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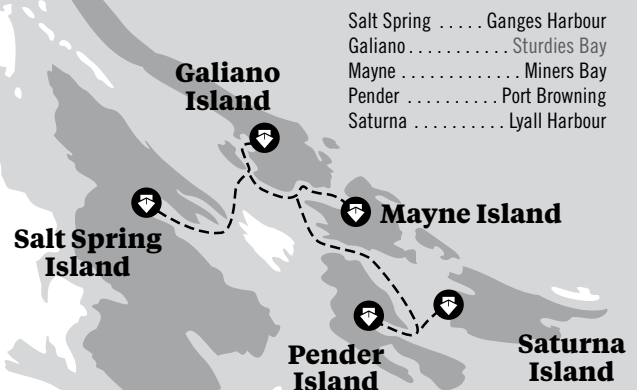


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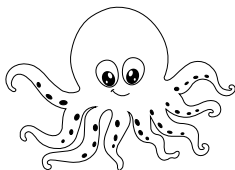
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COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo is by Allen Wallace. You can read the story of Dart the Rufous Hummingbird on page 48 or on our website at www.penderpost.org.

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Frequently, I hear people express their worry that volunteerism is dying out. It only takes a quick look around to see how many organizations are actively seeking new members to share the load, as current members become older, frailer, and unable to continue. Younger people say they have too much of a load already as they juggle jobs, children, housing issues, and basic survival - and I remember those struggles all too well, when raising my own family. But when we look at Pender, we are surrounded by evidence of what volunteering, working together, can achieve: our clinic, our library, our community hall, our museum, and so much more. Volunteering is how our community was formed, and volunteering can help us continue to build our community and lift each other up. If everyone, young and old, could spare even one hour a month, just imagine what could be achieved.

One of the most important services that *The Pender Post* provides is to raise awareness of the amazing number of organizations on our islands. There truly is something to pique the interest of almost everyone. As you read this issue, see if one appeals to you. And if it should happen to be *The Pender Post* Society, yes, we are still seeking new board members to join us and you can let our secretary know at secretary@penderpost.org! Any of our islands' organizations would welcome you.

Annie Smith

SPECIAL NOTICES

A reminder that The Pender Post Society AGM will be held April 18 at 10 am in the Community Hall. Everyone is welcome.

Jean Bradley Scholastic Gift

Each Spring *The Pender Post* is delighted to offer a student The Jean Bradley Scholastic Gift. If you know of a student (whether a recent graduate or not) who is pursuing training in a field related to health care, please encourage them to apply. Application forms and details are on page 9 and 10 and will be published in *The Pender Post* over the next few months, or can be picked up from our folder in the Community Box outside the Dockside Realty office at the Driftwood.

Annie Smith



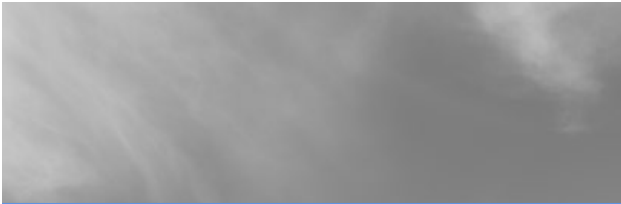
Volunteer Income Tax Preparation

The Pender Island Health Care Society, in partnership with Beacon Community Services is pleased to offer volunteer tax preparation for seniors.

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Pender Athletes Golden at the Canada Winter Games



Team BC's Gabriel Harrison, Lannette Boland and Nic Van Bakel

Team BC struck gold at the recent Canada Winter Games, and the Pender Island connection is quite amazing. The Games, held in Charlottetown, PEI, February 18-25, featured three Pender Island athletes, one coach, and a team that calls Pender their home every year at an annual training camp held at the school.

Pender athletes Nic Van Bakel, Gabriel Harrison, and Lannette Boland were the cornerstone of the team in PEI, leading the way as BC defeated Manitoba 66-26, Ontario 72-36, and Alberta 69-43 in the round robin play. In the semi-finals BC met Manitoba again, this time winning 70-41. The gold medal game saw BC absolutely dominate Alberta to win by an incredible 79-32 margin. In the gold medal game Nic scored 26 points to go with 5 rebounds and 3 assists, while Gabriel potted 27 points,

15 rebounds, 11 assists, and 6 steals to record an impressive triple-double. Lannette headed up the second lineup and was undeniably the best all-round team leader in the tournament.

All three Pender athletes began playing wheelchair basketball during the annual wheelchair basketball week in 2012. They also played the running game at Pender and went on to represent GISS as well. Along the way they were part of a group of five athletes who came out to practise regularly when Team Canada senior national team member, Kady Dandeneau (of Pender Island of course), began her journey in the sport in 2015. In 2016 and 2018 all three represented Zone 6 (Vancouver Island) at the BC Winter Games, winning silver and gold medals in those years. Inspired by Kady and the other Paralympic athletes that they met, the Pender crew attended

numerous BC Wheelchair Basketball Society events, and began training with the BC provincial team for Canada Games. After finishing in sixth place at the Canada Games in 2019, the Pender athletes doubled down on their training and commitment, which resulted in their incredible gold medal performance in 2023. The BC Canada Games team calls Pender Island their second home!

Coach Tim Frick, along with Pender wheelchair basketball week veteran coach Marni Abbott-Peter, were brought in to assist head coach, Simon Cass, in PEI. Coach Simon, of course, is a regular at Pender Island wheelchair basketball events, and has held a team building camp on Pender for the past eight years, camping at Port Browning and training at the school. Simon also has attended every wheelchair basketball school week since it started in 2012 to promote Paralympic sport.

In March, a new group of Pender Island athletes represented Zone 6 at the BC Winter Games in Vernon, clearly inspired by the dedication and commitment to excellence shown by Gabe, Nic, and Lannette (pictured with their gold medals).

A huge thanks goes out to the Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission and the Pender Island Legion for supporting the athletes over the years. That support has allowed Pender Island athletes the opportunity to achieve sporting excellence. Thanks also to the numerous Penderites who followed the team on social media and by watching the livestream games.

Tim Frick



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Saturday, April 22, 9 am - 12:30 pm

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Please join us in the parking lot of the Medicine Beach Centre for the 39th Annual Earth Day Beach and Roadside Clean-up. This is the 14th year that the Pender Islands Conservancy has organized the event, which is sponsored in part by the CRD and supported by many local businesses.

Anytime between now and April 22, grab some gloves and bags and head out to clean the beach, park, pathway, or roadside of your choice, then bring

your collected debris down to the drop-off site at the Medicine Beach Centre on Clean-up day. If you are unsure of where to clean, check in on Clean-up day and we will assign you a beach. Volunteers will help you load your garbage into the bins. If you need help with any large or difficult to reach items, please let us know, and we will do our best to arrange for someone to come and assist you.

There will be volunteers to greet you when you arrive at the drop-off site, who will direct you to where you can park and sign in. Bags, coffee, lunch, and snacks will be provided, and there also will be displays, music, and prizes.

