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### Oyster Rockefeller

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### CHOICE OF:

### Garden Mixed Greens

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## ENTREE

### Roast Turkey Dinner

Butter basted turkey breast, slow roasted dark meat, traditional stuffing, roasted garlic mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, bacon brussel sprouts, pan gravy

### CHOICE OF:

### Roasted Beef Tenderloin

Carved slices served with Bernaise sauce, fresh asparagus, baked tomato with gruyere cheese, rosemary fingerling potatoes

### Grilled Eggplant Roulade

Stuffed with fall harvest vegetables, nested on grilled potato, fresh basil tomato sauce, crowned with onion crisp

## DESSERT

### Pumpkin Harvest Cheesecake

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### CHOICE OF:

### Chocolate Cake

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## Will you pledge support for the Schooner Way Trail?

We all know that Pender roads aren't safe for pedestrians and cyclists. That's why the Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission is leading the Schooner Way Trail project, an initiative to build a multi-use trail from Danny Martin Ballpark to the Pender School and Medical Clinic.

- **Why start here?** This is the section of trail that the community chose as its top priority. This section of trail will eventually tie into the CRD's planned Gulf Islands Regional Trail from the ferry to the Driftwood and beyond to South Pender.
- **What's the benefit?** Multi-use trails are for everyone...walkers, runners, cyclists and people using mobility devices. These trails will enable Pender residents to travel safely and efficiently to school, work and social activities, and to access community services, amenities and businesses – all while reducing our carbon footprint.
- **How much will it cost?** Building the trail is expected to cost \$2.1 million. Nearly 2/3rd will come from the BC Active Transportation Grant, the Federal Community Works Fund and other government funds. This leaves us about \$500,000 shy of our total and that's why we are asking for your support.

We realize that \$500,000 is a large ask, but we are hopeful that the Pender Island Community will come together and start the process of building a safer and healthier island. With your pledge of support, we can make this stretch of road safer for everyone, especially our youth.

Each \$250 pledge will sponsor 1m of trail. Special Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum "founders" categories have been set up for sponsors of 10+, 40+, 100+ and 300+ metres of trail. Even if you can't sponsor a metre, all donations of \$20 or more will be tax deductible. Pledges won't be collected until after we hear if our grant application is successful.

**Can we count on your support to reach our first \$250,000 pledge milestone by October 15, 2023? Thank you Pender!**

Pledge forms are available online, at locations around the island & in the community folders at Dockside Realty at the Driftwood.

More information about the project is available at: [www.crd.bc.ca/schoonerwaytrail](http://www.crd.bc.ca/schoonerwaytrail)

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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As some organizations “gear down” after the hustle and bustle of a Pender summer, others are “gearing up” for the many winter events, activities, and meetings. All these organizations add to the richness of our community, and almost all of them are powered by volunteers (including *The Pender Post*). The SGI Community Resource Centre is encouraging organizations to think about how to attract and retain volunteers, but I would also like to challenge our community members to consider how we, as a community, treat volunteers.

Over the past year, I have observed volunteers not just being under-appreciated, but being yelled at, called out on social media, and even threatened. And yes, as president of *The Pender Post*, I too have been on the receiving end. It isn't a great feeling.

Volunteers are just people. They make mistakes, they have a bad day, they feel burned out. But they are people who are willing to put themselves out, often in ways that are unseen and unthanked, because they believe in doing their part to make our community an amazing place to live. If you are unhappy with the actions of a volunteer, of course you have a right to address it with the organization responsible. But please, let's make an effort to do so respectfully.

I'd also like to let organizations know that *The Pender Post* often has space to put short, free announcements of fund-raising efforts. We don't want to miss any! If your organization is engaged in fundraising, please send a short note with details to [production@penderpost.org](mailto:production@penderpost.org) and if we have room, we will include it.

Please also note that the Pender Post phone number, in the phone book and in old copies, is no longer to be used. If you need to get in touch with one of us, please use the contact information on this page.

*Annie Smith*

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### Santa's Sac



It's that time of year again when Santa is shaking off the cobwebs and getting ready to go to work. This year, the program will have a slightly different format as I am heading to the other pole for time with family, but Santa and many elves will be busy here on Pender Island.

The Elf Tree Project will start on November 15 with the location to be determined. (Depending on staffing, the Dockside Realty office may be closed a few days of the week for 6-8 weeks over Christmas.) For those new to the island, the Elf Tree supports families in need over the holidays. It's very simple – take a tag off the tree which has a gift and age/gender of child, buy the gift, and bring it back unwrapped with the tag. Last year, due to the generosity of so many, we were able to give out wonderful bags of toys/gifts to 26 families with 48 children with an approximate value of \$8,500.

The Santa's Sac program also includes food support for families, couples, and individuals. Our expenses for food cards last year increased due to the cost of food so each family received a card for \$250, \$150 for couples, and \$125 for individuals. Families also received either a ham or vegetarian choice (turkeys were too expensive). We supported 12 couples and 40 individuals. Total food card expenses were almost \$15,000. We also gave out 22 gifts to seniors, supported by the annual donation of chocolates by PI Pharmacy and bears from the BC Liquor Store. Other small expenses include gift wrap and tape for parents, envelopes, stamps, and cards.

We know the need this year will be just as great, so we are asking for your support once again. We realize that there are many other groups fundraising and understand it's an expensive time of year. Our major sponsor, the NuToYu,



# MAD MONSTER MURDER MYSTERY PARTY

SATURDAY OCTOBER 28TH BISTRO @ BROWNING 6:00 PM

Join us for an evening of Halloween hijinks and...murder? This year, the monsters of the Global Creature Coalition are gathering for their annual Monstrocon convention at Hex Hollow. What could possibly go wrong at a monster convention?



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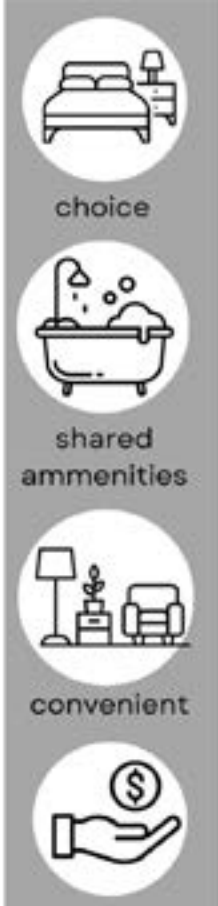
### A Game of Cozy Murder & Darkness

We will be hosting our first TTRPG campaign Sunday afternoons this November. Brindlewood Bay is a roleplaying game about a group of elderly women—members of the local Murder Mavens mystery book club—who frequently find themselves investigating (and solving!) real-life murder mysteries. The game is directly inspired by the television show *Murder, She Wrote*, but also takes inspiration from the works of H.P. Lovecraft, “cozy” crime dramas, and American TV shows from the ‘70s, ‘80s, and ‘90s and was named one of the best tabletop RPGs of 2022.

This first session will take place over 4 weeks. First timers are welcome, and we have picked this more light-hearted mystery based game with that in mind. Matt (who is an experienced TTRPG player) will be the game master leading the players through the sessions.

This series takes place in our basement theatre, limited spaces available, additional details and space reservation at

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is also fundraising for a new building project. If you can help Santa this year, please consider:

- Making a cash/cheque donation to PI Food Bank with Santa's Sac in the memo line. Tax receipts will be issued for amounts over \$20. Please include name, address, and PC.
- Donate your Tru Value 1% to Santa's Sac #10.
- Take a tag from the Elf Tree and buy a gift.
- Donate volunteer time. Volunteer forms are in the Santa's Sac folder in the Community Box at Dockside Realty, Driftwood. We need elves to sort toys, deliver to the Anglican Hall, deliver hampers (Friday, December 22), write cards, etc.

As always, we thank our annual sponsors: Pender Island Fire Rescue for the 'Shake a Boot' day, NuToYu, PI Food Bank, the Legion, the Lions Club, Magic Lake Property Owners, PI Yacht Club, PI Pharmacy, PI BC Liquor Store, Pender Chocolates, St. Teresa's Chapel, and all our annual individual donors.

I will be sorry to miss all the fun in Toyland but will keep you updated on changes!

*Terry Shepherd*



*Sadly, Adam Dobres has left our island, but before he went he and Peter Schryer gave a mesmerizing, toe-tapping farewell concert at the Community Hall September 15. Here's hoping they're back soon and often!*

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## Creators' Cafe

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- October 8, 4:30-7:30pm
- October 15, 4:30-7:30pm



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# New Owner Begins New Era for Talisman Books

Most Pender Island locals know Carrie Bell from her work as a fitness instructor, at the book shop, at the Golf Course Pro Shop, and her successful Pender Pasties table at the Saturday Market. To add to her accomplishments, she is now the proud new owner of Talisman Books.

Carrie had never thought of owning a bookshop but very much enjoyed working at Talisman as a part-time employee. She enjoyed the energy, the vibe of the shop, and found pleasure in dealing with the public in such an environment.

Competing with Amazon was a concern as she considered buying the shop. However, it was clear that Penderites support local businesses and are more than happy to order their books through Talisman rather than support a huge corporation. This became something of a deciding factor for Carrie and her husband, Adrian.

The challenges of running a business came as a bit of a shock and Carrie soon realized there was much more to it than “just looking pretty and buying books”. She has some great new ideas to enhance the shop including carrying a lot of the books that are currently banned in the US, book and play-readings, and perhaps introducing a drag queen story hour for the kids. In the gift department, she is planning on featuring more of the work of local artists and more variety for the kids as well as more art supplies.



Talisman will continue being a ticket agent for local events and Carrie hopes to feature a “What’s On on Pender” sign in the window to keep people aware of local events.

Pender Island welcomes Carrie and Clem, the shop dog, and wishes them every success.

*Allan Gray*

## Coming to Hope Bay This Fall

### Help Us Grow



Sarah Rae and family are proud to announce a new collaborative space opening at Hope Bay this fall. Studio B Collective will be a retail space, salon, and the heart of Hope Bay!

Studio B Collective aims to provide a “home” for artists, makers, artisans, and entrepreneurs to showcase their wares on a consignment basis. If this sounds like you

please contact us at:

[studiobcollective1@gmail.com](mailto:studiobcollective1@gmail.com)

This new space will also feature games, gaming supplies, and art supplies curated by our friends at Kraken Underground, and worry not - Studio B Hair Art will also be in full operation and will now include retail hair supplies!

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# Thank You!!

Thank you to the people of Pender Island and our visitors who donated at the gate, volunteered their time and skills, exhibited, or attended the 2023 Pender Island Fall Fair.

The Pender Island Fall Fair gratefully acknowledges the financial support of the Government of Canada, the Province of British Columbia, and the Capital Regional District.

The Fall Fair committee would especially like to thank the following businesses, organizations and individuals for their donations and sponsorships that made the 2023 fair possible.

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Pender Island Recycling	Gulf Excavating	Hamilton Cove Farm

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Brenda Sledzinski	Pender Island Conservancy
Gwailo Restaurant – Golf Course	Inish Eile Farm
Renaissance Gallery	Slow Coast Coffee



## Multiple Crises Require a Coordinated, Collaborative Response



As I look ahead to the next legislative session, the political landscape has changed with the emergence of the BC Conservatives as an official party in the British Columbia Legislative Assembly. However, many of the issues remain, and are lacking substantive solutions.

This summer has been another season of extremes in British Columbia, exposing the real threat of the climate crisis. Severe drought has set in across the province, and 2023 set the record as the most active and destructive wildfire season in the history of the province, pushing the capacity of our services and the patience of British Columbians to the limit.

At the same time the social fabric we have relied on for decades is stretched to the breaking point. The chronic lack of primary healthcare continues. The Saanich Peninsula Hospital emergency room has been forced to close overnight indefinitely because of a lack of doctors, and regional surgical units are shuttered. Gulf Island healthcare societies and paramedic services are pushed to meet the demands of growing populations.

Housing remains a primary concern in communities across Saanich North and the Islands. Purchase prices have dramatically increased in recent months and the cost to rent is unsustainably consuming people's budgets. Inflationary pressures have both renters and their landlords coming to my constituency office seeking relief. The

province is promising action to increase housing supply that they say will release the pressure.

Since 2016, more than 12,000 British Columbians have died from a poisoned illicit drug supply (six British Columbians per day). While the province has pursued decriminalization and safe supply policies in an effort to reduce the number of deaths, they've failed to provide safe, supervised consumption sites meaning vulnerable people are pushed further to the margins.

As the summer progressed, we heard from the provincial government that the solutions to these problems would be coming in the Fall 2023 session. With a short six-week session, I am preparing for an incredibly busy sprint through critically important policy changes.

Too often governments focus on the symptoms, reluctant to address the interconnectedness of the issues we face. The connection points between our concurrent crises are complex and interwoven; however, in identifying and responding to these interconnections we will develop more comprehensive and sustainable solutions.

If we increase housing supply how does that impact our overwhelmed healthcare system, and if we don't find adequate, safe housing then how are we preparing our social services to deal with growing numbers of unhoused, isolated, lonely, people? How does that impact the public education system in our communities?

While the fracturing of the BC United Caucus reflects the breadth of political

ideas and philosophies in our province, we are all connected to the same governing institutions, province, and community. Instead of focusing on how we can politically destroy each other, elected officials need to be bringing our ideas and philosophies to the table to improve the outcomes for our constituents.

With the next provincial election one year away, I am sure all the political parties will be eager to demonstrate the unique ideas they have for governing British Columbia, and to drive the wedge deeper. However, what we need is leadership that values differences of opinion, embraces them, and who does the hard work of building a resilient consensus across the political and cultural diversity in British Columbia.

*Adam Olsen, MLA,  
Saanich North and the Islands*

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Schooner Way – School  
Multi-use Trail**

**Pledge to Sponsor a Meter  
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Pender Island Parks  
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**Pender Island Art Society presents the Annual 2023**

*Le Petit Salon  
Art Show*

**Saturday, November 25, 10-4 Sunday, November 26, 12-3  
Pender Island Community Hall**

# Congratulations!

## Pender Island Fall Fair 2023 Trophy Winners

### James Scott Corbett Trophy – Overall Winners

Robert Dill & Michelle Marsden

#### Section A - Floral

Eleanor Adamson Memorial Trophy  
Patricia Callendar

#### Section B – Fruit

James Auchterlonie Trophy  
Robert Dill  
A.H. Menzies Cup  
Robert Dill

#### Section C – Vegetables

Ashton Ross-Smith Trophy  
Robert Dill  
MacKinnon Trophy  
Robert Dill

#### Section D – Beer & Wine

The Royal Canadian Legion Trophy  
John Fotheringham

#### Section E – Dairy & Poultry Products

Otter Bay Marina Trophy  
Iona Farm  
Pender Island Realty Trophy  
Natasha Williams

#### Section F – Food Preservation

Ladies Auxiliary Shield  
Kate Braid

#### Section G – Baking

Vivienne Menzies Rose Bowl  
Emma Marler  
Pender Island Bakery Trophy  
Paul Petrie

#### Section H – Needlecraft & Fibre Art

Pender Post Trophy  
Susan Dawson  
Fibre Guild Trophy  
Kay Begby  
Pender Island Pharmacy Trophy  
Susan Dawson, Tracey Milton,  
Cindy Hultsch with Bea McDowell,  
Margaret Vergette

#### Section I – Applied Arts & Crafts

Pender Island Shop Craft Guild Trophy  
Audrey Green  
George Gummer Trophy  
Robert Wilman

#### Section J – Fine Arts

Pender Island Art Group Trophy  
Margaret Shapiro  
Pender Island Artisan Co-operative  
Trophy  
Frank Ducote

#### Section J1 - Photography

Pender Island Photo Club Trophy  
James Russell

#### Section L – Young People's Agriculture

Westcoast Chandlers Trophy  
Ember Symons  
Farmer's Institute Trophy  
Natasha Williams

#### Section M – Poultry & Other Small Caged Animals

Pender Island Realty Ltd. Trophy  
Natasha Williams

#### Section N – Young People Royal Canadian Legion Trophy

Eden Davies

#### Section O – Children

The Wow Factor Award  
Teo Erikson & Max Timmins  
Royal Canadian Legion Trophy  
Eveleena Grimmer-Jarosinski

#### Section Q – Special Categories

Fred Smith Trophy  
Micha Rogg & Karin Campbell  
From the Garden to the Table Trophy  
Karen Watson  
Pender Island Fall Fair Berry Pie  
Trophy  
Pierre Delacote

#### Section R – Recycling

Karl Hamson Recycling Trophy  
Pierre Delacote  
Parade Trophies  
Gulf Excavating Trophy – Best Float  
Ptarmigan Arts  
Earl Hastings Trophy – Best  
Individual Parade Entry  
Pender Ocean Defenders (POD)



# Fall Fair 2023



*Sheep sheering photo by Michelle Marsden. All others, as well as all Pride photos page 15, by Davy Joel Rippner.*



## Sixth Annual Hope Bay Hollow Pumpkin Carving Contest!



### Calling Pumpkin Carvers of All Ages!

- Pick up your Free pumpkins starting **October 20** at Hope Bay or the Dockside Driftwood office.
  - Create your masterpiece!
- Write your name, phone number, and group (under 12 or 12+) on the back in waterproof ink.
- Deliver your Jack O'Lantern to Hope Bay by **October 27**.

**\*\*Prizes will be awarded to the winners of:  
the *Scariest* & the *Most Creative* Jack O'Lantern in each group,  
as well as a grand prize *People's Choice Award*.\*\***

**Come to Hope Bay Hollow after October 27th to**

- see the display of Jack O'Lanterns
- vote for your favourite

**Why not visit the Hope Bay merchants while you're here!**





## Fall Vaccine Campaign

The official launch date for the fall Flu and COVID vaccination campaign will be announced in late September or early October. Here are some key points that may answer some of your questions:

- The fall covid vaccine contains a new strain (XBB 1.5) that was not in previous vaccines, it is recommended to get vaccinated to improve your immunity against a wider variety of strains.
- Ideally, you book one appointment for both vaccines at same time.
- Booking will be done ONLINE on the “Get Vaccinated” website or by phone to 1-833-838-2323, same as last year. The pharmacy does NOT handle appointment bookings.
- The government will most likely send you an invitation by text or email for your covid/flu vaccine--please follow the link to book your appointment.
- You may get a covid vaccine if you have not been vaccinated, nor infected with covid, in the last 6 months. For example, if you caught covid in July, you will need to wait 6 months (until January) to get a vaccine.
- RSV is not included in this year’s vaccination campaign.

