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This photo of Thieves Bay Marina shows off the bright colours of the vessels moored. To read more on the cover photo, writer Mike Wiley shares his perspective on **page 41** or on our website at www.penderpost.org.

PENDER POST NOTES

As we face a new year, it is impossible not to recognize that our community has faced many struggles in the past 12 months. COVID-19, climate change fears, economic stressors, a sometimes contentious election, all combined to make people more anxious and more likely to react negatively in heated moments. If one looks only at social media, it would be easy to think that our community (and indeed, society as a whole) is crumbling. Yet if we open our eyes to see our community in “real time,” there are so many reasons to hope. Our community still unites to support the Food Bank, Santa’s Sac, the Health Centre. People still come forward to volunteer when a hand is needed. Individuals and businesses constantly give to this community, often quietly and in ways that aren’t seen or acknowledged publicly, but do mean the world to those on the receiving end. People hug. People check to make sure their elderly or shut in neighbour is okay. We celebrate together, and we grieve together. In spite of the ups and downs, we keep building community together. In this brand new year, let’s do our best to remember that.

Annie Smith

SPECIAL NOTICES

Yacht Club Speaker Series

We’d like to invite you on Monday, January 16 for episode 1 of our Inspiring Speaker Series, *A Cavalier Dialogue* with a helicopter pilot, boat builder and solo round the world sailor, who began his voyage on his 70th birthday, not knowing that much about sailing. Fascinating and definitely inspiring. Admission by donation, Members free (membership is only \$50

per year) 5 - 6 pm in the Bistro at Port Browning, then on to the pub for dinner afterwards. RSVP to fionapercy369@gmail.com or 250-217-3399.

Fiona Percy

Santa’s Sac

At the time of writing, Santa is still filling the bags of toys and envelopes of gift cards for delivery next week. Even though he’s from the North Pole, he still does not like snow on Pender Island, so we are keeping our fingers crossed!

It has been a truly amazing six weeks of preparation for the Santa’s Sac program here on Pender Island. We knew there would be an increase in need and there is, but the community has really responded in such generous ways. The Elf Tree project was overflowing with toys, clothes, and gift cards - every child on the list is going to be thrilled on Christmas morning. Thank you to Laurie and Tom Rupert for the generous donation of the beautiful new Elf Tree, complete with lights and decorations.

As Santa’s head elf, the good will and extremely generous donations have been overwhelming at times. Unlike other communities who have seen a decline in donations and support, the giving on Pender Island has been greater than ever. This year, we supported 26 families with \$250 food cards and a ham, along with the bags of toys/clothing/gift cards for the children. Cards were given to 12 couples for \$150 and 40 individuals for \$125, which amounted to almost \$11,000 in food cards. Thank-you Tru Value (especially Kristen) for the hours of work it takes to make them. All children will also receive a delicious chocolate sucker, courtesy of Pender Chocolates.

Santa will also deliver 25 gifts to seniors in the community, and we thank Marty and the PI Pharmacy for their annual donation of Belgian chocolate cookies and Teresa and all at the BC Liquor Store for the 30 cuddly bears as part of the gift packages.

Thank you to all for your donations to Santa’s Sac and the Food Bank, both monetary and on the Spirit Board. And of course, the Pender Island Fire

Rescue 'Shake a Boot' day, which raised \$1,740! Finally, huge thanks to the corporate and non-profit groups who support us annually: Nu-To-Yu, Pender Island Legion, Lions Club, Magic Lake Property Owners' Society, Pender Island Yacht Club, and St. Teresa's Chapel. We could not run this program without you.

I can't begin to thank everyone who has donated, shopped, purchased, wrapped, delivered, and otherwise supported this program. It is so wonderful to be part of it and it always makes my Christmas special. May your New Year be peaceful and bright.

*Terry Shepherd,
Santa's Sac Co-ordinator*

FROM OUR MLA

Protecting Biodiversity in British Columbia: A Priority for 2023



In December, thousands of delegates from 192 countries gathered in Montreal for COP15,

the United Nations Convention on Biological Diversity.

This is a critical topic for world leaders to be discussing. While they negotiate at the global level, it is important to recognize that many of the actions that need to be taken to protect biodiversity will be done at the sub-national and local level.

Unfortunately, British Columbia has a deeply established culture in our provincial government that prioritizes the economic values of natural resources over protecting ecosystem health. However, with the direction given by Premier David Eby to his Cabinet, it appears protecting biodiversity may be a priority.

Managing ecosystems for health and well-being protects biodiversity and is essential for maintaining natural functions so they can continue to produce the clean air and water that are necessary for our survival.

Resilience and adaptability are key features of biodiverse ecosystems, both of which minimize the frequency and severity of droughts and extreme weather events that are the result of climate change.

Protecting biodiversity has been, and continues to be, a priority for me as the Member of the Legislative Assembly for Saanich North and the Islands. It will continue to be a priority in 2023.

Over the past year, I have been challenging our provincial government on their lack of political will to follow through on commitments to legislate species-at-risk and biodiversity protections. I pressed former Minister of Forests, Hon. Katrine Conroy repeatedly on the destruction of countless indigenous plant species with herbicides such as glyphosate and manually with brush cutters. I have presented legislation to ensure the provincial government is protecting bear dens.

The BC NDPs own Old Growth Strategic Review panel recommends that the provincial government "declare conservation of ecosystem health and biodiversity of British Columbia's forests as an overarching priority and enact legislation that legally establishes this priority for all sectors."

The government has repeatedly promised to deliver on all the recommendations made in that report and consistently responded to my questions by asserting that their current policy protects biodiversity. Yet, they are reluctant to put those protections in law. All it takes is to drive out of the city limits to see the result of managing resources for timber harvest value instead of ecosystem health.

Premier Eby has appointed Hon. Nathan Cullen as the Minister of Water, Land, and Resource Stewardship and has asked Minister Cullen to turn his attention to biodiversity. Specifically, to develop conservation-financing, implement the recommendations of the Old Growth Review and Together for Wildlife strategy recommendations, and to protect 30 per cent of British Columbia's land base by 2030.

These initiatives could be a game-changer for the protection of biodiversity in our province. With two years left before the next general election, Minister Cullen will need to work quickly to achieve these ambitious goals.

I am excited by the potential of these initiatives and Minister Cullen can count on my support of his efforts to achieve them. However, I will be watching closely, asking questions, and urging the provincial government to deliver on the transformative change they have promised.

You can contact me at *Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca* or 250-655-5600.

Adam Olsen

IN APPRECIATION

Season's Greetings to you all,

Thank you for your ongoing work and commitment to keeping our communities informed on local and regional issues and events!

All the best, from myself and the whole team in our Community Office!

HÍ SW KE,

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Anthony Brian Hughes

May 13, 1935 - November 03, 2022



Passed away peacefully at the age of 87 while at home on Pender Island B.C. Survived by Finella Hughes (nee Neligan) resident of Sidney Care Home, their four children Laura Morgan, Sally Dunne (Sean), Stafford Hughes and Peter Hughes (Sol Kinnis) - 10 grandchildren Jennifer, Tiffany, Erin, Tara, Bonnie, Sylvia, Connor, Bronwyn, Rhys and Devin - and four great-granddaughters Ayla, Thea, Aislin and Gemma - as well as other relatives in the UK, and many friends and colleagues.

Originally from Borehamwood, Hertfordshire, England - Tony met the love of his life, Finella, and moved to Ontario, Canada in 1957 where they started a family the next year. In 2002 they both moved to Pender Island, BC to enjoy their retirement years.

Tony was a dedicated family man and hard worker who passed along his solid values and ethics to his children and grandchildren alike. He was dearly loved by his family and will be greatly missed by all.

Tony is now laid to rest on the island that he loved, at the Pender Island Public Cemetery.

Stafford Hughes

Ellen Willingham

October 17, 1950-December 13, 2022



Ellen's death has impacted so many groups and individuals in our community, all of whom have their own special memories, stories, and pictures. The Pender Post will be honoured to receive remembrances of Ellen to be printed in the February issue. Please send them in before January 20.

Ellen Willingham, a woman with a huge heart and a great love for her family, friends, community, and those in the wider world community, died in her sleep on December 13 after an extraordinary life filled with love, accomplishments, set-backs, adventure, and so many kindnesses to others. Recently predeceased by her beloved husband, Rob, she is survived by son, Kevin, daughter, Janet (Nesha), and grandchildren Connor and Ailsa. Ellen was buried in the Pender Cemetery on Saturday, December 17, and a small reception at the Anglican Parish Hall followed. The family hopes to have a bigger Celebration of Life for Ellen and Rob in the spring or summer of 2023.

The Pender Island Women's Institute's 2007 nomination of Ellen for the Rural Woman of the Year award beautifully describes Ellen's life on Pender from 1990 to 2007:

"The Pender Island Women's Institute is proud to nominate another of our members for the Rural Woman of the Year Award. Ellen Willingham is a kind, generous, industrious, multi-

talented woman. Seeking a rural lifestyle which would be healthier for the family and would leave less of a footprint on the planet, Ellen and her husband Rob moved their two children to Pender Island in 1989 and set about 'reinventing' themselves. After a year here, they moved to a twenty-acre property which hadn't been farmed for thirty or forty years. They started from scratch to create a sustainable, organic farm. Ordained ministers, Ellen and Rob minister to the Anglican church parishes on Mayne and Galiano Islands, respectively, travelling to and from their various commitments by boat. In the early 1990s, Ellen became involved in the Farmers' Institute and has been a tireless advocate for local farmers and farming. Her philosophy is: 'We have to take care of each other and take care of the earth. Farming fits right into both of those goals.' The members of the Pender Island Women's Institute believe that Ellen would be most deserving of the Rural Woman of the Year award.

Before coming to Pender Island, Ellen with her RN training, degree in psychology, and a three year Master of Divinity degree, had worked as prime therapist in the Department of Psychiatry at the Health Sciences Hospital in Winnipeg, as the Director of Nursing at the Swan Lake District Hospital for one year, and as the minister for two years at an inner city church in Winnipeg. When their young daughter was diagnosed with cancer, Rob and Ellen decided it was time to find a healthier lifestyle. When the chemotherapy treatments ended, they moved to Pender Island.

In 1990 they bought a twenty-acre parcel which became Iona Farm. The place was so overgrown that a Weed-Eater had to be used so that they could get to the door. There was no kitchen and no heating system. Goats had been living in the basement. They had their work cut out for them.

The farm began with about a dozen laying chickens, a few ducks, and rabbits, which they believed to be the most efficient protein source with a twenty-eight day cycle. Having had only limited experience in growing small gardens in Winnipeg and Selkirk, everything had to be learned. They got

a Harrowsmith catalogue and ordered many 'how-to' books. In their red Toyota Tercel station wagon, they picked up two goats, which would help them clear the land and provide milk for the children who were eight and ten years old by then. Ellen learned how to milk the goats and then how to make goat cheese. They began by sharing this with friends as gifts and taking it to potluck dinners and parties. They were encouraged to make enough cheese to sell, which they did. For two years, the goats were free range, but, being social creatures, this meant that they were always trying to get into the house, so a goat enclosure was built.

Over the seventeen years that Iona Farm has been in existence, the number of chickens and goats has risen substantially. Ellen is a familiar face at the Saturday morning Farmers' Market, where she sells goat cheese, eggs, herbs, and vegetables. The Iona Farm organic chickens are highly sought-after on Pender Island.

The farm was certified organic in 1995. That same year, Iona Farm began to welcome Worldwide Opportunities on Organic Farms, or WWOOFers, for short. Over the past twelve years, Rob and Ellen have welcomed over 600 WWOOFers from twenty-nine different countries. They saw this as a cultural exchange and a way to ensure that their kids would be exposed to people from around the world and have a global education. Many of the WWOOFers have become like family, and many of the WWOOFers' parents and siblings have visited. One of Ellen's favourite sayings about the WWOOFers program is that "It's an 'equal opportunity'

experience. Women can learn to hammer nails and the men learn to chop vegetables." Over the years, driven by her "You don't know what you can do until you try" philosophy, Ellen, with help from various WWOOFers, has added a sunroom and deck onto their home, remodelled the dining and living rooms, installed recycled wood flooring, built an island with a wooden cutting board in the kitchen, has built picnic tables, a sauna, a bake house, researched and supervised the building of green houses, and, using a design found on the internet, built an Iona-special "chicken plucker."

In addition to looking after the garden and the animals, Ellen's regular farm duties include fixing fences, chain sawing, fixing tractors, rototillers, generators, weed-eaters, not to mention looking after the diesel engine for the 20 ft. power boat which takes Rob and Ellen to Mayne and Galiano Islands for meetings, visits, baptisms, marriages, funerals, and Sunday church services. She preserves as much food as she can each year: gallons of apple and pear juice (done with a hand presser), plum sauce, sun-dried tomatoes and eggplant, salsa, pickles, pesto, to mention a few.

This year she was the foster mother of a fawn that was found motherless, hanging around the ferry terminal. Ellen became a member of the Farmers' Institute in the early 1990s and soon became active on the Board of Directors. She believed that it was important for Pender farmers to work together so that as much food and livestock as possible could be grown locally. Ellen and the Board continued with the outreach program, which brought farmers together to hear agricultural experts speak on various subjects and give the farmers the opportunity to talk. They attempted to initiate a bulk-grain buying program, but storage of the large quantity made that impossible. When Ellen was egg convenor at the Fall Fair in the late 1990s she and another egg producer designed cages so that the chickens could be included in the fair.

In 1995, Ellen, as President of the Farmers' Institute, wrote a letter to the Agricultural Land Commission, supporting the idea that four acres be

taken from the ALR and used to build a recreation and agricultural hall, with the understanding that this would provide a permanent and appropriate home for the Farmers' Market, other agricultural activities, and the annual Fall Fair. Permission was granted and the weekly Saturday markets and annual Fall Fairs have flourished since then.

In 2000 when Ellen was President of the Farmers' Institute, the Farmers' Market was moved from a commercial location, where there was no room for expansion and where farm animals were not welcome, to the grounds of the new Community Hall. A couple of years later, Ellen was called upon to provide leadership when 'The Pig War' erupted on Pender Island. The Local Trust Committee proposed the removal of the right for people to have pigs on small acreages. Locals were outraged at this idea, and the proposal was quickly dropped. Around that time Ellen and her husband again led the fight to protect the right of a farmer to have housing on their farms for farm help.

With help from others, Ellen initiated a school garden project in 2002 to try to get the next generation to love gardening, and help them understand where their food comes from.

This past year, again with Ellen as President, the Farmers' Institute was instrumental in getting stronger language to protect agriculture in the latest North Pender Island Official Community Plan. Ellen has also been a strong voice for the protection of land which is in the ALR.

Ellen has been involved in the negotiations with the provincial government over meat regulations and tried to protect the farmers' right to slaughter their livestock on-island. She also supported the establishment of a portable abattoir for the Gulf Islands, something which has yet to happen.

When it became apparent that the organizing of the annual Pender Island Fall Fair was too much for one person to handle, a four to five member organizing committee was formed. Ellen has been the chair of this committee since 2002. A large part of its success flows from one of the key requirements: that committee members have fun while they work.



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Ellen's support of farmers and farming took her to Nicaragua in 1995. Through OGIFA (Outer Gulf Islands Friendship Association) she and her family took a self-guided study on the island of Ometepe at the Hacienda Magdalena. For three weeks they worked on a campesino-run organic coffee cooperative which grew shade-grown coffee plants. The following year, the Willinghams taught the campesinos how to do organic composting. For twelve years, they have returned to Nicaragua to help the coffee cooperative. By 2006, the cooperative had a huge, roofed compost pile, and production on their farms has improved. Ellen also helped OGIFA start a project to help get funding to build a school for the Las Pilas indigenous community on Ometepe Island.

In 1989, Ellen traded a high pressure, 60-hour-a-week job, for a healthier lifestyle of self-sufficiency and the creative reuse of used materials. Her work week is much longer now, but she has the satisfaction of having a healthy, happy family around her on a productive organic farm. The concept of having 'your own space' doesn't exist at the Willingham home, but Ellen has the satisfaction of knowing that she is doing her bit for her island for the planet."