If you know what beach or road you plan to clean, it would be helpful if you let us know ahead of time. To do so, or if you have any questions, or if you are able to help others get their collected debris to the drop off-site, please email me at president@penderconservancy.org.

Let's all give Mother Earth a helping hand!

Elizabeth Miles

FROM OUR MLA

MLA Adam Olsen hosts community meetings with local government colleagues



In the W̱SÁNEĆ 13-moon calendar, mid-February to mid-March is the WEXES (frog) moon. It is a time of sacredness and purification, and the time to gather food and medicine. The days grow longer, and the sunshine begins to warm the earth. The frog, as witness and messenger, awakens from hibernation and announces the coming spring, the sacred season of plenty. This is the exciting time of rebirth and renewal.

It is in this spirit that I renewed in-person public engagement by hosting six community meetings across the riding. I invited my local government colleagues from the Capital Regional District and Islands Trust to join the conversation as we work closely on cross-jurisdiction issues on the Southern Gulf Islands.

We heard how each community is unique, and also the many similarities in the challenges facing the Southern Gulf Islands. They include all forms of transportation, suitable and affordable housing, and access to primary and urgent healthcare. Another similarity is the hundreds of incredible volunteers and administrators who dedicate countless hours for critical non-profit societies.

On Pender our work began with a breath of fresh Salish Sea air and a visit to KELÁ_EKE, Kingfisher Forest. The property was recently acquired after a significant community fundraising effort, and I am thrilled it is being conserved.

I attended several meetings early in the day, including a discussion about tree cutting and environmental concerns, and a meeting about community policing with RCMP Detachment Commander Sgt. Lee, and CRD Director Paul Brent.

We visited the Pender Island Community Health Clinic. I am inspired by the incredible facility and services provided by the volunteer board, their employees, and contractors. The clinic delivers

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The visit culminated with a public community meeting, where I was joined by my colleagues, Director Paul Brent from the CRD, and South Pender Trustee Dag Falck.

The meeting opened with a comment about BC Ferries. I reflected on the challenges faced by the corporation and my Island tour last summer, where nearly every visit was interrupted or completely disrupted by systemic issues. I raise my hands in gratitude to all the ferry staff for their incredible service.

The Pender community meeting was dominated by concerns over a lack of housing. Several constituents articulated the human cost of the crisis. I am grateful for these truths to be spoken, and I honour the strength they displayed

by sharing the challenges they face finding safe and affordable housing in their community.

We also discussed digital connectivity to the islands, specifically the Connected Coast project. We named several challenges for the program, and we will work to ensure the program is rolled out so Gulf Island residents can access increased broadband service.

It was wonderful to connect with so many people who are passionate about their community. We are committed to working together to represent Pender Island. If you have questions, concerns, ideas, or opportunities, please don't hesitate to contact my office at 250-655-5600 or email Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca.

Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands

CRD HAPPENINGS

CRD Finally, an update from your CRD director. I've been remiss in writing, but the start of a new term brings some challenges (and opportunities) as we chart what we wish to accomplish over the coming four-year term. There have been a lot of brainstorming and planning sessions in Victoria, as well as getting out in person and meeting with community groups on the islands.

What I'm hearing is our islands have lots of areas of concern, initiatives they wish to start or progress and most importantly be supported through funding, staff resources, or both. What I'm also seeing are volunteer organizations working harder than ever, stretched by a shortage of volunteers (a national phenomenon), frustrated by an ever-increasing burden of bureaucracy (of which the CRD is part) but still delivering incredible value to our islands.

PENDER POST / JEAN BRADLEY SCHOLASTIC GIFT APPLICATION

To celebrate the volunteer work of Jean Bradley over five decades, the Pender Post Society is offering in Jean's name a \$500 scholastic gift to be used for studies related to healthcare. This scholastic gift is available to Pender Island residents who are new graduates, or to those who are returning for career training. The application form is available at Dockside Realty in *The Pender Post* file folder and the application deadline will be July 15. Successful applicants will be notified by July 31.

For those of you who did not know Jean Bradley, here is a brief biography of her accomplishments. Jean and her father, Ashton Ross-Smith, were founding members of The Pender Post Society in 1971. Jean was an editor in the early years and left *The Pender Post* in 1976 when she began teaching. She returned to Pender Post Society meetings in the 2000s, and volunteered to be a member of the Editorial Board. She also volunteered to proofread and her eagle "former-English-teacher" eyes caught most errors. She loved finding misplaced modifiers.

We have had several community halls on North Pender over the years. When the community met at the old "Port Wash" Hall near the corner of Port Washington and Otter Bay Roads, Jean started a Hall Committee. When the community outgrew that building, Jean and others started work to get a new school with community use of a gym, kitchen, meeting room, etc. As the buildings and the names changed, Jean carried on in the capacities of either secretary or president of the Hall Committee for more than twenty-five years.

She was a founding member of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary and volunteered with that group until it surrendered its charter.

She was a member of the Farmers' Institute for years, serving for several years as Food Preservation Convenor at the Fall Fair. She was the Inside Convenor when the Fall Fairs were held at the school.

She was a board member of the Pender Island Health Care Society for many years.

Jean also looked after subscriptions for the Gulf Island Concert Series, sat on the Plum Tree Court Seniors' Housing Society and Coleman-Rogers Bursary boards, and volunteered at the Food Bank. In her "spare" time she read the books in preparation for "Our Pender Book Club" meetings which began when Jean retired in 1999.

Sadly, Jean passed away in March of 2021, just one month before the 50th anniversary of *The Pender Post*.

I appreciate the value of our volunteers, and so does everyone in the CRD and at the CRD Board table. I hope all islanders appreciate those efforts; if you can't volunteer, then acknowledge and support those that do. Without their efforts our islands would be vastly different, the costs in human and environmental degradation severe, and the tax burden for those that remain way higher.

Speaking of taxes, the CRD is finalizing the 2023 tax requisitions. It is a witch's brew comprising taxes to support regional services (all 16 CRD members), sub-regional services (some CRD members), and local services - an example being Pender Islands Fire Society or Pender Islands Health Centre. Adding to that witch's brew (comprising over 200 services across the CRD), is the change in property assessments, both individually and regionally, as well as the number of new properties across which to spread the tax requisition. So, given that brew, a precise tax increase per property is nearly impossible to calculate. But

a reasonable approximation for the average Southern Gulf Island property would be in the range of 3.8%.

That increase is well below the rate of inflation as measured by the Consumer Price Index - which in Victoria rose 7%. There was an initiative in mid-March to increase the overall requisition to 6.4%, with those extra monies targeted to affordable housing, but it was narrowly defeated. Full disclosure: your CRD Director voted in favour of that increase, which would have meant an increase of \$18 on a one-time basis for the average property across the whole CRD.