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## CRD

**CRD** What happened to summer? We had lovely sunny weather but the downside being a real scarcity of precipitation. So if you’re a tree, bush, plant, or aquifer, you are probably pretty stressed. It seems a lot of people are quite stressed, and many for good reason. We need to recognize this, but also to celebrate the good things, of which we have relatively more than many, given that we live on these islands.

One good thing in the Southern Gulf Islands is that the CRD Board directed \$2.75 million in the region’s allotment of Growing Community Funds to support an affordable housing project on Galiano Island. The obvious question from Pender Islanders (and Saturna and Mayne) is “why not us”. The answer is simply that the Galiano project was shovel ready, and that made it an extremely attractive candidate. It didn’t go that well for the other two electoral areas of the CRD, who between them got less than the Southern Gulf Islands, despite having three times our

population. This is the dilemma I’ve written about before. Rural areas don’t get the Province’s attention.

As I wrote this article today, we received an update from the Province on their program to provide grants up to \$40,000 to incentivize the building of secondary suites to support more affordable housing. These are perfect solutions in rural areas, and have the lowest ecological footprint, and one that the CRD’s Rural Housing Strategy is aiming to support. But lo and behold, the Province has deemed that only municipalities qualify. This is the reality that we operate in and it’s beyond frustrating. I know islanders blame the CRD for many ills, and the organization has its challenges, but I see the biggest disconnect as to what our rural islands need as coming from senior levels of government.

But back to positivity and back to housing. It is true that the \$2.75 million in funding went to Galiano and not Pender, but the model upon which that was based is duplicatable. CRD is developing a rural housing strategy that balances island realities with the myriad of bureaucratic hurdles necessary to deliver funding for housing on our islands. I’m confident we’ll see this approved by the CRD Board by mid-2024. That isn’t soon enough for many, and so we are continuing to see what options there are to get housing delivered more rapidly on our islands. We recently adopted a CRD policy that won’t enforce on trailers if properly situated and hooked to septic such that they are still mobile. We also continue to help fund the “Housing Now” program which seeks to connect renters with potential properties to rent.

Many other challenges still exist on our islands, with accessibility to health services, transportation issues, environmental problems, and more. But we are resilient communities, and we have the resources that many others don’t: a dedicated, caring and motivated population. It’s something special that we need to acknowledge and celebrate.

*Paul Brent,*

*CRD Director for the SGI*

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### Keeping Terry's Dream Alive

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research on September 17 was another great success! A beautiful sunny day and a perfect temperature met the more than one hundred participants and more than fifteen volunteers who attended to show their support. Happy faces, music, families, friends, dancing, and story-sharing were in abundance. At the time of writing over \$15,000 has been raised by donations and pledges which puts our island contributions at well over \$120,000 since 2001! HUGE thank you to all businesses and services who donated the wonderful door prizes, the volunteers who donated their time, effort, and support, and to all in the community who participated in this event.

If you'd like to be part of next year's team, please feel free to contact me and I will definitely add your name to the list. It takes a village and what a village we have here on Pender! We hope to see you again next year to keep Terry's dream alive.

*Cathy Nealy*

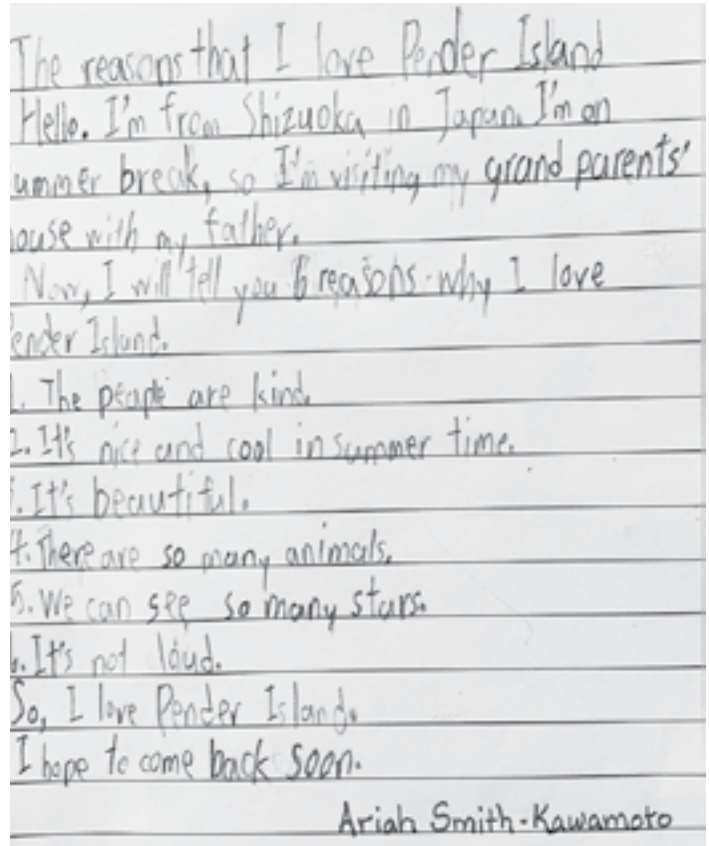
### Treasured Memories

A huge and heart-felt thank you to Jackie, her helpers, and the children who attended the Pender Island Nature School summer camp from August 14 to 18. Our granddaughter, Aria, was feeling pretty shy about attending a camp where she didn't know a single person, but you welcomed her with open arms and made memories that she will treasure. When we picked her up on the second day, she got in the car and said, "I have so many friends." Hearts overflowed. Thank you all so much.

*Annie Smith*

### Angels of Mercy

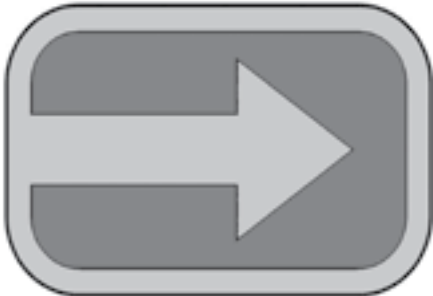
I consider myself a very fortunate person. Not because I fell off the deck at the Community Hall and fractured my upper humerus on September 8. That was very unlucky and extremely painful. But because of what came after. 15 people ministered to me that day: Andrea and Theresa at the hall; Todd and Adrian first responders; Scott and Chris in the ambulance; Dr. Rebner at the clinic; Captain Doug with Alicia and Johnny in the water taxi; Ted, Courtney, Janice and Gernab



with ambulance, stretchers, X-rays, MRI, and medication at San Pen; and Dr. Slade who finally released me. Then there was the unnamed pharmacist who filled my prescription for opiates at 9 pm on a Friday night. I would add the names of the lab technicians who prepared the medications if I could.

I continue to feel overwhelmed with gratitude. I think of all the people around the world who suffer catastrophes, both natural and human made, with no one to care for them. Here on S,DÁ,YES/Pender Island we are privileged and fortunate. We can have 15 caring sets of hands when something goes wrong. Deepest thanks to my angels of mercy for their kindness and to all who do this work.

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**Pender Island Celtic Music Society**

In the last two months the Highlanders have experienced some real achievements. One of our members, Jack Martin, had the honour of going to the Piping World Championships in Glasgow, Scotland with his other band (Robert Malcolm Memorial) where they placed second out of 24 bands in Grade 3A. They also placed first at the Highland Games in both Perth and North Berwick in Scotland.

Pipers and drummers often take part in more than one band. For example, when our own drum corps were all unable to make it to Mayne Island, Ron Henze and Jessica Willows filled in and kept us on the beat. Thanks to the efforts of everyone, the Pender Highlanders placed first in the band section of the Mayne Fall Fair. Then the Highlanders got to lead the parade and perform at our own Fall Fair on Pender Island.

By the time you read this, the Highlanders will also have performed at the Terry Fox Run to encourage the runners and walkers.

*Caren Rennie*

Top left: Jack Martin, with the trophy won by the Robert Malcolm Memorial Band at the Worlds in Glasgow.

Top right: Our 1st place prize from the Fall Fair on Mayne Island, pipers Callum MacKay and Paul Hamson.

Bottom: The Pender Highlanders lead the parade to the Pender Island Fall Fair 2023.



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**Pender Island Concert Society**



*Montreal's Trio Fibonacci*

For the first time, our concert season began in the summer, as we welcomed Island Chamber Winds conducted by Pender's own Ben Litzcke. Ben was a great on-stage host to ten local and Victoria musicians playing a wide variety of wind instruments. The Hall was sold out for this performance as Ben and the Winds introduced us to a variety of music from living composers. One of Ben's goals was to "suspend listeners' skepticism of new music and open their ears to something different!" The audience reception proved he succeeded.

Our next performance will be by Montreal's Trio Fibonacci Wednesday, October 18 at the Community Hall. Performance will begin at 7:30 pm.

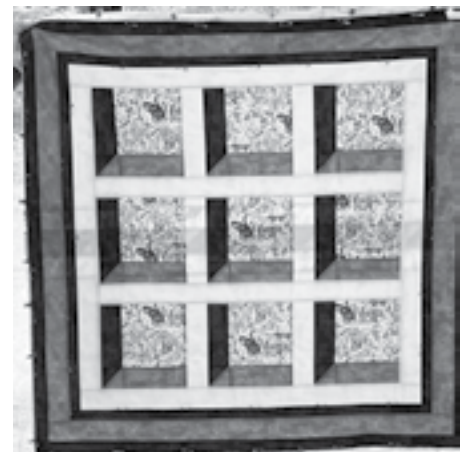
Trio's show is intriguingly titled *Les Géants du Minimalisme (The Giants of Minimalism)* and features violin, cello and piano. The group urges us to "Discover a captivating body of works that go straight to the heart of melody." "The highlight of this concert: Max Richter's masterly recomposition of the *Four Seasons* by Vivaldi, which takes us to the convergence of past and present. Works by Glass, Nyman, Amar, Eno

and Einaudi complete this programme of spellbinding simplicity."

In the spring we are delighted to present a special concert where Lester Quitzau will team up with Matthew Hinton to give us an afternoon performance on Sunday February 11. Both Lester and Matthew are well-known Pender Island musicians (Lester on guitar and Matthew on piano) of first-class calibre.

Our season will end with guitarists Adam Cicchillitti and Steve Cowan in concert next April 25 at 7:30 pm. That is a Thursday. More about them in a future article.

*Jon Heaney*



*Attic Windows Quilt, Charlotte Edwards*

## Pender Island Community Choir

Have you ever wanted to sing in a fun community choir, even though you have no experience? And be able to sing with a lot of other cool musicians in one concert? Then this is the year for you!

Our director, Sabrina Read, has been crafting a special program for our Winter Benefit Concerts with special local guests Sarah Smith, Peach & Quiet, Lester Quitzau, Turnstyle, Slo'Cookin, and the Pender Island Young Violins. You will surely be touched by songs from these great musicians, as well as some choral gems, and tunes by Gordon Lightfoot and Elton John, to name a few.

Registrations started September 25 but will be open until October 9. These are non-audition choirs, and no reading of music is necessary as all parts are recorded. Rehearsals are Youth 5:30 - 6:30 pm, Adults 6:30 - 8:30 pm at the Community Hall. This is definitely one concert you will want to be part of!

Those of you not in the choir, this is your chance to see many of Pender's awesome musical groups in one show. So, mark your calendars - three shows December 8 and 9 at 7 pm, and December 10 at 2 pm at the Community Hall.

If you need more information, please contact Sabrina at [penderchoir@gmail.com](mailto:penderchoir@gmail.com).

Sing and be thankful for all we have on this beautiful island!

*Terry Shepherd*

## Pender Island Quilters' Circle



Our season began with our inaugural meeting September 11 at the Anglican Church Hall. We had 12 members in attendance; a small but convivial group. There was much chatter as we had three months to catch up on and share summer activities and projects and fall plans.

The September project was a mug rug, a fitted coaster which is intended for stemmed glassware. Heather Duncan designed the project and Donna Smyth provided a well presented sequence of construction.

We always include a Show and Share segment in our monthly meetings. This month Charlotte Edwards showed us her Attic Window quilt top in soft shades of cream and mauve. She asked for advice on quilting it and received many opinions on a straight line of stitches (stitch in the ditch or following the seam lines) versus free motion quilting. It will be interesting to see what choice she makes (I'm betting on the straight line).

Our October-November project is a Christmas Table Runner led by Heather Duncan. Martha Deme, our Communications person, has an electronic copy of this pattern. It's a great opportunity to utilize remnants of Christmas fabric. As always, the pattern can be adapted to personal preferences and creativity.

Our Executive for this year is: President – Karen Gagnier, Vice-President and Communications – Martha Deme, Treasurer – Susan Underhill, Program – Heather Duncan, and Pender Post – Laura Vilness. We thank Donna Smyth



*Mug Rugs*

for her excellent work in keeping our finances in good order; we know we can continue to rely on her advice and support.

We enthusiastically welcome new members. No quilting expertise is required but access to a sewing machine is helpful. Love of fabric and a desire to design and create are essential elements of quilting. The annual membership fee is \$35, payable by cheque (Pender Island Quilters' Circle) or e-transfer ([penderislandquilters@gmail.com](mailto:penderislandquilters@gmail.com)). For inquiries, contact Karen Gagnier at [lkgpender@shaw.ca](mailto:lkgpender@shaw.ca)

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 11, 9:30 am to noon at St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall. The project is a Christmas Table Runner (or a wall-hanging). As always, members can participate in the monthly project or bring their own project to work on.

Quilter's Philosophy: Quilting is play for the quilter. Dreaming, planning, constructing, and viewing our textile work of art provide moments of excitement and joy. To live a playful life, however we explore and express our creativity, is to live a good life where we create our own happiness.

*Laura Vilness*

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## Pender Photo Club



The September meeting of the Pender photo club featured an eclectic selection of images chosen by members to illustrate the theme "My favourite photos of summer 2023". There were images of totem poles, pears, New Years Eve festivities, freighters, sunsets, flowers, and play. Photographs shown were taken in Haida Gwaii, Scotland, Finland and Estonia, Vancouver's Chinatown, and of course on Pender Island. Some images emerged straight from the camera, others were altered using grunge filters, sharpness sliders, vignettes, and other editing tricks of the trade. Pure magic!

Hans took the photo above, narrow-boating along the Forth & Clyde Canal in Scotland between the Falkirk Wheel and Edinburgh.

Our October meeting date is Tuesday October 3 at 7 pm. Join us online by contacting Urs Boxler at [ursboxler@gmail.com](mailto:ursboxler@gmail.com). Photographers from novice to experienced are welcome to participate, and those who wish to are encouraged to submit up to six images. The theme for October is "abstract".

*Diane MacDonald*

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## Pender Solstice Theatre Society



Camelot exists! We have started rehearsals with great actors and lots of singing and dancing. Costumes are being made. Director Karen Parker has been impressed by the energy being presented and all those memorized lines. We have about 25 actors in this production, including nine young and talented kids. Performances will be November 30 to December 3; tickets will be available at the end of October at Talisman Books. We are looking into being able to acquire tickets online. Watch for posters and check the Solstice Theatre site on Facebook for information. If you want to get involved either with set building, costumes, or backstage help, contact producer Margaret Alpen at [mjalpenart@shaw.ca](mailto:mjalpenart@shaw.ca). She and her team would love to hear from you.

*Margaret Alpen*

## PIJazz

### Dancing Season is Upon Us!

We're set to present quite a few jazz opportunities through the season, but here are the ones booked so far: Friday, November 17, Saturday, March 2, and Saturday, April 27.

These dances are at the Community Hall Upstairs, 7 - 10ish. Tickets (\$15, free for students) will be available at the door (works for all of you spur-of-the-moment fans). If you're bringing a gaggle greater than 20, do let us know in advance. These gigs are eclectic in the finest Pender tradition: dress code is formal or PJs or anything in between. Dancing ability ranges from enthusiastic beginner to athletic expert, and if your body only dances on the inside these days, that's cool. It's about friends and swing.

In other band news, we enthusiastically welcome Ralph Smith to the trumpet section. We threw him in the deep end last rehearsal, and he's still speaking to us. We ran several new tunes from our semi-domesticated house arranger Ladi, and you're going to love these songs.

Speaking of loving songs, I have to admit to the world's slowest epiphany

over the last 35 years. My name is Bryce, and I am a recovering music snob. As a young nitwit I valued the snootiest of the snooty, willing to defend the Solti recording over the Barenboim by any means. Country Music was a contradiction in terms. Hip-hop was something that happened to other people. Top 40 was to be endured in elevators with some understated squirming. But I'm feeling much better these days.

Now I just like music that makes me feel good. Or feel bad. Or feel something human. The university degree and the decades of playing just let me hear a little deeper into some aspects of the Van Zandt song, the gamelan, the Ren song, the Glen Miller, the Piazzolla, the Beethoven. All of it.

So, love what you love, but in the tuxedos-and-gumboots tradition of Pender Island, be prepared to love something else as well.

### This Month's Album Tip



Try Astor Piazzolla, Zero Hour. It is perfect, artful, jazzy, profane, carnal, an exegesis of tango. It is Borges, Nietzsche, Hendrix, and Coltrane and so much more.

*Bryce Woollcombe,  
Music Director*

## Ptarmigan Arts



### Fall Crawl Studio Tour

We are back with our 6<sup>th</sup> annual Fall Crawl Studio Tour September 30 to October 1 from 11 am - 4 pm. Join in on the self-guided tour across Pender to see all the incredible creative spaces of our island's artists. They will be inviting us into their creative spaces, sharing their photography, sculpture, painting, weaving, jewellery, and more. Fall Crawl maps are available at Talisman Books, at the Community Hall during the tour, or online at [ptarmiganarts.org/fallcrawl](http://ptarmiganarts.org/fallcrawl). If you get signatures from eight Fall Crawl artists you will be entered in a chance to win a prize. We hope to see you there.