The Rural Woman nomination was written by Jo Atkins, Sue Bailey, and Doreen Ball. Ellen was invited to the Governor General's Residence for a luncheon and presented with her award.

It will be hard to imagine life on Pender Island without Ellen Willingham, a life

that another friend describes as "straight out of the pages of a Harrowsmith Country Life Magazine." She and Rob dove into living a sustainable life on their Pender farm, reducing, reusing, and recycling, long before the rest of us took baby steps to do it. Her life was enriched by many of the WWOOFers who were welcomed into the Willingham world as Ellen was always open to the ideas the WWOOFers brought with them. In return Ellen shared her knowledge and always tried to plan outings for the WWOOFers which would show them our island lifestyle while teaching them positive life lessons. Her "You don't know what you can do until you try" philosophy stood her in good stead in unexpected ways but she embraced the challenges. I remember hearing about the days when she and Rob had to travel in their humble speedboat to get to their respective church services on Mayne and Galiano Islands. The speedboat wasn't always happy to leave Otter Bay Marina. Out of necessity, Ellen added boat engine repair to her always growing list of skills.

I remember the trials and tribulations Ellen had trying to protect her chickens from predators. Every June, we looked forward to picking up our annual supply of freshly prepared, organic chickens but we knew there must have been some interesting moments as Ellen and her helpers learned how to kill, clean, and pluck so many birds in one day. There was a lot to learn about the goats and kids, too. Many hours of sleep were lost when the goats began to deliver their kids, if they needed Ellen's help. There was never a dull moment in Ellen's life.

What sets Ellen apart was her amazing



Flu and COVID Update

On average, Flu season starts in November/December, and lasts until February/March.

The severity of an influenza infection can vary from mild to severe. Getting sick from influenza can put you at risk of severe disease and its complications, including getting sick with other infections.

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humanity - the insightful, kind, curious, compassionate, patient way that she interacted with others, no matter their standing in the community. She will be missed by so many, but she leaves behind a beautiful legacy in her children and grandchildren, and in the Farmers' Institute programs she introduced (e.g. veggie garden at the school) or successfully lobbied for (e.g. changes in abattoir regulations or WWOOFer accommodation on hosting farms). Ellen squeezed a lot into her thirty some years here and definitely left Pender a better place. Thanks for that, dear Ellen, and thank you for all the happy memories.

Doreen Ball

Sue and Gord Bailey remember Ellen

We've lost a Good Friend...

Ellen was the best friend a person could have, for sure. It's been over twenty years since I first met Ellen selling goat cheese at the Saturday Market, the best cheese ever! We kept talking and working together and hanging out as families do on Pender Island. Milking goats before dinner, lots of good food, great conversations, Thursday night coffees that turned into wine and popcorn long into the night, fun and sorrow all mixed as life unfolded.

We spent a good ten years together as part of the organizing team for the Fall Fair. There were a lot of logistics, lots of laughs, and amazing outcomes. And, way back when, we worked together with the Farmers' Institute to encourage a "buy local" ethic and to draft sections of the Official Community Plan. We were



also a part of the Women's Institute's involvement in advocating for better Seniors' housing and less environmental devastation by developers.

Over the years since Gord and I left the island, Ellen and I kept in touch with our weekly calls, "just checking in..." and some overnight visits when Ellen needed to be in town. We never knew Ellen as part of the clergy although she shared many of her sermons with me. She was such a strong believer in justice and fairness, equality, and personal integrity. As a nurse in Africa, she rode horses, and treated the Torag nomadic community. As a strong and persuasive advocate for human rights, she was part of a Church-organized group that was sent to witness the atrocities in Nicaragua. As part of the Pender Island community, she has been a strong voice

for inclusivity and cultural and social understanding, especially concerning the indigenous community.

I will remember her "To Do List" - every morning she would pull her day's activities together in a list so she didn't forget anything. I'm sure leaving us was not on that list! I will remember her laugh, her curiosity, her caring compassion, her love of learning, her less than perfect computer skills, her open acceptance of the various needs and quirks of the WWOOFers that populated the farm, and especially the unqualified love and respect she had for her family.

There is so much to say...we will miss our good friend Ellen.

THE ARTS

Pender Island Art Society



Happy New Year and "Cheers!" to everyone! The executive hopes all are healthy and happy after the Christmas season. Here's what's been happening recently and where we're going.

November was a busy month for PIAS with our show, *Le Petit Salon* at the Community Hall. Sincerest thanks to PIPRC for the grant that helps offset some of the costs of the show. We're also incredibly grateful for ongoing support from the community and visitors from off island. This year's show surpassed our expectations with \$5,991.00 in sales. Laura shared some statistics recently.

Comparison to other years:

- 2022 - \$5,991
- 2021 - \$2,250
- 2019 - \$6,943
- 2018 - \$5,861.38

This suggests that we were in the ballpark for sales pre-COVID. Utilizing The Square payment system allowed a more organized set up for intake of the artwork shown. The downside is that it is quite labour intensive pre show, but overall it was felt to be worth the extra trouble. The Executive have met and deconstructed the show; while we were happy with result, of course there

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is always room for improvement. So stay tuned for what happens next in our *Brush with Spring* show to be held on the May long weekend.

In early December about a dozen of us met to do the annual Art Trading Card session. It's a great follow up to the busyness of the show. It's always light, fun, and a great social meeting.

Moving forward, Brenda will be trying to go back to the first and third Mondays of the month in 2023. Sometimes some dates may shift depending on holidays; for instance, January 2 is an official New Year's holiday for 2023 and also the first Monday so perhaps it's not the best meeting date. That said, we'll do our best to get back onto a more regular schedule similar to what we were doing pre-COVID. If you've been doing art for awhile, you may be contacted to lead a session. It has been a struggle to get members to commit to helping in this way. So if you have an idea don't hesitate to reach out to Brenda. You can email her at sled_shed@yahoo.com. You don't have to be an expert, just willing to share your journey.

Information about upcoming sessions or workshops may or may not be in *The Pender Post* but details will be shared with you by email seven to 10 days ahead of time. We have quite a few new members in our society. It's always great to see new people come out and new members are always welcome. If you're interested in giving art a go, or interested in various creative outlets, please contact us at penderart@hotmail.com.

Brenda Sledzinski

Pender Island Celtic Music Society



Jan Wallace



At a recent Highlanders Aband practice, Pipe Major Larry Dempster shared some disappointing news: he had received a letter from snare drummer Jan Wallace announcing her retirement from the band. To say 'we'll miss her' is an understatement. She has contributed enormously to the band not only as an enthusiastic performer but in her capacity as secretary as well. It was through her vision and efforts that we were able to secure needed funding in the form of grant monies which kept us going when times were lean.

Jan responded to an invitation to attend band practice in the fall of 2014, joining the drum corps. By the following



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summer she was proficient enough to make her public debut at the Show 'n' Shine car show, July 11, 2015. In her own words, "The atmosphere was relaxed and jovial. Marching with my fellow drummers helped to allay my newbie anxieties. A surreal moment was when we marched through the Saturday farmers' market - a place I had visited so many times as a customer, but never as a drummer."

When asked what was a highlight of her 'drumming career' Jan described mastering a piece titled *The Drum Fanfare*. "It is long, fast, and complex, requiring memorizing, time signature changes, and the use of 'chips', in which the lead snare drum plays a solo line and the other drummers then chime in. Our snare drum 'lead tip' Joyce Steeves coached us for weeks, expertly taking us through our paces. Only through copious practice, both at home and at rehearsals, were we able to perform this virtuoso piece."

"The best part to me about belonging to the pipe band, apart from the public performances which are so much fun, is the group of pipers and drummers in

the band. We may look serious, even sombre, when marching and playing, but, trust me, this is a lively group, and Monday night practices are full of jokes and laughter amid the serious practising. I'm grateful to have belonged to the band, and always say it is the best social club on Pender."

Joyce acknowledges some of Jan's contributions which will leave a lasting legacy with the band: "She has a musical ear and had good suggestions as to how expression could be put into our drum beatings. She wrote several beatings to accompany pipe tunes. She even taught herself to play the accordion and the penny whistle in the Ceilidh Band. Even though she no longer drums with us, she and Myran come out and support band efforts."

Larry: "It has been great having Jan in the band. I appreciate the support she has given me as Pipe Major and of course her talent as a musician has been a big asset to the Pipe Band and the Ceilidh Band."

A heartfelt "thank you, Jan," from all of us.

Marie Dion


directed both the Adult and Youth choirs and created a beautiful program with both traditional and modern music. As I said in my Facebook post, if Sabrina can't squish joy out of your heart, nobody can. Thanks also to our amazing accompanist, Eileen Deros, who really made us sound better than we are.

The Community Choir Board put out a call in November for a new Music Director for the 2023 season. We received applications from two outstanding candidates. After interviewing both candidates and careful consideration, we are pleased to announce that the position has been offered to Sabrina Read and she has accepted. It was a wonderful experience working with Sabrina and we invite both children and adults to join the choirs in January 2023. The first rehearsal and registration will be on Monday, January 16, 2023. Please watch for more information on the Pender Island Facebook sites.

We wish you peace and harmony in the coming New Year.

*Terry Shepherd,
Communications Liaison*

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Pender Island Community Choir

The Youth and Adult Choirs wish to thank so many in the community who contributed to a really joyful celebration of the season over our December concert weekend. From lighting and sound, videographers, and musicians to decorating and front of house volunteers - we thank you all for working with us. Congratulations to Music Director, Sabrina Read, who

Pender Island Concert Society

We begin a musical spring thaw Tuesday, January 24 at 7:30 pm at the Community Hall with Victoria's *Emily Carr String Quartet* featuring violinists Müge Büyükçelen and Cory Balzer, violist Mieka Michaux, and cellist Alasdair Money. This quartet, together since 2006, has established itself as one of BC's finest music



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ensembles. They have performed in Canada, the US, and in Europe.

If you are having a slight sense of déjà vu, it is because this group was originally scheduled to perform last September. The concert was cancelled at the last moment when one of the performers came down with COVID-19. We are delighted they were able to reschedule their performance to January.

The quartet has done much to honour well-known local artist, Emily Carr. On the bill for us will be Tobin Stokes' composition Klee Wyck, named after Carr's celebrated 1941 memoir of her life amongst First Nations on the west coast. Part of this piece was performed for the Queen at Canada House in 2017 celebrating this land's 150th year of confederation. The evening's performance will also include works by Felix Mendelssohn and Claude Debussy.

As usual, tickets will be available for sale at Talisman Books for \$25 and at the door if space permits. Thanks to our generous sponsors, students may attend all concerts free of charge, but must be armed with a ticket.

We have two more performances scheduled for the spring. On Tuesday, March 21 we welcome the *Percussiano Bergman Duo*. Later, on Sunday, April 23 we are very much looking forward to a performance by *John McLachlan with Marc Atkinson*.

Jon Heaney, Society Chair



Emily Carr String Quartet

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



Over the years, the commercialization of the holiday season has grown, especially for Christmas celebrations. With the onset of COVID we have been more cautious with venturing out into crowded places and events. It seems as though we have shifted to quieter, more subdued and reflective celebrations including New Year's. Gatherings with family, friends, and community are opportunities to connect with warmth and appreciation. This is how the Quilters' Circle celebrated on December 12 at the Anglican Parish Hall. We came together with lively chatter and good food. Heather Duncan, our President, conducted a draw where

we received small gifts of sewing clips, pins, and measuring tapes. It is amazing how excited and appreciative we were with these fun gifts. The clips were so pretty they almost seemed edible, like coloured jelly beans. The Quartet (Dana McConchie, Eileen Deros, Michel Pel-

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letier, and Bruce McConchie) were our special guests and sang beautifully in four part harmony and led us in an enthusiastic sing-along. Our quilters brought beautiful quilts for display and the tables were festooned with seasonal glitter. We were so happy to have our beloved quilter friend and mentor, Cindy Hultsch, join us. Cindy is a retired high school teacher and knows how to deliver a quilting lesson with easy to follow instructions and inspires us with her beautiful quilts. We are so grateful for the fellowship of creative souls and extend our wishes to all of you for a winter season with many moments of joy and connections with others.

Our winter 2023 program plan is:

January 9, Hearts

February 13, 9 Minute Napkins

March 13, Fabric Bowls (we are making takeaway gifts for the *Hands Across the Water* Gathering in June)

Quilter’s Philosophy

Rising up to a challenge is deemed to be a positive and desirable attribute. We are exhorted to set goals and work hard

and this can be true when we undertake a challenging quilting project. However, there is great value in engaging in easy and relaxing projects with oft repeated patterns and familiar skills. In this new year consider enjoying the easy, the familiar, and the accessible activities.

Laura Vilness

Pender Photo Club

Happy New Year

A “resolution” is a firm decision to do or not to do something. It’s often about finding a solution to a problem. If the word “resolution” simply makes you feel bad based on past experience, call it an “intention.” Or, how about calling it a “recognition” of what really makes you happy and set smaller goals towards getting back to what makes you happy in a small way.

A resolution is not about magical, sweeping change. It’s mainly a time to reflect on your behaviour - both what you’ve achieved and how you can continue to make efforts in the right direction.

So come with intent to our happy little group via Zoom at 7 pm on Monday, January 9 by emailing Urs at ursboxler@gmail.com. You will achieve a magical evening!

December 6 with eight participants and 62 images, a festive night was enjoyed by all. We explored an interesting subject of “decay” encompassing so many unique views of this word. It is truly amazing what one person can use to take a very pleasing photo. Worms, compost, vultures eating a carcass, and rust. Yes, we saw some absolutely wonderful work with the oddest of subjects. Compost and worms were even considered a great picture to hang in your kitchen with all the layers showing through. Many pictures of leaves, captured in so many eye-pleasing ways with attention to detail. Leaves embedded in the ice, the lacey structure captured with the perfect light, decaying in a beautiful pattern with various colours.

We all then got to “ride along”, so to speak, on a wonderful journey of family history with the ride being Aunt Susie’s old truck, and then the broken coil spring and the abandoned tow truck along the side of the road.

On to the prairies we went, with old schoolhouses and old barns fitting into the category as they were beyond their purpose. As usual we were given some excellent pointers by some of our experts, for example when shooting a building perhaps try to get two sides and one side in the shade - well, that is certainly helpful! As we continued our Zoom journey we enjoyed a Pontiac, GMC, mussels on the bottom of a boat, an old seafood boat, an oven, and even a cat cemetery where Toby lay at rest.

Is it not fun and magical to allow your imagination to run wild with a group of talented and interesting people that live here on this unique Island? We learn, laugh, and truly enjoy experiencing each other’s view of the chosen subject.

As always it was a couple of hours of great entertainment. So for January’s evening the subject is chocolate. Enjoy that one and good luck at not eating your subject!

Lori Ragan

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Ptarmigan Arts



Happy New Year from Ptarmigan Arts! This January brings some changes for us as it is my last month as the creative director before I take a year off to welcome my first baby into the family. I'm very excited to start working with our new Creative Director Alice Karolina this month, who will introduce herself in February's issue of *The Pender Post*. I have greatly enjoyed the past five years as the creative director, working with such an incredible team at Ptarmigan, and while I'm looking forward to shifting my focus for the next little while, I'm sure you'll still see me out and about at various community events with baby in tow!

Singing for Joy

The winter session of Singing for Joy begins on January 12. This long-running singing group facilitated by Mary Reher is the perfect place for those who have given up on singing, as well as those who enjoy singing with others. This is a great program for those with dementia or other cognitive/physical limitations, and caregivers are invited to join for no cost. Singing for Joy runs for eight weeks starting on Thursday, January 12 at the Community Hall from 4 - 5 pm. Registration is \$60 and subsidies are available.

Puppet Making Workshop and Nice Verdes Concert

We are very excited to have Pico's Puppet Palace back on Pender this winter to put on a puppet making workshop on January 14 for all ages! This workshop is engaging for both kids and adults, and inspires creativity, curiosity, empathy and imagination! All materials are provided and subsidies are available. In the evening, Sally and Jesse of Pico's Puppet Palace will be performing as their world folk duo Nice Verdes, with an opening act from Sóley Ella Mae and Isabelle Muir. Nice Verdes play combinations of Cuban tres, accordions, guitar, harmonica, and vocals. Inspired musically by their travels around the world, they defy genres to create their own indie world folk.