It is generally strange that I would support a tax increase, as I've found organizations that are sheltered from market forces (like governments and other monopolies) to be inefficient, with little attention to cost control - with the default mechanism to simply raise revenues through increased pricing or reduced service. In this case, and in this area, there simply needs to be investment, and it's not immediately available through cost control. In my

opinion we can't afford to wait for the multiple levels of government to address their collective inefficiencies while good people go unhoused. But democracy overruled my opinion, for which some will be delighted, and others, like me, not at all.

Paul Brent

IN APPRECIATION

We wish to thank, most heartily, our First Responders. My husband had a stroke on January 15, a dark and chilly morning...it was a tad bleak, to say the least. Scott, John, Daisy, and one other, (I am sorry, I did not know who you were), arrived and were able to get him to Victoria General by helicopter in good time for treatment. It was the knowledge and clear expertise of these people who are responsible for his doing so well now. We are so very fortunate to have these skilled and willing individuals working for us. Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. Sincerely,

*Avril Sheppard
and Dimmer Craigie*

PENDER POST / JEAN BRADLEY SCHOLASTIC GIFT APPLICATION

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Please include the following with your application

- A letter describing your interests, hobbies, volunteer and other community activities. List your reasons for applying to the course of study and your goals upon completion.
- A letter of recommendation.

Requirements for the Scholastic Gift

- Applicants must be from Pender Island
- Applicants must be taking a course/studies in the Health Care field
- Applicants must provide proof of acceptance to the named course

Additional application forms will be available in the Pender Post box at the Dockside Realty office.

Completed applications must be left in the Pender Post box by July 15. Mark "Scholastic Gift Application" on the envelope.

Please email Dianne at dianneonpender22@gmail.com to let us know that you have applied.

The successful candidate will be chosen by a Pender Post committee and will be notified by July 31.



Well, it is time to say goodbye to beautiful Pender Island that has been our home for 17 years. We came here in 2006 to build our house. We experienced our first extreme cold weather and snow, living in a trailer, no power for over five days because a freighter dragged up the cables, and survived by melting snow for hot drinks to try and keep warm. This was our first experience of Pender generosity, when our closest neighbour allowed us to go in and warm ourselves next to their wood stove (you know who you are)!

We have had the pleasure of meeting and knowing some amazing people since moving here. We were going to mention some of them but the list was so big. Unfortunately, some joined our Sunny over the rainbow bridge and some moved on, but everyone made our stay on the island pleasurable and memorable.

You will probably know me (Tilly) either from when I worked in the insurance agency a few years ago and sold you ICBC or boat insurance, or when I helped out at the Medical Clinic. Most of you will know me from making the costumes for the Christmas Pantomimes since 2014. You may have

met Keith with our late Goldendoodle Sunny at the golf course, on the water sailing, or on stage in *Christmas Carol*, *Odd Couples*, *Cinderella* or as Mumsie in the 2021 *Treasure Island*!

It was always our dream to introduce Pender to the English pantomimes and we were lucky enough that Solstice Theatre supported us to achieve that dream. This has been a privilege and we will take many fantastic memories with us. The main one is hearing people laughing and enjoying themselves. We are heartbroken that we will not be here to help with *Camelot* this Christmas.

It was a difficult decision to leave. We honestly thought the only way we would leave our dream home would be in a box, but personal circumstances made us realize moving closer to family made sense. So, as we take our last ferry journey as Penderites, we want to say thank you Pender Island and its wonderful people for making us feel loved and welcome. Please give a Pender welcome to Bob and Jane, who are now new residents of Pender Island.

Tilly and Keith Smith

CELEBRATION OF LIFE



**Frances Evelyn Rose
(nee Peters)**

September 18, 1941 - October 22, 2022

A short graveside service is planned to honour Fran Rose on Saturday, May 13, 12 - 12:30 pm, Pender Island Cemetery. Pastor George Hodgson will preside with informal remarks by family.

The graveside service will be followed by an informal celebration of Fran's life



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Please RSVP for luncheon to Peggy Taylor, Fran's daughter (*peggyhiking@gmail.com*) by April 30, 2023.

Questions: Fran's sister Margaret, 604-817-2249

Margaret Scott Peters

Ellen Willingham

October 17, 1950 - December 13, 2022

There will be a lunch party in memory of Ellen Willingham on Sunday, April 16, 11:30 am at the Anglican Parish Hall.

Members of St. Peter's Anglican Church community are still mourning the loss of our friend and parish priest, Ellen Willingham, and have decided to throw an informal, "Ellen-style" pot-luck lunch party in memory of her love of gatherings, especially over food, and with music and laughter.

Anyone who loved Ellen, is most warmly invited to attend, and if you

have any ideas of how we can make this event especially relevant and healing (with guitar music, stories, tributes?), please don't hesitate to contact me. Or just show up. Also, helping hands with the preparations and clean-up would not be turned away!

Preceding the lunch party, we will be dedicating our regular Sunday service at 10 am in St. Peter's Church to the memory of Ellen, with special music and guest musicians. Reverend Blair Haggart from Mayne Island will be taking the service. Of course, everyone is just as warmly invited to this part of the day too. We would love to have the church overflowing with people who, like us, miss Ellen day in, day out.

Patricia Callendar

REMEMBERING

Barrie Petrie

We were very sad to hear of the passing of Barrie Petrie. Barrie was part of the crew who built our

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house. He was a happy man and he loved his dog, Priscilla.

Priscilla was always on his mind. By the time he worked with us, she was pretty much confined to bed and her bed was the very comfortable, blanket-laden back seat of the car. In the summer, Barrie moved the car as often as needed to keep the car out of the sun. In the winter, he made sure she had enough blankets. And Priscilla's dinner? Almost always chicken!

After the house was up, I would often see Barrie at Port Browning. If it was a Sunday, he would tell me about his phone call with his mother who lived in the East. And the happiest part of Barrie's story was the fact that once again the public phone behind the pub had let him talk to his mother for free.

And I would know when he was at Tru Value Foods or Home Hardware, or wherever I was because I would hear a warm, cheery voice, "Hello Julie!"

Yes, for the seven or eight years that I knew him, no one, including me, ever corrected him.

The last time I heard "Hello Julie" the voice was coming from the kitchen at Southridge Country Store. And that has to have been within the last two months. Barrie was working there and we chatted. I had no idea that would be the last time I would see him.

Rest in peace, Barrie. Missing hearing your greeting.

Judy Boxler



Darren Barefoot

April 25, 1974 - February 20, 2023

Darren Kyle Barefoot died on February 20, 2023 at the age of 48 following complications from metastatic cancer. He'd visited Pender regularly since purchasing a lot on Hooson Road in 2006 and had fulfilled his dream of building a home here. Darren moved to Pender full-time last May with his wife, Julie.



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The National Advisory Committee on Immunization has recommended spring boosters for high-risk groups. Spring boosters should be the bivalent mRNA vaccine that targets the dominant Omicron strain of the virus.

Spring boosters will be available in B.C. to seniors over 80, Indigenous people over 70, residents of long-term care, home care clients and anyone 18 and over who is moderately to severely immunocompromised and had their last dose or COVID-19 infection at least six months ago.

