

by Kathy Traci, PLWGA Publicity Chairperson



PLWGA members at Kitsap Golf and Country Club (Playday Away):
Lucinda Thompson, Elaine Girard, Grace Allen, Turney Oswald,
Linda DeForest, Sharon Russell, Beth Weaver, MJ Rablin.

Submitted photo

On June 24, the Port Ludlow Golf Club Ladies' Invitational welcomed women golfers from many area golf clubs and the PLWGA. One former member came from Washington D.C. and another returned from Idaho. The weather was perfect and everyone had a great time. Visiting players commented on the excellent condition of the Port Ludlow Golf Course and many said that they are looking forward to coming back for next year's Ladies' Invitational. The event was organized by PGA Head Professional Jim Mancill and PLWGA members Bonnie Vahcic and Lucinda Thompson. The event ended with the announcements of the winners at a luncheon at the Bay Club. Due to the generosity of PLWGA members, a very successful Invitational basket raffle generated lots of interest and fun for the participants. PLWGA members also donated bottles of wine to make the luncheon a rousing success.

At the WGA/MGA Exchange on July 9, teams of one WGA member and one MGA member competed. The event culminated with the announcement of awards at the club house. On July 22, the women's league hosted the Exchange using a similar format with a luncheon following play at J.R.'s Sandtrap Restaurant.

PLGC Pro Jim Mancill announced that the 50th PL Golf Course Anniversary will be celebrated on **Thursday, August 7**, with an 18 hole - 2 player best ball tournament and on **Friday, August 8**, with a 9 hole – Modified Alternate Shot

format and a 9 hole - Scramble tournament. One member of each two-person team must be a member of the Port Ludlow Community or a PL league member. Teams should contact the Pro Shop to sign up for their division.

A PLWGA Playday Away took place at Kitsap Golf and Country Club. Due to course circumstances, the PLWGA attendees had to play the back nine twice, but they were rewarded with having no greens fees. What a fun and inexpensive getaway!

The Mid-Season Luncheon and General meeting was held on July 30. The winners of the Captain's Cup Tournament, (a team match play event) were announced and the Queens of the Captain's Cup Tournament, Debi Bozanich and Sue Fechner, were honored. In the Consolation Bracket, Linda Aho persevered, and she had to play two of the three rounds without her ill teammate Diane Kobz. Linda won the final match on the 18th hole.

August PLWGA regular Tuesday morning play continues and a Play Day Away is scheduled for **Monday, August 11**. Sharon Russell announced that the PLWGA Club Championship, a three-day event, will be held on **Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, August 25, 27 and 29** with a party to follow play on **Friday, August 29**. The next major tournament event, the All-Star Cup, will take place in September. Members need to watch their emails for news of the fall Gals' Getaway and additional Playday Away dates and destinations. The **August 15** Dove House Tournament is now open for entries. League members and community members are encouraged to contact the Pro Shop to volunteer for this charity event that benefits area needy women and children.

PLWGA Captain Sharon Russell invites prospective PLWGA members to play on Tuesdays. Please contact the Port Ludlow Golf Course Pro Shop at 360-437-0272 to sign up to play. Please note: PLGC membership is no longer a requisite for participation in the PLWGA league.

Niners' News

by Kathleen Traci, Lady Niners' Publicity Chairperson

The weather for golf this season has been spectacular, and the Niners have enjoyed playing together every Thursday morning. All PL League members were invited to attend the July 10 Putt and Pour Niners' event that featured a difficult putting contest and greenside drinks and appetizers. Tristan Heath, PL Assistant Golf Pro, set up a challenging putting course for the contest on the practice putting green. Winners of the Putting contest will be announced in the September *Voice*. August's Niners' Thursday games include Odd Holes, Mutt & Jeff, and Even Holes. Members sign up for Thursday games on Golf Genius.



PL League members at the Putt & Pour Niners' Event.