### Shred Kelly & Elliott BROOD

The exciting Shred Kelly & Elliott BROOD Across the Great Divide Tour stops on Pender Island this weekend, October 1. Emerging from the majestic landscapes of the Canadian Rockies, Shred Kelly is a powerhouse band that seamlessly blends elements of alternative, folk, and rock music. Elliott BROOD is a Canadian three-piece, alternative country band formed in Toronto in 2002. For 20 years, the JUNO winners have journeyed through genres, history, stories, and countless kilometers on the road. They mine old-timey topics and traditions, with a guitar banjo-focused sound that's earnest and raucous; story-driven roots rock that glistens with warmth, and wide-eyed, though slightly world-weary, wonder. Tickets cost \$35/adult; 12 and under are free. The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the show will start at 7 pm



*Singing for Fun, Singing for Joy*

downstairs at the Community Hall. We will have a general concession and beers by Category 12. Tickets are available at Talisman Books, [ptarmiganarts.org](http://ptarmiganarts.org), or at the door.

### Singing for Fun, Singing for Joy

Join Mary Reher for another fun season of singing for everyone. This program is for both novice/reticent singers, and those more experienced who love to sing. All ages and abilities are welcome. Rather than working toward a performance, the aim is to have an enjoyable music experience within a small group, and to build confidence in voices and musicianship. Singing is every person's birth-right. The program costs \$60 for 8 weeks, subsidies available. It is held at the Anglican Church Hall Fireside Room from 4 - 5 pm on Thursdays from October 12 - November 30. To register head to [ptarmiganarts.org](http://ptarmiganarts.org).

### Short Film Fest

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your creativity with Pender Island by submitting your film to [penderfilmfest@gmail.com](mailto:penderfilmfest@gmail.com). The submission deadline is October 15. Films must be under 20 minutes in length. The Festival is open to all creators from the Southern Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, and the Lower Mainland.

### Concert Society Presents: Trio Fibonacci

Ptarmigan is excited to sponsor another classical event on October 18 at 7:30 pm at the Community Hall. Discover a captivating body of work that goes straight to the heart of melody. The highlight of this concert: Max Richter's masterly recomposition of the *Four Seasons* by Vivaldi, which takes us to the convergence of past and present. Works by Glass, Nyman, Amar, Eno, and Einaudi complete this program of spellbinding simplicity. Tickets cost \$25/person, and youth are free. Tickets are available at Talisman Books and [ptarmiganarts.org](http://ptarmiganarts.org).

### Uke Strum

If you haven't heard, Diana Fairclough is back with the Community Uke Strum!

We encourage players of all ages and abilities to join – even if you've never played the ukulele before. Come participate in this fun and welcoming group and give it a try. There will be extra chord charts available each week. Strummers meet at the Pender Island Community Hall Lounge on two Wednesdays each month from 5 - 6 pm. \$5 drop-in fee accepted at the door.

### Weekly Community Gatherings

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 and the SGI Neighbourhood House. This month we'll be hearing from Randy Pinchbeck October 6, Taeven Lopatecki on October 13, Frank Scanlan October 20, and the PI School Ensemble October 27.

For information and to register for any of the above programs or events, please visit our website: [ptarmiganarts.org](http://ptarmiganarts.org).

*Alice Karolina*

## Three on the Tree Production Society



We're feeling the darkness of the fall setting in and the change of seasons coming as days get shorter and nights grow longer, and with that is much planning for us over here at Three on the Tree. We're in the throes of creating this year's Magic Lake Lantern Festival and all of the wonderful ways in which the community can get involved in it. We'll be hosting our regular lantern making workshops in the days between Christmas and New Year's but if you'd like to get involved in another way as a setup volunteer or with a creative project, we would love to give you more information.

We will also be hosting our AGM in October. If you are interested in attending, please contact us for the date and time or to receive an annual report on our activities via email. This past year has been incredibly exciting with us being able to host over 35 days of youth programs and we want to celebrate this achievement.

In the meantime, read up on the ZOO-isLANDER update from Madelin Emery, below, for the show coming up on October 21.

Karen Hardie will be running two more *Creator's Café* workshops for youth and families on Sundays in October at the Community Hall in anticipation of ZOO-isLANDER. The dates are October 8 and 15. Come with your ideas for an outfit and materials for your creations and see what you can cook up. This is also not just about sewing something new, but thinking of what could be altered or pieced together, reinterpreting your wardrobe, recycling that costume, fixing up some vintage. All ages are welcomed. Each session will be three hours and must be signed up for in advance. For more details, please email and we'll send you a registration form.

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Technical genius behind the scenes completes the ZOO-isLANDER experience. Will someone turn on the lights? Can we get the sound up? Write to us and we will find a role for you!

Follow us on social media to stay updated. Tickets at Talisman Bookstore, \$35 for front row and \$25 general seating. Arrive early for the best seat but even better arrive in your best! ZOO-isLANDER is our night to get dressed up – whatever form this takes for you. Doors 7 pm and show at 7:30 pm. Cash Bar. There are rumours of an afterparty.... stay tuned for further details. Thanks to all who are part of ZOO-isLANDER! Contact: [penderzooislander@gmail.com](mailto:penderzooislander@gmail.com).

*Madelin Emery*

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Coleman Rogers Memorial Bursary

As many of you are aware, our fund is named after Bishop Coleman, and Dr. Homer Rogers, one of the early physicians on our island.

We were pleased this summer to receive applications for our bursary fund. All of the applications were deserving to say the least.

At the end we decided to give out two bursaries in the amount of \$1,000 each. It is our pleasure to read over the educational plans for the students and courses of study they are involved in. It makes us proud as Pender residents to see the ever-changing choices the students make.

We encourage you to ask for #27 at the Spirit Board at Tru Value grocery store. Also, if you wish to make a tax deductible donation this can be done through a cheque payable to our bursary fund and mailed to Joanne Enns, 4210 Clam Bay Road, Pender Island. In anticipation of any donations, we thank you in advance.

*Joanne Enns*

### Islands Trust



On October 21 the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC)

will hold a special meeting on the topic of Housing on North Pender Island (<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/north-pender-ltc-special-meeting-7>). The Islands Trust Council recognizes that there is a housing equity and workforce shortage crisis on many of the islands within the Islands Trust Area. Information on what the Trust is doing is located here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/housing-affordability>.

More specifically for North Pender Island, updates are coming soon to include the Housing Access and Affordability Project to our Projects page. Check here for when it gets added: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/north-pender/projects>. As we dig into this topic, please familiarize yourself with the recent work on groundwater and other environmental

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data for North Pender as these are intersecting issues of concern with housing: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/freshwater-sustainability> and <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/mapping-resources/mapping/north-pender>.

### Being Heard

Your Island Planner and primary contact at the Islands Trust is Brad Smith. To contact planning staff with any questions related to the Islands Trust on North Pender Island, please email: [northpenderplanner@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:northpenderplanner@islandstrust.bc.ca)

Information on registering complaints and concerns is available on the Islands Trust web page <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/mapping-resources/report-a-concern> or send an email to [bylawenforcement@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:bylawenforcement@islandstrust.bc.ca).

If you are contacting your local Trustees to register a comment by email, be sure to include all of these addresses:

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- Island Planner ([northpenderplanner@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:northpenderplanner@islandstrust.bc.ca))

This ensures your comment is heard by all and considered part of the public record, which is needed if your thoughts are to be considered in decision making.

If you want a meeting with me please arrange a time by text to 250-539-8200 or by email.

If you want to look at all the links and services for North Pender Island, we have tried to compile some of that information here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/mapping-resources/other-government-services> and <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/other-services-list-north-pender>.

Hope you are all well.

*Deb Morrison -  
North Pender Trustee*

*Aaron Campbell -  
North Pender Trustee*

*Dave Maude -  
North Pender LTC Chair*

## Magic Lake Property Owners' Society

### AGM

For those of you looking for something to do in October, you're in luck. The Magic Lake Property Owners' Society AGM will be held on Saturday, October 14 at 2 pm at the Anglican Parish Hall, 4703 Canal Road. Please come out and hear what the Magic Lake Property Owners' Society has accomplished in the past year and contribute to planning for next year. All members in good standing are welcome to attend. Contact [notifymlpos@gmail.com](mailto:notifymlpos@gmail.com) if you would like to become a member and/or if you would like to attend via Zoom.

### Community Issues Assessment Survey

In October 2021, the Magic Lake Property Owners' Society (MLPOS) requested funding from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs through the Capital Regional District, for a formal governance study to be undertaken for the Magic Lake Estates neighbourhood



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[www.islandstrust.bc.ca](http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca)

## NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

On Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) will be holding a Special Meeting at St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall. The purpose of this special meeting is to learn about current Islands Trust housing initiatives, and to hear from community members regarding housing needs and priorities as a first step in the LTC's Housing Access and Affordability project.

<b>Date:</b>	<b>Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023</b>
<b>Start Time:</b>	<b>1:00 pm</b>
<b>Agenda:</b>	<b>1:00 – 1:30 pm Staff Presentation</b>
	<b>1:30 – 2:30 pm Q &amp; A with Trustees and Staff</b>
	<b>2:30 – 2:45 pm Break</b>
	<b>2:45 – 4:30 pm Housing Project Discussion</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall</b>
	<b>4703 Canal Rd, North Pender Island</b>

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on North Pender Island. Given the range of forms that a governance study can take – from a high-level community issues assessment to a more detailed traditional governance study – the Ministry reviewed the request and has provided funding to the CRD to undertake a Community Issues Assessment. As part of this study, and in order to better understand the current governance and service delivery issues in the community, a survey is being conducted for all Magic Lake Estates residents.

For a link to the survey and background information about the project, please visit the CRD website at <https://getinvolved.crd.bc.ca/MLE-community>.

Thank you in advance for your participation in this survey, which is taking place between September 22 and October 20. Following the survey period, further community engagement will take place including an in-person Open House in early November.

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](http://www.magiclake.ca) or contact [notifymlpos@gmail.com](mailto:notifymlpos@gmail.com).

*Mary Beth Rondeau, Secretary*

## Moving Around Pender



The Penders have many trails allowing interesting hikes, fantastic views, and low-impact travel. Coming soon: trail mapping with your mobile phone. Attend the next meeting, 10 am, Saturday, October 7 on the back porch at the Hall to learn more about this and other projects.

*Peter Easthope*

## Pender Island Child Care Society



### Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre

We would like to extend our deep gratitude to Ben Symons for once again going above and beyond with enhancing our outdoor play space. The staff and children love the extra additions! We also want to thank Victoria Foundation and the CRD for their generous grants that help our centre thrive.

### Circle of Security Attachment Parenting Series

Trained facilitators Geneva Jacobs and Sarah Conley will be offering this eight-week course beginning on October 23 from 5 pm to 7 pm. The cost of the entire eight-week course is \$40 and includes dinner and childcare. Please contact Sarah to register. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and Pender Island School.

### Child Care

We currently have one space in our Pre Kindergarten class on Tuesdays for a child that is four years old or turning four by the end of the year. Our facility has been selected as a \$10-a-day Child Care BC prototype site. On top of this, your family may also qualify for the Affordable Child Care Benefits. Please contact Sarah if you need assistance with these forms.

### Parents and Babes

The Parents and Babes program runs every Monday morning (except holidays) from 9 - 11:30 am at Dragonfly. Sarah Conley facilitates this free drop-in program for parents, caregivers and their children. Come out and enjoy snacks, adult and children interactions, and the book lending library. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and the Pender Island Child Care Society, this program is free.

### Family Counseling Sessions

Once a month on Monday afternoons beginning October 16, Geneva Jacobs will offer supportive services to parents raising little ones. These 1:1 counselling

sessions will be held in a confidential space while your child/ren is cared for by an educator. Geneva brings compassion, reflectiveness, and curiosity as she accompanies you in navigating your way toward a more fulfilling and empowered life. For more information or to reserve your space please contact Sarah.

### Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP)

HOP will be held every Wednesday morning beginning on October 4 from 9 - 10:30 am in the school gym. Come on out and join Rowie Symons as she sets up new activities each week; from bean bag toss to basketball, obstacle course, balance bikes, and tunnel play, this program will be sure to tire out your youngster! HOP is designed for parents/caregivers to engage in physical activities and learn new skills with their children one to five years. 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 at Dragonfly. This month it will be held on October 21 and facilitators, Pam and Chris, will be there flipping pancakes, sizzling up some bacon, and making sure you never run out of coffee! 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 and 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](http://www.dragonflycentre.ca)

If you would like further information on Dragonfly activities, contact Sarah at 629-3039 or by email [dragonflyfamilycentre@gmail.com](mailto:dragonflyfamilycentre@gmail.com).

*Sarah Conley*



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## Pender Island Community Service Society (Nu-To-Yu)



The Nu-To-Yu's semi-annual general meeting is to be held on October 30 at the Legion with a starting time of 1:30 pm. A group email will be sent out if the time, location, or date changes.

Saturday's donation day addition has proven popular and allows our sorters to hit the ground running Tuesday morning. Please remember: we do not accept large items such as furniture and lamps on Saturday. As a general rule it is also a good idea to phone ahead on a Tuesday or Thursday if a large item donation is planned for that day: 250-629-2070. It is not that we do not want your donation but rather sometimes we simply do not have the room. Sometimes we can help with delivery if the item does not fit into your car. Thank you.

Dumping during the off hours has become an issue again. Please don't. When the money from your donations is diverted to the disposing of garbage, it is not there to fund the Young Violins, bursaries for post-secondary education, or the sound system at your Community Hall.

As we head into fall and winter, as the winds pick up and the horizontal rain stymies the most ardent dog walker, a reminder that when there is a power outage on North Pender or when the roads are not suitable for the postman or sensible little ol' ladies/men, the store will be shut. The decision is made early on the morning (Friday, Saturday), advertised on Facebook, and is not revisited even if the power comes on a few hours later.

Facial masks are not currently mandatory to shop at NTY. Please, if you are unwell especially with a respiratory illness, leave shopping to another day or, at minimum, wear a proper fitting facial mask. When our sellers, your neighbours, get ill there will be no one at the till. Try as you will, the store will be still. AKA closed.

The Nu-To-Yu is run by (only) volunteers for the benefit of the community. The store is an excellent place to shop for holiday events such as Hallowe'en and Christmas or your latest soiree. Donations for Hallowe'en are currently being accepted; those for Christmas are accepted at the end of October. Winter outdoor wear, be it boots or parkas, is also now being accepted.

Finally, last but never least, thank you Braedon for the work you are doing at the site of the new build. Gotta love a man who loves to play with the big "toys".

*Daurel Minion*

**Nu-To-Yu Building Fund**

60% of the \$1,250,000 required to build the new Nu-to-Yu facility at the Driftwood Centre has been raised. Government grants will provide some of the remainder but private donations are also requested.

For information see:  
<https://nu-to-yu.com/our-new-build>

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### Naturalist Field Trip



On September 14, nine Conservancy members and friends took the early ferry on a sunny warm day to the Big Island to visit the Rocky Point Bird Observatory to learn about their bird banding program. There we were met by an interpretive leader, Caitlin, who took us around to see how they go about their work. They catch the birds with mist nets that are placed at strategic places in the forest. The birds cannot see the nets and fly into them and are trapped in the fine mesh. The birds are then carefully removed from the nets and taken to a station where they are weighed and banded. So far this summer they have banded in excess of 1700 birds. We saw the team band Hermit Thrush, Yellow Throat, Fox Sparrow, Downy Woodpecker, Steller's Jay, and White Crowned Sparrow among others.

After the bird banding we went to the Esquimalt Lagoon where we saw a variety of gulls and migrating shorebirds. We ended the trip with a pleasant stroll on an interpretive trail through Francis King Regional Park.

*Bob Vergette*

### iNaturalist Field Walk with Lisa Baile

October 13, 9:30 am  
at the Enchanted Forest

Curious about iNaturalist? It's an app, now a non-profit, to help you identify plants and animals while contributing valuable data to science and conservation efforts. Would you like to learn and explore with iNaturalist? Join Lisa Baile on an exploratory trek through the Enchanted Forest.

Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling, biking, or walking if possible. Register to save your spot at [penderconservancy.org/events](http://penderconservancy.org/events). This event is in collaboration with Pender Islands Parks and Recreation.

Before attending, make sure to download the iNaturalist app on your phone from [www.inaturalist.org](http://www.inaturalist.org).

### October Seminar: Plants in a Changing Environment: A Glimpse at Polyploidy in Plants

October 20, 7 pm  
at the Community Hall  
A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated.

Is more DNA better in rapidly changing environments?

Sarah De Vries, our Ecological Technician, will delve into how plants are impacted by environmental changes, with a focus on *polyploidy* in plants. Polyploidy occurs when an organism possesses more than two complete sets of chromosomes. In plants, polyploidy offers a pathway for adaptation to changing environments. Can this help plants thrive amid climate change? Sarah will provide insights from her Master's research on sources of genetic variation in unreduced gamete production in fireweed. Don't be scared! This is fascinating work.

### Conservancy Survey

Of all the things we do, what's important to you?

The Pender Islands Conservancy Association is a group of individuals who cherish the natural beauty of the Pender Islands and the surrounding Salish Sea. We understand the importance of preserving the diverse habitats in this region. Our mission is to safeguard the evolution of our natural environment while balancing the increasing human presence. Pender Islands Conservancy volunteers and staff engage in various projects and activities to promote awareness, understanding, and community engagement in conservation, restoration, and research.

We are a registered land trust committed to ecological conservation and stewardship through land acquisition and covenants. Many of our projects involve collaboration with other organizations dedicated to preserving vulnerable habitats around the Gulf Islands and the Salish Sea.

Please share your thoughts and ideas on what is important to you at: <https://www.penderconservancy.org/post/of-all-the-things-we-do-what-is-important-to-you>.



*Conservancy volunteer working at the Hope Bay Stream restoration.  
Image: Erin O'Brien.*

### Upcoming in November: Climate-Conscious Connectivity

Friday, November 10, 7 p.m.  
at the Community Hall

A suggested donation of \$10 is appreciated.

Dr. Pamela Wright is a retired conservation scientist from the University of Northern British Columbia and now resides on Pender Island. Her research focused on conservation-based approaches to protected area design, planning, and management, emphasizing connectivity in a changing climate. She will also lead a naturalist walk at KELÁ\_EKE Kingfisher Forest on Saturday, November 18. Space for this free walk is limited, so please register at [penderconservancy.org/events](http://penderconservancy.org/events).

### Transforming Turf and Weeds into a Native Plant Meadow

November 9

Selecting native plants for your outdoor areas offers a multitude of advantages, including pest management. Native plants are the ideal choice as they foster a vibrant and resilient ecosystem, benefitting both the local wildlife and human inhabitants in the long run.