Adults over 60 and Indigenous people over 50 who have never had COVID-19 should consider getting a spring booster as well, according to provincial health officer Dr. Bonnie Henry. COVID-19 vaccines are available at the Pharmacy. Follow the link in your invitation or call 1-833-838-2323 to book your appointment.

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Darren was a builder of ideas, relationships, and communities. He was an entrepreneur, professional speaker, flâneur, playwright, author, and master storyteller. His professional pièce de résistance was Capulet Communications where, for 20 years, he acted as a trusted business partner to Julie. As a team they launched inventive advocacy and fundraising campaigns for NGOs and charities. Darren's work with organizations like the United Nations Climate Change Secretariat and Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society was compelling and admired. It aligned with his deep concern for the environment. In his short time on the island, Darren joined the board of the Pender Island Conservancy and helped to raise funds for the purchase of KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest.

Darren enjoyed a great turn of phrase. His pleasure in language is captured in his long-running blog, *darrenbarefoot.com* where he mused on miscellaneous technology trends, signage and maps, musical theatre, and how to cycle the Canal du Midi. If there was a question, Darren asked it. His friends, colleagues,

and family will greatly miss his curiosity and candour.

Darren and Julie travelled the world together for 25 years. On working holidays and long-term stays, they made memories in Ireland, Malta, Morocco, Panama, France, Germany and most recently in the home they built on Pender.

Darren will be ardently remembered by his wife Julie, parents Gordon and Meryl, siblings Kevin (Wendy; nephews Miles and Paul), Lynsey (Dominik) and Imogene, aunts Shaneen and Lynn, in-laws Lynn, Leah, and Ken and the well-loved cat, Goldberg.

Julie Szabo



THE ARTS

Pender Island Celtic Music Society



On the evening of Tuesday, February 21, the first Pancake Supper since the COVID shutdown took place. After a couple of years off



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we didn't manage to get a notice ready in time for *The Pender Post*, but Facebook and some paper posters on various community bulletin boards managed to get the message out. We know this because we fed between 70 - 80 diners that evening, and folks seemed to be enjoying themselves.

Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, is a British tradition and church holiday that marks a last day of merriment and indulgence before the more sombre time

of Lent begins. In the past the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches decreed a period of 40 days of fasting and penitence leading up to Easter. People were to abstain from rich foods such as milk, fat, and eggs. Rather than waste food that was not to be eaten during Lent, it was used to make special treats such as pancakes to be enjoyed with family and friends. In other countries this holiday is celebrated as Mardi Gras, or Fat Tuesday. So the Pancake Supper here can be seen as Pender's version of Mardi Gras. Not quite the wild party of New Orleans, though.

This supper was originally planned and organized each year by the congregation of St. Peter's Anglican Church up to 2016. The ladies and gentlemen involved have provided very detailed (and helpful) instructions, including lists of supplies, maps and charts for table arrangements and the all important electrical connections, and timelines that ensure that everything is ready on time.

Since 2017 the Pender Highlanders and Ceilidh Band have taken on the main responsibility for preparing for this

event. This year preparations began just after lunch and the work continued until about 7 pm, with various tasks occurring at the appointed times thanks to the excellent guidelines we were given. Many hands make light(er) work, and band members were assisted by family, friends, and many members of the Pender Island community. We would like to thank all who came (whether to work or eat or both) for making this year's supper a success!

Caren Rennie

Pender Island Community Choir

The Adult and Youth Community Choirs and the Pender Young Violins invite you to join them for a red carpet event. Our spring concerts feature *Songs From the Movies* which will be held on May 5, 6 at 7 pm and May 7 at 2 pm.

Director Sabrina Read has chosen a selection of songs from movies through the decades, which will provide fun and enjoyable performances that you won't want to miss.





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As the Pender Island Youth Choir starts its prep for our concert series, we invite any youth ages 6-10 who love to sing to come and join us every Monday at the hall 5:15 - 6:15 pm

Tickets for adults, \$15; youth 12-18, \$5; kids under 12 are free. Kids still require a ticket. Tickets are available at Talisman Books & Gallery. Look for the sandwich board out front.

Intermission concession will be coordinated by the Young Violins. Please support them with their fundraising efforts for the upcoming trip to Finland.

Thank you to director Sabrina Read, accompanist Eileen Deros, Community Choir board members, musicians, technicians, Community Hall staff and all volunteers who make these performances possible. Hope to see you there!

*Terry Shepherd,
Communications Liaison*

Pender Island Concert Society

On March 21 we enjoyed *Percussiano3* performed by Elizabeth and Marcel Bergmann, teamed with Rod Thomas Squance. The performance was dedicated to the memory of George Zukerman, who died in February at the age of 95. Zukerman was not only a well-known bassoonist but also a dedicated impresario who dreamed classical concerts might just fly on the Gulf Islands. His dream came true and, amongst other groups, he fostered and encouraged the birth of the Pender Island Concert Society.

"Well, there she goes, my friend, she'll be rolling down at last.

Hear the mighty engines roar, see the silver wing on high.

She's away and westward bound, far above the clouds she'll fly."

So the lyrics go in Gordon Lightfoot's 1966 release of *Early Morning Rain*, which just happens to be the title of our last performance before summer. In April we get a little less classical as we welcome John McLachlan and


Marc Atkinson in a wander through the wonderfully crafted songs of one of Canada's greatest songwriters.

British Columbia born folk singer/songwriter John McLachlan's original folk songs are hand-woven from his own roots, and the history and salt air of Canada's west coast.

He began performing in folk clubs in Vancouver in 1979 and for 20 years he presented his original songs in hundreds of theatres, festivals, clubs, and schools. After a hiatus from touring while he worked as a graphic designer and arts administrator, he returned to music in 2014. Since then, he's recorded five albums and is touring again. John calls Hornby Island (K'òmoks Traditional Territory) home.

Marc Atkinson, also from Hornby, is no stranger to Pender Island, where he has led and performed with the renowned Marc Atkinson Trio. Marc is one of Canada's finest JUNO-nominated, Western Canadian award-winning musicians. He has performed throughout Europe, England, and North America, and has been a regular at the Festival

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Join us, won't you, for *Early Morning Rain* at the Community Hall, April 23 at 7:30 pm.

As usual, tickets will be available for sale at Talisman Books & Gallery for \$25 and at the door if seats are available. Our generous sponsors make it possible for students to attend all concerts free of charge. Students must be armed with a ticket.

Jon Heaney, Society Chair

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



We met on March 13 at St. Peter's Anglican

Parish Hall. Eleanor Heslop, quilter extraordinaire, led us in constructing fabric bowls for the Hands Across the Water (HAW) quilters gathering we are

hosting in June. These fabric bowls are made from 10-inch fabric circles; we raided our personal fabric, stashes to create them. Quilters are avid collectors of fabric so we will have a collection of pretty bowls to give as a gift to attendees. We have made almost 100 bowls and we are well ahead of schedule! Our guests are coming from Galiano, Mayne, Saturna, and Duncan (Cowichan Valley Quilt Guild). We are anticipating 80 guests for HAW and are excited about delivering an enjoyable experience.