Photo by Diane Germain

Niners' Couples Chairs, Barb and Mike Burke, organize games for the fourth Thursday of each month. The July 24 Couples' String Scramble was well attended. August 28 is the date of the next Couples golf event. The game is Best Ball with players limited to using only five clubs including a putter. Players are encouraged to stay for a luncheon at J.R.'s Sandtrap Restaurant after play. The Burkes need help in preparing for the August 15 Dove House Tournament. If any Niner or community member would like to volunteer to assist the Burkes, please contact the Pro shop at 360-437-0272.

The second Captain's Cup play day took place on July 17, and the third day where scores are tallied for the Captain's Cup takes place on August 14. Winners of all regular Thursday Niners' games are announced via email and winnings accumulate in members' accounts for the purchasing of PL Golf Course Pro Shop items.

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



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A Day in the Life of a Dabob Bay Shrimper

by Fred Ensman, *PLYC Port Captain*



Fred Ensman and his shrimp catch.

Photo by Kathleen Ensman

Morning comes early when you want to go shrimping. I was out the door with my wife and son at 5:30 a.m. with a full arsenal of commercially prepared shrimp pellets soaked in very smelly fish oil, and mixed with several flavors of cat food, extremely expired caviar, and left-over squid from crabbing.

The schedule on shrimping days is strictly enforced. No pots in the water before 9 a.m. and all pots out of the water by 1 p.m. Shrimping in the waters surrounding Port Ludlow (Marine Area 10) only lasted one day this year, but in Marine Area 12 (further south on the Hood Canal), shrimping lasted five days. So that's where we headed – Dabob Bay, well-known for its shrimping. But we must be careful because of restricted waters. Coming too close to the buoys marking Bangor military base will earn you a “talking to” by the military patrol boats, and they have been kind enough to inform us that violating those waters could earn us a stiff fine.

This time, we are running three pots. Last shrimp day, we were in the middle of a very large group of boats, and someone ran over one of our buoys, cutting the line and costing us a setup, so now we're down to three. We're allowed two pots per person, and each person is allowed a maximum of 80 shrimp. On cold days, we shrimp at a water depth of 200'. On warm days, we are closer to 300', so we run 400' of line with a little extra room for error. With our pots deep in a bay with strong currents, we always add extra weight to keep the pots in place.

On our way to Dabob Bay, it was a beautiful morning. The sun was coming up, it was slightly overcast, it was perfect! We saw harbor porpoises and what we think was a Bottlenose porpoise. As the morning wore on, we began to see boaters coming from Kingston, Poulsbo, Port Hadlock,

and all the other surrounding communities as they head for the shrimping grounds.

We arrived at around 7:30 a.m., well before shrimping begins at 9 a.m. It is nice to stake out a spot for yourself, but we know that many boaters won't arrive until 9, and they don't think twice about crowding in. After losing our pot last season, we stayed just north of the bay, where most boaters go. At 7:30 a.m., there was at least 80 yards between us and every other boat. But by 8:45 a.m., there was less than ten yards between boats. I was a little frustrated. Just in the nick of time, my brother, who was also shrimping in Dabob, called and said there was lots of room further south.

As we pulled close to my brother, a couple other boats did too, but it wasn't near the cluster we had experienced earlier. While I drove the boat to just the right depth, my son dropped the shrimp pots in the water, and my wife kept track of the pot locations. Given previous “lessons learned” searching endlessly for shrimp pots, we kept our pots relatively close together. We also used buoys with flags that stood 3 feet out of the water. Big difference! We left our pots in the water to “soak” for 50 minutes this time.

With 400 ft. lines on our shrimp pots, we used an electric “pot puller” to pull them in, and ours worked great when the water conditions were smooth. We kept our lines in baskets so they would stay tangle free and keep the boat deck organized. There was a tragic incident near Everett, WA, in May this year on the opening day of shrimping season, where three people died when their boat capsized. We were told that part of the reason for the fatalities was that the fishermen had been tangled in loose gear, although we were unable to confirm this.