Learn more about the benefits of planting native species with Kristen Miskelly of Satinflower Nurseries. The in-person

workshop will highlight native plants inspired by Garry Oak Ecosystems/ Kwetlal food systems of Southeastern Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands.

This is a two-part workshop, starting with an open presentation in the morning, followed by a tour of three Pender Island gardens with meadows in various stages of development. Participation in the tour is limited to 30 people, and registration is required at [penderconservancy.org/events](http://penderconservancy.org/events). The cost is \$10 for the presentation only (pay at the door) and \$20 for both the presentation and tour. Advance registration is necessary for the combined presentation and tour.

This event is co-sponsored by the Gulf Islands Food Co-Op, Pender Island Garden Club, and Pender Islands Conservancy.

### Time to Plant

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is... this fall, once it has started to rain. Stay tuned for the return of our native plant sales at our Nature Centre at Hope Bay in October. We may prefer to do our gardening in the spring, but native plants in our region prefer to get in the ground and start building their roots in the moist fall soils, to help increase their natural resilience in the face of summer drought conditions. And as always, Conservancy members enjoy 20% off all native plants!

*Sue Kronen*



*The glamorous job of restoration with the Conservancy at Hope Bay Stream.  
Image: Erin O'Brien*



*Naturalist Field Trip to Rocky Point Bird Observatory and Esquimalt Lagoon.  
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## Pender Island Emergency Program



The question that we in the Emergency Program are asked most frequently is “What is my evacuation route?” The devastating fires in Kelowna and Yellowknife and Maui have made people understandably anxious about where to go if they had to leave home in an emergency. We spoke with Pender Island Fire Rescue (PIFR) about this issue.

Evacuation routes are not necessarily cut and dry and we can’t say in advance, “This is the route that you should always take.” It depends on what the emergency is – a wildfire, an earthquake, a hazardous material spill; where the emergency is, what the weather is, what direction the wind is blowing, etc. PIFR has divided North and South Pender into quadrants, and has established individual evacuation plans for each one. An evacuation would be based on what is actually happening and what people on the ground are reporting.

Many people in Magic Lake think that in

case of a fire, they should automatically get to Thieves Bay ASAP. But what if the fire is near the marina and blocks access to the water? If an evacuation is necessary, a first responder may knock on your door and tell you where and how to safely evacuate. This information would also come to you via phone, email or text, if you have registered with the CRD’s Public Alert Notification System (PANS) and the cell phone app, ALERTABLE. It’s also important to know who your neighbourhood contact is, as well as follow both the Pender Island and Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program Facebook pages. If the incident is stable and controlled, it may be that your best option is simply to shelter in place.

It’s important to remember that we will likely not see a wildfire as aggressive as the Kelowna fire. Pender simply does not have the area or fuel load for a fire of that size. Just for perspective, the McDougall Creek wildfire covered an area of 68 square kilometres, whereas all of North and South Pender combined is only 34 square kilometres. Nor is it likely that every resident would need to be evacuated at once. A neighbourhood

or two, maybe. But we can’t foresee a situation in which the whole island would need to be evacuated.

Of course, this doesn’t mean any of us can afford to be complacent. Be prepared to be evacuated, should it ever be necessary, so if an emergency responder knocked on your door and said you had five minutes to get out, you could do it.

So please understand that when you ask us where your evacuation route is, we really cannot give you a definitive answer right now. We’re not stonewalling; it’s just that the route will be totally dependent on what and where the incident is. PIFR and the Emergency Program will be ready to help you. Your job is to make sure you are prepared. Make a family emergency plan. Download the Pender Island Household Evacuation Guide. Have a grab and go bag for each member of your household (and each pet). Be prepared, not scared.

Special thanks to Captain Jon Grelik for his contribution to this article.

*Joy Thierry Llewellyn and  
Liz Gowen, Emergency Program  
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## The Great BC ShakeOut Drill is October 19

Did you know that our Pacific Coast is the most earthquake-prone region of Canada? Are you and your family prepared for a major earthquake? Would you know what to do if one were to strike our islands tomorrow?

The Great British Columbia ShakeOut, held on the third Thursday of every October, is a province-wide earthquake drill, organized to encourage individuals, families, schools, businesses, and communities to practise earthquake safety as well as review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies. This year it will be October 19 at 10:19 am.

So why is it important to do Drop, Cover, and Hold On drills? To react



quickly you must practise! You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down – or drops something on you. Practising helps you be ready to respond.

If you are inside a building, move no more than a few steps, then Drop, Cover, and Hold On: DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you); take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table; and HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops. Stay indoors until you are sure it is safe to exit. In most buildings in BC, you are safer if you stay where you are until the shaking stops. If you are outdoors when the shaking starts, you should find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, streetlights, and power lines, then Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Stay there until the shaking stops. If you are driving, pull over to a clear location, stop and stay there with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Then proceed with caution and avoid bridges or ramps that might have been damaged.

Ground shaking during an earthquake is seldom the cause of injury. Most earthquake-related injuries and deaths are caused by collapsing walls and roofs, flying glass, and falling objects. It is extremely important for a person to move as little as possible to reach the place of safety he or she has identified because most injuries occur when people try to move more than a short distance during the shaking.

Look around you now, before an earthquake. Identify safe places such as under a sturdy piece of furniture or against an interior wall in your home, office, or school so that when the shaking starts you can respond quickly. An immediate response of moving to the safe place can save lives. And that safe place should be within a few steps to avoid injury from flying debris.

For full details on The Great British Columbia ShakeOut including preparedness information, drills you can do in your home or business, or to register your participation, visit the website: [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca).

*Brigitte Prochaska, Emergency Program Coordinator, Southern Gulf Islands*

## Pender Island Farmers' Institute



### Thank you, Pender Island!

A very warm thank you to everyone who helped to make the 2023 Pender Island Fall Fair such a big success. A lot of planning and hard

work goes into this one-day event, involving folks from every corner of our two islands. We work all year to bring all the pieces together, then we physically put it together in the week leading up to the fair and take it down again the day after it ends. We couldn't do it without the support of the Pender Island community and to the visitors who help as well, some returning every year for this special event.

The Pender Island Farmers' Institute appreciates the support of the Community Hall, especially Andrea and her Fall Fair Camp that learned how the Fall Fair is put together and helped with set up, and to PIRAHA who organized the beer garden (led by new board member Daphne ter Kuile, and helped by husband Mike, Christina Evans, Dennis Perch, Sara Miles, and Paul Hamson). Our set-up was greatly helped by a group of annual fall fair visitors who came to pick up barbecue tickets and ended up helping put up tents and art boards – they have been coming to the fall fair for 30 years and it was a delight to meet and get to know them! Rick McMullen of Shaw Cable made sure the big banner was put up and taken down, and Shelley Henshaw's Nighthawk Farm and Matilda te Hennepe at Raven Rock Farm donated flowers to decorate the beer garden, stage, and information booth.

The main parking area was kindly donated by the Wein family at the farm next door to augment the Hall parking, and we are thankful to both Michael Sketch and Nia Williams who helped set up parking with Isaac Grimmer and direct traffic.

The parade to the grounds is always fun, with several groups participating thanks to Jaime MacLean. The Lion's Club, organized by Gail Forsyth, ran the entry

booth for the entire day – thank you so much for this important task! Many thanks to the charming Donna Kilbey and Wendy MacDonald who answered questions, gave directions, and sold barbecue tickets at the Information Booth.

Many thanks to the Master of Ceremonies Bruce McConchie, who kept us on schedule and entertained. Our Guest of Honour was Dianne Allison, a long-time resident and community leader. Dianne spoke on the value of community and participating in the Fall Fair. She has been a long time Fall Fair organizer as well as past exhibitor and former chair of the Community Hall. Thank you, Dianne. Music was provided by Pender Young Violins, the Pender Highlanders, Laurie Storrie arranged for three bands from off-island, Matty Mingles performed some magic, and the Fall Fair camp put on a skit – some variety, for sure. Thank you to everyone involved, and to Colin Hamilton for providing the sound for the day and evening.

Our livestock and poultry areas were moved to a field across the fence at Karl Hamson's Waitara farm, which was the perfect location for the animals and the show ring. There was even enough room for cornhole games, set up by Rance Cocker – and corn shucking by the young folk for the evening barbecue. Arthur Kikuchi was the convener for poultry and Young People's Agriculture, and many people young and old enjoyed this section. Jodi Schamberger was the livestock convener, with various breeds of wool and meat sheep, goats, donkeys, and alpacas on display from various farms – Avondale Farm, Hamilton Cove Farm, Hinterland Farm, New Direction Farm, Waitara Farm – with a lovely wool display by Jodi of Avondale/New Wave Fibres and Martha McMahon of Inish Eile Farm – and an active sheep-to-yarn demonstration with shearer Pieter DeMooy and spinners Diana Kempe and Avril Shepherd. Pieter also showed some older shearing equipment in action. Thank you to everyone who worked hard on this section.

We especially acknowledge and thank the conveners of the exhibition, from flowers to vegetables and fruit,

to baking, preserves, the children's sections, photography, and art. Thank you to convener coordinator Terry Shepherd, and to the more experienced conveners who helped those new to the role and helped fill the shoes of Trinetta Prior and Neil Wilton, our trophy coordinators who could not attend this year. The hall looked beautiful, and we are sure that next year there will be even more exhibits to enjoy.

A special thank you to Liis Graham, who arranged for games and fun for the fair but was unable to attend on fair day. Without her, we would not have had the popular Water Challenge, with many local celebrities and leaders allowing themselves to be showered with cold water – many thanks to these individuals as well! The \$625 raised will go back to the community and help start up a T-ball league.

We must also thank our Exhibitors, the people in our community who worked hard to share their talents with Pender Island. This is the core part of every Fall Fair. Trophies were awarded to the top points in each section, and the James Scott Corbett Trophy to overall high points to Robert Dill and Michelle Marsden who tied (see list).

Our food and drink were provided by community groups and individual food vendors – the Legion, the Pender Island Pirates, the Choral Society, Tom and Martha Bueckert, Island Savings, and Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association.

Our annual Fall Fair barbecue – a highlight for many – was coordinated by Linda Deen, and assisted by Fred Wiercyski, Aaron Grimmer, Liam Mackenzie, Mike Miles, Nathan McKnight, Cara Grimmer, Ginny Grimmer, Melissa Grimmer, Larissa Shumuk, and Laura Morgan. The barbecue served 350 and was sold out. Thank you to the BBQ team!

Volunteer food during set-up week was provided by the Fall Fair committee and by SGI Neighbourhood House. Our morning-after take-down breakfast was provided by the Fall Fair committee, with pancakes provided by Nathan McNight, assisted by Anne Burdett

and Sara Miles. Thank you everyone, who helped with the breakfast and the take-down!

Thank you to the Recycling Society's Niki Roberts and Davy Rippner who helped coordinate and support recycling on-site, a zero-waste initiative, and a recycling section in the fair.

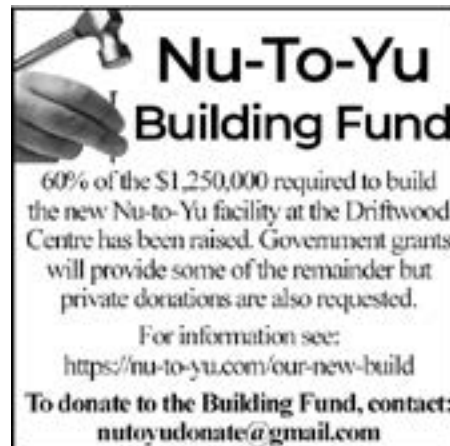
Thanks also to the Neptune Navy Grimmer - Ashton Ross-Smith Bursary Raffle Team: Kari Amies Horbas, Kathy Bannister, Sheila Bannister, and Pam Pettigrew who raised \$600 for the bursary with the silent auction of art and managed the door prizes donated by many local businesses, organizations, artists, and individuals.

Thanks to the community groups who were showcased at the fair, promoting their groups and their causes. And thanks to those who worked behind the scenes, especially to Richard Piskor who managed the money for us.

Thank you to our sponsors and donors who provided cash and in-kind donations for various areas of the fair and allow us to offer entry into the fair by donation so that everyone can attend.

Thank you to everyone who made the fair such a success this year. If you are interested in helping to make 2024 even better, there will be a review of 2023 and an organizing meeting for 2024 at the Community Hall on Thursday, October 5 at 7 pm. We look forward to seeing you there. To find out more see [www.pifi.ca](http://www.pifi.ca).

*Barb Johnstone*



**Nu-To-Yu Building Fund**

60% of the \$1,250,000 required to build the new Nu-to-Yu facility at the Driftwood Centre has been raised. Government grants will provide some of the remainder but private donations are also requested.

For information see:  
<https://nu-to-yu.com/our-new-build>

To donate to the Building Fund, contact:  
[nutoyudonate@gmail.com](mailto:nutoyudonate@gmail.com)

## Pender Island Ferry Advisory Committee

**B**C Ferries (BCF) is hosting community drop-in meetings in all the coastal communities they serve. Pender Islands' meeting is scheduled for Saturday, October 14 from 10 - 11:30 am at the Community Hall. We look forward to a good turn-out! For more information, email [engagement@bcferries.com](mailto:engagement@bcferries.com).

You are also welcome to attend and observe our Ferry Advisory Committee meeting on Thursday, October 5 from 9 - 11 am at the Sidney Pier Hotel. The agenda includes issues raised by SGI residents and a meeting summary will be provided in an upcoming edition. If you plan to attend, please email our FAC co-chair Mary Greenwood at [galianofacrep1@gmail.com](mailto:galianofacrep1@gmail.com) so adequate seating can be provided.

System-wide traffic hit an all-time high during the three-month period ending June 30, with a 7% increase in passengers and a 3% increase in vehicles compared to the same period in the previous year. When summer statistics are made available, we expect to see the same trend. For Route 5 and 9-specific details, go to: [https://www.bcferries.com/web\\_image/hf1/h8a/8953326501918.pdf](https://www.bcferries.com/web_image/hf1/h8a/8953326501918.pdf)

As our winter schedule takes effect on October 10 (until March 31), we look forward to fewer service delays and disruptions.

At its August 24 AGM, BCF's CEO Nicolas Jimenez confirmed that crew shortages alone were the cause of 40% of all BCF sailing cancellations in 2023 – more than double the cancellations for the same reason in the 2022 fiscal year. Total system-wide cancellations in 2023 (weather, mechanical and crew) represented only 1.6% of all sailings, but that represented more than 2800 sailings (out of 177,582). The good news is that very few of those affected our SGI Routes 5 (Swartz Bay/SGI) and 9 (Tsawwassen/SGI). For more information on BCF's First Quarter results go to: <https://www.bcferries.com/news-releases/bc-ferries-releases-first-quarter-results-2024>.

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**Anglican Church of Canada**

Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands • 4703 Canal Road

October 1	10:00 am	St. Peter’s Church	Holy Eucharist
October 8	10:00 am	St Peter’s Church	Morning Prayer
October 15	10:00 am	St. Peter’s Church	Holy Eucharist (Bishop Anna Greenwood-Lee)
October 22	10:00 am	St Peter’s Hall	Circle Service
October 29	10:00 am	St Peter’s Hall	Holy Eucharist–Blessing of the Animals

You are welcome to join us in person or contact us for the Zoom Link.

Church Office: 629-3634 Parish e-mail: [admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca](mailto:admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca)  
 Bookings for the Parish Hall: [rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca](mailto:rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca)

**Pender Island Community Church (PICC)**

4405 Bedwell Harbour Road (little white church next to the library) We are a non-denominational church, all are welcome!  
 Please visit our website ([www.picchurch.ca](http://www.picchurch.ca))

October 1	10:45 am	Dan Glover	Communion
October 8	10:45 am	Frank Strohschein	Worship Service
October 15	10:45 am	John Wilton	Worship Service
October 22	10:45 am	Bobby Cooper	Worship Service
October 29	10.45 am	Christian Girard	Worship Service

Please visit our website for updated information, or telephone Judy at 629-6168.

**St. Teresa’s Chapel - Roman Catholic Services**

4705 Buccaneers Road

October 1	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
October 8	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
October 13	9:30 am	Friday Mass in lieu of Sunday
October 22	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
October 27	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](mailto:stteresachapel@gmail.com) or phone 629-6029 to find out any changes to the schedule.

**The Bahá’í Community of Canada ([www.bahai.ca](http://www.bahai.ca))**

The Bahá’i Faith Community of Canada ([www.bahai.ca](http://www.bahai.ca)); The Bahá’i Faith Group of Pender Island and Southern Gulf Islands

October 15	7:00 pm	Feast of Ilm (Knowledge), hosted by Don and Bev Peden via Zoom
October 16	Call for time	Birth of the Bab, hosted by Ann Saunders, before sunset via Zoom
October 17	Call for time	Birth of Baha’u’llah, hosted by Carol Evans and Bryn King, before sunset 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 [bevpedenpender@gmail.com](mailto:bevpedenpender@gmail.com) or call 250-412-2524 or visit [bahai.org](http://bahai.org) for more information.

**Common Table Fellowship in Christ**

Meets every Sunday upstairs at the Community Hall

Sundays	10:00 am	Meet for coffee upstairs at the Community Hall
	10:30 am	Service
	12:00 pm	Potluck Lunch (around noon)

Common Table Fellowship In Christ is a spiritual family of folks who find Unity and New Life ‘In Christ’. Come as you are, all are welcome. We meet every Sunday upstairs at the Community Hall. Reach us at [commontablependerisland@gmail.com](mailto:commontablependerisland@gmail.com).