We always include a “Bring and Brag” session at our monthly meetings. This month we had four of our members share their completed projects. Susan Underhill showed us her Christmas alphabet quilt; each alphabet square is beautifully embroidered. Charlotte Edwards completed the Christmas wreath project from last September and so she is ready for next Christmas (you can never start planning for Christmas too early). Karen Watson has created a gorgeous daffodil wall hanging with hand-embroidered stamens. She also brought the thread-holder roll (fabric with zippered vinyl pouches) she

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sewed; this was October's project led by our wonderful quilting mentor, Cindy Hultsch. Cindy is such an integral part of our circle of quilting friends and we miss her presence, humour, and guidance when she is not able to join us. We love her and are always wishing for her comfort and moments of joy.

April's project is a Spring quilt challenge where our members work on their own project and share the pattern with us. This meeting is on April 10, 9:30 to noon, at St. Peter's Anglican Parish Hall.

Quilters Philosophy

Quilters are both daydreamers and task oriented. They are able to break a task, a quilt project, into steps because quilting lends itself to this approach. However, quilters are always exploring, researching, and seeking out new patterns and projects and often end up with multiple quilts in-progress. They take on too much and overextend themselves. When they become aware of being in this state, it is so valuable to take a breath, step back, take time to relax, let go and realize they don't have

to be super-achievers. This may allow them to resume with a more relaxed, realistic, and enjoyable approach and simply be in the creative moment.

Laura Vilness

Pender Photo Club

Spring into action with a spring in your step, and spring into life and see what springs to mind as a photographer.

Well, here we are in April, finally, and we are now able to get outside to blossom into that person we were a few months back. We all start to bloom as do the crocuses, daisies, clover, and so much more. It feels bright, cheerful, and hopeful that we can freely walk around with our cameras in hand to take in the amazing outdoors and capture what pleases our artistic eye.

Reflecting back on March and our Photo Club meeting we had 67 images from 10 people representing a vast array of exterior architecture.

Question: Do you think a spider web represents architecture? With some good old conversation on this, we

decided absolutely it could fit this category. It appears each meeting one or more photographs bring us a discussion on how they fit into the assignment.

What fun it is to see another perspective especially from an artist's eye. We paid tribute to so many incredible shots from around the world, most notably the Taj Mahal. None of us could ever attest to seeing such a thought-out, well-presented photograph of this incredible spectacle as was presented at our meeting. Unbelievable. If you were a part of our group you too would be able to say you saw this.

Not only did we see the world, but all of us stuck to the task at hand and went out to capture photos to submit. We had one member search our lovely island for Little Libraries or Book Boxes, and we were all impressed with this idea. People showcased their homes and some homes on-island as well as Sidney. Edmonton was shown in all its glory with several of its outstanding downtown buildings presented in unique fashion. Butchart Gardens in winter proved to host some



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truly outstanding subjects for another photographer to get her shots.

Having an assignment like this allows us to expand our visual eye and take the month to be cognisant as a photographer. It allows us to flourish, with a new awakening to match what we see to our subject at hand. Everyone in life sees things differently and that too is part of the fun and discussions that we get to enjoy once a month.

Blossom by blossom the spring begins. You can cut all the flowers but you cannot keep spring from coming. Always, the promise of spring gets us through our Canadian winters. So with all of this in mind, let your soul bloom by taking some photos, six of the same thing, in fact, with different perspectives, different editing and different filters and show us what you have. Contact Urs at ursboxler@gmail.com to join in the fun and come and get your spring on.

Lori Ragan

Pender Solstice Theatre Society



Pender Solstice Theatre is presenting a Norm Foster comedy, *Opening Night*, on June 9, 10, and 11. This hilarious comedy deals with the disastrous opening night of a play, and the people who have come out to see it. And when things go wrong, they go wrong in a big way. Mark your calendars for an evening of laughs and the possibility of seeing a neighbour or two onstage to entertain you.

Evan Llewellyn

PIJazz

The last swing dance was so much fun, we decided to do another one on April 21 at the Hall from 7 - 9 pm. Although we're keeping some favorite tunes, we're learning a new set of swing numbers to make sure we include everyone's favourites.

We can't wait to learn some new dance moves from Deirdre Knister and to see how many people are ready to try some

of her more daring swings and swoops! It's hard for most of us to just watch all the fun as we are playing away. Maybe this time we'll have arrangements that let some musicians hit the dance floor as well while the rest of us play. The word is also getting out that kids can dance (and are really good at it). So we hope more of you will bring the children and grandchildren when you come.

While all this is going on, we're starting to put together the program for our Jazz in June outdoor concert. It's more of the traditional jazz tunes and less about swing. You'll be able to see each member of the group featured in solos, and we'll get a chance to play some other favourites we've shelved while working on the swing dances.

Our brass section continues to keep us going. Bob Barradell's trombone swoops are so much fun. Dave Levien alternates between using his tuba to shore up the rhythm section and to amaze us with his melodic solo riffs! Rob Snoek is handling two to three trumpet parts (since right now he's our only trumpet player), but Vicki Dutton



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has rejoined us with her flute to give Rob a hand, especially on the high parts. We welcome more players at any time, of any musical skill level. Our practices are 6 - 8 pm at the Anglican Parish Hall on Thursdays. We hope, as people are coming out more, that they'll remember how much they enjoy playing music with friends. Join us.

Kathryn Curtis

Ptarmigan Arts

 Happy April, everyone! Let me start with a big thank you to everyone for giving me lots of grace as I learn the ropes. And there are many ropes! Ptarmigan does so much more than we see on the surface - I can't wait to share some hidden stories in the coming months. To get the newest program information, sign up for our newsletter or follow us on Facebook or Instagram @ptarmiganartsbc. For now though, are you ready to arts your heart out this month? We've got just the thing.

Pysanka Class

Join us at the Community Hall on April 1 to learn the art of writing on eggs based on Ukrainian pysanka traditions: to create a personalized gift, for the therapeutic effects of creative expression, to celebrate the season. This class is led by Larissa Shumuk just in time for Easter. The class is happening from 2-4 pm and the cost is \$25. Subsidies are available.

Peach & Quiet Album Release (and Dance) Party

Ptarmigan Arts is excited to host Peach & Quiet celebrating the release of their album *Beautiful Thing* at the Pender Community Hall on April 22. It will be a night of live music, dancing (if you want to) and so much more. Special guests will be joining, we'll have a nerdy door prize, cake by donation, and DJ Gnocci (Jesse Francis) will provide us with dance jams to close out the night. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$25/adult and free for youth 16 and under, available on our website or at Talisman Books and Gallery. Early Bird tickets available for \$20 until April 8.

Community Gathering

Every Friday from 12 - 1 pm, we get together at the Community Hall for live music from local artists and homemade soup in partnership with the Community Hall, Ptarmigan Arts, and the Community Resource Centre. This month we'll be hearing from Enzo Marino on April 7, Francesca Mirai on April 14, Finley Rose on April 21, and the Pender Island School Ensemble, led by Ben McConchie on April 28.