As we were waiting for the first pot to come up, we were wagering how many shrimp we might get. Nobody would have dared to guess as many as 95, but that's what we got on the first pot pull! They were jumping like crazy when we pulled the pot aboard. The next pot only had 60 shrimp, and the third only 40 with a bonus rock crab that rode on top of the pot all the way to the boat. With three people on the boat, we were allowed to take 240 shrimp. We kept two of the pots in and rounded out our limits before noon. It was satisfying cruising by the big crowd of boats who had not caught their limits yet.

Almost more exciting was the octopus we caught on the fourth pull! We watched this fairly good-sized octopus, three feet across with its legs spread out, squeeze through a 1-inch square, which looked impossible even as he did it. It took several minutes, but it was amazing. Hoping to not get bit, I scooped him up with both hands and set him in the

water. When I did, he spread out, squirted ink, and swam away. It was an impressive display!

So, with all of us catching our limits, not losing any gear, and an octopus story to tell, it was our most successful

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, August 1 – Hurricane Hill Trail at Hurricane Ridge

Meet at 7:45 a.m. at the Bridge Deck; depart at 8 a.m. We will meet and depart early to hopefully avoid the expected large number of summer park visitors and any delays at the entrance. Carpooling is highly recommended. Updated hike info, a map and directions will be available at the Bridge Deck. Travel time to Hurricane Ridge is about 100 minutes. The Park entrance fee is \$30 per vehicle, unless someone in the vehicle has one of the valid passes (see Fees & Passes section of ONP website; NO CASH ACCEPTED). Pets are NOT allowed in the park. The hike is about 3.2 miles round trip with a 700 feet elevation gain; summit elevation is 5757 feet. This hike is rated E2.

Bring sunscreen, walking sticks, water, a snack, and a camera. Views are outstanding. Wildlife is frequently sighted. Restroom is available at the parking lot. Hike leader is Gary Hicks, 510-566-2401.

Friday, August 15 – Striped Peak (Abridged Version)

Striped Peak is a 4.3-mile round-trip hike with about 1130 feet of elevation gain from the Salt Creek County Park. Striped Peak is our destination with views of the Strait often seen and a canopy of trees part of the time. Once we get to the Striped Peak lookout, we will indulge in a snack before heading down the same way. We will be hiking in some huge old-growth Douglas Firs hundreds of years old that were spared by the heavily logged area because of the steep northern slopes.

While returning, we can take a little detour to Eagle's Cove, where eagles may be seen catching fish and eating on the shore. This is a very beautiful area that one shouldn't miss if making the entire hike. This trail is rated an M3.

A short way from the trailhead are tide pools to explore as well as the flowerpot sea stacks to view in Crescent Bay of the Strait. This is a county park, and no pass is needed. No restrooms at the trailhead, but we will drive ¼-mile further to restrooms before returning to the trailhead. Hike leader: Laureen Wagoner, 509-592-6452

Friday, August 29 – Interpretive/Creek View/McCormick Railroad Trails

For this hike we will meet at 8:15 a.m. at the Interpretive Trail parking lot. This is one of our premier local trails: waterfall, stream, woods, clearings, old railroad trail and artifacts of Port Ludlow's history! What more could you ask for? This hike will afford the hiker some sensational waterfall views.

We will start at the Interpretive Trail parking lot and begin on that trail. Shortly, we will turn onto the Creek View Trail and follow it until it joins the McCormick Railroad Trail. The trail will return us to the Waterfall/Interpretive Trail and to the parking lot. This hike is rated E2. Hike leader: Laureen Wagoner, 509-592-6452.

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.

Puffins and Pufflings

by Gail Wellenstein, Kitsap Beach Naturalist



Tufted Puffin.