## OCTOBER CALENDAR

1	Sun	11:00 am	Fall Crawl Studio Tour, to 4 pm, also September 30 .....	21
		7:00 pm	Speakeasy, Legion* .....	47
		7:00 pm	Shred Kelly & Elliott BROOD, Across the Great Divide Tour, Community Hall.....	21
2	Mon	9:00am	Parents and Babes, until 11:30am (also Oct. 9, 23, 30), Dragonfly Centre .....	25
		12:00 pm	55+ Luncheon, to 1:00, Community Hall* .....	43, 51
		2:00pm	55+ Make a Mug Part 1 Community Hall.....	50, 52
3	Tues	9:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations until 12 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays* .....	27
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays to 3 pm * .....	44
		10:00 am	Library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to 3 pm* .....	42
		7:00 pm	Photo Club, via Zoom .....	20
4	Wed	9:00 am	First day of HOP until 10:30 am (also Oct. 11, 18, 25), School Gym .....	25
		10:00 am	Gentle Walk with Andrea* .....	38
		10:00 am	Taoist Tai Chi, to 12:00 pm, (also Oct 18, 25), Community Hall* .....	45
		1:00 pm	Carpet Bowling, to 3:30 pm, Community Hall* .....	43
		2:00 pm	Legion Socrates Club with John Gowen, to 4 pm.....	51
		3:00 pm	Food Only Market at the Barn behind Community Hall*	
5	Thur	2:00 pm	Legion Euchre with Margaret Vergette, every Thursday to 4 pm* .....	47
		3:45 pm	After School 1-Minute Film Challenge, to 4:45 pm, until October 26	
6	Fri	10:00 am	Food Bank open Fridays to 12 pm, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall* .....	37
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open Fridays and Saturdays until 4 pm* .....	27
		10:30 am	Community Café to 1 pm, Community Hall* .....	43
		10:45 am	Activity: Thanksgiving Crafts, to 12:15 pm, Community Hall .....	44
		11:00 AM	Pender Otters weekly swim, to 2 pm, until Dec. 15, Panorama Pool, Sidney .....	57
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering, to 1 pm, music by Randy Pinchbeck, Community Hall* .....	22, 43
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Rebecca</i> (1940), Community Hall.....	43
7	Sat	10:00 am	Autumn Harvest Market, to 1 pm, Community Hall* .....	44
		10:00 am	Community Café, to 1 pm, Community Hall* .....	43
		10:00 am	Youth Leadership Café, to 1 pm, Community Hall* .....	44
		10:00 am	Moving Around Pender (MAP) first Saturday every month, Community Hall* .....	25
		11:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations (no furniture), to 2:00 pm*.....	27
		1:00 am	Museum open, Saturday, Sunday and holiday Mondays, to 4:00 pm .....	39
		4:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw (weekly)* .....	47
8	Sun	4:30 pm	Fashion Creator's Café, to 7:30 pm (also Oct. 15), Community Hall* .....	22
11	Wed	9:30 am	Quilters' Circle, to noon at St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall.....	19
		10:00 am	Taoist Tai Chi Open House (to 12:00 pm), Community Hall .....	45
		1:00 pm	55+ Food & Wine Pairing at The Hub .....	50, 52
		2:00 pm	Socrates Café, to 4 pm, Legion* .....	51
		5:00 pm	Uke Strum, to 6pm at the Community Hall .....	22
		5:30pm	Youth Night, to 8 pm, until December 11, Community Hall* .....	49
12	Thur	1:00 pm	Garden Club, Water Conservation in Our Gardens, Community Hall.....	54
		2:00 pm	55+ Make a Mug Part 2 Community Hall.....	50, 52
		4:00 pm	Singing for Joy, to 5 pm, until November 30, Anglican Church Hall* .....	21
13	Fri	9:30 am	iNaturalist Field Walk with Lisa Baile, Enchanted Forest .....	28
		10:45 am	Activity: Ping Pong Fun, Community Hall.....	44
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by Taeven Lopatecki, to 1 pm, Community Hall .....	22, 43
		2:00 pm	55+ Book Binding, Community Hall .....	50, 52
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>The Duke</i> , Community Hall.....	43
14	Sat	9:00 am	Pender Island Fire & Rescue Open House, Main Fire Hall, to 1 pm.....	36
		10:00 am	Community Café, to 1 pm, Community Hall.....	43
14	Sat	10:00 am	BC Ferries Community Drop-in, (to 11:30 am) Community Hall.....	36

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14	Sat	2:00 pm	Magic Lake Property Owners AGM, Anglican Church Hall.....	24
15	Sun	5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14 - 24s to 9 pm, Community Hall.....	
16	Mon	12:30 pm	1:1 Counseling with Geneva Jacobs, Dragonfly Centre.....	25
		3:00 pm	Caregiver Support Group, Community Hall*	
		3:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission monthly meeting, Community Hall and via Zoom.....	41
		4:00 pm	MLPOS Directors Meeting, Thieves Bay Park*.....	24
		5:00 pm	Yacht Club Speaker Series: Meaghan McDonald, Bistro at Pt. Browning.....	57
18	Wed	1:00 pm	Terry Fallis author reading, to 2:30, Library.....	42
		7:30 pm	Trio Fibonacci to 9:30 pm, Community Hall.....	18, 22
		4:00 pm	Reconciliation Circle, to 6:00 pm, Anglican Church Hall*.....	43
19	Thur	10:19 am	Great BC Shake Out earthquake drill.....	30
20	Fri	10:45 am	Activity: Rock Candy Experiments, Community Hall.....	44
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering, to 1:00 pm, music by Frank Scanlan, Community Hall*.....	22, 43
		7:00 pm	PI Conservancy Seminar with Sarah Devries: Polyploidy in Plants, Community Hall.....	28
21	Sat	9:00 am	Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast until 11am, Dragonfly Centre.....	25
		1:00 pm	NP-LTC Special Meeting on Housing, to 4:30 pm, Anglican Church Hall.....	24
		7:30 pm	ZOO-isLANDER.....	22, 23
		10:00 am	Legion Scrapbook & Crafts Group with Melody Pender, to 5 pm, also Sunday, Oct. 22.....	
22	Sun	2:00 pm	Pender Island Health Care Society, Public Information Meeting, Community Hall.....	37, 38
23	Mon	12:00pm	Social Lunch, Community Hall.....	51
		5:00 pm	8-week COS, until 7pm, Dragonfly Centre and the School.....	25
25	Wed	11:00 am	SGI Sustainable Funding Initiative, to 12:30 pm, via Zoom.....	49
		5:00 pm	Uke Strum to 6 pm at the Community Hall.....	22
		5:30 pm	Youth Night, Community Hall.....	49
27	Fri	10:45 am	Activity: Spooky Snacks, Community Hall.....	44
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by the PI School Ensemble, to 1 pm, Community Hall.....	22, 43
28	Sat		PIAS full day workshop with Deborah Strong	
		10:00 am	Legion General Member Meeting.....	47
		1:00 pm	Legion Bingo.....	47
		5:00 pm	Fire and Rescue Halloween Festivities, Happy Valley Farm.....	36
		6:30 pm	Halloween Dance to 8 pm, Community Hall.....	43
		8:00 pm	Film: <i>Ghostbusters</i> (1984), Community Hall.....	43
	Sun	5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14-24s to 9 pm, Community Hall.....	
30	Mon	12:00 pm	Social Lunch, Community Hall.....	51
		1:30 pm	Nu-To-Yu AGM, Legion.....	27
31	Tues	9:45 am	Moderate Yoga with Krista, to 10:45, Tuesdays until December 19.....	38
		11:00 am	Gentle Chair Yoga with Erin, to 12 pm, Tuesdays until December 19.....	38

\* Indicates an event or activity which is scheduled weekly or for more than one day.

## ADVANCE NOTICES FOR NOVEMBER

3	Fri	4:00 pm	Recycling Society AGM.....	44
4	Sat	7:30 pm	Pender Island Short Film Fest, Community Hall	
7	Tue	6:00 pm	Holiday Decorations Pottery Class, Community Hall	
8	Wed	1:00 pm	Cardiovascular Disease in Women, to 2:30, Library.....	38
9	Thu	9:30 am	Meadow Making Workshop with Kristen Miskelly of Satinflower Nurseries.....	28
10	Fri	7:00 pm	Conservancy Seminar with Dr. Pamela Wright: Climate-Conscious Connectivity.....	28
17	Fri	7:00 pm	PIJazz Swing Dance, Community Hall.....	20
18	Sat	10:00 am	Yuletide Market, to 2 pm, also Nov. 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, Community Hall.....	43
		9:30 am	PIC Naturalist Walk with Dr. Pam Wright at KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest	
23	Thu	6:00 pm	Block Printing Workshop, to 9 pm, Community Hall	
25	Sat	10:00 am	Le Petit Salon, till 4:00, also November 26, 12-3 pm.....	11

BCF is arguably the largest ferry company in North America and one of the largest in the world. Inconsistent data reporting by ferry companies prevents accurate rankings, but routes – like our Swartz Bay/SGI route 5 and Tsawwassen/SGI route 9 – make it one of the more complex.

Our SGI Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) comprises representatives from Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna. If you have issues for BCF's attention, call BCF Customer Care at 1-888-223-3779, or comment on BCF's Facebook page Facebook.com/BCFerries. You can also reach BCF through their website at <https://www.bcferries.com/contact-us> or their Twitter account @BCFerries, or email [engagement@bcferries.com](mailto:engagement@bcferries.com).

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Grateful thanks to Diana King of the Mayne Island FAC for her contribution to this article.

*Fiona Poole*

## Pender Island Fire Rescue



As of September 14 PIFR members have responded to 205 emergency calls.

October is looking to be an exciting month here for us. If the weather co-operates and we start to receive more rain along with cooler temperatures, we hope to be able to open up outdoor burning by permit on October 1. Please watch the wildfire rating signs across the island or visit our website/social media pages to get the most up-to-date regulations. Once open, permits are easily applied for through our website: [www.penderfire.org](http://www.penderfire.org).

### We are Recruiting

You might have noticed sandwich boards out in the community or on social media that PIFR is now accepting applications and hiring paid-on-call firefighters to begin training in January 2024. If you have the desire to help your community, receive professional training worth approximately \$15,000, be paid for ongoing training, duty shifts, and calls, access medical/dental and mental health benefits, plus engage in work that is

challenging and rewarding, please come introduce yourself and we can discuss what this amazing job looks like further. Anyone is welcome to apply regardless of size, strength, or background because we want to help you succeed and be part of our team.

### Open House

October 8 - 14 is National Fire Prevention Week and this year's theme ties perfectly into the reusable bags we were handing out at this summer's Farmers' Market. Cooking safety starts with YOU! Cooking fires are a leading cause of home fires and many can be prevented. October 14, 9 am - 1 pm, we will be hosting our annual open house and pancake breakfast. Come by, enjoy a free pancake breakfast, bring your portable fire extinguishers in for inspection, and have any questions you may have answered by our fire prevention team along with members of the Pender Island Emergency Program.

### Halloween Festivities

October 28 PIFR members will be joining in the Halloween festivities at Happy Valley Farm while we hand out candy and popcorn, and grill up hot dogs by donation. This annual tradition is a family favourite so come on out and, if you are not too scared, you can walk the haunted trail to see all of this year's undoubtedly incredible displays. Carpooling is always recommended with parking available at the Community Hall. The evening kicks off at 5 pm and we look forward to seeing everyone's creative costumes. Remember to try and incorporate some sort of reflective aspect to your costume to increase visibility and keep yourself safe while out on the dark roads.

### Evacuation Plans

Lastly, a common question we have been receiving lately is about evacuation plans for the Pender Islands and this month the Pender Island Emergency Program has an excellent write-up addressing this. I recommend reading this great article and I hope it will help answer any questions you may have about this hot topic.

*Captain Jon Grelik,  
Fire Prevention Team*

## Pender Island Community Drop-in



Delivering the best service to coastal communities, means knowing what is important to those who live, work and play in them each day. Stop by and chat with our teams about the topics important to you.

**Date:** Saturday, October 14, 2023  
**Time:** 10:00 am - 11:30 am  
**Location:** Pender Island Community Hall, 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road

A Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting will be held in early October. Public are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. If you have a topic you would like added to the agenda, or have questions about the meeting, please contact your local FAC members: [jane.dix888@gmail.com](mailto:jane.dix888@gmail.com) or [fionapoole0@gmail.com](mailto:fionapoole0@gmail.com)

Visit your online community page to provide us with questions, comments and ideas at: [bcferriesprojects.ca/pender-island](http://bcferriesprojects.ca/pender-island)

For more information, contact: [engagement@bcferries.com](mailto:engagement@bcferries.com)

Scan here to learn more:



**bcferries.com** 

## Pender Island Food Bank

The Pender Island Food Bank is a place where people in need can come in a relaxed and friendly environment to choose foods to supplement their weekly grocery costs. There is a wide range to choose from, providing nutritious basics, and sometimes welcome treats. At any given week, Pender Food Bank can provide for as many as 30 to 40 people on Pender Island.

This month we have received confirmation that we will be participating in the Agency Relief Fund (ARF) which is a \$6-million grant awarded to Food Banks BC to support the work of hunger relief agencies in the province. The cost-of-living crisis has added to the considerable strain felt by organizations that provide food assistance. The ARF is available to Food Bank BC members, of which we are one, and non-member societies to aid with direct costs associated with food access and food bank operations. This is made possible through funding provided by the Province of British Columbia's Ministry of Social Development and Poverty Reduction.

The funding timeline is over a three-year period, comes with a list of eligible expenses, and requires a yearly reporting of how the money was used in compliance with auditing requirements. More paperwork for our volunteer board, but well worth the effort. We can not carry forward funds from one year to the next, so it also comes to the board to decide how those funds will be used on Pender Island.

We are grateful for the assistance.

Donations to the Food Bank from the Spirit Board, and by direct donations from caring members of Pender Island Community are always welcome and gratefully received. Anyone who would like to volunteer to help at the food bank is always welcome and should contact Barb MacPherson (barbmacp@shaw.ca) for information on how to volunteer.

For this month, and this Thanksgiving period, our clients will be receiving some special foods of their choice to help make their holiday a celebration of Thanksgiving.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone...there is so much to be grateful for.

*Bev Peden*

## Pender Island Health Care Society



### New Executive Director Appointed

The Pender Islands Health Care Society is pleased to welcome Annette Garm as the incoming Executive Director. She is gradually taking over from Marion Alksne who is retiring on December 15 after five years of dedicated service. During this transition period, Annette is working closely with Marion and playing an active part in the work of the Society as she moves to full responsibility.

Annette brings a wealth of experience and expertise to our organization, particularly in the realm of community health, healthcare administration, project management, and leadership in health organizations in BC. She has two master's degrees, one of them in nursing. Annette has also completed the rigorous EXTRA certification from the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement. (EXTRA stands for Executive Training in Health Research Application.)



Throughout her career, Annette has served in leadership positions both in rural and remote areas and in urban settings. In her early career, she was immersed in community health initiatives in the Northwest Territories, on Vancouver Island, and in Vancouver's downtown eastside, as well as serving as the executive director



## Pender Islands Health Care Society



### Public Information Meeting

**Sunday, October 22 at 2:00 p.m.  
At the Community Hall**

Meet the Society's incoming Executive Director, Annette Garm

Learn about the 2023-24 property tax funding request to the CRD

Overview of Health Centre building projects

Learn about important trends affecting community health centres in BC

Board members on hand to answer questions

of the Britannia Community Services Centre in Vancouver's eastside. She held director level roles with the Fraser Health Authority for 15 years, demonstrating a dedication to serving seniors, a significant demographic on Pender. Annette's commitment to improving health service delivery and care for at-risk populations is evident through her participation in numerous funded research projects.

Alongside a busy working life, Annette has been active on many community boards, including the Delta Hospital Foundation, the Dante Alighieri Society (an Italian cultural organization), and the Delta Police Board.

While Annette's primary residence is in Tsawwassen, she has housing on Pender that allows her to be present in a way that reflects the part-time nature of her role and facilitates her commitment to being part of the community. She is married to Michael, a psychiatrist, with whom she shares a daughter, Emma, a graduate student at UBC. Annette enjoys spending time outdoors with her cherished canine family members.

Annette's arrival marks a new chapter in the Society's journey. She is excited by the opportunity to support and advocate for the healthcare needs of our island. We look forward to the positive impact she will bring to our organization in support of the health and wellbeing of our community. Please welcome Annette as she embarks on this new journey with us.

### **Public Information Meeting**

A meeting will be held on Sunday, October 22 at 2 pm at the Community Hall to meet Annette Garm, the Society's new executive director, and to provide a general update on health care in our community. Topics include information on the 2023-24 property tax funding, an overview of Health Centre building projects, and important trends affecting community health centres in BC. Board members will be on hand to answer questions.

### **Waiver to Borrow Medical Equipment**

The Health Centre provides a medical equipment loan service, affectionately known as the "loan cupboard". To ensure this important service can continue

to be available, the Society's insurer has asked for an extra step in the loan process. Borrowers are now required to sign a waiver before checking out equipment. Please call the Medical Clinic or the Community Support Office for more information.

### **Good Practice at the Health Centre**

We want to emphasize that the Health Centre is a smoke-free environment, including the main parking lot. We appreciate your compliance with this important policy.

### **Speaker Series Continues**

We are pleased to announce that our speaker series, *Here's to Your Good Health*, arranged in conjunction with the Library, is continuing this fall. Dr. Karin Humpheries presents our next talk, *Cardiovascular Disease in Women*, on Wednesday, November 8 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Library.

Previous talks were well attended. Dr. Peter Paré's presentation, *Your Genome: Your Roadmap for Present and Future Health?*, and Dr. Greg Bondy's *Everything You Need to Know about Diabetes* were recorded. You can view these videos at our website, <https://penderislandhealth.org/community-programs>.

*Urs Boxler,*

*Communications Committee*

### **Community Support Programs**

"It takes courage to be kind" ~ Maya Angelou

#### **Maintain Your Independence**

Classes are \$50 for the eight sessions or \$8 to drop in. 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, leave a message for Andrea at 250-629-3346 or email [andrea@penderislandhealth.org](mailto:andrea@penderislandhealth.org)

#### **Moderate Yoga with Krista**

Tuesdays, October 31 - December 19, 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.

#### **Gentle Chair Yoga with Erin**

Tuesdays, October 31 – December 19, 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 are recovering, or have arthritis or joint injuries. 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 welcome. Please bring good walking shoes and a hat or umbrella if it's wet.

#### **Gentle Chair Yoga with Erin**

Thursdays, November 2 - December 21, 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 are recovering, or have arthritis or joint injuries. Wear comfortable clothing.

#### **18 Postures for Seniors with Judith**

Mondays, November 6 - December 18, 10:30 – 11:30 am

Special cost \$27 for the full seven-class session or \$5 to drop in. These exercises were designed in the '70s by western and eastern medical practitioners in Shanghai to improve wellness for seniors. They incorporate slow stretches, breathing exercises, improving balance and posture, and stimulating acupuncture points. There are three sets of exercises performed to music.