Both events are happening on Saturday, January 14 at the Community Hall. The puppet making workshop is happening from 1 - 3 pm and is open to all ages. Registration is just \$20 and materials are included. For the evening concert with Nice Verdes and Sóley Ella Mae and Isabelle Muir, doors open at 6:30 pm and the concert begins at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25 per person; ages 12 and under are free. Purchase tickets for both events and save \$10! See ad on **page 55**.

Rust Dyeing Workshop

While there aren't as many plants and flowers available for natural dyeing in these cooler months, there is still lots of opportunity to experiment! Join Henny Verhoeven, local textile artist (and one of Ptarmigan's summer arts interns) for our next natural dye workshop focusing on rust dyeing! The workshop is happening on Saturday, January 28 from 2 - 4:30 pm at the Community Hall. The cost is \$30 and subsidies are available. Kids age 9 and up are welcome to join this workshop and start their journey into the world of natural dye.

Block Printing Workshop

We are excited to have Stefani Williams of OMDL Coastal back for another block printing workshop on February 11 at the Community Hall! Participants will learn about linocut printmaking and have the opportunity to create their own design on a tea towel or tote bag. Included in the registration fee are the tools and materials needed to continue making prints at home. The workshop is happening from 2 - 5 pm and the cost is \$85. Subsidies are available.

Mandala Painting Workshop

Journey through the Colours of the Rainbow with this upcoming Mandala Painting Workshop facilitated by Ulla Rembe. The program runs from February 12 to March 26 on Sundays from 2 - 4 pm at the Community Hall. Over the course of seven weeks, this weekly group will explore the seven chakras or wheels of life, and each participant will get to create their own beautiful Mandala in the colours of the rainbow while experiencing the therapeutic and healing qualities of painting and drawing within a circle shape. The cost is \$85 for seven weeks, which includes





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Community Gathering

Every Friday from 12 - 1 pm we get together at the Community Hall for live music from local artists and homemade soup in partnership with the Community Hall, PtarmiganArts, and the Community Resource Centre. This month we'll be hearing from Peach & Quiet on January 6, Jan Randall (Victoria) on January 13, Greg Beattie on January 20, and myself, Lauren Mann on January 27.

The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts

We have three shows gracing the walls of the Gallery this month. Until January 8, see the open call holiday show curated by Monica Bennett that features a variety of 2D and 3D work by local Pender artists. On January 10, Jane Hammond will be displaying a solo show of her work until January 22. Then on January 24, another solo show featuring Jordan Hamson will be filling the Gallery. New for 2023 we will have a selection of small items from local artists that will always be in the Gallery for your creative gifting needs. There's always lots to see and new artists to explore. The Gallery is open Tuesday through Sunday, 11 am - 3 pm.

For information and to register for any of the above programs or events, please visit our website: www.ptarmiganarts.org.

Lauren Matys



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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Support Programs

Maintain Your Independence (MYI)

January - February MYI Classes

Classes are \$45 for the eight sessions or \$7 to drop in. Classes are at the Community Hall. If the cost poses a hardship, contact Community Support for assistance; many thanks to the CRD/Pender Parks and Recreation Commission for its financial support of the MYI programs. To register call 629-3346 or email andrea@penderislandhealth.org.

Essentrics with Heather

**Mondays, January 9 - February 27,
11 am - 12 pm**

Restore movement in your joints, increase strength and flexibility in your muscles, and help relieve pain. This is a slow to medium-paced full body workout. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat.

Moderate Yoga with Krista

**Tuesdays, January 10 - February 28
9:45 - 10:45 am**

Improve your activity levels and build strength, balance, mobility, and range of motion in your joints and spine. The class will include breath work, meditation, gentle stretching, a balancing sequence and relaxation. Wear loose clothing and bring a yoga mat.

Tai Chi with David

**Tuesdays, January 10 - February 28
11 am - 12 pm**

Come and learn the basics of Yang style Tai Chi in a relaxed and playful

environment. Improve your balance, flexibility, and mobility as we gently work through the movements. These sessions will call for intermediate to moderate abilities as some balance will be required. Wear comfortable clothing.

Gentle Walk with Andrea Wednesdays, year-round, 10 - 11 am

Walk for fun, friendship, and fitness. This is a level, easy grade trail suitable for all abilities. Stay for one lap or five. There's no cost to join; tea and treats will be available for a small cost or bring your own. Everyone is welcome. Please bring good walking shoes and a hat or umbrella if it's wet.

Moderate Yoga with Krista Thursdays, January 12 - March 2 9:45- 10:45 am

Improve your activity levels and build strength, balance, mobility and range of motion in your joints and spine. The class will include breath work, meditation, gentle stretching, a balancing sequence and relaxation. Wear loose clothing and bring a yoga mat.

Chair Yoga with Erin Thursdays January 12 - March 2 11 am - 12 pm

Increase flexibility, stay limber, and improve balance. This class is suitable for those with mobility challenges or difficulty with balance, and ideal if you have or are recovering from arthritis or joint injuries. Wear comfortable clothing.

Andrea Mills

CRD Director Paul Brent

It's been a bit of a flurry of activity for your director as the new CRD Board forms and begins the process to chart the strategic direction for the coming four-year term. Almost all member jurisdictions of the CRD have housing as a top priority and it's certainly our Southern Gulf Island's (SGI) team top priority.

I say team because that is how we intend to operate this term, with CRD Representatives on each island (Kat Fernyhough - Mayne, Emma Davis - Galiano, Katie Dentry - Saturna and Melody Pender - Pender) as well as

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Justine Starke and Stephen Henderson located in Victoria, but who are often on our islands. Oh, yes, and me. I can say I feel very well-supported by this team. Each person brings a different skillset, but we work in a cohesive way to advance our unique island needs, while navigating the challenges of government and doing so in a cost-effective manner. And that's not easy.

As your representative at the CRD I'm on regional committees through which I advance the interests of the region as well as make sure our island voices are heard. I chair the Electoral Areas Committee, comprising the SGIs, Salt Spring, and Juan de Fuca areas that receive additional services from the CRD than do the municipalities.

I'm also on the Hospitals and Housing Committee, both areas which need more focus on the SGIs. I'm on the First Nations Committee, as progressing reconciliation is an absolute, and I believe local Nations and SGI communities can lead the way. I'm on the Transportation Committee because it's a key component in building our communities and their social, environmental, and economic pillars. And with almost four decades of experience in that field, I believe I can bring some value, both locally and regionally. I'm also on the Finance Committee, because keeping an eye on the bottom-line and ensuring we deliver value for the taxes we requisition from constituents is a critical piece of work. I'm also on the SGI Community Economic Sustainability Commission (CESC), whose focus on expanding and improving broadband across our islands has begun to reap rewards. Higher capacity broadband fibre optic capacity is coming next year and so is significant funding available for Galiano and Saturna for last-mile (fibre optic cable to most homes). Improvements to Pender and Mayne's internet are also on the horizon. The focus of the CESC is now turning to housing, and we'll be doing whatever we can in our power to support the ability to house people on our islands.

There are a bevy of other commissions on our islands that are run principally by dedicated island volunteers and which our team does their best to support. These encompass island CRD docks,

Parks & Recreation commissions, water and waste-water services, Arts commissions, Fire and Emergency Response commissions and more.

To make this work effectively, we need to coordinate and liaise with government and volunteer organizations. It can get complicated and daunting at times, but it's worth it as we are blessed to live in amazing communities in one of the most beautiful spots in the world. Happy holidays to all.

Paul Brent

Epicentre

2023 Family Passes

As the Epicentre evolves to better support the children and families in our community, we are transforming our Family Memberships into Family Passes. The cost for an annual Epicentre Family Pass will be \$130. Each Family Pass automatically includes a membership to the Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House (SGINH).

The benefits of the Family Pass will stay the same: reduced program registration fees, reduced facility booking fee, ability to drop-in to play when there is no programming happening, and newsletters with advance notice of our upcoming programs. (*Please note that the Epicentre is closed for cleaning every Sunday 10 am - 1 pm. There will be no bookings or drop-in visits permitted during that time).

Please renew your Family Pass for 2023; we are grateful for your support. These fees go towards operating the Epicentre building, which is the foundation for all our programs. You can send an e-transfer of \$130 to epicentre@sginh.ca.

ca or you can pay in person by cash or cheque at the Southern Gulf Island Neighbourhood House office (part of the Community Resource Centre at the Driftwood) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 am - 4 pm.

Winter Programs

Our 2023 winter programs begin right away on January 3! The after school programs include: Kids Club on Mondays, Theatre Club on Tuesdays, Science Club on Wednesdays, Sewing Club on Thursdays, and Youth Sewing and Crafts Night later on Thursdays. On Fridays from 10 am - 4 pm we are offering our Learning with Karen program using the Montessori teaching method. Each program is strictly limited to 10 spaces, so please register early. More information on the Epicentre's programs can be found on the Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House website <https://sginh.ca/>. Look for 'Epicentre' under 'Programs' in the drop-down menu.

Please note: Parents must drive their children to the Epicentre for the first week of the winter programs. Unless it is their regularly scheduled stop, children will not be allowed to take the school bus to the Epicentre on January 3, 4, and 5.

Our Spring Break camps will be announced soon. For more information, keep your eye on 'The Epicentre' Facebook page or the Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House website <https://sginh.ca/>.

To enquire about payment plan options or financial support contact Melody at mpender@sginh.ca. To register your child in a program contact epicentre@sginh.ca

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If you would like to sponsor a family or provide financial support for families in need, we'd love to hear from you. Contact Melody Pender at mpender@sginh.ca.

We look forward to a wonderful year of learning and fun with all the children!

Serena van Bakel

Islands Trust

North Pender Local Trust Committee



See **page 47** for a message from Trustee Deb Morrison. Also, see **page 52** for the NPLTC "Notice of the 2023 Business Meetings Schedule."

South Pender Local Trust Committee

All 26 of the new slate of Trustees for Islands Trust were sworn in on November 17 in Victoria. So far, as a new trustee for South Pender, I've received orientation in the process and procedures of the Islands Trust, and have attended meetings of the Islands Trust Council, where both old and new trustees are getting to know each other. The next regular meeting for the Local Trust Committee (LTC) for South Pender is February 3, 2023 at Fire Hall #3, 8961 Gowlland Point Road at 11 am - 2:30 pm. Further details and agendas will be posted here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/south-pender-ltc-regular-meeting-6/>.

Stay tuned for the scheduling of more meetings. I am looking forward to getting to know what's on people's minds, and how my co-Trustee Kristina Evans and I can best serve the needs of our island. We are happy to welcome Tobi Elliott from Gabriola island who is assigned as our new LTC chair.

See **page 53** for the SPLTC "Notice of the 2023 Business Meetings Schedule."

Dag Falck

Magic Lake Property Owners' Society

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MLPOS Cistern Rebate

More on the MLPOS Cistern Rebate from a Magic Lake Resident:

"I would like to extend our appreciation to the Magic Lake Property Owners Society Board of Directors for offering and providing a grant of \$500 for Rainwater Capture. We now have our first 8000 litre water storage tank fully installed and capturing rainwater off one half of our home roof. The tank is presently at 1400 litres full! This incentive program helped convince us to move forward on what I believe is a very necessary means to retain rainwater on our Island to compensate for summer drought conditions."

So far there have been two rebates claimed for MLPOS so there are still some remaining. If this interests you, email notifymlpos@gmail.com for more information.

CRD Cistern Rebate

And for others on Pender, here is a link to the CRD rebate program to register for next year's wait list (still to be confirmed if there is a CRD 2023 cistern rebate program). Note: This CRD rebate (<https://form-can.keela.co/cac-2023-rainwater-future-interest>) is not available to Magic Lake residents.

For more on what the Magic Lake Property Owners' Society does for, and with, the residents of Pender Island, have a look at our website www.magiclake.ca.

The next meeting of MLPOS Directors is Monday, January 9, 2023, 4 pm at the Legion. Meetings are normally the second Monday of the month, unless otherwise posted.

Mary Beth Rondeau, Secretary

Moving Around Pender

2023 MAP Report



MAP wrapped up 2022 with our AGM in December and we welcome back our board for another year at improving Pender's transportation system. As we come into a new year, perhaps now is a good time to look back at

accomplishments in 2022.

Following up on our survey work and preliminary report for the Schooner Way Trail in 2021 (intended to provide a safe walking/biking option between the ballpark and the school), MAP applied for a licence of occupation (LOO) from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI). The initial plan was to have MAP implement a trail similar to the Valley Home Farm trail by the Community Hall but it looks like most (possibly all) of the trail can be placed within the road right of way and thus the LOO will likely be held by our local PI Parks and Recreation Commission (PIPRC). While no real construction can begin until full engineering and funding is secured, we cleared brush and established sight lines on a small section.

MAP, together with volunteers from the Socrates Cafe, installed a memorial bench on the Valley Home Farm Trail to honour a long term member of both organizations, Garth Anderson. The striking bench gives a welcome rest stop with pleasant views of the Wein farm in the valley, an excellent place to meet friends or just enjoy a sunny afternoon.

The George Hill East Trail, connecting the PIPRC property at George Hill to Clam Bay Road received more improvements on the upper portion with rerouting around a rocky area and brush clearing. This is additional to earlier work in 2021 on the lower switchback. The trail provides an interesting loop option for walkers and good views to the east along Navy Channel and toward Saturna.

The many years of lobbying of Parks Canada has resulted in an agreement with them to take the next steps toward upgrading the informal route from Shingle Bay to Irene Bay into an officially maintained trail. This will provide an excellent shortcut for non-vehicular travellers from the west side of Magic Lake Estates to the ferry, avoiding completely the need to travel up and down Scarff Hill. Plans are in place for ecological and cultural asset surveys early in the New Year.

Ongoing maintenance on the various existing MAP trails continued, with Monty's Trail (from Library to Hall)

getting quite a cleanup. MAP also raises funds for maintenance of the Valley Home Farm Trail for mowing in season and volunteers help keep the broom down to manageable levels.

Our publicity and outreach efforts this year included hosting a discussion at the Hall about the transportation referendum and attending the popular EcoFair in October. Our website is live at <http://movingaroundpender.ca>. Please check it out when you can and provide comments.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, January 7, 1:15 pm at the Community Hall. We are hoping for a good turnout to discuss plans for the new year and where MAP should focus efforts. For anyone unable to attend in person I can set up a simulcast Zoom connection; please contact chair@movingaroundpender.ca.

Niall Parker


Pender Island Child Care Society

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre

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Parent Self Care and Children Resource Kits

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Children develop as readers by listening to books, reading and describing the pictures, using memory to read, and following along the text with fingers and then turning the page. You are welcome to sign out baby board books, picture books, or parent resources. Thanks to the Times-Colonist Literacy Society and Talisman Books for their generous contributions to support our library.

Parents and Babes

Parents and Babes is offered every Monday morning (except holidays - January 2) from 9 - 11:30 am at Dragonfly. This is a free drop-in program for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and their children ages 0-5 years. Come out and enjoy healthy snacks, adult and children interactions, developmentally appropriate toys and books, and the adult and child book lending library. Parents and Babes will resume on January 9 after winter break. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and the Pender Island Child Care Society, this program is free.

Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP)

HOP is every Wednesday in the gym from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Come on out and join Rowie as she sets up obstacle courses, a ball pit, basketball, bowling, trikes, toddler scooters, and plasma cars. HOP is designed for parents, grandparents, and caregivers to engage in physical activities and support children ages 1-5 years with gross motor skills. Stay until noon and join Jenny in the Strong Start room. Thanks to the Pender Island School and the CRD, this program is free.

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast is held one Saturday per month from 9 - 11 am at Dragonfly. Join Pamela Wadge and Chris Carrier on January 21 as they flip pancakes, sizzle up some bacon, and brew coffee and tea. This is a fabulous program for children and their dads, uncles, grandpas, or friends to come out for a free breakfast, socialize with other dads, play with their children, their children's friends, and give mom the morning off!