Photo by Linda Archer

The Salish Sea around Smith Island is calm. The sky is blue. Bull kelp forms a gently rocking carpet around the island, and Mt. Baker and Mt. Rainier are visible from the boat. Seventy absolutely quiet people from all over America

line the boat's rails, bracing their large telephoto lenses as they scan the kelp beds for their quarry. The sea otter napping on its back in the kelp is hardly remarked upon,

an incidental finding in the hunt. First there is an uncertain murmur and then a quiet voice says, “One o’clock, off the bow,” and the motor drives start to click. A woman turns to ask for help in locating the bird, and I tell her to look for the white face amid the dark green and blue grey background. “Got it,” she whispers with a big grin on her face. It’s breeding season, and the tufted puffins have arrived from the open waters of the North Pacific.

Tufted puffins are about the size and shape of a flying football, with a two-foot wingspan and an all-black body. In breeding season, which extends from mid-April to early September, they have a striking white face with yellow eyes, a pair of long, tufted, yellowish feathers that start behind their eyes and curl around the nape of their neck, a large orange bill, and orange feet. Wintering adults have a dark gray face, minimal tuft, and they lose some of their bill plate, so it is noticeably smaller and a dull orange color.

Puffins are a hardy bird, wintering alone or in small groups in the North Pacific in a band between North America and Japan, as far north as the Aleutian chain. During this time, they are 60 – 120 miles offshore and “fly” through the water using their wings for power and their feet for steering. They can dive up to a maximum depth of 200 feet to feed on small fish and invertebrates. When puffins are three years old, they find a long-term partner, and in April they head to colonies on isolated rocky, offshore islands and headlands from Siberia to California to build their nests. Here in Washington, those areas are around Cape Flattery and the outer coast, and on Protection and Smith Islands in the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The first year, a mating pair builds a nest in a grassy slope, bluff, or rocky crevice that is free of humans and predators. They dig a burrow with their bills and feet that is between two and five feet long with the nest chamber at the far end. This is so time and energy consuming that they usually wait until the second year to lay their one precious egg. They take turns incubating the egg for six weeks while the partner forages for food, sometimes bringing as many as twenty fish back to the burrow in their bill, all neatly lined up in a row. A newly hatched bird is called a puffling, and it will take six to seven weeks for it to mature, with its survival depending on the availability of food and protection from its main predator, the bald eagle. As summer is winding down, the puffling is anxious to leave the nest, even before it can fly. It heads out of the burrow at night, walks or flutters to the water, and heads out to sea without its parents.

In recent years, the population from California to Washington has declined from 23,000 in 1978 to under 2,000 currently, while the northern populations in Alaska have remained healthy. Protection Island recently had

only one nesting pair noted while Smith Island had about twenty-five. The local population can be seen on summer Saturday cruises sponsored by the Port Townsend Marine Science Center in conjunction with Puget Sound Express.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



OBT Extension effort 6-23; (L-R) Neil Vroegop, John Connolly, Chris Wheatley, Jeff Sarantopoulos, Tom Lindow.

Photo by Jerry Keck

What the heck has Trails been up to now? Well, building trails of course; that’s just what they do (along with maintaining what they build, of course). It must be in the genes. So, where is the next one? It’s very close by, in fact, it’s right along Oak Bay Road.

Since the new Springboard Trail finished with the distribution of chips, and while we were on hold there for the directional signage to be ready for planting, we moved on to the Oak Bay Trail project. Wait a minute, wait a minute! Didn’t Trails already build an OBT? Yep, we sure did, we opened it up just a couple years ago. Months of effort in 2023 resulted in the OBT going North from Swansonville along Oak Bay Road and up behind the firehouse to the far end of Pioneer. That’s the trail that took 11 years to get an OK to build.

Now, the OBT is well used and appreciated. In fact, it’s so well appreciated that we are extending it. Our current OBT effort goes South from the Swansonville/Lower Rainier Trail junction and will access the Historic Cemetery enroute to connecting with the ABT (Around the Bay Trail). This extension has the biggest/thickest/most tangled/prickliest/bloodiest set of blackberry vines yet encountered while building our trails. We have to be constantly on the alert to not encounter Brer Rabbit, Brer Bear, or Brer Fox.

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