The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts

Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue opens April 5. This is an open call curated by volunteer Audrey Stibbe. Artists will take this old saying and interpret it their own way and we hope you will enjoy the result.

Coming up in May

On May 17 a solo show, featuring the work of Kim Pollard, titled *Of Time and Place* opens. *Soundscape!* opens May 31. This open call is curated by volunteer curator Elspeth McLean. "Artists are invited to create artwork inspired by the theme of music/sound. Let the soundscapes of our abundantly musical work be your muse to create a visual journey." For more details on this and other open calls this year, please visit our website or follow us on Instagram @galleryathopebay.

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Alice Karolina

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

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Moderate Yoga with Krista

Tuesdays, to April 25, 9:45 am - 10:45 am
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Tai Chi with David

Tuesdays, to April 25, 11 am - 12 pm
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Chair Yoga with Erin

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Gentle Walk with Andrea

Wednesdays, Year-round, 10 am - 11 am
Walk for fun, friendship, and fitness. This is a level, easy grade trail suitable for all abilities. Stay for one lap or five. There's no cost to join; tea and treats will be available for a small cost, or bring your own. Everyone is welcome. Please bring good walking shoes and a hat or umbrella if it's wet.

Moderate Yoga with Krista

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Chair Yoga with Erin

Thursdays, to April 27, 11 am - 12 pm
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MYI Exercise programs. If the full cost is a barrier, please contact andrea@penderislandhealth.org.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

The Community Support office is once again teaming up with Beacon Community Services to provide volunteer tax preparation for seniors. Income tax returns will be completed and e-filed by a vetted, trained volunteer, authorized by the Canada Revenue Agency. If you have a modest income and a simple tax return, you may qualify for this free service. Please call the community Support office at 629-3346 for more information. Application packages are available now.

Better at Home

Better at Home Contractors and Volunteers play an important role in supporting and helping older adults maintain their independence, and to continue to play an active role in our community. The program provides a range of non-medical home support such as light housekeeping and yard work, home maintenance and repairs,

Southern Gulf Islands Community Justice Program

For too long, the SGI Community Justice Program (CJP) has been Pender-centric! Although Pender has given us a base to work from, it is past time that we find a way to address the geographic challenge of being inclusive of all the SGI's.

Just to remind everyone, the CJP is a volunteer organization that offers Restorative Justice (RJ) and Conflict Resolution to all the Southern Gulf Islands. We supply training in RJ and the Peace Circle process, and the opportunity to work with some genuinely amazing people. While we respond to referrals from the RCMP and other community organizations, we also work on helping

our communities to find ways of resolving issues before they reach a boiling point.

This is where we need your help. Our plan is to work with folks from Saturna, Mayne, Galiano and Pender

to identify challenging and potentially polarizing topics of relevance in each community. We are asking you to join us in a Zoom Circle Conversation to talk about and listen to the concerns of your community. From there, we will host in-person Peace Circles to demonstrate the effectiveness of the process in addressing challenging issues and in creating positive results.

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Thanks – Jim Peacock



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Are you interested in Volunteering? Volunteers are matched with clients based on mutual interests. Imagine you would like to learn how to make the best jams and preserves, or are fascinated by stories of living in foreign countries, or would like to hear how someone built a log house from scratch. There are many interesting older adults on Pender, who are willing to share their experiences with you.

Are you interested in becoming a paid Contractor? Contractors are matched with clients based on skills, interests, needs, time availability and mutual interest. When the match is made, they can assist their clients in any way that seems mutually agreeable, with some limitations. Typically, clients request help with cleaning, yard work, recycling, basic house maintenance, and sometimes support of a person they provide care for, so they have time for some self-care.

Better at Home Volunteers and Contractors are in a position of trust with their family; as such, you will need to have a Criminal Record Check, Vulnerable Sector Check and sign a Confidentiality Agreement.

Are you an Older Adult (particularly one with limiting health conditions) and interested in a bit of help or greater connection? After a visit with the Better at Home Coordinator to assess your needs, we will try to connect you with a volunteer or contractor. If you require a contractor, then a subsidy may be applied based on your annual income. The number of contractor hours you receive is based on a variety of factors including age, number of clients in the household, isolation, inability to drive, and significant and limiting health conditions.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Andrea: 629-3346 or andrea@penderislandhealth.org.

If you are interested in becoming a contractor or client, please call Bill at 629-3346 or email communitysupport@shaw.ca.

Jane Harrison

Epicentre

Come join our spring learning and fun at the Epicentre! Our spring programs are similar in format to our winter programs, with just a few changes. In response to parent requests, the Thursday evening Youth Sewing and Crafts gathering will extend an extra hour, going from 5:30 - 8 pm. The whole spring session itself will run two weeks longer to provide more coverage for parents' schedules. The Spring classes begin right after spring break (April 3 to 7) and go through to June 30. And the cost of each class has been reduced, so that families can better afford those extra two weeks.

The spring schedule for our after school programs is Kids Club on Mondays, Theatre Club on Tuesdays, Science Club on Wednesdays, and Sewing Club on Thursdays. The Youth Sewing and Crafts gathering will run every Thursday evening, and the Learning with Karen program will run from 10 am - 4 pm on Fridays.

For more information, please see our Spring Programs advertisement

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No school bus to the Epicentre for the first week

Parents will be responsible for driving their children to the Epicentre for the first week of spring programs (Monday, April 3 to Thursday, April 6). Children will not be allowed to take the school bus to the Epicentre for that first week, unless it is their regular bus stop.

Registration

To register your child in a program please contact epicentre@sginh.ca. Registration and payments (cash or cheque only) can also be done in person at the Southern Gulf Island Neighbourhood House office (Community Resource Centre at the Driftwood) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 am - 4 pm. To enquire about payment plan options or financial support, contact Melody at mpender@sginh.ca.

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

Tru Value Spirit Board Donations Needed

The Epicentre relies on your donations through the Tru Value Spirit Board to buy supplies for our centre. Our Spirit Board dollars are now getting low. Please keep the Epicentre (#6) in mind when choosing where to put your 1% donations. We appreciate your support!

Serena van Bakel

Gulf Islands Food Co-op



The lovely sunshine of spring is such a great reminder that we are in the midst of the season for planting and harvesting a delicious local food bounty.

Gulf Islands Food Co-op's Annual General Meeting will take place on Sunday, April 2 at 3 pm via Zoom. If you are interested in hearing what projects we have worked on since June 2022 and what we have planned for 2023, or if you have ideas for projects that you would like to discuss at the AGM, please RSVP to info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org to receive the Zoom link.

Also, if you are interested in joining our Board Of Directors at the AGM, we would love to have you! The commitment to the GIFC Board is as much (participating in regional food security discussions, leading projects, writing grant proposals) or as little (attending our short quarterly Zoom meetings, providing email feedback on ideas for projects, etc.) as you choose. Please contact me directly for more information or see our website <https://gulfislandsfoodco-op.org>.