Dragonfly website

Check out our website for more information about our programs, helpful parent blogs, and recipes www.dragonflycentre.ca.

If you would like further information on Dragonfly activities, you can contact Sarah at 629-3039 or by email dragonflyfamilycentre@gmail.com.

Sarah Conley

Pender Island Community Farmland Acquisition Project Society

PICFAPS



The Farmland Acquisition Project Society will hold its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday,

January 18 at 6:30 pm at 9914 Spalding Road (drive through to the top of the driveway).

If you are interested in joining the discussion about what is next for PICFAPS or joining the board, please join us. For more information contact us at penderfarmlandproject@gmail.com.

Renee Watson

Pender Island Community Service Society

Nu-To-Yu (NTY)



Nu-To-Yu reopens for donations at 9 am on Tuesday, January 3. See you here! Two boxes or half-filled green garbage bags per household per day please.

Some countries "Mind the gap," here on Pender we "Mind our back." Please

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do not overload the boxes or bags. Ten pounds or the weight of a four-litre milk jug is just about right for the weight.

When donating used electrical appliances there is the electrical cord to remember; with puzzles there should be all the pieces. Unfortunately, we are unable to accommodate Friday and Saturday donation dropoffs due to lack of volunteers. This has been in effect for a couple of years now, long enough to cross the bridge and get everyone in the know. No dumping please.

The first business day for selling is Friday, January 6. There are no Saturday selling days in January. Our hours are unchanged as is our phone number at 629-2070. The best time to phone is Tuesday and Thursdays between 9 am and 12 pm.

Thank you for your donations, for those unusual items which leave us guessing as to what it is or where it came from. Naming and understanding certain donated objects is an investigative experience which challenges the youngest of the volunteers, and occasionally the oldest.

The figurines, paintings, jewellery, ceramics, toys, and vintage coats all have stories to tell, after all. Was the donation (a cow hide), originally received as a wedding gift from Aunt Margaret and Uncle Joe? Do not tell me it is Bessie the cow? I loved that cow! Was the necklace purchased on the Riviera, be it French or Italian or Mexican, in a moment of transient passion by a soon-to-be ex? You kept it for three decades? What were you thinking? Was your china set brought over by your great-grandmother? Who gave it to her? What is the story behind the painting or the print?

NTY would love to know the story behind some of the donations. We would love to know what the item actually is and how you use it! Yes, we are nosy! Please feel free to write its story, up to what can be written, on an index card. The narrative will be attached to the item when put out for sale. It can be as short as: Received in 1966 for my tenth birthday, from Mum. My favourite brooch. Take care of it please.

Thank you to those who pack their donations not to chip or break. Recently there have been boxes packed with such care it gives us great delight to unveil what is inside. Older women fussing to see what is behind the packing paper... who would have thought there would be joy in that? Thank you for our smiles.

A boisterous, well attended children-only shopping day took place on Sunday, December 11. Two hours of surprisingly focused shopping by three-year-olds, tweens and teens had adult volunteers running the stairs to bring more items into the store before it ran dry. Thank you to the parents who waited patiently outside, and to the volunteers who assisted the children.

As mentioned previously, the store will be closed when the power is out anywhere on North Pender. If in doubt, phone ahead. If no one answers the phone we are closed. As Public Health continues to strongly recommend facial masks be worn indoors in mixed company, facial masks are required to shop at NTY. Healthcare workers look after us; let us look after them by staying as healthy as possible during the winter months.

Daurel Minion

Pender Islands Conservancy



KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest Fundraising Campaign Update: We are 97% of the way there! As we

enter the final days of the KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest fundraising campaign, we have been reflecting on all that has happened over the last year. We are overwhelmed by the incredible support the Pender community has shown to this campaign. From contributing to a broom bash along Harbour Hill Drive, to attending EcoFair, to purchasing Andy MacKinnon's shirt right off his back, and everything in between. We are incredibly grateful for our community! Because of you, as of December 15, we have just a 3% fundraising gap remaining! We are so close!

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to this campaign, whether it be by donating, volunteering, sharing the message or singing the 12 days of KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest! If you have not yet donated and would like to, you still have until December 31. You can do so at the Nature Centre at Hope Bay, Wednesday to Sunday from 11 am - 3 pm, or through our website at penderconservancy.org.

Christmas Bird Count

On December 17, teams of birders scoured our islands, counting every bird they could see or hear. Thank you to everyone who joined in! We will share details of what was seen in next month's issue of *The Pender Post*.

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Conservancy Restoration

Conservancy Restoration Saturdays will begin starting January 14 from 1 - 3 pm. Small steps for big impacts! Instead of investing a full day, just come down for an hour or two on Saturdays for some invasive plant removal or planting of native species. Locations in January will be announced on the website or let us know if you would like to be on the email list at info@penderconservancy.org.

CBC4Kids

Christmas Bird Count for Kids will be on Saturday, January 7 from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Inspired by the well-loved, traditional Christmas Bird Count, the CBC4Kids engages new generations of young birders across North America. Meet behind Slow Coast Coffee at 9:30 am, where we will divide up into teams and go to our counting spots. We will return after the count for hot chocolate, sharing, and a game or two. Learn about Pender Island birds and have fun at the same time.

Naturalist Field Walk

A Bit of Birding with Bob at Magic Lake (Schooner/Privateers) 9:30 am. Starting in January, we will be restarting these well-loved naturalist field walks and field trips on the second Friday of each month. January's walk is a *Bit of Birding with Bob* (Vergette). Explore the amazing winter water birds around Magic Lake! Everyone will start at the Schooner/Privateers end of the lake and then carpool to the swimming hole. All ages are welcome - it's a great walk with the kids. Please register through our website www.penderconservancy.org or we can help you at the Nature Centre. Thank you to Bob Vergette and Don Peden for moving this forward. Volunteer leaders are always welcome. Contact us at info@penderconservancy.org for more information or if you are interested in volunteering to lead a walk.

Conservancy for Kids (C4K) joins the Community Gathering for Friday Fun on January 20.

Plastics are everywhere and create garbage that never goes away. We can decrease some of that garbage impact at home and have fun at the same time. Let's make some reusable beeswax wraps! Drop in between 10:45 am - 12

pm at the Community Hall. We plan to join the Community Gathering every month on the 3rd Friday, so if you miss this one we will see you next month.

January Seminar

Bat Ecology and Roosting with Susan Dulc Friday, January 20 at 7 pm at the Community Hall. Susan Dulc is a practicing biologist with a B.Sc. from the University of Victoria, British Columbia. Susan draws on her experience with a diversity of wildlife species, working as a biologist for both private and public sector clients. More recently Susan has increased emphasis on the study of bats in BC and is undertaking her masters research on bats at Thompson Rivers University (auroraecological.com). Join Susan for a look at the ecology of bats and what they need for roosting.

Sustainable at Home Workshop

Make your own laundry soap on Saturday *January 21*, 2 pm at the Community Hall. Cost is \$15. Subsidies are available; contact us for more info. Please register at penderconservancy.org. Pender Islands Conservancy and Pender Earth, along with the Pender Islands Community Hall, are piloting the Sustainable at Home workshop series. It is our hope to continue these workshops monthly, looking at ways we can easily be more sustainable. For this workshop, Pender's own Green Witch, Kathy Cronk, and Testing Fairy, MaryAnne Paré, have been brewing up some amazing laundry soap recipes. Commercial laundry detergents are often expensive, packaged in plastic, and full of synthetic and toxic chemicals. These detergents can harm aquatic life, ecosystems, and humans. You will learn

why and how to make three different laundry soap alternatives: a powder soap, a concentrated laundry goop, and a soap utilizing one of those invasive species that need to be removed. They are safer, cheaper, and eco-friendly. See you there.

Skull Detectives

Skull Detectives has been extended to January 31 at the Nature Centre. Do you know the difference between an omnivore, herbivore, and carnivore? Did you know you can figure this out by looking at a skull? Come try out your detective skills with Skull Detectives at the Nature Centre at Hope Bay from Wednesday to Sunday 11-3 until January 31. Are you home schooling or have a youth program that would like to come in? We can book you in for a special

Skull Detectives program! Email Sue for more info or to book a time at info@penderconservancy.org. Thank you to the Royal BC Museum, Lisa Baile, Hanahlie Beise, and Madelin Emery for your support in making this happen.

Membership renewal time

Don't forget to renew your Pender Conservancy membership for 2023. The coming year is the Conservancy's 30th anniversary and we're looking forward to lots of celebrations of past, present and future conservation initiatives. Your \$20 annual membership (for individuals or families) helps keep our education, monitoring, restoration, and research programs running; as a member you will also receive our monthly e-newsletter, and 20% off all native plants during our plant sales. Memberships can be renewed online through our website, or in person at the Nature Centre. Thank you also

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to everyone who selects #5 on the Tru Value Spirit Board to further support our conservation efforts on Pender Island. Happy New Year everyone.

Sue Kronen

Pender Island Farmers' Institute

We are so sad to hear of the sudden passing of longtime Penderite and farmer Ellen Willingham. Along with her many years in service as an Anglican minister on Pender Island and the other Gulf Islands, Ellen was a certified organic farmer and advocate and a leader in our farm community. She served as president of the Pender Islands Farmers' Institute for many years, was a great organizer, volunteer, and participant in our annual fall fairs and was the 2016 Fall Fair guest of honour. Iona Farm was a long time vendor at the Farmers' Market and her goat cheese was in high demand. Her kindness and willingness to help others, and her friendship and laughter, will always be remembered. Our thoughts and prayers are with Janet and Kevin and their families, and with Ellen's many friends.

Fall Fair 2023

The Fall Fair is in its organizing and planning stages after a long pause due to the pandemic. If you or your organization would like to take a part in this annual community event please call Barb at 250-222-3817 or penderislandmarket@gmail.com. Meetings will be starting in January. Many hands make light work! Be sure to mark your calendar for the weekend before Labour Day, August 26.

For more information about the Pender Island Farmers' Institute please see

www.PIFI.ca and our Facebook pages for the Pender Island Farmers' Institute, Pender Island Fall Fair, and Pender Island Farmers' Market.

Barbara Johnstone

Pender Island Fire Rescue Happy New Year!



So 2022 was another interesting year. Between the tragic ongoing conflict in Ukraine, supply chain issues, severe lack of housing, staffing shortages, overwhelmed medical systems, the south Pender "Dip," and an unusually hot and dry fall season, we also saw the islands come together to help the best we could. Fundraising events like the two boot drives our members took part in and benefits for Ukrainian refugees were a huge success, but we still have a long way to go.

As of writing, PIFR members responded to 307 calls, though unfortunately, I have no doubt we will add to this number before the year ends.

Since PIFR provides an all-hazards response model, I want to share with you a snapshot of some of the calls our members attended.

- 2 search and rescue incidents
- 2 structure fires
- 2 chimney fires
- 4 motor vehicle incidents
- 6 hazmat incidents
- 20 public assistance incidents
- 21 alarm bells activated
- 37 hydro incidents
- 160 medical incidents

In addition to the 307 incidents attended, we completed 26 commercial property

fire safety inspections, attended nine Saturday markets providing fire prevention education, one open house for fire safety week, three Pender Island School events, and provided fire station tours year-round.

In this past year we lost some longstanding members to retirement, but also had four new members join the roster doing their 1001 fire fighting training with four more new members about to start their journey in January. We also implemented a duty crew of a senior officer and a firefighter scheduled every night from 7 pm - 7 am as well as having the career staff covering day shifts seven days a week, giving the community 24/7 - 365 coverage.

I hope that 2023 brings much happiness and joy to you and your family. We encourage you to come up to Fire Hall 1 and say hi; let us show you what we do and share more about our incredible organization.

Captain Jon Grelik,

PIFR Fire Prevention Team

Pender Island Food Bank Society

The Pender Island Fire and Rescue had a very successful Fill-the-Boot campaign outside of Tru Value on December 3. They not only filled the boot with \$2,200, including receiving two substantial off-island donations, but several bags of food were also donated. We are very grateful for funds and food received, which were divided between the Pender Island Food Bank and Santa's Sac programs; you can be assured it was all put to good use for those needing, and appreciative of, a helping hand this Christmas season. Please see the Santa's Sac article in "Special Notices" for further information on Santa's Sac and the Elf Tree campaign, also very successful I understand, with many Penderites participating. Please also see *The Pender Post* article for further information from the Pender Island Fire and Rescue on the Fill-the-Boot campaign.

It takes many hands to ensure the success of the Pender Island Food Bank and Santa's Sac Christmas programs each year. It all begins with donations

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in various forms, some of which are received throughout the year and some of which are received specifically for Christmas; year after year you, the people of Pender Island and friends of Pender Island, are very generous with your donations. Thank you so much; all donations are very much appreciated. Thank you once again to the generous men and women in the Pender Island Fire and Rescue who continue to step up to volunteer and participate in the Fill-the-Boot campaign. A big thank you also goes out to St. Peter's Anglican Church for the use of their spacious Parish Hall to set up and fill boxes for distribution. Many volunteers also spend their time making sure that each box/parcel has all the necessary food and other items included, knowing that each package represents a person(s) or a family on the receiving end. Our volunteer drivers, some of whom have been driving for the cause for years and others brand new to the program, take the time to make sure that each parcel is delivered to the correct address. Tru Value Foods continues to be a kind and generous partner during our Christmas preparations in making sure any special orders are received in time; it is difficult to express how grateful we are for their 1% Spirit Board contributions, which go a long way to assisting us in making Christmas extra special for our clients. The Spirit Board donations also make it possible for us to provide healthy choices to our clients all through the year.

There are many worthy societies and organizations, local and otherwise, to donate to, either monetarily or through volunteerism, the need throughout the world is great, and it can sometimes feel a bit overwhelming deciding which cause(s) to choose. We would like to take this time and opportunity to thank you for choosing Pender Island Food Bank this past year as one of your local worthy causes. We hope you feel you have contributed to someone's well-being this past year and to making Christmas on Pender Island a little extra special for fellow Islanders facing challenging times. We also hope those on the receiving end this year feel the warmth, acceptance, and love this community has for you; may things to

come this new year be on the upswing...

The Pender Island Food Bank is located up the little hill, at the back of the Anglican Parish Hall. We continue to be open to serve our clients each week on Fridays from 10 am - 12 noon. Although some practices have been relaxed in the larger world, COVID-19 practices remain in place for the time being at the Food Bank; they include one client at a time in the Food Bank, plexi-glass divider, face mask wearing, and use of hand sanitizer. A face mask will be provided to you in the event you have forgotten to bring yours.

Happy 2023 to all; may the new year come with hope, good health, peace, and contentment for you.

Teresa Young

Pender Island Health Care Society

PIHCS

Dr Moore retired in mid-December

For me, he was one hell of a diagnostician. He didn't send you off and order tests for nothing.

~Dave Wright



No retirement party, no big farewell, no profile in *The Pender Post* for Dr. Gerry Moore. At least not yet.

Before you turn to members of the Health Care Society board and fault us for failing to honour a doctor who has served this island for 33 years, please understand this:

He didn't want any fuss, didn't want us to do anything. If we're lucky, when his replacement takes over (that's still in the works), Dr. Moore will welcome his replacement and allow us to say a fond farewell to him. We're simply respecting his wishes. But we can point out a few things: Dr. Moore has served the islands more than three quarters of the time that our Health Centre has been in existence. He's seen the facility almost double in size. In some cases, he has seen two and even three generations of the same families. First responders could count on his quick exit from the Health Centre to help with a serious emergency and many patients owe their return to health

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Donations Matter

The Health Care Society continues to rely on the generosity of community donors. We knew that last year's overwhelming support for property tax roll funding might negatively affect individual donations to the health centre, and it has. But we ask you to consider your support once we remind you of the big picture.

Tax roll funds may not be used for delivering medical services, equipment, or capital projects like handicap accessibility renovations or computer replacement. For over 40 years, the Society relied on donations of some \$40,000/year to make ends meet. Luckily, operating the Health Centre is now on a much more stable, long-term footing. Instead of using your support to keep the lights on, donations and rental income

now will be used to complete much-needed capital projects estimated at over \$1 million over the next five years.