#### **Act of Kindness**

Each month we will bring you a story found in our community. If you would like to have your story of kindness or gratitude added, please contact Andrea.

"I forgot about the rule preventing liquids in carry-on luggage, so when I hit security at the airport, I had to give up all my painting supplies. When I returned a week later, an attendant was at the baggage area with my paints. Not



only had he kept them for me, but he'd looked up my return date and time in order to meet me."

To volunteer, to learn more, to inquire about meeting dates or times, or to sign up for any of the above programs and opportunities, please email [andrea@penderislandhealth.ca](mailto:andrea@penderislandhealth.ca) or leave a message at 629-3346.

*Andrea Mills,  
Community Support Worker*

## **Pender Island Housing Society**

It's been a busy summer at Plumtree Court, with one of our vacant units renovated and now rented and another vacancy advertised. All those who applied for the earlier vacancy will be contacted, and anyone else who wishes to be considered may apply by visiting [www.penderhousing.ca](http://www.penderhousing.ca) and/or by emailing [plumtreecourt@gmail.com](mailto:plumtreecourt@gmail.com).

The PIHS contract with BC Housing is coming to an end. As Plumtree Court units become available, we are now obliged to rent them at an "affordable market rent" in order for the Society to continue to manage and maintain the complex independent of BC Housing subsidies. Each unit may be rented at an individual rate, and the society directors have worked hard to draw up fair and compassionate criteria to be used when determining the next tenant including age of 55+, income threshold, length of residence on Pender Island, and, of course, need.

Regarding the proposed expansion to the property at Plumtree Court, we have learned that BC Housing has issued a call for the Community Housing Fund with a deadline of November 17 for applications. The "CHF" is considered by many in the industry to be the only viable path to increasing non-market housing. Despite being unsuccessful with two previous submissions (in 2018 and 2020), we are hard at work on a third attempt (some housing societies have been known to make as many as six). This latest plan is for six units (down from the previous eight, because of well capacity). These six units are proposed as three duplexes and will be for multi-generational tenants - in other words not just for seniors. Fingers crossed that it will be "third time lucky"!

*Patricia Callendar*

## **Pender Island Museum Society**



As we wind down our regular season at the museum on Thanksgiving Day, we look back at a busy time since we opened at Easter. As of early September, visitation stood at well over 2,000, ahead of where we were at this time last year, and on par with 2019 in pre-pandemic times.

A key factor in this success was being open Friday to Sunday plus holiday Mondays from late June to Labour Day. Many visitors commented how pleased they were because they'd "been here before, but the museum wasn't open". These extended open hours were largely made possible by our summer museum assistant, Claire Kozak, who worked Wednesdays-Sundays. She was available to host visitors on Fridays, filled gaps in volunteer hosting shifts, and often kept the doors open on other days to welcome visitors who happened to be visiting Roesland.

Claire also catalogued a record 816 artifacts and documents, which are now accessible online through the museum website. This was a huge accomplishment. Among the numerous artifacts she accessioned was an oak mallet head, crafted from the remnants of the famous SS Beaver, a wooden paddle steamer. It foundered in 1888 in the First Narrows in Vancouver Harbour and only a few relics remain. The mallet is one of two in the museum collection that belonged to stonemason Alex Brackett of Pender Island. Thank you, Claire!

As we head into the end of 2023, we are looking forward to our Christmas special event, so stay tuned.

### **Preserving Our Pioneer History**

The museum holds Victor Menzies' handwritten diaries covering 1917-1971. He then added reminiscences from his birth in 1885 to just before his death in 1977, a collection spanning 90+ years.

Victor's daily notes detailed island life, including precise dollar amounts of monies spent, earned, and owed. Oldtimers knew him as a "good man" whose community-mindedness continues to be reflected in island



*Victor & Vivienne Menzies, likely at the time of their marriage in 1923.*

culture today. Transcribing this valuable resource will ensure its survival and accessibility to anyone interested in discovering the interconnectedness of our island community over time.

Earlier this year, the museum successfully applied to the British Columbia Historical Federation (BCHF) to fund the transcription of these settler diaries. The BCHF asked the museum to share this news release with the community, and we're happy to do so. As the project gets under way, we look forward to sharing more of what we discover.

"The British Columbia Historical Federation has awarded a \$5,000 Centennial Legacy Fund grant to preserve a hand-written account of pioneer life on Pender Island. The award was presented to the Pender Islands Museum which holds the Victor Menzies diaries in its archival collection.

A young Victor Menzies arrived on (North) Pender Island with his family aboard the side-winder *Yosemite* in 1893. At the time, the island had two dozen residents and didn't have a school or church. Over his life, Victor generated 33 handwritten booklets that form a first-hand account of island life between 1917 and 1971.

The grant allows the Pender Islands Museum to begin transcription of the booklets and will help ensure their survival. Each booklet contains about

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17,000 words (over 500,000 words in total) and a copy editor will be hired to begin transcribing from the original source. This dovetails with the Museum's stated goal to "improve the care of and accessibility to the collection".

Victor Menzies kept meticulous daily records of farming, community life, church happenings, local education, and his role as cemetery and school caretaker. An entry for April 16, 1923 includes the novel experience of listening to the radio. "Basil came up to help me and brought his radio, first we heard was fine & clear music..."

The Centennial Legacy Fund was created by the British Columbia Historical Federation to aid groundbreaking research into B.C.'s stories, communities, and diverse peoples. Institutions, communities, and individuals can apply to the fund at [bchistory.ca](http://bchistory.ca).

*Simone Marler*



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## Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission



*Pender Island soccer, 1909*



### Recreation Grants

Each spring, the Commission puts out a call for grant applications for a share of Capital Regional District recreation funding. The funds are awarded to groups that deliver recreation activities benefiting Pender Island. This year, we had \$67,796 available, an 8.5% increase over last year. We received 20 applications asking for \$89,864. With demand exceeding supply, some difficult decisions had to be made.

These are the programs that received recreation funding.

#### New Recipients

#### Friday Nights Recreational Soccer, Pender Island Soccer

Free Friday night soccer. All abilities welcome. "Pender" rules apply.

#### Tee-Ball Fun League, Pender Tee-Ball

Learn basic tee-ball skills in a fun environment. For children aged 4-7.

#### Bicycle Shelter,

#### Pender Island Public Library

Funding for a public-use bicycle shelter.

#### Community Facilities

#### Community Hall Program Support, PIRAHA

Community Hall funding provides a variety of recreational programming, supports development of the Youth Leadership program, allows subsidized rental rates for recreational programs

provided by others and contributes toward operating costs.

#### Epicentre Programs, SGI Neighbourhood House

The Epicentre provides recreational programs for children and youth throughout the year.

#### Facility Use Agreement, Pender Islands School

An agreement between School District 64 and the Capital Regional District spells out terms and conditions for community use of the school's activity centre and gym. An annual fee is paid to cover partial operating expenses related to non-school use.

#### Disc Park & Ball Park Insurance, Pender Island Youth Sports Association

Funding covers required insurance and partial utilities for the ballpark and the disc golf park.

#### Physical Recreation Programs

#### Pender Skates, Pender Island Skating

Funding pays for ice rental at Panorama Rec Centre for Pender residents to skate and play hockey on select Friday nights. There is no cost to participate.

#### Seniors Maintain Your Independence Exercise Program, Pender Islands Health Care Society

Maintain Your Independence offers free and subsidized exercise classes throughout the year for people with a broad range of physical abilities.

**Summer Swim Club,  
Pender Island Otters Swim Club**

The Otters Swim Club provides swim instruction for ages 5 and up. Practice skills at summer swim meets in the Vancouver Island region.

**Basketball Program,  
Pender Islands School**

Both basketball and wheelchair basketball programs for children and youth include skills development, games and activities.

**Healthy Opportunities for  
Preschoolers (HOP),  
Pender Island Child Care Society**

The Dragonfly Centre's HOP program helps children aged 1-5 develop fitness skills aimed at building physical activity into everyday life.

**Sailing Lessons,  
Pender Island Junior Sailing**

Junior Sailing provides summer sailing lessons for ages 9 and up.

**Other Recreation Programs**

**Art Workshops,  
Pender Islands Art Society**

The Art Society offers participatory art workshops.

**PI Jazz Band, PIJAZZ**

The Pender Island community jazz band welcomes anyone, regardless of age or musical ability, to participate at weekly rehearsals and perform at public events.

**Music Director Support,  
PI Choral Society**

The Pender Islands Community Choir welcomes all ages to join their rehearsals. The season culminates in a fall concert.

**Pender Island Arts Programming,  
Ptarmigan Arts Society**

Ptarmigan Arts provides a variety of recreational art, drama, dance and film making programs for children, adults and seniors.

*Sandra Tretick, Commissioner*

**Pender Pride Society**



Pride 2023 is a wrap – another year in the bag with a fine day for a parade and entertainment at the Hall. As usual, some hours were spent in organizing the event, but ultimately it was all those who participated in their creative outfits and enthusiasm in marching that made it such a great day.

The entertainment was outstanding and was well received by a keen audience. Will and Lee-Andra sold out at the merchandise table. We thank all those who spoke, performed, and provided food and local cider, as well as the companies and organizations that donated so generously to cover costs and contribute to projects like the Gay Straight Alliance at our schools.

Pender Pride has always embraced the community in which we live. The feeling that this is a two-way street, that the community participates and embraces right back for the most part, is an awesome one. It gives young and old alike courage and self-worth that may be a gift to some.

We also want to show our appreciation for the participation of our first responders: the RCMP, Pender Fire, and the BC Ambulance Service. If anything represents community, it is them.

Thanks everyone and see you next year.

*John Cowan*

**Pender Island  
Public Library**



**Canadian  
Library Month**

This month, libraries and library partners across Canada raise awareness of libraries' valuable role in the lives of people in Canada. The theme for 2023 is *Libraries for Life / Biblios pour la vie*. During this month we recognize all those who support library services: Board Trustees, staff, volunteers, community partners, donors, and all those who use our library services. If you haven't been down to the library in a while, come check out this amazing community building. Our monthly book display features an amazing variety of stories that take place in libraries.

**Author Terry Fallis**

Mark your calendars for October 18 as we welcome beloved and bestselling author Terry Fallis, a two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour, and award-winning author of eight national bestsellers. Terry will entertain us with his latest book, *A New Season*, a thoughtful exploration of aging, loss, family, friendship, and love, all with his trademark humour and heart (Penguin Random House). Free event, Wednesday, October 18, 1 - 2:30 pm.

**Hallowe'en Fun**

Feeling spooky? Come show us your Halloween costume; we love being surprised! See the fun Halloween decorations, and try to spot the big black sparkly bat sleeping in the kids' section. Pick up a free Halloween goodie bag (candy-free) from our not-so-scary and smiling staff.

**IslandLink Library Federation**

We are pleased to announce that our library has been granted membership in the IslandLink Library Federation. We join IslandLink's member libraries, Alert Bay Public Library, Greater Victoria Public Library, Powell River Public Library, and Salt Spring Island Public Library. Established in 2008, IslandLink Libraries has been helping its members provide dynamic public library services while maintaining their

local autonomy. Membership benefits include professional collaboration, professional development opportunities, program funding, and more.

## New Books

### Adult Fiction

*Canary Girls* (Jennifer Chiaverini), *Learned by Heart* (Emma Donoghue), *The Invisible Hour* (Alice Hoffman), *Tom Lake* (Ann Patchett), *A Council of Dolls* (Mona Susan Power), *The President's Wife* (Tracey Enerson Wood).

### Adult Mystery and Sci-Fi

*Honey Drop Dead* (Laura Childs), *Miss Aldridge Regrets* (Louise Hare), *None of this is True* (Lisa Jewell), *Just Another Missing Person* (Gillian McAllister), *The Second Murderer* (Denise Mina), *After that Night* (Karin Slaughter).

### Adult Non-Fiction

*Becoming a Matriarch* (Helen Knott), *It Stops Here* (Rueben George), *Crip up the Kitchen* (Jules Sherred), *British Columbiana* (Josie Teed).

### Youth

*The Hawthorne Legacy* (Jennifer Barnes), *Zara's Big Messy Goodbye* (Rebekah Borucki), *Better Connected* (Tanya Lloyd Kyi), *I Can Roar Like a Dinosaur* (Karl Newson), *Roar of the Thunder Dragon* (Tracey West).

*Carmen Oleskevich,  
Library Director*

## Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

Our circle resumed meetings this month, after a summer break, but unfortunately the meeting took place after *The Pender Post* deadline, so the report will be in the November issue. Our meetings take place the third Wednesday each month, from 4 - 6 pm, at the Anglican Church hall.

As we enjoy the beauty of a Pender Island autumn, may we be mindful that we are on the unceded territory of the W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. May we walk gently on these islands and treat them with respect.

*Annie Smith*

## Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association



Goodness, with so many amazing activities each week, September just flew right by. October is looking pretty packed with activities too.

If you would like to make a donation to the Community Hall, we are able to accept e-transfers at [accounts@penderislands.org](mailto: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. Donations help to keep these amazing youth programs going.

### Yuletide Markets

We have started taking registrations for the Yuletide Markets which will take place on November 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16, 23 and will run from 10 am - 2 pm. Registration is now open through our website: [www.penderislands.org/registrations/](http://www.penderislands.org/registrations/) or you can leave a message at 250-629-3669.

### Films

#### Rebecca

Friday, October 6, 7:15 pm

Romance becomes psychological thriller in the elegantly crafted *Rebecca*, Alfred Hitchcock's first foray into Hollywood filmmaking. It stars the enchanting Joan Fontaine as a young woman who believes she has found her heart's desire when she marries the dashing aristocratic widower, Maxim de Winter (Laurence Olivier). Upon moving to her groom's baroque ancestral mansion, she soon learns that his deceased wife haunts not only the estate but the temperamental, brooding Maxim as well. This film won the 1941 Academy Awards for Best Picture and Best Cinematography. Doors open at 7, film starts at 7:15. 2 hr 10 min, \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

#### The Duke

Friday, October 13, 7:15 pm

In 1961, a 60-year-old taxi driver steals Goya's portrait of the Duke of Wellington from the National Gallery in London. He sends ransom notes saying that he will return the painting if the government invests more in care for

the elderly. Doors open at 7, film starts at 7:15. 1 hr 36 min, \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

#### Ghostbusters (1984)

Saturday, October 28, 8 pm

Three parapsychologists forced out of their university funding set up shop as a unique ghost removal service in New York City, attracting frightened yet skeptical customers. Doors open at 7:45, film starts at 8. 1 hr 45 min, \$5 (suggested).

## Community Hall Activities

### Halloween Family Dance

Saturday, October 28, 6:30 - 8 pm

Join DJ Marc with his spooktacular tunes and dance until you're pooped, head out to the bonfire in the crisp night air, grab a hot dog then back to the dance. The dance will be in the Main Hall with the doors open to keep you cool and easy.

### 55+ Luncheon and Activities

Mondays 12 - 1pm

The Community Hall has been working with the SGI Neighbourhood House to bring you this weekly luncheon and activities for people over 55. Each week lunch is served from 12 - 1 pm. Meals to go are also available. \$10 suggested but pay what you can is fine. Pre- and post-lunch activities will be added over time as capacity grows. If you are interested in leading an activity or club or whatever, please let us know.

### Carpet Bowling

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Australian rules 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. Recommended drop in is \$2.

### Community Gathering Lunch

Fridays, 10:45 am - 1 pm

Join the weekly Community Gathering for a visit in the café, a delicious lunch, live music, and fun activities for everyone.

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## Friday Fun

Every Friday come and join our youth leaders from 10:45 am to noonish as they lead fun activities. All ages are welcome, and 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 we will have a variety of outdoor games each week.

## Thanksgiving Crafts

Friday, October 6

## Ping Pong Fun

Friday, October 13

## Rock Candy Experiments

Friday, October 20

## Spooky Snacks

Friday, October 27

## Autumn Harvest Markets

Saturdays from 10 am - 1 pm

Come out on Saturdays to browse local food, craft, and produce. Handmade goods are available inside the Hall and drinks are available in the lounge. Support your local artisans, artists, cuisiniers, and the Community Hall by coming to the Market.

## Youth Leadership Program

Youth 8 to 18 are welcome to join this fun program. Learn how to do things like run the café, help at special events, show people how to carefully handle animals, make posters, be a caretaker of the Community Hall, assist with activities, organize and lead activities, mentor younger or less experienced youth, help older people with technology, event and activity photographer... develop your skills and get great experience! Come in on a Friday or Saturday between 10 am - 1 pm and ask to talk to Andrea.

## Adult Volunteers

### Films

Are you a cinephile? We need people to help take entry donations, sell popcorn, and help tidy-up after movies. Volunteers watch the show for free and get a bag of popcorn.

### Comfort Center Leader

Power outages, heat warnings... help the community have a fun and safe way to spend these special days.

### 55+ Activity Leader

Do you have a fun activity you would like to have happen on Mondays before or after the 55+ Luncheon? We would love to hear from you.

### Youth Leadership Program Mentor

We regularly have 3 - 10 youth help out at the Friday Community Gathering and Saturday Market. They all want to learn real life work skills and have fun. We would love to have a few more mentors with a variety of skills they would like to share.

### Advertising and Office Support

Would you like to help make our social media presence amazing? Learn some new administrative skills or brush up on some old ones? Then this is for you!

All training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering please email [bookings@penderislands.org](mailto:bookings@penderislands.org) or call 629-3669.

*Andrea Mills & George Fowlie*

## Pender Island Recycling Society



Our members are invited to the Pender Island Recycling Society's (PIRS) annual general meeting on Friday, November 3 at 4 pm in the lounge at the Community Hall. Drinks and snacks will be served.

Starting in October and running through to the end of May, the depot is open on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm. The depot is now closed on Fridays.

The Zero Waste Initiative at the Fall Fair was a great success. PIRS collected a total of 1 bag of compost, 10 bags of recycling, and 0.5 bag of garbage at the fair. Pretty incredible for an event that hosted approximately 1,800 people!