These are not in the "nice to have" category, but fundamental to keeping our facility in good shape to attract and retain health care professionals to meet the growing needs and expectations of our island community. Thank you for giving; every bit matters.

Waiting for the waiting room?

We've had questions about when the Health Centre waiting room will re-open. "Not yet" is the short answer. We hope to do so by spring in a reduced capacity (i.e., three chairs instead of six) if winter COVID and flu season numbers are "stable."

Why the delay? We check in regularly with tenants about the regulations/guidelines from their professional associations and open waiting rooms are still considered not "best practice." With inclement weather, and depending on a patient's specific situation, we have softened closure from time to time by allowing some patients to sit inside with appropriate spacing.

We know some health facilities have re-opened their waiting rooms, but our Health Centre is a small building on an island where an outbreak could affect all health care providers and staff. That risk leads us to continue to follow best practice recommendations. Our goal is to see clients/patients in as healthy an environment as possible, while keeping practitioners and staff as healthy as possible to be able to care for others.

Speaker Series Coming February

The Health Care Society is proud to announce the launch of a health and wellness speaker series called *Here's to Your Good Health*.

The first event, part of the Sunday at the Library series, will be held on Sunday, February 26 at 2 pm. The speaker will address an important question: *Your Personal Genome: Your Roadmap for Your Present and Future Health?* The presenter is Pender's very own Dr. Peter Paré who will share his deep knowledge of the role of the genome as a predictor of health.

What's a genome, you ask? In people, almost every cell in the body contains a complete copy of the genome, all the information needed for a person to develop and grow.

We hope you'll join us next month.

Simone Marler for the Communications Committee

Pender Island Lions Club



The clouds parted and the seas calmed for Santa's long-anticipated arrival at Hope Bay on December 10, 2022. Over 80 excited children received gifts from Santa and Mrs. Claus! The Lions Club would like to send out a BIG thank-you to all who took part and in particular to Pender Island RCMP Detachment for getting Santa across the water safely; Dockside Realty for providing the venue and marketing assistance; Sam and Charlie Boyte for helping with the decorations; The Pender Island Fire Department for collecting on behalf of the Pender Food Bank; Kim Pollard for sharing her space with Santa and his helpers; Pender Island Pharmacy for their generous donation;

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Pender Chocolates for providing hot chocolate, The Hub for providing mulled cider, and Vanilla Leaf Bakery Cafe for providing their wonderful cookies. Thank you to the countless vendors around the Islands who donated items to our successful silent auction and to all our fellow Lions and crew who were on hand to help. A special thank you to Santa and Mrs. Claus for making the trip to Pender! The Lions appreciate and applaud all who supported and helped make this another successful time-honoured tradition on Pender Island.

As this article goes to print, the Lions are gearing up for the annual Polar Bear Swim at Port Browning.

The Pender Island Lions Club is made up of a fun-loving group of like-minded Pender citizens who raise money in support of countless community projects as well as individual bursaries. Please visit our website at www.penderlions.ca or drop us a line at penderislions@gmail.com.

Heather Regan

Pender Island Museum Society

Visitation back on track



The pandemic years of 2020 and 2021 hit museum visitation hard.

Reduced hours, fewer volunteers, and no special events meant total visitation dropped to just 798 in 2020 and 1,049 in 2021. That, after reaching a high of 2,510 visitors in 2019.

Coming into 2022, the museum focused on rebuilding visitation. We were able to re-open on weekends at Easter and added

Fridays as a regular open day during July and August, thanks to our summer student. Outside of regular hours, we hosted bus tours, group/family visits, guided walking tours, and any number of casual passers-by at Roesland.

We also gained new volunteers this past year, closing the year with 26 volunteer hosts. As we shut down for the season on Thanksgiving Day, attendance had reached 1,930 visitors, a big step on the long climb back to pre-pandemic numbers.

The printing of the January issue of *The Pender Post* in late December coincides with the revival of our *5 Days of Christmas at the Museum* event from December 26 - 30. We're thanking you in advance for coming out to support your great little museum. And to the CRD for a grant-in-aid to offset event costs. And we're hopeful that total visitation will top 2,000 for 2022.

Don't miss February's special presentation

Plan now to attend the museum's in-person speaker presentation on Sunday, February 19 at 2 pm at the Community Hall. It promises to be the highlight of our annual meeting. We'll welcome Greg Fraser, author of a new biography entitled *Joseph William McKay, A Metis Business Leader in Colonial British Columbia (1829-1900)*.

Presenting with Mr. Fraser is Dr. Pamela Spalding, great great-granddaughter of Joseph McKay, and that's the Pender connection. Joseph's daughter, Liliias, married South Pender settler Arthur Spalding in 1889. No doubt we'll hear

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Metis business leader Joseph McKay



Daughter Liliias Spalding (McKay photo credit: BC Archives)



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January 29	10:00 am	St. Peter's Hall	Circle Service

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January 8	10:45 am	Arne Alksne	Worship Service
January 15	10:45 am	Jim Madsen	Worship Service
January 22	10:45 am	Denis Dion	Worship Service
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January 8	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider	
January 15	9:30 am	Friday Mass (in lieu of Sunday)	
January 22	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider	
January 29	9:30 am	Friday Mass (in lieu of Sunday)	

Pender residents and visitors are welcome to celebrate Sunday and Friday liturgies with the chapel community. There will be coffee, tea, juice and goodies served after the liturgies. If there are any changes to the above schedule, those on our mailing list will be informed. Others who plan to attend a liturgy should email stteresachapel@gmail.com or phone 629-6029 to find out any changes to the schedule.

The Bahá'í Community of Canada (www.bahai.ca)

The Bahá'í Faith Group of Pender Island and Southern Gulf Islands (<https://bahaisofpenders.org>)

January 18 7:00 pm Feast of Sultan (Sovereignty), via Zoom

We have established a weekly zoom devotional meeting Thursday evenings, inviting people of all Faiths to participate. For a zoom link to this and other events, please email bevpedenpenders@gmail.com or call 250-412-2524 or visit bahai.org for more information. *The Divine Reality is Unthinkable, Limitless, Eternal, Immortal and Invisible. The world of creation is bound by natural law, finite and mortal.* A'bdul-Baha, "Paris Talks" p. 57

Common Table Fellowship in Christ

Meets every Sunday upstairs at the Community Hall

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	10:30 am	Service
	12:00 pm	Potluck Lunch (around noon)

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Community Support Worker/Volunteer 629-3346
Crisis and Mental Health Counsellors

Shellyse Szakacs 250-538-8711
 Ulla Rembe 250-539-0325

Family Advancement Counsellors 250-222-0025

Dentist, Dr. Emma Marler..... 629-6815

Lab Services..... 629-3233

Massage Therapy, Tru Hartwood 250-889-3923
 Taylor Watson..... taylorwatson.ca

Public Health Nurse, Immunization, Prenatal Education
 Julie Duhamé 250-544-2400 or 539-3099

Pharmacy

Pharmacist, Christine Swan 629-6555

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Physiotherapy, Mieke Truijen 629-9910

Reg. Massage Therapy, Krista Wissink . 250-381-7318

Help Lines

Healthlink BC Dial 811
 Nurses 24/7, Pharmacists 5 - 8 pm, Dieticians 9 am - 5 pm

Problem Gambling Help Line..... 1-888-795-6111
211 - Free multi-lingual information/referral to wide range of community/social/government services.....Dial 211

24 Hour Crisis Help Lines

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)

Crisis support/transition..... 1-877-435-7544
 Stopping the Violence Counselling 250-538-5568
 Women’s Outreach Counsellor..... 1-888-537-0717

Kids’ Help Phone 310-1234
 Text 686868
 Chat..... www.kidshelpphone.ca

Mental Health Distress Line

Support/Information 310-6789
 Suicide Prevention Helpline 1-800-784-2433
 Vancouver Island Crisis Line..... 1-888-494-3888
 Text..... 250-800-3806
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Chat (Youth)..... www.YouthinBC.com

Ministry of Children and Family Development

MCFD..... 800-663-9122
Victim Link..... 1-800-563-0808

Community Support Numbers

Capital Regional District (CRD)

Director SGI, Paul Brent..... 604-760-9975
 Building Inspector 629-3424
 SGI Harbours, Ben Mabblerley...benmabb@telus.net
 Bylaw/Animal Control complaints .1-800-665-7899
 Magic Lake Water & Sewer General . 1-800-663-4425
 Magic Lake Water & Sewer Emergencies 1-855-822-4426

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Fire Rescue (Emergencies)..... 911

Duty Officer is available 24/7..... 1-888-574-1959
Non-Emergency - Hall #1 and Admin 629-3321
Burning Permits - online www.penderfire.ca
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Hall/Meeting Room Bookings

Anglican Parish Hall....rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca
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 Plum Tree Court.....plumtreecourt@gmail.com

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Ask for the home support program.. 1-888-993-2299

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 SP, Kristina Evans kevans@islandstrust.bc.ca

Member of the Legislative Assembly

Saanich North and the Islands, Adam Olsen.. 250-655-5600

Member of Parliament

Saanich-Gulf Islands, Elizabeth May.... 1-800-667-9188

Pender Island Emergency Program

Emergency Coordinator 250-589-3001
 ESS 250-792-0880

Pender Island Public Cemetery 629-6625

Pender Island Veterinary Clinic 629-9909

Poison Control Centre..... 1-800-567-8911

RCMP, Outer Gulf Islands (non-emergency).. 629-6171

Crimestoppers 1-800-665-TIPS (8477)

Victim Services 629-6531

Rescue

Marine & Aircraft distress 1-800-567-5111
Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC)

Search and Rescue (Land) Emergency 911

School Trustee, Greg Lucas..... glucas@sd64.org

JANUARY CALENDAR

1	Sun	10:00 am	Badminton to 12 pm, contact 629-6830 or 629-3375, School Gym*	
		12:00 pm	Annual Polar Bear Swim registration, splashdown at 1 pm, Port Browning	25
2	Mon	9:30 am	Let's Go Walking, Mondays and Fridays, call Carol at 629-9959 or Ann at 629-3099 for location	
3	Tue	9:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations 9 am to 12 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays*	19
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	36
		10:00 am	Library is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	34
		11:00 am	Pender Otters Swim Club Winter/Spring sessions start at Panorama Pool, Fridays to April 30	40
		3:45 pm	Theatre Club to 5:15 pm (Ages,5+) weekly with Karen Parker until March 14, Epicentre*	4, 17
		7:30 pm	Badminton to 9:30 pm, contact 629-6830 or 629-3375, School Gym*	
4	Wed	9:30 am	HOP to 10:30 am (also on 11, 18, 25), School Gym.....	19
		10:00 am	Wednesday Walking Group with Andrea to 11:30 am, Community Hall*	16, 35
		11:00 am	Pender Islands Conservancy's Skull Detectives to 3 pm every Wednesday to Sunday, Nature Centre.....	21
		11:00 am	Taoist Tai Chi to 12:30 pm, contact Kali at 629-3848, Community Hall	
		1:30 pm	Carpet Bowling to 3:30 pm, Community Hall*	35
		2:00 pm	Socrates Cafe to 4 pm with John Gowan and every Wednesday, Legion*	
		3:45 pm	Science Club to 5:15 pm (Ages,5+) weekly with Karen Parker until March 15, Epicentre*	4, 17
5	Thu	10:00 am	Recycling Depot hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	36
		10:00 am	Library is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	34
		3:45 pm	Sewing Club to 5:15 pm (Ages,5+) weekly with Karen Parker until March 16, Epicentre*	4, 17
		5:30 pm	Youth Sewing & Craft Night, to 7 pm weekly with Karen Parker until March 16, Epicentre	4,17
6	Fri	9:30 am	Let's Go Walking, Mondays and Fridays, call Carol at 629-9959 or Ann at 629-3099 for location	
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for shopping to 4 pm*	20
		10:00 am	Library is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	34
		10:00 am	Food Bank open Fridays to 12 pm, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	22
		10:00 am	Tech Table to 12:30 pm, Community Hall*	35
		10:45 am	Ping Pong & Gratitude Board to 12 pm, Community Hall	35
		11:00 am	Community Café and Community Gathering at 12 pm, music by <i>Peach & Quiet</i> , Hall.....	16, 35
		1:15 pm	Moving Around Pender (MAP) regular meeting, Community Hall	18
7	Sat	9:30 am	Conservancy Christmas Bird Count for Kids- Meet behind Slow Coast.....	21
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	36
		10:00 am	Community Café to 1 pm, Community Hall*	35
		10:00 am	Winter Market to 1 pm, Community Hall*	35
		4:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw every Saturday*	49
8	Sun	7:00 pm	Speakeasy with Leslie McBain, Legion.....	49
9	Mon	9:00 am	Parents and Babes until 11:30 am (also on 16, 23, 30), Dragonfly Centre	19
		9:30 am	Quilters' Circle meets with "Hearts" as the theme, Anglican Parish Hall	14
		11:00 am	MYI: Essentrics with Heather to 12 pm, Community Hall*	16
		1:00 pm	Simple Backlit Forest in Watercolour with Brenda, Anglican Parish Hall	10
		3:00 pm	Parks and Recreation monthly meeting, Community Hall and via Zoom	35
		3:45 pm	Kids Lub to 5:15 pm weekly, Epicentre.....	4, 17
		4:00 pm	The Magic Lake Property Owners' Society Board meets, Legion.....	18
		7:00 pm	Phot Club meets, via Zoom.....	14
10	Tue	9:45 am	MYI Moderate: Yoga with Krista to 10:45 am, Community Hall*	16
		11:00 am	Jane Hammond opens with solo show of her works, Ptarmigan Gallery.....	16
		11:00 am	MYI: Tai Chi with David to 12 pm, Community Hall*	16
11	Wed	10:00 am	MYI: Gentle Walk with Andrea to 11 am, Community Hall*	16, 35
12	Thu	11:00 am	MYI Gentle: Chair Yoga with Erin to 12 pm, Community Hall*	16
		12:00 pm	SGI Sustainable Funding Initiative Workshop to 3 pm, CRC.....	38
		1:00 pm	Garden Club to share experiences with winter gardening, Community Hall	40
		4:00 pm	Singing for Joy to 5 pm, \$60 for eight weeks, register with Ptarmigan Arts, Community Hall	15

JANUARY CALENDAR CONTINUED

13	Fri	9:30 am	Let's Go Walking, Mondays and Fridays, call Carol at 629-9959 or Ann at 629-3099 for location	
		9:30 am	Conservancy Naturalist Walk-Birding with Bob Vergette, Magic Lake	21
		10:00 am	Learning with Karen to 4 pm, weekly until March 17, Epicentre.....	4, 17
		10:45 am	Toy & Regift Exchange to 12:00 pm, Community Hall	35
		11:00 am	Community Café and Community Gathering at 12 pm, music by <i>Jan Randall</i> (Victoria), Hall.....	16
		2:00 pm	Legion Euchre to 4 pm (also January 27) with Margaret Vergette*	49
		5:30 pm	Legion Friday Dinner, Roast Beef	38, 49
14	Sat	1:00 pm	Conservancy Weekly Restoration, every Saturday from 1 -3 pm, Location TBA*	21
		2:00 pm	Puppet Making Workshop with Pico's Puppet Palace to 4 pm, \$20/person, all ages, Hall	15, 55
		6:30 pm	<i>Nice Verdes</i> with Sóley Ella Mae and Isabelle Muir, tickets \$25/adult, kids are free, Hall.....	15, 55
16	Mon	5:00 pm	Yacht Club Speakers Series, <i>A Cavalier Dialogue</i> to 6 pm, Port Browning Bistro.....	5, 40
		6:30 pm	Community Choir resumes for the spring session, Community Hall	12
18	Wed	10:00 am	Pender Post Board of Directors meeting	
		4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5 pm (and Jan. 25), \$5 drop in, all ages and abilities welcome, Community Hall	
		4:00 pm	The Reconciliation Circle meets to 6 pm, Anglican Parish Hall.....	34
		6:30 pm	Farmland Acquisition Project Society AGM at 9914 Spalding Road (drive to top of driveway).....	19
20	Fri	10:00 am	North Pender Local Trust Committee (LTC) regular business meeting, Anglican Parish Hall	18, 47, 52
		10:45 am	Make Wax Wraps & Crafts to 12:00 pm, Community Hall	35
		10:45 am	Conservancy for Kids (C4K) at the Hall's Friday Fun- Beeswax Wraps	21
		11:00 am	Community Café and Community Gathering at 12 pm, music by <i>Greg Beattie</i> , Hall	16
		7:00 pm	Conservancy Seminar-Bat Ecology and Roosting with Susan Dulc at the Hall	21
21	Sat	9:00 am	Dad 'n Me Pancake Breakfast until 11 am at Dragonfly Centre.....	19
		2:00 pm	Conservancy and Pender Earth Workshop: Making Eco-friendly Laundry Soap.....	21
23	Mon	1:00 pm	Pender Island Arts Society event to be announced, Anglican Parish Hall	10
24	Tue	11:00 am	Jordan Hamson opens with solo show of his works, Ptarmigan Gallery	16
		7:30 pm	Concert Society presents the <i>Emily Carr String Quartet</i> , Community Hall.....	13
26	Thu	6:00 pm	PIRAHA Board Meeting, Community Hall	
27	Fri	10:45 am	Taffy Making to 12 pm, Community Hall.....	35
		11:00 am	Community Café and Community Gathering at 12 pm, music by <i>Lauren Mann</i> , Hall	16
		1:15 pm	Matinee: <i>Wreck it Ralph</i> , Community Hall	35
		5:30 pm	Legion Friday Dinner, dinner to be announced.....	49
		7:30 pm	Film: <i>Life is Beautiful</i> , Community Hall.....	35
28	Sat	10:00 am	Legion General Member Meeting.....	49
		1:00 pm	Legion BINGO.....	49
		2:00 pm	Rust Dyeing Workshop with Henny Verhoeven to 4:30pm, \$30/person, open to ages 9+, Hall	15

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR FEBRUARY

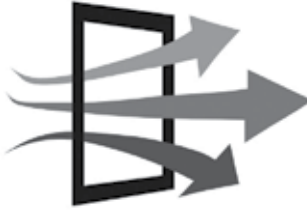
1	Wed	4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5pm, . \$5 drop in. All ages and abilities welcome, Community Hall	
3	Fri	11:00 am	South Pender Local Trust Committee (LTC) regular meeting to 2:30 pm, Fire Hall #3	18, 53
11	Sat	2:00 pm	Block Printing Workshop to 5 pm, \$85/person including materials Community Hall	15
12	Sun	2:00 pm	Mandala Painting Workshop begins to 4 pm with Ulla Rembe. \$85 for seven weeks, Community Hall .	15
		2:00 pm	Free <i>Sunday Afternoon at the Library</i> speaker series reopens with author Zoe Landale , Library.....	33
18	Sat	7:00 pm	PI Jazz Swing Dance to 9 pm, \$15/adult, kids and students free, Community Hall	
19	Sun	2:00 pm	Museum Annual Meeting & Local/BC History Presentation, Community Hall	25
26	Sun	2:00 pm	Speaker Series <i>Here's to Your Good Health</i> , speaker Dr. Peter Paré, Library	24, 33

Happy New Year

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

Al-Anon Family Group.....	Monday, 7 pm, Plum Tree Court, 5719 Canal Road, 250-383-4020
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	Tue, Thu, Sun, 7:30 pm; Mon, 12 pm, Plum Tree Court, 629-3205, 629-6128
Art Society ...	Usually the first and third Monday of the month, Anglican Parish Hall, 1 - 4 pm, Brenda Sledzinski, 778-677-0175
Badminton.....	Tuesday 7:30 - 9:30 pm, Sunday, 10 am - 12 pm, during the school term, School gym, Peter Taylor, 629-3375
Bridge.....	Contact Gail Jamieson, 629-6228 or May Ready, 629-3316
Canadian Power & Sail, Pender Island Squadron.....	David Kirsop, 629 6846
Chamber of Commerce.....	250-999-6371
Community Choir	Graham Garlick, 250-222-8733
Community Support/Volunteer Program	629-3346
Conservancy Association.....	Sue Kronen, 250-539-0935
Epicentre.....	Daily for members, workshops, and activities for members and non-members, Michael Cowan, 250-629-3665
Farmers' Institute and Market.....	Barb Grimmer, 250-222-3817
Farmland Acquisition Project	Matilda te Hennepe, 250-537-7707
Food Bank.....	Every Friday from 10 am 12 pm, upstairs of the Anglican Parish Hall, Barb MacPherson, 629-6052
Garden Club.....	Second Thursday of the month, 1 pm, Community Hall, Gail Kleisinger, 250-532-3695
Health Care Society	Third Monday of the month, 10 am Health Care Meeting Room, Marion Alksne, 250-222-0457
Legion	Meets last Saturday of each month except July and August, 629-3441
Library.....	Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm, 629-3722
Lions Club.....	First Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, Dave Dryer, 629-6012
Lunch Bunch (Newcomers' Graduates).....	Tania Schissler, 629-3844
Magic Lake Property Owners' Society	Second Monday of the month, 4 pm, Legion, Bob Coulson, 778-402-5800
Moving Around Pender.....	First Saturday of the month, 1:15 pm, Community Hall, Niall Parker, 629-6936
Museum.....	Happy to open by appointment, Simone Marler, 250-217-0823
Nu-To-Yu	Friday (and Saturday of a long weekend) from 10 am - 4 pm, 629-2070
Otters Swim Club.....	President Helen Lemon-Moore, penderottersswimclub@gmail.com or 629-2020
Parent Advisory Council.....	Darcie Whittingham, 250-857-2256
Parks and Recreation Commission	Second Friday of the month, 8:30 am, penderparks@crd.bc.ca
Pender Earth.....	Kathy Cronk, penderearth@gmail.com
Pender Highlanders Pipeband.....	Monday 6:30 pm beginners, 7 pm band, Anglican Parish Hall, Larry Dempster, 629-6218
Pender Island Public Cemetery.....	Darcie Whittingham, 250-857-2256
Pender Island Trust Protection Society	Peter Easthope, 778-951-5147
Pender Pacers Running Group.....	Meets every Sunday, call for place and time, Herb Katz, 629-3205
Pender Photo Club	Meets first Monday of the month, except July, August, and September, Urs Boxler, ursboxler@gmail.com
Pender Solstice Theatre Society.....	Evan Llewellyn, 250-812-0467
PIJazz - Community Jazz Band	Rehearsals, Thursdays, 6-8 pm. Anglican Parish Hall. 629-2047
Ptarmigan Arts	Lauren Mann, 629-0004
Quilters' Circle.....	Second Monday of the month, 9:30 am, Anglican Parish Hall, Cindy Hultsch, 629-6091
Recycling Depot.....	Summer hours, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 am - 3 pm, Niki Roberts, 629-6962
Santa Sac.....	Terry Shepherd, 250-816-1519
South Pender Historical Society	Sandra Johnson, 250-812-9776
Taoist Tai Chi.....	Wednesday, 11 am - 12:30 pm, contact Kali, 629-3848
Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre.....	Open Tue, , Wed, Thu, Fri, and Sat, 10 am - 3 pm, 629-3665
"Let's Go Walking".....	Monday and Friday, location varies, call Carol, 629-9959 or Ann, 629-3099
Women's 12-Step Recovery Meeting	Wednesday, 12 pm, Plum Tree Court, 629-3205
Yacht Club.....	Tom Caston, 629-6477

To update your listing, please contact secretary@penderpost.org



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more of their story from Pamela. Like her father, who founded Nanaimo, Liliias left a community legacy that continues to this day.

Author Greg Fraser's presentation will present "an intriguing look at the accomplishments and contradictions of Joseph McKay. When examining the history of British Columbia, one would be hard-pressed to find an Indigenous person who so successfully navigated the echelons of colonial power as did McKay. Mentored by James Douglas, he rose through the HBC, eventually earning the appointment of Chief Factor, the company's highest rank. This was at a time when few Indigenous employees of HBC were permitted to rise beyond the rank of postmaster."

After leaving the company in 1878, McKay began a second career in the Department of Indian Affairs. He was a federal Indian Agent and later the Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs for British Columbia. As Fraser notes, McKay was "a product of his time who found personal success working within the colonial system. McKay is a complicated figure when viewed through a twenty-first-century lens."

More to come in the February issue of *The Pender Post*.

Simone Marler, President

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission



The last monthly meeting was held on December 12 chaired by George Leroux. All attendees were

linked via Zoom with two attendees at the Community Hall. The meeting was also attended by Director Paul Brent and CRD Coordinator Melody Pender. Four public delegates were present, hopefully interested in the two vacant Commissioner positions.

In his chair's report, George Leroux said he is pleased with the progress of PIPRC and welcomes involvement from the public regarding plans and directions. Pender residents are encouraged to attend the monthly meetings and/or communicate with the Commission.

George Leroux, as the Treasurer, noted that the PIPRC operating budget is in a sound financial position and a small surplus is expected in 2022.

Andrea Mills will become the coordinator of the volunteer group, *Friends of the Trails*.

George Leroux reported that he had communicated with John Chapman, former long-term Chair of PIPRC, now living in Nova Scotia. Chapman will be asked to attend a future meeting and present his views on the proposed master plan. Further discussion of the master plan was postponed until after the orientation meeting for new Commissioners, likely in February.

Barry Mathias reported that about 35 trees were planted in Thieves Bay Park, each protected from deer by a wire surround. A motion was passed authorizing up to \$3,000 for similar tree planting in Enchanted Forest. Mathias will investigate how invasives can be disposed of and will report at the next meeting.

Ben Symons, the maintenance contractor, noted that he has been busy doing regular maintenance, and that a new tank has been installed at the Shingle Bay outhouse, which will be ready to operate shortly.

Rob Fawcett reported that the engineering company, having recently visited the site of the proposed trail from the ball park to the school, will shortly submit a new bid for engineering drawings that is substantially lower in cost than the original. Fawcett is investigating possible grants for carrying out the work. This multi-use trail is of top priority because it will

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make bicycle riding between Magic Lake and the school safe. There will also be a significant reduction in greenhouse gas emissions as parents will not have to drive those children to school.

He also reported that Bill Davies is making good progress on a trail on Einar's Hill. Although this trail falls outside of CRD's responsibility because it is on private land, it is of very high priority for safety reasons. Means for supporting and completing the trail should be found.

Sandra Tretick will review recommendations in a letter from the CRD clean-air officer regarding smoking at the Disc Park, and will implement them, as appropriate, over the next few months.

Park of the Month

The Golf Island Disc Park in Magic Lake has 27 "holes" and is one of the most attractive in North America. You can toss a disc through a magical rainforest while wandering over often-steep hills, and it's free!

Please report any problems with our trails and facilities and/or provide your input to the Commission by contacting a commissioner, sending an email penderparks@crd.bc.ca or by attending meetings, which are open to the public. If you would like to be involved as a volunteer, please let us know your area of interest and how you would like to

contribute.

The next meeting will be on January 9 at 3 pm. It will be in-person at the Community Hall and will also air on Zoom. You are encouraged to join us.

The days are short and winter has arrived, nevertheless you can still venture out and enjoy Pender's glorious nature.

Hans Tammemagi

Pender Island Public Library

Holiday Fundraiser



Thank you to all who came to the library's used book sale event in November and December. We really appreciated your support for our annual fundraising activities.

Programs

Our popular "Sunday Afternoon at the Library" speaker series reopens in 2023 and we look forward to hosting local authors and community members to share their books, experiences, and knowledge with the community. First event will host local author Zoe Landale and her latest novel, which the author refers to as "these are love poems," on February 12 at 2 pm; books available for purchase at the event. We're also so pleased to announce a new partnership

with the Pender Island Health Centre in co-hosting a new speaker series called "Here's to Your Health!" First guest speaker will be Peter Pare who will share his significant knowledge of the role of the genome as a predictor of health, on February 26 at 2 pm, free event.

Art in the Library

Are you a local artist who would like a chance to show your work? We have exhibit space available in 2023 and would love to partner with you; amateurs welcome! Contact the Library for more info.

Donations

Thanks to Megan O'Brien for the large donation of children's picture books, newly published and in mint condition. Families are already enjoying these beautiful books. Book donations are an important addition to our library collection, and we thank you for choosing the library to share your books. Donated items must be in excellent condition and published within the last 10 years, with one bag or box of donated books accepted per visit.



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AGM Notice

The Library's AGM will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2023 at 9:30 am at the Library, all welcome.

New Books

Adult Fiction

Small Game (Blair Braverman), *Night Shift* (Robin Cook), *One of Those Faces* (Elle Grawl), *Dawnslands* (Philippa Gregory), *Stella Maris* (Cormac McCarthy), *The Prisoner* (BA Paris), *Secluded Cabin Sleeps Six* (Lisa Unger)

Adult Mystery

Devil's Delight (MC Beaton), *Hunting Time* (Jeffery Deaver), *Bleeding Heart Yard* (Elly Griffiths), *The Twist of a Knife* (Anthony Horowitz), *A World of Curiosities* (Louise Penny), *A Dangerous Business* (Jane Smiley), *City of Fortune* (Victoria Thompson)

Adult Non-Fiction

Is There Bacon in Heaven (Ali Hassan), *Prep and Rally* (Dini Klein), *The Voyageurs* (Joshua Kloke), *How Minds Change* (David McRaney), *Life Between the Tides* (Adam Nicolson), *Professor Pincushion's Beginner Guide to Sewing*

(Tova Opatrny), *The Hidden Kingdom of Fungi* (Keith Seifert), *Forest Walking* (Peter Wohlleben)

Youth

Adventures in Architecture for Kids (Vicky Chan), *Minecraft Chronicles Books 1-6* (Nick Eliopoulos), *The Boy Who Met a Whale* (Nizrana Farook), *Best Frenemies Forever* (Megan McCafferty), *Besties Work It Out* (Kayla Miller), *Loveless* (Alice Oseman), *Cat Kid Comic Club #4* (Dav Pilkey), *Hollow* (Shannon Watters)

Library hours

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 am - 3 pm, 4407 Bedwell Harbour Road. Questions? Call or email the Library HelpDesk at 629-3722; libraryhelpdesk@crd.bc.ca.

Carmen Oleskevich, Director

Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

The Reconciliation Circle members, like other groups on Pender, are mourning the loss of a woman whom many describe as a "bright light" in our

midst. Ellen Willingham was deeply committed to justice and reconciliation, and we will do our best to honour her. She will be so missed, and we offer our condolences to her family and to all who loved her. She will rest beneath the grass of beautiful S,DÁYES, and in our hearts.

The circle will meet again on Wednesday, January 18, 4 - 6 pm, in the Anglican Parish Hall. For more information, contact me at annie-smith@shaw.ca.

We acknowledge with respect and gratitude, that these islands of S,DÁYES on which we weep, dance, and mourn those we love, are the unceded territories of the Coast Salish nations, most especially the WSÁNEĆ peoples.

Annie Smith

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

PIRAHA



We had a great turnout of vendors and patrons for the Yuletide Markets - over the six weeks we had over 50 separate vendors share their creativity and crafts with us. The Hall was beautifully decorated by our youth volunteers and interns; my favourite was their painting of a winter scene on the Lounge window.

With all the people who showed up to our Community Hall future planning meeting, we now have a great starting place to help us develop our five-year strategic plan. This work is ongoing, so if you have any ideas or suggestions we would be happy to hear from you; just send us an email.

If you would like to make a donation to the Community Hall, we are able to accept e-transfers at accounts@penderislands.org. In the notes, include your name, address, phone number, email and that it is a donation. Donations over \$50 will receive a tax receipt.

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Films

Matinee: *Wreck it Ralph* January 27, 1:15 pm

Arcade-game character *Wreck-It Ralph* is tired of always being the “bad guy” and losing to his “good guy” opponent, Fix-It Felix. Finally, after decades of seeing all the glory go to Felix, Ralph decides to take matters into his own hands. He sets off on a game-hopping trip to prove that he has what it takes to be a hero. However, while on his quest, Ralph accidentally unleashes a deadly enemy that threatens the entire arcade. \$5 suggested, masks encouraged.