Two key ingredients for waste reduction are properly sorted material and enthusiasm for the cause – and we had both of those in spades. PIRS set up two compost/recycle/garbage (CRG) stations which were staffed by Al Blake, Jenn Kaila, Sarah Smith, Rowie Symons, and Ben Symons (thank you!) with gorgeous hand painted signs by Celene Wilde. Many food vendors used recyclable or compostable dishes which really helped the cause. Pender Island Waste Disposal kindly managed the compostable dishes.

The Fair served a delicious dinner that fed approximately 350 people and PIRS brought the dinner plates, cutlery, and cloth napkins from our dish loan program, thus avoiding the need for hundreds of single use dishes. The fair dinner volunteers washed the many dishes, Barbara Johnstone laundered the

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napkins, and another volunteer made sure the food scraps were delivered to the pigs.

Also of note, 120 single use plastic cups and bottles were avoided by offering reusable cups from our dish loan program, and drinking water provided by Island Savings (Jenn Kaila).

We are partnering with the Fall Fair committee to tweak the initiative further and to divert even more. Garbage cans were stationed in the food vendor area, the beer garden, and the lounge, and those generated about six bags of garbage. Much of it could have been kept out of the garbage – but once it is mixed and dirty it is too contaminated to recycle. Next year we plan to have our stations closer to the beer garden and food vending area to tackle this waste.

We consider the initiative a resounding success with very little garbage generated for a community event of this scale.

Thank you to PIRS board members Joyce Thayer, Nia Williams, and Davy Rippner for overseeing the exhibition tent. We had quite a few neat entries, including a very cool fish by Robert Wilman (first prize), a colourful bucket hat out of curtains by Cecilia Suh (second prize), and a sharp looking knife by Victor Woolcombe (third prize). The best overall entry went to Pierre Delacote for his sporty car made of reclaimed license plates. Thank you, Joseph Montague, for judging; I'm sure it was difficult to decide!

Thanksgiving is a wonderful time to snuggle up with a hot drink and think of all we have to be grateful for. The recycling society thanks Pender Islanders and visitors for their continued support: your membership donations and bottle returns covered 25% of the depot's expenses in 2022 and allow us to operate with all three R's in mind – reduce, reuse, and recycle. Community support funds the Freestore and Reshop, the Recycle Bike Shop, the dish loan program, and the non-packaging plastic initiative, as well as equipment maintenance and repair.

Thank you to our board members, who volunteer their time and skills to keep the depot functioning smoothly, and to the depot attendants for your

enthusiasm, hard work, and friendly demeanor despite the wasps, heat, dust, and a non-stop influx of materials. Thank you, Les, Al, and Andy, for taking recyclables to Vancouver Island each and every week all year; Celene, for keeping the Freestore and Reshop looking sweet; and Kim for keeping the books in perfect order. And last but not least, thank you, Laurie, for fixing and tuning up bikes to help keep us fit and healthy!

*Niki Roberts*

## Pender Island Taoist Tai Chi Arts



**T**aoist Tai Chi practice is a moving meditation that reduces stress and helps us find joy. Physically it makes us feel energetic, balanced, strong, and supple.

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Taoism teaches that health comes when body, mind, and spirit work together in harmony. Taoist Tai Chi arts grew from this tradition and are a powerfully beneficial path of ultimate transformation.

We invite you to join us for our Open House at the Community Hall, Wednesday October 11, 10 am to 12 pm. To find out more about our group, call (250) 383-4103 or email [victoria.bc@taoist.org](mailto:victoria.bc@taoist.org). You'll find more information on Taoist Tai Chi arts at [www.taoist.org](http://www.taoist.org).

*Cathy Percival and Lynne Irons*

## Pender Organic Community Garden



### A Lesson Learned in the Garden

I am terrible at pulling plants out. I'm at the naive stage in the development of a gardener: "Oh, you lovely thing, I'm going to let you grow into your full potential." This is a problem.

So, one of the lessons I'm learning in the garden after this year's experience: control your volunteers. I don't mean the crowds who show up to help in the labour. (I dream of crowds!) No, I mean those plants that spring up, somehow, from seed cast by last year's plants.

I have a garden full of volunteers: borage, spinach, tomatoes, nasturtiums, borage, calendula, borage, dill, cilantro, borage.

Did I mention borage? This prolific monster is supposedly good for tea, with a mild cucumber-like flavour, and the starlike blue flowers attract pollinators like crazy from early spring to late summer. So having a plant or two in the plot is not a bad idea. But they self-seed long before the gardener suspects, and soon enough they're everywhere. Pull them all up! There will be some that escape your watchful eye, and those will keep your garden populated with further generations.

Nasturtiums. Yes they are lovely and edible, and they, too, attract pollinators. But they will take over. They made my garden look delightful in June. By July, they were a leggy mess, more seed and stem than flower, and I was hauling masses of them out to give to the sheep. ("The Pest" was particularly grateful.) It's fine to allow some to grow, but pull most of those plants when they are a few inches tall. Use the peppery young leaves in a spring salad. More will follow, that's a guarantee.

I had cherry tomatoes volunteer this year. They were in the bean bed. I couldn't pull them, could I? I didn't have the space to stake them properly, so they sprawled all over my pathways. Much of the fruit got trampled into the ground, to become next year's volunteers, I suppose.

I admit to loving my volunteer spinach. I've never had success with spinach before this year, finding it a persnickety plant that bolts (sends up flower shoots) at the first hint of spring warmth (exactly when you plant it!) But this year, an emerald carpet appeared in one corner of my plot, which I (of course) allowed to grow, having no idea what it was. I got masses of beautiful spinach from that carpet! Some of those plants are now ready to re-seed, and I'm hoping to enjoy another crop next spring.

The same story is true of cilantro, the Bolting Queen. The volunteers produced beautifully, and I look forward to enjoying their descendants next year.

Flowers scattered throughout the garden are lovely, and attracting a variety of pollinators is beneficial to the fertility of fruiting plants like squash and cucumber. I'm grateful to the previous tenant of my plot, who planted many flower companions. My job now is to keep them at bay. I have to learn to be ruthless.

I would welcome, however, any volunteers who would like to join the crowd helping me with my labour.

*Anne Mullins*



## PenderPOD



Orca lovers and protectors were saddened by the recent news that Tokitae, the oldest orca in captivity, died on August 18. This Southern Resident Orca from L Pod was captured in 1970 as a four-year-old calf and sold to Miami Seaquarium for entertainment. Renamed Lolita, she spent fifty-three years in captivity performing twice a day in a pool so small it was difficult for her to circle or dive.

The Dolphin Company, current owners of the Seaquarium, agreed to stop her performances at the request of the US Dept. of Agriculture, and entered into an agreement with Friends of Tokitae to bring her back home to the Salish Sea. A sea pen was being prepared by the Whale Sanctuary Project and in August it was expected that she was weeks away from returning. Although Tokitae's health had been strong, a sudden illness and renal failure is believed to be the cause of her death.

To the Lummi People, Tokitae

is a relative and has been named Sk'aliCh'elh-tenaut, a member of the resident orcas in the Salish Sea. Elder Raynell Morris has returned from Miami with Tokitae's ashes for a ceremony of commemoration.

From Donna Sandstrom, founder of the Whale Trail: "The best way we can honor her now is to work together to save her family (J, K and L pods). There are nine calves under five years old in the southern resident population, and five of those are female. Whether they survive and thrive into adulthood is up to us. Give the whales the acoustic space they need. Watch southern residents from shore, and take the pledge to stay 1000 yards away from them at sea. RIP Lolita."

In happier news, Pender Whale Network Sighters have seen K Pod once and J Pod on five different days in September. It's heartening to know that they are finding salmon and nourishment.

*Monica Petrie*



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With John Pender away we will miss his entertaining musings this month, leaving you subject to my informative, but less entertaining report.

My time as Legion President has been challenging, but rewarding. It is a pleasure to work with all of our volunteers to serve our veterans, members, and community. It is always uplifting to see all the happy faces of volunteers, members, patrons, and visitors at our many events.

The deadline looms in the search for volunteers to become President, Secretary, Treasurer, and other Executives for 2024. Without the required Officers the Legion cannot operate, which would be very sad indeed. Please let us know if you are interested in joining the Executive, and we will provide information, support, and answer any questions you may have. Contact [branch239.rcl@gmail.com](mailto:branch239.rcl@gmail.com) or 250-216-4456, or come by the Legion.

The BBQ season was very successful thanks to many volunteers serving burgers and hotdogs at events, including Legion Friday BBQ dinners, Pender Highlanders Pipe Band annual car show, Art off the Fence annual show, Fall Fair, and the Legion annual Pig & Lamb BBQ.

Our dedicated and hard-working dinner volunteers will be taking a well-deserved break for the month of October. All your favourite Friday dinners will return in November. We are always in need of cooks and volunteers for dinners. Please let us know if you can help.

Meat draws continue every Saturday at 4, and we thank all of our talented volunteer hosts. All proceeds from our meat draws and bingo contribute to our gaming fund. One of the most rewarding duties of the Executive and members is donating gaming funds to our community. To date in 2023 we have made donations to Pender Island Junior Sailing Association, Broadmead Care Foundation, Pender Pirates Baseball Team, Pender Island School



*Jean Deschenes, Coach Danny Martin, Ruthie Fehr and Charles Baker*



*Student, Miss Boland, and Jean Deschenes*



*Mrs. Boland and Jean Deschenes*

PAC for Thunderbird camp trip and the basketball program, Pender Island Pride Society, Pender Island Choir, and Pender Island Concert Society. Please contact us for a donation to your group.

The Legion facilities are well used by the community, including yoga, pilates, Speakeasy, scrapbook and crafts, Socrates Cafe, euchre, Solstice Theatre and community meetings. Thank you to these groups for their ongoing support.

The Legion Poppy Campaign will begin on October 28 and continue until November 11, Remembrance Day. Please wear a poppy in support and remembrance.

This month's General Member meeting is Saturday, October 28 at 10. Please join us for the meeting to ensure a quorum and be informed of Legion activities.

Bingo is Saturday, October 28 at 1. Come join the fun and a chance at winning the jackpot!

Please see our website for information and updates: [www.penderislandrcl239.com](http://www.penderislandrcl239.com).

Happy Thanksgiving. Thanks for supporting your Legion!

*Jean Deschenes*

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From our office I'd like to say it is a sad time of year as all the farmers' markets begin to shut down for the season and it starts to get a little colder out there. We

were able to make it to the Farmers' Market and had a great time meeting Penderites and visitors. We also were able to experience the Pender Island Fall Fair for the first time since COVID. What a great event; congratulations to committee, vendors, and participants.

Once again, we'd like to thank the 2+SLGBTQ community, for inviting us to participate in the wonderful Pride parade this year.

So, let's look at the stats from the end of August until September 19. We attended fifty-two calls to 911 for service, which is down from fifty-eight, from the same period in 2022. We conducted patrols and check stops resulting in violation tickets being issued for no insurance and seat belt infractions. Members investigated two drivers for driving while impaired. Both drivers were issued immediate roadside prohibitions, having their licence suspended for ninety days and vehicle impounded for thirty days.

Just a reminder, even though validation tags were a great reminder to renew your insurance, you have to make sure you keep your insurance current. It falls under Section 24(3)(b) Motor Vehicle Act and the fine is \$598.

As we progress into the darker months of fall, please remember to do a walk around your vehicle and make sure all your lights and turn signal lights are working. Is it time to change your windshield wiper blades?

Remember to only use your fog light during inclement weather and not to have them on all the time. New vehicles today have strong and blinding lights. This can make it hard for the driver in front of you to see the road during twilight. Oncoming drivers can also be affected.

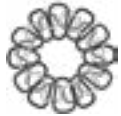
As we are coming up to Halloween, do not forget to make sure you have something reflective on your costume if you're wearing one. If you are out enjoying an evening walk with your favorite pooch or friend make sure to make yourself visible. Reflective vests

and arm bands are very effective. You can even purchase lights and a reflective vest for your pooch.

We will be conducting traffic enforcement through the months of September and October. Our focus will be seatbelts and speed. We will also be conducting check stops looking for impaired drivers.

*Cst Simon Bentley*

## SGI Community Resource Centre



As summer turns to fall and the leaves begin to change, it's important that we look forward to a sense of community and support for our neighbours.

### Housing NOW

Interested in lending your voice to the affordable housing movement in the SGIs? Housing NOW is looking for folks interested in journalism/creative writing for our quarterly newsletter or our podcast coming in 2024. Working or retired, students and BIPOC community members from Galiano, Mayne, Pender,

Salt Spring, and Saturna are encouraged to reach out for this volunteer position—we'd love to hear from you. Please, connect with our coordinator, Janey, at [housingnow@sgicomcommunityresources.ca](mailto:housingnow@sgicomcommunityresources.ca) to find out more.

### The SGI Sustainable Funding Initiative

The SGI Sustainable Funding Initiative will be offering a new series of workshops for 2023/2024. Our first session has been highly requested by SGI non-profits, which is how to attract, engage, and retain volunteers. The Volunteers Lab will take place over Zoom on October 25, 11 am-12:30 pm.

From small organizations to large community-wide service providers, societies rely on volunteers to keep island communities thriving. A seasoned volunteer coordinator and long time volunteer will review ways to engage, supervise, and support volunteers.

#### About Our Co-Presenters

Lori Seay has worked with BC non-profits for 25 years as a board member, employee, and contractor. Her company, Landwash Consulting, offers strategic

support to nonprofits, from meeting recording to policy development and many points in between. She is inspired daily on Galiano Island by the creative web of services and support sustained by island volunteers. Charlene Dishaw has been managing volunteer programs for over 30 years. She operates her own consulting and training company specializing in team building, strategic planning, and volunteer management consulting and training. When she is not working she loves being outdoors, or playing her fiddle on Galiano Island.

Other Fall sessions will cover topics such as tools and technology for societies, and how to define your mission. Dates and times TBA.

### Vitality Business Centre

Looking for somewhere to print documents or laminate files? We are here to help you with your business and personal needs. Stop by and let us give you a hand; we are located in the Community Resource Centre at the Driftwood. If you have any questions give us a call (250) 629-3665.

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# Youth Nights

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## Employment Services

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Thank you for being a part of our community and we encourage you to stay connected this fall.

*Stefanny Lowey*

## SGI Neighbourhood House

As we settle down from the summer and watch the leaves change colours, we have more time to reflect on community engagement and fostering a strong sense of community here on Pender Island. Updates for October include:

### 55+ Workshops

#### Make a Mug with Gillian

October 2 & 12, 2 pm, Community Hall

#### Food & Wine Pairing with Steve

October 11, 1 pm, at The Hub

#### Bookbinding with Annie Smith

October 13, 2 pm, Community Hall

Register at <https://sginh.ca/programs/seniors-programs> or call (250) 629-3665.

## Epicentre Update

The 50/50 draw winner was Simon Rempel who won \$3,080!

After school Kids Club runs October to December at the Community Hall. Spaces fill up so register early at <https://sginh.ca/programs/epicentre> or call (250) 629-3665.

## Youth Programs

Youth nights are back on Wednesdays, October 11 to December 11, 5:30 pm to 8 pm at the Community Hall. Ages grade 6 and up. Register at <https://sginh.ca/programs/youth-programs> or call (250) 629-3665.

## Volunteers

We are still on the hunt for members for multiple Volunteer Advisory Committees for youth, childcare, and seniors to support our programs on all four SGIs. All it takes is one virtual hour a month and your commitment to help guide our programs. For more

information or if you are interested in volunteering to help continue to build strong communities please contact Karen at [Volunteerprogram@sginh.ca](mailto:Volunteerprogram@sginh.ca).

## Community Justice Program

“What does our island need to talk about?” We have asked this question on Galiano, Mayne, Pender, and Saturna to find out what issues are unique to each one. Over the next few months, we will be hosting in-person Peace Circles on each island to explore a key topic. While Zoom conversation circles are surprisingly effective, there really is nothing like getting three-dimensional bodies in a circle to speak and listen to each other in a safe and respectful way. Please look for postings and posters announcing these important meetings. You’ll want to be there!

Check out our website: <https://sginh.ca/programs/cjp> to find out more about using the peace circle method to have important conversations.

We’re also offering free two-hour educational sessions on each island: *Healthy Communication Skills and*



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### Food Programs

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Our *Meals on Wheels* program is still running. We are accepting new clients wanting delicious and nutritious meals delivered regularly. Visit our website for registration and more information: <https://sginh.ca/programs/food-security>.

*Stefanny Lowey*

### Socrates Cafe

The Socrates Café is beginning its ninth season on October 11 from 2 to 4 pm at the Legion. We are an eclectic group of Penderites who enjoy a good conversation focusing on a weekly topic. The topics themselves are far reaching in scope, with a nod to the Socratic method. Questions are highly valued and with any luck you might leave a meeting knowing less than when you arrived.

I will send out readings and videos on the topic on Sunday prior to the meeting. Topics are chosen by the group, either by personal choice or by a vote on a list of topics. In eight years we have never run out of things to talk about. Politics, both local and international, philosophy both past and present, and all things relevant to the human condition are the basis of our meetings.

I hope you will give us a try, Wednesdays from 2 to 4 at the Legion. A toonie for the rent would be appreciated. Our first topic for October 11 is, "How would you define happiness in a world dominated by materialism and social media?"

*John Gowen*

## South Pender Historical Society



The South Pender Growers' & Makers' Market on Labour Day was such a delightful event. Those in attendance were able to experience the magic of making origami Lucky Stars and to play such interactive and fun games with each other like bean toss, making and flying paper planes and creating bracelets from whatever they could find in the area. It was amazing to see the numerous ways in which the enthusiastic participants applied themselves to the tasks and the artistic touches that each of them proudly displayed.

An atmosphere of magic and discovery was enhanced thanks to the musicians, Howard and Cupid, playing blues in the background. The vendor tables were a feast for the eyes, ears and taste buds with Happy Monk breads, iced coffee, gluten-free tarts, apple cake, used clothing and other items, jewellery, garden ornaments, flower arrangements, local preserves, seeds, tie-dyed scarves, and so much more! Even the rain gods blessed the gathering by holding back until the last final moments of the event.

A huge thank you to all the volunteers (too numerous to name), those who donated to and helped with the SPHS fundraising table, all those helping to set up and break down the event, Brenda for the fun and inventive games, and to many others for their enthusiasm and inspirational inputs. Also a big thank you to the vendors (also too numerous to name) for your efforts and participation in the event. You all made

it really happen! We are pleased with the amount raised by all the generous donations from our community.

### AGM

The South Pender Historical Society 10th annual AGM was held on August 20 with an afternoon of enjoyable storytelling followed by a short meeting. Frank Trice shared stories of early shepherd Gerald Richardson who came to South Pender around 1897. John Pender shared a poem written by Charlie Biggs, a close friend of Arthur Spalding, sharing feelings of working on Arthur's farm. Patrica Callendar shared stories of a more recent shepherd, Ellen Willingham, a pillar in the Pender community for so many years, and Robert Dill shared stories from his memoir, *50 Years on Pender*, sharing visits from Pender spirits and the "Sec-eth-lee" legend of Greenburn Lake.

President Robert Dill shared SPHS past years' achievements including the continuation of yearly programs such as the Christmas Eve sing along, Art Off The Fence, the Grower and Makers Market, support for the TETÁCES Revitalization Program, the South Pender storyboard project, and maintenance and upkeep of the Church of the Good Shepherd and grounds including a major upgrade to the Prophets chambers. Five members of our ten person board were up for re-election; four were re-elected by acclamation and a fifth has agreed to join the Board for the next year. More on our Board members next edition.

*Robert Dill & Karen Mani Lang*



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**October 11**

**FOOD & WINE PAIRING**  
with Steve  
The Hub  
1:00-3:00PM

**October 12**

**MAKE A MUG PART 2**  
2:00-5:00PM  
with Gillian  
Community Hall  
2 part series  
Available in person

**October 13th**

**BOOK BINDING**  
2:00-5:00PM  
with Annie Smith  
Main Hall  
Available in person

**November 1**

**JEWELLERY MAKING**  
2:00-5:00PM  
with Charlene Hall  
Community Hall  
Available in person

**November 13**

**WRITE YOUR MEMOIR**  
2:00-5:00PM  
with Kate Braid  
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Community Hall  
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## Canadian Power and Sail



For our booth at the Fall Fair we decided to focus on navigational skills and knowledge.

To attract attention, four of our members dressed as cardinal buoys. Thanks to all who turned out to help. It was a fun day and extra thanks to Helen for her excellent costumes. The Four Cardinals were a big hit with the crowd and drew a lot of visitors.

There seemed to be a lot of interest in when, or if we would be holding seminars. The concept of short, focused and informative presentations was mentioned several times. Potential seminar topics mentioned were:

- knot tying and uses
- taking the pass less travelled (False Narrows, Boat Passage, Georgeson Passage, Porlier Pass)
- tides and currents
- weather

We will prepare at least one seminar, possibly two, for the coming year. Dates and times will be announced in future articles.

Course offerings for the following year will be as follows:

- Maritime Radio Course continues to be offered on-line. It has been updated and is significantly more interactive than the previous offering. There is an operational focus to the simulations so students will become more comfortable speaking into a microphone. The course will become open to registration on October 14 and students can progress at their own pace and comfort level.
- Basic Boating is an on-line course to obtain the PCOC and will run similar to the Maritime Radio Course from October 14 onwards. Again, students can progress at their own pace and comfort level.
- Basic Navigation and Boat Handling will be on-line and offered mid-March in 2024.



As we move into winter, this is the time to winterize your boat and prepare a list of repairs needed prior to launch next spring. Change your oil and oil filter now in order to avoid having contaminants sitting in your engine all winter. Top off your fuel tanks and change the fuel filters too.

If you would like to join our squadron, or offer suggestions for seminar topics, then contact me at [davidkirsop@yahoo.ca](mailto:davidkirsop@yahoo.ca).

Thanks for reading and stay safe on the water.

*David Kirsop, Commander*



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## Pender Island Garden Club



This month our topic is *Water Conservation in Our Gardens*. Living on Pender Island with our mediterranean climate of mild, wet winters and dry summers, water conservation is of prime importance to all gardeners. This past winter wasn't nearly as wet as it should have been and we need to make the most efficient use of any water we have. We have limited water supplies on the Gulf Islands and have seen shorter, more intense rain periods and longer summer droughts over the last few years.

Armel Castellan, an Environment Canada Meteorologist, says that we have had a precipitation deficit over the last two to three years and it will take our aquifers more than one wet year to recover.

Fruits and vegetables are made of up to 90% water and require a regular water supply while they are growing. Theresa Barker has done extensive research on water conservation and will give us a number of ways to reduce the amount of water we use and how to apply it more efficiently to our gardens. Come to the Community Hall at 1 pm on Thursday, October 12 to hear what ideas Theresa has to share.

Membership is \$15 per person or \$20 for a family. Drop-in fees are \$5 per session.

*Kathy MacLachlan*

## Pender Island Golf Club



What an amazing summer it has been! The 2023 Canadian Open came to a dramatic conclusion when Nick Taylor sank a 72-foot eagle putt on the fourth playoff hole to defeat Tommy Fleetwood. In addition to making it Taylor's third PGA Tour victory, Taylor became the first Canadian golfer to be victorious at the Canadian Open since 1954! Back here at home we extend our congratulations to another golf champion, club member Danny Martin, who won gold at the 55+ BC Games this summer. Well done, Danny!

As the sun-drenched days of summer slowly give way to the crisp autumn air, we too can reflect on the unforgettable season spent on the fairways of the Pender Island Golf Club. Nestled amidst the breathtaking beauty of Pender Island, our golfing haven continues to distinguish itself as a destination for avid golfers seeking an extraordinary golfing experience.

With our challenging course design, picturesque vistas, and outstanding greens, Pender Island Golf Club has established itself as a premier golfing destination in the Gulf Islands. Everyone was excited to see the return of many of our signature events and tournaments this summer. We are proud of our reputation for offering a lineup of events and activities that captivate golfers of all skill levels.

One of the highlights of the summer was the Annual Gord Souter Mixed Volunteer Tournament, a highly anticipated tournament that brought together some

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of the finest golfers on the island. The tournament showcased not only the skill of the participants but also the club's commitment to its members and volunteers. Congratulations to winners Bill Critchley, Ken Pelley, Rosemary Clayton, and Karen Gagnier. Similarly, the Gayle Fisher Mixed Tournament (formerly the Presidents/Golf Captains Tournament) was also a major success this summer. Congratulations to winners Donna Smyth, Janet Ellis, Marian Thomson, Michelle Galaugher, Bill Critchley, Tom Wyborn, John Hall, and Colin Brown.

In addition to the Gord Souter and Gayle Fisher Tournaments, the club also hosted several other tournaments and social events, catering to golfers of all abilities. From the Annual Pender Pride Golf Tournament, to the Mixed Over 80 Tournament, to junior golf clinics, to the upcoming 7th Annual Hackers Heritage Tournament, the Pender Island Golf Club ensures there is something for everyone. We also hosted a number of private tournaments that brought many visitors to our island this summer.

These events, together with a successful membership drive, have marked 2023 with a renewed sense of camaraderie among golfers, strengthening the bonds of the golfing community on the island.

But it wasn't just the events that made this summer exceptional. Our course Superintendent and his team of volunteers maintained outstanding fairways and greens that integrate with the island's natural beauty while providing club members and the general public with a challenging yet enjoyable golfing experience. This summer also saw a transition in our restaurant facility with the opening of "Gwailo" creating a perfect setting for golfers and the general public to escape the "hustle and bustle" of island life.

Moreover, the club's commitment to customer service and hospitality was evident in every aspect of our operations. From the warm welcome from Michelle and her team at the pro shop to the attentive staff on the course, every golfer felt like a VIP. Without a doubt the club's dedication to providing

an exceptional golfing experience hit a new high in 2023.

As summer draws to a close, the memories forged at Pender Island Golf Club will linger in the hearts of all members and visiting public who were fortunate enough to experience our golfing paradise. If you have been thinking about joining our Club, check out our website at [www.penderislandgolf.ca](http://www.penderislandgolf.ca) and give us a call or send us an email. There is still lots of golfing ahead this fall.

Looking ahead, Pender Island Golf Club is already gearing up for an exciting 2024 season, with new events and improvements planned to further enhance your golfing experience. As golfers eagerly anticipate their return to this remarkable oasis in the Gulf Islands one thing remains certain: the summer of 2023 at the Pender Island Golf Club will be remembered as a spectacular summer of golf amidst the breathtaking beauty of Pender Island.

*Dan Weeks*

## Capital Regional District



### Committee Membership Opportunity

## Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Committee

Pursuant to Bylaw No. 2339, real property owners or residents in the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Area are invited to nominate themselves or another real property owner or resident who is prepared to represent the Local Service Area to stand on the committee for a two (2) year term commencing January 1, 2024.

Total membership on the committee is seven (7), including the Electoral Area Director and six (6) real property owners or residents who are prepared to represent the Local Service Area.

Nominations are being accepted for the following vacancies:

- ▶ One (1) residents or property owners of the Magic Lake Estates **Water** Local Service Area
- ▶ Two (2) residents or property owners of the Magic Lake Estates **Water and Sewer** Local Service Area

**Nomination Instructions:** when submitting your nomination, clearly print the Committee name in the subject line, your full name, telephone number and residential address, along with the nominee's full name, telephone number, residential address and the service you are nominating for.

New appointments to the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Committee will be made by the CRD Board based on the Electoral Area Director's recommendation.

The deadline for nominations is **Monday, October 30, 2023**.

**Mail or email your submission to:**

Attention: Electoral Area Director, Southern Gulf Islands, 479 Island Highway, Victoria BC, V9B 1H7  
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## Pender Island Otters Swim Club

The leaves are starting to turn colour, and the nights are getting cooler again, but during the day it still feels like late summer. It is amazing to think we are about to start our fall session of the Pender Island Otters winter maintenance at Panorama Pool. October 6 is our first Friday of what I hope will be a great season through to December 15. We have our usual time frame of 11 am to 2 pm pool rental at Panorama Pool in Sidney.

While I write, we are still filling our coaching team, but want to send a big thank you out to Deirdre Knister, who has come on full time as our Otter Pups coach. Deirdre brings a wealth of school teaching experience and, amongst her many other talents, is a trained swim instructor and really great with our littlest swimmers with whom she built up wonderful connections last year. I am sure all returning Pups will be thrilled to have her back on our coaching team.

We are finalizing the contract with our new potential Head Coach right now, and will introduce him in the next article.

Registration for our programs will be open now, and anyone wanting to register can go to our webpage at [www.penderislandotters.webs.com](http://www.penderislandotters.webs.com) and follow the link to the registration page.

I do want to announce the wonderful news that all three of our grant applications came through for the coming year. Sincere thanks to both Pender Island and Mayne Island CRD Parks and Recreation for again supporting our little inter-island club. The funds really do help to keep us going, and cover ever-rising costs like pool fees. It also goes to support families that do want to take part in summer swim meets as the club uses grant funds to cover meet fees for our swimmers. And the BC Gaming Commission came through again for us, as the third grant we applied for this year. We are so thankful they recognize the opportunities we offer



island kids and parents alike to gain the life skill of swimming.

So, here we go – swimming into the fall starts now!

*Helen Lemon-Moore*

## Pender Island Yacht Club

As we pull back into home port after summer adventuring, we'll be gathering for the cooler weather for our Monday monthly meet-ups and our special speaker series to which you're all invited. The speakers will share experiences related to boating, water and marine life. They'll address such diverse topics as marine adventures, vessel ownership, maintenance and refits, marine policy and governance, and marine education. The series is free to yacht club members and open to others via donation.

Monday, October 16, 5-6 pm in the Bistro lounge at Port Browning Marina, Meaghan McDonald will present her personal journey; providing a meaningful service to the yachting and broader community through education, activism and manufacturing of products from recycled sail materials.



*Fiona Percy*

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## WEATHER OBSERVATIONS FOR JULY

	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	26.3	14.8	10.1	35 on 14th	11 on 21st & 22nd	11.4		11.4
“Normal”	23.8	12.6	18.4	36 in 2021	8.0 in 2008	23.8		23.8

The averages of my Pender Island observations since I started as a volunteer weather observer for Environment Canada in 1987 show August to be our second warmest month and our second driest month, just behind July in each case.

All over the world in August 2023, as it was in July, there have been extremely high temperatures, fierce storms, and raging forest fires due to climate change and global warming. In August 2023 on Pender Island we had mostly “normal”, pleasant weather; our temperatures were above average and our rainfall was less than the average, but no records were set. The danger of fire is always with us and the recent unexpected fires in Hawaii are a reminder to us to be aware of this danger.

We almost had a heat wave in August when the maximum temperature exceeded 32°C on three consecutive days, but the fourth day fell a little short at 31°C and, after that, the rest of the month was mostly cooler but very pleasant.

Most of our August precipitation this year fell in the last week of the month when we had a thunderstorm that lasted a couple of days. Perhaps “thunderstorm” is an overstatement; there was a lot of thunder but not much rain.

Near the end of August it was great to have the return of one of my favourite events of the year, namely the Fall Fair. The weather was perfect and considering the fact that we had missed three years, the attendance and participation was very good,

The end of summer is a wonderful time with fresh fruit for eating straight from the tree, such as apples, tomatoes, and peaches. But there are some strange things about the lake this year. Much of the weed in the lake has disappeared and this probably accounts for the absence of ducks and geese. There are fewer insects than usual and this may account for the disappearance of violet green swallows.

The BC Department of fish and wildlife had said they would restock Magic Lake

with fish in Spring of 2023, but that did not happen. We hope the restocking will be done in the spring of 2024. Meanwhile the fish-eating birds such as osprey are having to look elsewhere for food.

October is the first month of our wet season, unless September is very wet as sometimes happens. Average precipitation for October is 96 mm, which is more than twice the average for September. We have never had October snow on Pender Island and very little in November. Minimum temperatures will be in single digits but not likely to drop below zero.

*Malcolm Armstrong*

## COVER STORY



I was driving to the ferry around 7 am on a recent Saturday morning and just had to stop at the eerily beautiful golf course surrounded in the mist like a movie scene. I believe that the trees on our unique golf course were planted many years ago by George Grimmer. The air was crisp and cool and there were no people or animals around which also made it special. I am not a photographer at all so all I had to use was my iPhone camera, which seemed to work. I had a photo of the gorgeous heather plants in my garden published a few years ago, otherwise no publications from this novice!

*Joanne Enns*

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You must put a number 1 – 9 in each of the small empty squares, but there must be no more than one of each number 1 – 9 in each row, each vertical column and each large block of nine numbers.

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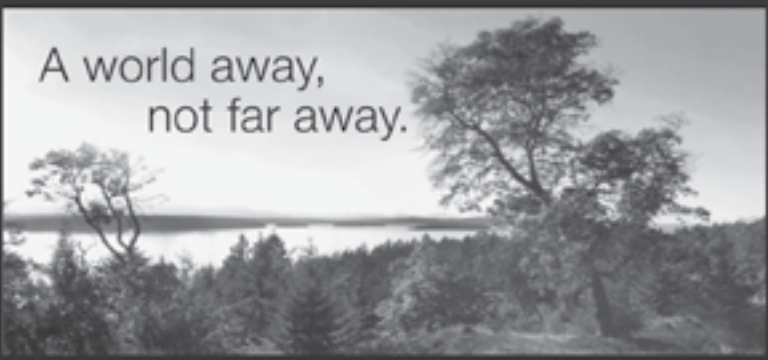
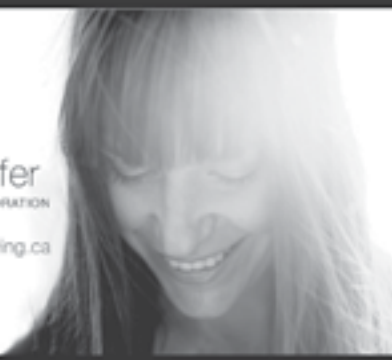
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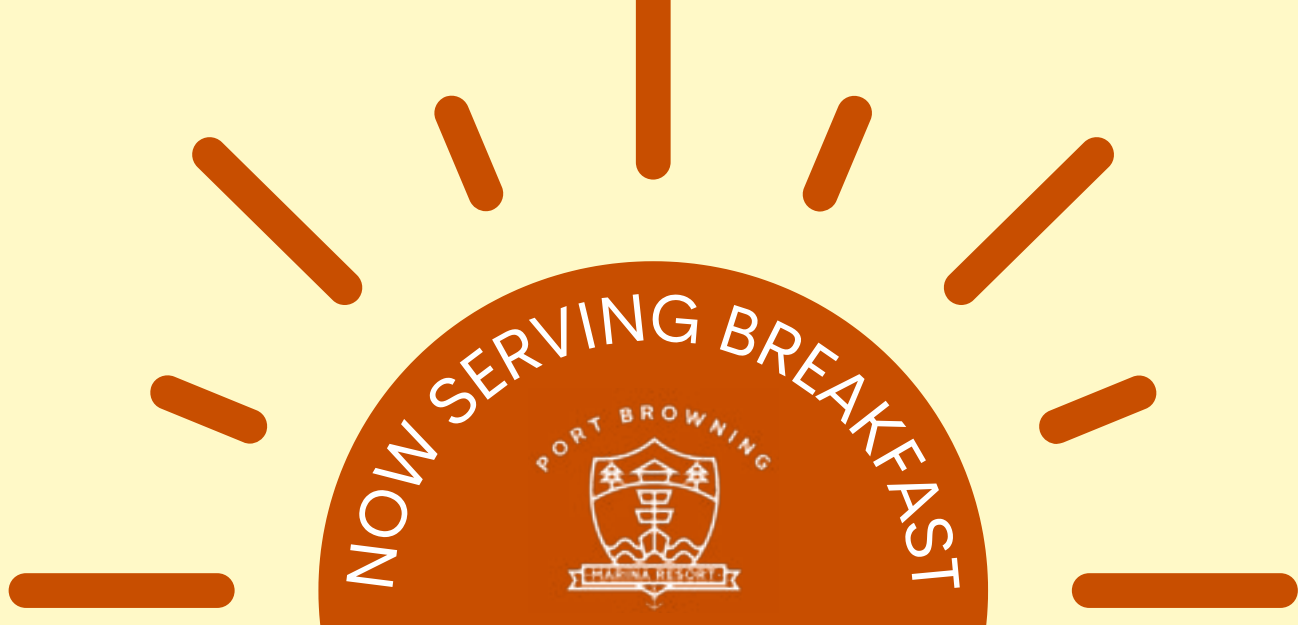
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