Film: *Life is Beautiful* January 27, 7:30 pm

A gentle Jewish-Italian waiter, Guido, meets Dora and wins her over with his charm and humor. Eventually they marry and have a son, Giosue. Their happiness is abruptly halted, however, when Guido and Giosue are separated from Dora and taken to a concentration camp. Determined to shelter his son from the horrors of his surroundings, Guido convinces Giosue that their time in the camp is merely a game. \$5 suggested, masks encouraged.

Friday Fun

Every Friday come and join our youth leaders from 10:45 am - 12 pm as they lead fun activities. All ages are welcome, older adults are particularly encouraged as a fun way to get to meet children and youth of the community. Activity is by donation. This month:

Ping Pong & Gratitude Board January 6

Drop in for a game with other aficionados or watch the crazy antics of the ball on our ‘adapted tables.’ Then take a moment to write a note on our graffiti board about what you are grateful for as we head into 2023.

Toy & Regift Exchange January 13

When it comes to gifts, it truly is the thought that counts, but let’s face it: not every idea is a good one. Bring your new or gently used item(s) to this fun exchange.

Make Wax Wraps & Crafts January 20

The Pender Islands Conservancy is joining us this week to show us how to make some reusable beeswax wraps! When you’ve finished the craft table will be waiting for you to explore your creativity.

Taffy Making, January 27

What kinds of sweets did the pioneer Pender people have? One favourite would have been homemade taffy. Here’s your chance to try your hand at a taffy pull!

Carpet Bowling Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Carpet Bowling offers mild to moderate exercise, a bit of friendly competition and great fun. No special clothing is needed except clean flat-soled shoes. Australian rules Carpet Bowling is held weekly on Wednesday from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Recommended drop in is \$2, masks encouraged.

Community Gathering Lunch Fridays 10 am - 1 pm

Join the weekly Community Gathering for lunch, live music, a visit, tech help, and fun activities for kids and kids at heart.

Weekly Activities

- Walking Group, Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 am
- Carpet Bowling, Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 am
- Youth Night, Thursdays, 5 - 7 pm
- Community Gathering
Fridays, 10 am - 1 pm
Tech Table, 10 am - 12:30 pm
Community Café, 10:30 am - 1 pm
Friday Fun, 10:45 am - 12 pm
Lunch, 12 - 1 pm
- Community Café,
Saturdays, 10 am - 1 pm

Film Projectionist

Are you a cinephile? Would you like to help select and show films at the Hall? Volunteers need only be comfortable using a home DVD player and enjoy films; all other training will be covered.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer as a food and self-sufficiency skills workshop leader, film selector and projectionist, Youth Leadership program mentor, community events and activities



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Pender Island Recycling Society



The staff and board of PIRS wish you health and happiness in 2023. Happy New Year!

At this time of year, when there is a power outage, snow, or high winds, we very occasionally need to close. In this case, please visit our website at penderislandrecycling.com or phone our voicemail at 629-6962 for up-to-date information and service announcements.

On our website, you can also find a detailed list of items that are accepted. For items that we can't accept, you may find alternative options on the CRD recycling webpage crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/recycle/myrecyclopedia.

Thank you for recycling with us. And your donations to the FreeStore and ReShop are much appreciated. It often happens that something arrives at the store and shortly afterwards someone else leaves with it, delighted to have found just what they need! Please check with staff before dropping items off. Understandably, it may be a little trying to have your items screened but it really helps us to make the store easier to organize and to keep our garbage costs low. We accept most recyclable items in good condition for the store, including appliances and electronics, tools, and kitchenware. We can't accept chipped or broken dishes, textiles, and out of date books. We are always very happy to take a look, even when we're busy, because it keeps the inventory ever-changing and interesting.

Your steady support in 2022 through membership dollars, refundable bottle donations, and use of the depot's delivery service contributed significantly to our operating costs. For 2023 membership renewals at the depot, payment can be made by cash, cheque, debit, and credit card. You can also renew from the comfort of your home by visiting our website. When renewing online, please provide your mailing address and we

will send you a charitable tax receipt.

Now is a great time to plan for early spring deliveries of soil. Each week we bring a load of soil, mulch, or gravel to Pender Island. The cost is \$140 to North Pender or \$160 to South Pender, plus the cost of materials. We currently have many delivery dates available but by spring our waitlist will be quite long. For more details, call 629-6962 during open hours or ask a staff member on your next trip to the recycling depot.

Niki Roberts

Pender Organic Community Garden Society

What does your garden mean to you?



Everyone has their own relationship with their garden. For some it is a hobby. For others, it is a passion.

Our gardens can be an outlet from our chaotic everyday lives, or a place to show off our creativity. Because gardens are also about sharing, here is what my garden means to me.

Pender Organic Community Garden is a place that engages my senses and appreciation of creation through flowers, vegetables, and colours. It is apart from the busyness of the community and where I can experience the beauty of nature in a space that is organic and still.

From the moment I turn off Bedwell Harbour Road, I am at peace. The long winding driveway through the countryside spawns childhood memories of being back on the farm with my dad. Once I've reached the parking area, I can stroll ever so slowly down the path, past the ponds that turtles, ducks, geese, and frogs call home.

This year, 2022, was my first year to be a member of this special garden, and how exciting it was to explore my plot in the spring. I was delighted to discover mature asparagus, oregano, parsley, and rhubarb, all growing happily, just waiting for me!

So after preparing, planting, weeding, and harvesting, I was content with my first year, and already have plans brewing for this growing season.

I can honestly say my favourite part of actual 'gardening' was sharing my harvest with my friends in the city. Friends that live in high rise condos or tiny apartments. Friends who do not have the opportunity I have been given to grow a garden. Just to see their appreciation in receiving a small basket of tomatoes or potatoes, "Fresh from the earth?" as one friend squealed, is a joy in itself.

I read an article from the Vancouver Sun, that there is a list of over 2,000 people waiting to get into just one community garden, and that the wait is glacial.

I am thankful for the opportunity I was given to occupy this space my first year of arriving on the island. Appreciative for the kindness of Karl to offer this serene piece of paradise in which we can grow, harvest, and share our food.

I am grateful to be able to enter into the tranquility of the land where my garden grows.

That is what my garden means to me!

Patricia Julian, Plot 17

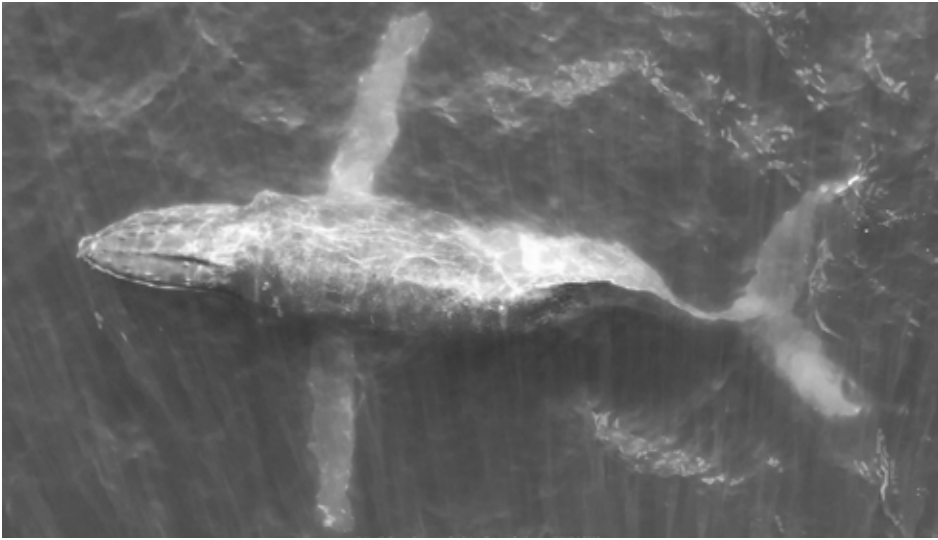
PenderPOD



December was an active month on the Cetacean front. This is how Cetacean sighter Monica Petrie's day began in mid December:

"Having just sat down to write this, a ping on my phone alerted me to the presence of whales nearby. I saw two Orcas heading east 50m off shore, toward Brooks Point. The message said they were just finishing a seal hunt off Higgs Road on South Pender. So they were Bigg's Killer Whales, identified by behavior. Soon I'll see the vultures, nature's clean up crew."

The Southern Gulf Islands' Whale Sighting Network statistics of whale sightings for 2022 are being gathered for analysis and will be graphed, then shared with researchers and the Whale Protection Desk at the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard. Vessel infractions in the Interim Sanctuary Zones (ISZ) are also reported to Transport Canada for follow up. The no boats regulation in the ISZs



Moon

will come into effect again on June 1, 2023, but the approach distances to whales by any vessel remain the same: 400m from the Southern Residents with no following, 200m from Bigg's KWs, and 100m from Humpbacks. Add 50% distance if a calf is present, which is usual in all pods.

Our successful fundraising last summer means that special equipment will be coming to Pender sighters in January. Three rangefinders and three optic cameras will be shared by our 20 members on North and South Pender. We look forward to training and practicing with these rangefinders on the whales still present among the islands, and to be ready for returning SRKW and HB in the Spring.

On a sadder note four whales have been washed up on the BC coast with fatal injuries due to vessel strikes since October. While the increased mortality is due, in part, to a rebound of humpback whale numbers in our waters it is also a reflection of increased large vessel traffic; yet another reason to support efforts to limit freighter and tanker traffic and anchorages in the Salish Sea.

A particularly poignant reminder of this risk is the story of Moon (pictured), a well-known local humpback. Sometime in the early fall Moon suffered a severe spinal injury from a vessel strike and could not use her tail to swim. As can be seen in the photograph kindly supplied by *BCWhales.org* her entire spine from dorsal fin to fluke was curved into an unnatural 'S' shape, rendering the tail

almost completely immobile. Despite this, the injured humpback survived the more than 4,000-kilometre journey to Hawaii using only her pectoral fins to swim. She is very emaciated however and experts say she is unlikely to return to the Pacific Northwest.

To learn more about POD go to our web site at *penderpod.ca*. For latest information visit our facebook page at Pender Ocean Defenders.

Peter Paré and Monica Petrie

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 239

Legion  Thank you to all who support your Legion. 2022 was a good year for the Legion and our community! The Legion, and our volunteers, were kept busy with celebrating our 70th anniversary, sell-out Friday dinners, summer Friday burgers on the patio with local musicians, Saturday Meat

Draws, Ukrainian support dinner (raised \$23,715), Pig and Lamb BBQ, Queen's Memorial, Remembrance Day, Special Persons Christmas meal delivery, private celebrations, Christmas parties, Socrates Club, Euchre Club, Speakeasy, Scrapbook & Crafts Group, Yoga Group, many local organizations' meetings, memorials, and music concerts. Please contact us if you would like your group to meet at the Legion, book an event, or have suggestions you would like your Legion to do for our Community.

2022 donations were made from our gaming funds (meat draws and bingo) to Pender Island Junior Sailing Association (\$1,200), PIJazz Band (\$500), Pender Island Youth Sports - Pender Pirates Baseball (\$1,000), Southern Gulf Island Neighbourhood House Society (\$1,000), Santa's Sac (\$1,000), Pender Young Violins (\$1,000). If your local group is in need of funds to help our Pender community, please contact us to apply.

There are many to thank for our 2022 successes, but with limited space I will name a few.

John Pender, our Service Officer, organizes, shops, cooks, cleans up, hosts meat draws, MCs, does grounds maintenance, and performs many more tasks, always with a smile. Thank you John, we are grateful and appreciative for all that you do.

Colin Denton continued to serve the Legion, especially by managing the Poppy Campaign (raised \$3,754), Remembrance Day, scholarships, bursaries, Remembrance literary and poster contests, and all youth related activities. Thank you Colin for your



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valuable service.

Lisa Christensen is an invaluable addition to our Executive and Legion management. Vice-President, Membership Chair, Bar Manager, bartending, shopping, cooking, serving, cleaning, meat draw hosting, and any tasks that are required, always cheerfully. Thank you Lisa for all you do.

Thank you Greg Forsyth for taking care of our buildings and water, hosting meat draws, and joining work crews when needed.

Thank you Dean Harris for stepping up to be Secretary-Treasurer, hosting meat draws, performing maintenance and repairs, and helping when needed.

Thank you Mike Gray and Tru Value Foods for expertly packaging the meat for our Saturday meat draws, the kind donation of turkeys for our December meat draws, and delivery packaging for the Special Persons meal. The Grays and Tru Value Foods continue to be a very important part of our community and major Legion supporters.

Thank you to all our Executives for another year supporting our Legion with your expertise in our operations, and helping where needed. Current Executive terms run to December 31, 2023: Jean Deschenes, President; John Pender, Past President; Lisa Christensen, Vice-President; Dean Harris, Secretary-Treasurer; and Executives Charles Baker, Colin Denton, Dale Henning, Dave Sherman, and Ian MacGregor. Thank you all for your time and efforts.

For January Friday dinners, we will be treated to John Pender's famous Roast Beef dinner on January 13. See our website for the January 27 menu. We are always looking for volunteer cooks. We will assist you, and there are always kitchen crew to help out. Please contact us if you can cook a dinner or help out.

Thanks to Anne Burdett and Lisa Mollison, for expertly cooking the delicious turkey dinner in December. It was a sell out! Thank you to Pender Island Disposal Services and Continental Diving for donating all the food for the turkey dinner.

Our resident chef, John Pender, and his helpful elves, once again stepped up and cooked a wonderful turkey meal which

was delivered to more than 60 Special people on December 11, with the help of Community Support at Pender Health Centre, Community Resource Centre, and coordination with Santa Sac, and all the volunteer drivers bringing a little Christmas cheer!

Legion membership dues for 2023 remain at \$55. Renew, or join, on the legion.ca website, mail a cheque to the Legion, drop off a cheque to the Legion folder in the Community Box, or send an e-transfer to branch239.rcl@gmail.com. Your 2023 member card sticker will be available to pick up at the Legion, or will be mailed to you. Thanks for your continued membership support.

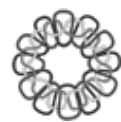
Heartfelt thanks to all our volunteers who kept the Legion going in 2022. We are always grateful. Please see our display ad on **page 49** and thank them when you see them.

Wishing you and yours all the best in 2023! See you at the Legion,

Jean Deschenes

SGI Community Resource Centre

SGI Housing NOW Project



Now that the hustle of the holiday season is behind us, the Housing NOW team will be focusing on you! Watch for our pop-up locations throughout the Gulf Islands over the upcoming weeks - we want to talk about housing. What do you need, or better yet, what do we need as a community?

Remember Pender, our voices carry farther as a group - so get involved, today. Please participate in our Housing Experience survey which can be found at <https://linktr.ee/sgihousing>. We are looking forward to hearing from you and if you have already participated - we thank you.

Any other questions? Email us at housingnow@sgicomcommunityresources.ca and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Upcoming Workshop Sustainable Funding Initiative, January 12, 12 - 3 pm

Did you know that many funders give preference to projects that take a coordinated, regional approach? In fact, it makes a lot of sense for islands with small populations to work together, for example when applying to the new \$400 million Community Services Recovery Fund. On Thursday, January 12 from 12 - 3 pm the Sustainable Funding Initiative will be running a workshop about partnering and collaborating with other SGI non-profits. Once again, we are using our "mindful payment" fee structure, where SGI NPOs can choose which of three price points they can best afford to pay. We encourage all registrants to reach out to similarly-mandated organizations both intra and inter-island, to see if they also want to attend the workshop and join forces. To register, visit our website www.sgicomcommunityresources.ca/non-profit-support/ or contact us for more information.

Did you know that the SGI Sustainable Funding Initiative can help you look for grants? Email kdentry@sgicomcommunityresources.ca, fill out a quick questionnaire, and we'll send grant opportunities right to your inbox.

Employment Services

WorkBC can support you in finding a job and keeping it. Services are available to all unemployed or precariously employed B.C. citizens legally eligible to work in B.C. The goal of WorkBC is to support clients in finding the quickest way back to stable or sustainable employment with many great services such as Job Search Financial Supports, Job Start Financial Supports, Wage Subsidy Service, Self-Employment Service or Re-Training. Visit www.workbc.ca to learn more about precarious employment or reach out to us to discuss your specific situation.

Community Development

Thank you to everyone who took the time to complete our business survey. We will publish the results of the survey on our website at the beginning of 2023

Help us help you, join our Board of Directors. We are looking for new members as several key members are leaving or retiring. This coming year will see us working on the SGI Economic and Sustainability Development Plan and we would be so pleased to have you join us to offer your expertise and ideas. Email execdir@sgicommunityresources.ca for more information. Wishing you all a Happy and Prosperous 2023!

Melody Pender

SGI Neighbourhood House



We are excited to announce that our website www.sginh.ca is now up and running! Please have a look at the site and learn a little bit more about what it is we do to support the communities of the Southern Gulf Islands.

Computer Savvy Seniors

CSS will be offering workshops in person on Galiano, Mayne, and Pender in January. Stay tuned for dates and locations on our website. Can't make it in person? Don't worry, you can still register to join us on Zoom! These workshops will help you learn strategies for problem solving and computer organization. Bring us your most annoying computer issues and we will do our best to solve them. See ad on **this page**.

Lori Davenport

Southern Gulf Island Community Justice Program

It's a New Year, and we are looking forward to welcoming new volunteers to SGICJP. Visit our website to learn more about what we do, and sign up to

volunteer. We offer training in conflict resolution, peace circles, and restorative justice. We also host Community Circle Conversations about various topics relevant to our communities. Connect with us at cjp@sginh.ca or follow us on Facebook.

SGICJP is committed to the vision of a community that embraces inclusivity, accountability, compassion, and respect.

Jim Peacock

Enter our contest!

Win a local Island grocery store gift certificate of \$75. To enter, get your applications in to see if you qualify for free energy-saving upgrades and advice from Fortis at NO COST. There is no cost to make an application. Every application will be entered in a draw to win a \$75 gift card from your local Island grocery store.

Qualified households will be contacted, and representatives will arrange for:

- Review of your home's energy use and energy-saving advice
- Free installation of products such as energy-saving LED light bulbs, water-efficient showerheads, weatherstripping, carbon monoxide detectors and more
- Free upgrades such as insulation, an ENERGY STAR® fridge or a high efficiency gas furnace

Please contact the Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House office at admin@sginh.ca for more information and to get an application package sent to you, or call 629-3665 any Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 10 am - 4 pm. You need to get your application to us by February 15,

2023, to qualify for the contest.

Michael Cowan

RECREATION AND LEISURE

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Pender Island Squadron



Happy New Year.
CPS Pender
Island Squadron
hopes you enjoyed the

holidays with family and friends.

For 2023 we confirm the following course offerings:

Maritime Radio

This is a self-study, online offering open for registration year round.

A marine VHF radio is the best tool for sourcing immediate help when boating. Not only does it put you in contact with coast guard and rescue resources, it simultaneously broadcasts your need for assistance to all radio equipped boats in the area. It is often the nearest boater that will first come to your aid. Learn how to use this important tool to keep you and your family safe on the water.

Marine Electrical Maintenance February 15, 2023

Learn how to maintain electrical systems in your boat properly and safely. Gain a solid foundation in wiring, direct current systems, and alternating current systems found on recreational vessels. This course also covers galvanic and stray current corrosion, lightning protection, interference suppression, and electrical troubleshooting. Learn how to maintain electrical systems in your boat properly and safely.



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Computer Savvy Seniors In-Person & on Zoom!

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www.sginh.ca/programs/css-courses/

email ldavenport@sginh.ca or call 250-629-3665 for more information.

Registration opened December 16 and will close January 27. This will allow us time to order and deliver text books.

Remember to check out current course offerings at boatingcourses.ca or cps-ecp.ca.

Also for our members, we have a limited number of burgees for sale at \$20 each which can be purchased from the cashier at the pharmacy. Not a member? Consider joining and supporting your local squadron.

This is a good time to inventory your safety equipment and make sure it is in good working order. Check for the required PFDs, signalling devices, flares, throw rope, horns, and navigation lights.

Thanks for reading and stay safe on the water,

David Kirsop, Commander

Pender Island Garden Club



Historically, winter gardens were greenhouses or conservatories, where tropical and subtropical plants were grown to extend the living space of the nobility. Now winter gardens are cold tolerant vegetables grown outside with the intent of extending the growing season and thus extending our harvest period. A winter vegetable garden is one of frost tolerant plants that will grow and can be harvested until spring. In theory, in temperate regions like ours, plants may become dormant when it's cold, but will grow when the sun is out and it warms up. Learn which plants may be semi-hardy for surviving light frosts and which ones are harder to withstand more winter cold.

Come to the Community Hall, downstairs on Thursday, January 12 at 1pm to hear about our experiences with winter gardening with valuable input from members of the Garden Club.

There is a drop-in fee of \$5 for non-members.

Kathy MacLachlan

Pender Island Otters Swim Club

Here comes 2023!



We Otters are back in the water at Panorama Pool, Sidney on Friday January 6, with our lane rentals going from 11 am - 2 pm. Returning swimmers will have received a reminder about registering for the new session, but if there are new swimmers, (aged 5 - 70+) wanting to join, please go to our webpage at www.penderislandotters.webs.com and follow the link to Registration.

We have our wonderful dedicated coaching staff on board and they have already excitedly noted the progress the swimmers made over the winter, in all age groups. Coach Hannah works with our youngest swimmers in the warm pool lane, and Coach Kurtis has the rest of us in three lanes of the big pool. Both Coaches do their best to accommodate families who want to all swim at the same time, to make ferries home, but also do try to balance abilities in the groups. It is a challenge to manage, and they appreciate swim families being flexible in session times where they can, so all get the best swim experience, and develop their skills to the best of their ability.

If there are questions about our programs, you can either go to the webpage mentioned above, which does give general information, but for more specific questions you can reach us at our email address at penderottersswimclub@gmail.com.

Hope everyone had a joyous holiday break, and see you back in the pool soon.

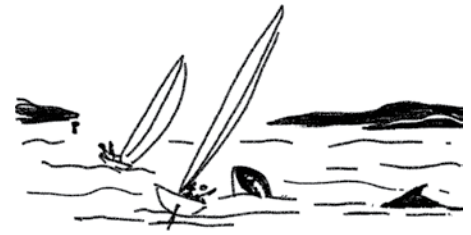
Helen Lemon-Moore

Pender Island Yacht Club

Message from the new Commodore



Over the last three years, many of us have realized, more than ever, how precious and essential community and friendship are. It's got us through the tough stuff. And now that we're on the other side, hooray that it's time to once again gather and enjoy what we love to do, together. And maybe it'll be in



Spectators on the way to the windward mark

a new way. We've all changed. Some have remodeled kitchens, some have remodeled perspectives. Pender Island Yacht Club has remodeled leadership.

Big thanks to our fearless skipper who kept the boat afloat these last five years, Commodore Tom Caston, as he passes the hat to our new Commodore, me.

PIYC is an interesting and diverse bunch who love adventuring in the beauty of the Salish Sea we get to call home, raising a glass together, and creating something good. Some cruise, some go fast, and some go slow, trying to go fast.

The pub at Port Browning is our club house and we support Pender's popular summer Junior Sailing School just down the beach. Monday nights might find the cruising fleet planning the upcoming summer adventures, or the sailors having a pint over the banter of Saturday's race highlights. The racing fleet races most Saturdays, September through May, (a great way to improve one's sailing skills). We'd like to invite you on Monday, January 16 for episode 1 of our Inspiring Speaker Series, *A Cavalier Dialogue* with a helicopter pilot, boat builder and solo round the world sailor, who began his voyage on his 70th birthday, not knowing that much about sailing. Fascinating and definitely inspiring. Admission by donation, members free (membership is only \$50 per year) 5 - 6 pm in the Bistro at Port Browning, then on to the pub for dinner afterwards.

RSVP to fionapercy369@gmail.com or 250-217-3399.

If you're interested in racing, either as a boat owner or as crew, connect with Charlie Eigl, Race Captain and Vice Commodore at eiglchar@gmail.com. Wishing you a playful 2023,

Fiona Percy, Commodore

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS FOR NOVEMBER

	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	7.8	2.3	5.1	11.0 on 24 th	-1.0 on 30 th	82.0	4.0	86.0
“Normal”	9.8	4.7	7.2	18.5 in 2016	-8.5 in 2006	133.0	3.0	136.0

In some months we have wondered “Is this really September? Or October? Or autumn or summer?” But there was no doubt it was November when we had a lot of rain in the first week, including 36 mm in one 24-hour period. We expect rain in November, so we were not surprised.

Our winter is usually described as our rainy season, but occasionally we have snow and low temperatures. 3°C on the first night of November felt a bit chilly and I think some areas of Pender had frost on the ground that night. My thermometers are in a Stevenson Screen supplied by Environment Canada and the thermometers are at eye level, but temperature on the ground is less. We get snow in about one-in-three Novembers and this year to emphasize that summer had changed to winter, we had 2 cm of snow on November 7 and the temperature dropped to -0.5°C. The snow was not deep and it did not last long, and we then had two weeks of mostly sunny weather and no precipitation. During that time the temperature did not drop below zero.

Towards the end of the month, the rain returned mixed with a little snow, but not enough to bring our total precipitation up to the average for November. I was out and about in Victoria on November 29 when it snowed, and I noticed there was quite a variation in the amount of snow from one location to another on Pender; at my place there was less than elsewhere and the amount was not measurable. Temperatures in November were below average.

Autumn colours were late this year. Even the maple leaves, which usually start changing in August, were still falling at the end of November. I have been busy dismantling our irrigation, otherwise freezing temperatures would play havoc with valves and connectors.

Now it is January in the new year 2023. We passed the winter Solstice

on December 21 so the days are getting longer, although not noticeably yet. January is statistically our second wettest month, after November. Our lowest January precipitation was 50.8 mm in 2017 and the highest January precipitation was 253 mm in 2006 and neither of those totals included any snow. We have had January snow for 15 years since 1987 but usually less than 10 cm. The deepest January snow was 47.4 cm in 2005.

Weather is fickle and there is no way of knowing what is in store for us in 2023. Weather forecasters don’t always get it right even for the next few days, so I take no notice of forecasts for the next few months or weeks.

We almost always experience below zero temperatures in January and the lowest were -8°C in 1996 and -7°C in 2020 - and we had January snow in both of those years. At this time of year there is always some ice on the surface of Magic Lake, but it is rarely thick enough for skating.

Malcolm Armstrong

COVER STORY

Perfect timing with this first cover photo of 2023...a reminder of those warm summer days at the Thieves Bay Marina. The photographer happens to be Elaine Morrison.

This year will begin Michel’s retirement. All the best Michel, it has been fun working with you. I look forward to introducing your successor to the resourceful and intrepid staff of the Research Department.

Please note that on the January cover, there are no sailors wearing toques, scarves, or mittens, so I assume that the photo was not taken in early December. When my dog and I walked to the end of Magic Lake one morning in mid-December, there was not one duck or goose to be seen, compared to a week

earlier when we were greeted by more than 100 ducks and geese that had dropped in on their way south. On the most recent morning, a skim of ice hugged the shoreline from dry land to about 15 metres from shore, the water that used to harbour ducks and geese.

I am not sure if the times are a-changin’ as Bob Dylan claimed, but for sure the season is a-changin.’ The boat owners have taken care of their fuel tanks, their fridges have been cleaned out, various washables are ready for their early winter spruce up. All shiny bits of marine hardware that were somewhat questionable in the season just ended will be reassessed for repair or replacement. Likewise the sail that needed tending will be headed for repair or replacement. All are normal end-of-season chores for boaters. Normal until someone, standing amid a living room full of sail, happened to ask “Has anyone seen the dog?” A simple question until everyone in the sail-cluttered room took a shot at calling Sparky...zero response.

No one could reliably recall seeing Sparky since leaving the Marina. In full panic mode, the Sparky owners rushed back to the Marina. There Sparky waited patiently by “her” boat, waiting to be rediscovered! By the way, “Sparky” is a fictitious name, used to prevent the real dog from unwarranted teasing from his canine pals.

On that happy note, the staff and board of *The Pender Post* wish everyone - sailors and non-sailors - calm waters, blue skies, and easy sailing through 2023.

Mike Wiley

PENDER POST PAST

My apologies for not writing the Marticle this month but life got in the way. See you next month.

Val Butcher

Rules and Tips

I am sure that you will find this puzzle to be easier than most. This puzzle has 29 numbers and to solve it you must put a number in each of the 52 blanks, but there must be no more than one number 1 to 9 in each row, each vertical column and each group of nine squares. Without reference to the original, I solved this puzzle in one sitting and my solution was slightly different from the original. There may be other correct solutions.

Malcolm Armstrong

2023

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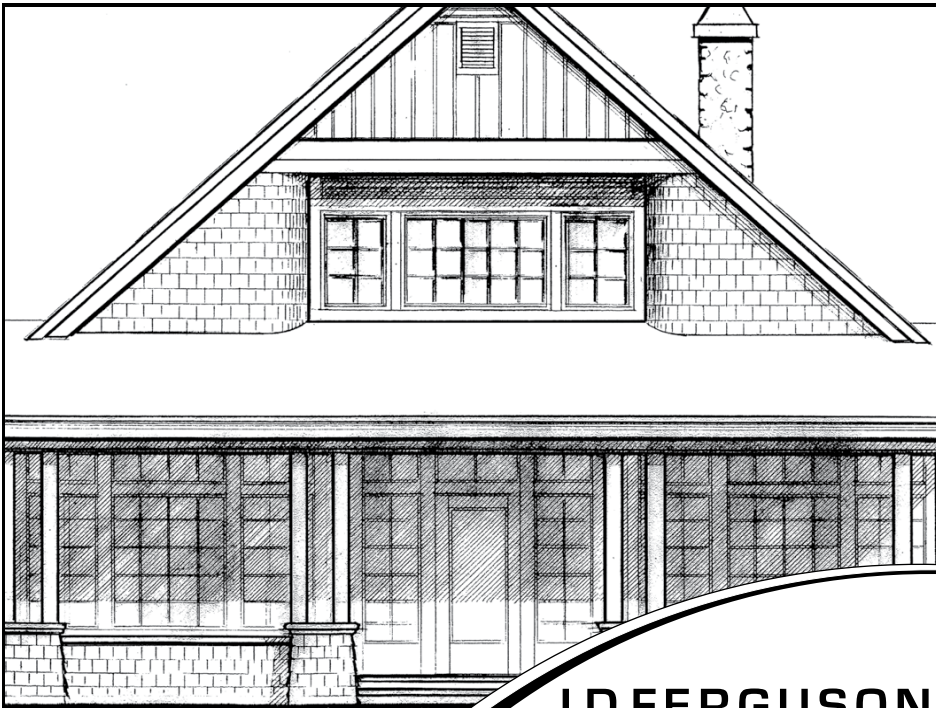
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I hope everyone had a good and safe holiday season.

The Pender Post

has included our planned meeting schedule for 2023 on **page 52**. The NPLTC is happy to rearrange our regular meeting schedule to include three special meetings on Saturdays to have community conversations across the year. Please let us know if you have specific topics within our mandate you would like us to focus on.

Finally, we welcome our new chair, David Maude from Mayne Island.

I wish you all a Happy New Year.

Deb Morrison

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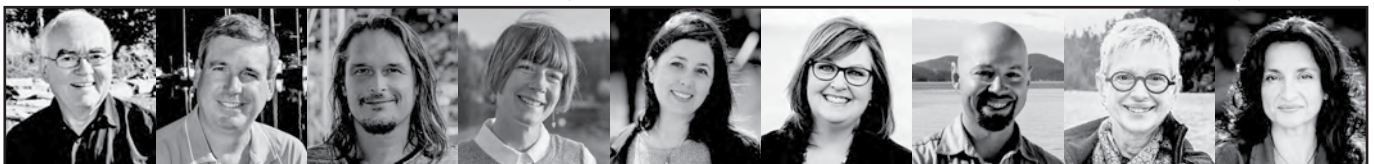
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MEETING DAY: last Friday of each month

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