Thank you for your continued support of GIFC's work to help strengthen local food system resilience on Pender, Mayne, Saturna, and Galiano Islands, and we hope to see you at the AGM.

*Nancy Goodman,
GIFC Project Co-ordinator*

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Magic Lake Property Owners' Society

It's Renewal Time - May 1

MLPOS renewal forms are being mailed/mailed out for the May 1st deadline. Please contact Joanna Rogers notifymlpos@gmail.com if you do not receive your renewal in the mail or via email.

Driving in Magic Lake? Shift into S-L-O-W

The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure (MOTI) has responded to the MLPOS request for 30 kph speed signs along the playground and tennis court area by monitoring speeds. Speeds are currently being monitored. Once the results of this monitoring have been consolidated, MOTI will make recommendations on next steps.

Fibre Optic Infrastructure to Pender Island

The MLPOS Board has been discussing the delivery of fibre optic cable to Pender Island. Pender is excluded from the Connected Coast project (fibre optic

cable up and down the coast) apparently because Shaw has told Network BC and the CRD that they have improved their Pender Island service to 25 mbps broadband. Many residents experience internet speeds well below 25 mbps. MLPOS is collecting information from Shaw subscribers on internet speeds and will submit a letter to Network BC with supporting internet speed information to reinforce the request that a fibre optic cable be delivered to Pender as a priority.

MLPOS Cistern Rebate

At the March meeting, the Board approved extending the rebate for another year to April 2024.

Cisterns can help to future-proof for the predicted longer, drier summers. If this interests you, email notifymlpos@gmail.com for more information.

CRD Cistern Rebate

For others on Pender, here is a link to the CRD rebate program to register for next year's wait list <https://form-can.keela.co/cac-2023-rainwater-future-interest>

Privateers Park Rezoning

The rezoning of Privateers park from residential to CP2 has been successfully added to the North Pender Bylaw Project.

Magic Lake Estates Governance Study

Funding of \$15,000 has been approved by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs to review delivery of services like roads and utilities (related to tax structure) and engage the residents on questions of governance structure. The CRD will oversee and assist with this study and is currently preparing a Terms of Reference (TOR).

Marina Manager's Report

A number of upgrades and maintenance will take place in the next year:

- An upgrade to lighting for emergency vehicles (that is non-intrusive to neighbours) will be installed.
- For security, the RCMP patrol at night and security options will be investigated.
- The windsock to assist boat manoeuvring will be installed at the end of the breakwater by the end of the month.
- An action plan for 'sleeping boats' that are not being used/maintained will be implemented.
- For the first time in a long time, A-Dock has two vacancies without a wait list.
- Upgrading the boat ramp will be discussed with Parks/CRD.
- Annual boat insurance renewal will be tracked as part of each moorage renewal contract. Please make sure to include your boat insurance information in your renewal.
- An upgrade of the workshop/storage area will include design, costs, lease implications and insurance.
- Options are being explored for shortening up the road access to the breakwater in anticipation of future high tides undermining the road.

Tennis/Pickleball Court Manager's Report

A delegation attended the March meeting requesting maintenance items

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for the courts. The minor equipment replacement was approved by the Board. The cracks in the courts will require further information on scope of repairs.

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 or contact us at notifymlpos@gmail.com


The next MLPOS Directors meeting - on the second Monday of the month - is Monday, April 10, 2023 4 pm at the Community Hall Lounge/Cafe.

Mary Beth Rondeau, Secretary

Moving Around Pender

MAP

Do I live in a blue zone?

 At the beginning of this century, demographer Michel Poulain and colleagues began a study of centenarians in Sardinia. Ages were validated by records of births and deaths,

http://austriaca.at/0xc1aa500e_0x00307bb6.pdf.

A blue pen happened to be used to mark villages on a map where high longevity occurred. Consequently those areas were described as blue zones.

Other demographers became interested and other blue zones were identified. Specifically, Okinawa, Japan; Nicoya Peninsula, Costa Rica; Icaria, Greece; and Loma Linda, California. Subsequently the claim for Okinawa was disputed, https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Blue_zone.

While no correlation between a specific factor and longevity has been proven, the blue zone populations are distinguished in diet, exercise, and lifestyle. Will walking extend my life? Cause and effect isn't established, but most of us benefit from walking and cycling. Island trails, including those supported by MAP, offer pleasant routes.

Volunteers for MAP projects are always welcome. Usually the group meets on the first Saturday afternoon of the month, 1:15 pm, following the market at the Community Hall.

Peter Easthope

Pender Island Child Care Society

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre



The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence. ~ Dr. Maria Montessori

Easter Long Weekend

Dragonfly Child Care will be closed Good Friday on April 7 and Parents and Babes will be canceled Easter Monday on April 10.







Parent Self Care and Children Resource Kits


Please help yourself to our free parent self-care and children resource kits available at Dragonfly's front door each Monday morning (except holidays). These are very popular and go fast! Thanks to the Victoria Foundation for their generous contribution to support this project.

Book Bags

Children develop as readers by listening to books, reading and describing the

Epicentre After School Programs

MONDAYS  Kid's Club 3:45 - 5:15 PM With Joel Michener	TUESDAYS  Theatre Club 3:45 - 5:15 PM With Joel Michener	WEDNESDAYS  Science Club 3:45 - 5:15 PM With Joel Michener	THURSDAYS  Sewing Club 3:45 - 5:15 PM With Joel Michener	FRIDAYS  Learning with Karen 10 AM - 4 PM
THURSDAY NIGHTS  Youth Craft Night & Pizza 5:30 - 8 PM With Joel Michener				

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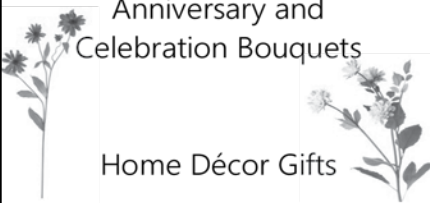
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pictures, using memory to read, and following along the text with fingers and then turning the page. You are welcome to sign out baby board books, picture books, felt stories, or parent resources. Thanks to the Times Colonist Literacy Society and Talisman Books & Gallery for their generous contributions to support our library.

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast is held one Saturday per month from 9 - 11 am at Dragonfly. Join Pamela Wadge and Chris Carrier on April 22 as they serve up a sausage and pancake breakfast, complete with yogurt, fresh fruit, and maple syrup. This is a wonderful 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!

Parents and Babes

Parents and Babes is offered every Monday morning from 9 - 11:30 am at Dragonfly (we are closed April 10). This is a free drop-in program for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and their children ages 0-5 years. Come out and enjoy healthy snacks, adult and children interactions, developmentally appropriate toys and books, and the adult and child book lending library. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and the Pender Island Child Care Society, this program is free.

Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP)

HOP is every Wednesday in the gym from 9:30 - 10:30 am. Come on out

and join Rowie as she sets up obstacle courses, tumbling mats, a toddler ball pit, bean bag toss, trikes, and plasma cars. HOP is designed for parents/grandparents/caregivers to engage in physical activities and support children ages 1-5 years with gross motor skills. Stay until noon and join Jenny in the Strong Start room. Thanks to the Pender Island School and the CRD, this program is free.

Dragonfly website

Check out our website, www.dragonflycentre.ca for more information about our programs, helpful parent blogs, and recipes. If you would like further information on Dragonfly activities, you can contact Sarah at 629-3039 or by email at dragonflyfamilycentre@gmail.com.

Sarah Conley

Pender Island Community Service Society

Nu-To-Yu (NTY)



Spring has sprung
and with it comes
changes at the Nu-To-
Yu. As of Saturday April 15 we will once again be accepting donations on Saturdays from 11 am - 2 pm. Volunteer staffing issues prevent the NTY from accepting large items such as furniture on Saturdays, however we will be pleased to accept your donations of tools, gently used clothing and shoes, unchipped china/dishes and kitchen items, small appliances in working order, linens and toys in good repair, as well as jewelry and figurines. There is a limit of two bags or boxes per household per day. Please note we cannot routinely accept donations between 10 - 11 am on Saturdays. All donations are to be screened by the downstairs volunteer who is also doing sales, so no dumping and running/dashing/sneaking away folks. We continue to be unable to accept donations on Fridays. Of course, Tuesday and Thursday donation days remain unchanged at 9 am to 12 pm. Reminder: for public health reasons, the NTY does not accept used or previously opened toiletries, used bed pillows or cushions, nor electric shavers. Thank you.

Farm Fresh Free Range

Eggs
Apple Juice
Walnuts

Shepherd's Croft Farm
2234 Port Washington Road
629-6644

Now, in order to accept donations on a Saturday, the NTY will need to be open on a Saturday, so April 15 also marks the return of regular Saturday openings for buying. Yes, we will do our best to be open for customers two days a week, Friday and Saturdays from 10 am - 4 pm, effective April 15. Of course, we can only open the store if we have volunteers to take your money. Please consider volunteering six hours of your time (this equals two shifts a month) so the NTY can offer you what you asked for: Saturday openings and a Saturday donation day.

When shopping at the NTY please feel free to bring your own bag. Buy your guilty pleasures with low denomination bills or coins. Cheques are accepted from full time on-island residents. Ten dollars is the minimum amount to purchase by cheque. We do not offer cash back on cheques; that is what parents are for. There are three ATMs on Pender Island that are happy to give your own money back to you, if you remember your PIN.

Effective immediately, the number of customers allowed into the upstairs area is increased to twenty-five. If you are asked to wait outside because there is no room in the store, please do not throw a hissy fit. Facial masks remain mandatory until April 30. As of May 1, facial masks will be highly recommended so please consider wearing one. The public health measures of 2020-2022 inclusive were instituted to protect BC's overwhelmed hospital system. News flash: the hospital situation has not improved in the last three years. By continuing to look after each other we also look after the hospital workers so they can look after us. Thank you for acknowledging the need and responsibility to look after each other, as well as we look after ourselves. You helped keep the store open, and allowed all age groups to shop. We truly appreciate that!

We all know the NTY store is small and it is easily overcrowded during the summer. Cheek by jowl shopping is not the best look for the fire marshal, nor the best smell for any nose. Sometimes

manners are forgotten in the attempt to get the item you never knew you wanted but now just have to have. As a result, there remains a fifteen minute shopping time limit when there are customers waiting outside the store. Surprise, surprise, this applies to those first in the door at 10 am just as much as the later arrivals. Please be courteous and socialize outside the store, especially when there are lineups. Help the volunteers out; you may just know them. And an older, ornery volunteer is a force to be reckoned with. Remember, we have already raised our teenagers. We know all the tricks.

Thank you all for shopping and donating at the Nu-To-Yu. Happy Easter to everyone.

Daurel Minion



Pender Islands
Health Care Society

2023 Speaker Series: *HERE'S TO YOUR GOOD HEALTH!*



About our Speaker

Dr Greg Bondy has treated diabetes for 30+ years. As he says, "It used to be that when I would tell someone they had diabetes, I would take ten years off their life expectancy. With newer medications and lifestyle measures this is no longer the case."

Talk #2: Everything You Need to Know about Diabetes

When: Sunday, April 23 at 2:00 pm

Where: Pender Island Public Library

What: Dr Bondy outlines the development of **Type 2** diabetes and the risk of heart attack or stroke which used to shorten life expectancy. He'll describe lifestyle measures and newer, safer medications that can help diabetics successfully manage their condition.

*Presented as part of the **Sunday Afternoon at the Library series.***

Anglican Church of Canada

Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands • 4703 Canal Road

April 2	10:00 am	Online via Zoom	Palm Sunday-Passion Play
April 7	All Day	St Peter's Church	Good Friday – Stations of the Cross
April 9	10:00 am	St Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist for Easter
April 16	10:00 am	St Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist
April 30	10:00 am	St Peter's Hall	Circle Service

Church Office: 629-3634

Bookings for the Parish Hall: rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca
Parish E-mail: admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

Pender Island Community Church (PICC) (www.picchurch.ca)

4405 Bedwell Harbour Road - We are a non-denominational church, all are welcome! Please visit our website

April 2	10:45 am	Dan Glover	Communion / Palm Sunday
April 7	10:00 am	Good Friday	Readings and Meditation
April 9	10:45 am	Bobby & Lyn Cooper	Easter Sunday Worship Service
April 16	10:45 am	Greg & Becky Ouellette	Worship Service
April 23	10:45 am	Jim Madsen	Worship Service
April 30	10:45 am	Garth Klassen	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

April 2	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
April 7	3:00 pm	Good Friday - Third World Stations of the Cross
April 9	9:30 am	Easter Sunday - Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
April 14	9:30 am	Friday Mass in lieu of Sunday
April 23	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
April 28	9:30 am	Friday Mass in lieu of Sunday

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

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

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

April 9	7:00 pm	Feast of Jalal (Glory), in person on Salt Spring Island, and via Zoom
April 21	3:00 pm	First Day of Ridvan, in person on Salt Spring and via Zoom
April 28	7:00 pm	Feast of Jamal, via Zoom
April 29	3:00 pm	Ninth Day of Ridvan, in person on Salt Spring and 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 or call 250-412-2524 or visit bahaisi.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.

Health Services

Medical Emergency 911
Medical Clinic..... 629-3233

Monday to Friday, 9 am - 12 pm and 2 - 5 pm

Please do not call clinic staff at home. If your circumstance is genuinely of an urgent nature that will not wait until the clinic reopens, call **1-800-866-5602** and ask for the “**Doctor on-call for Pender Island.**” Your call will be returned.

Audiologist, Donna Stewart..... 778-426-4876
Better at Home Program 629-3346
Chiropractor, Mark Wensley 629-9918

Community Nurses..... 629-3242
 Carmel Kozac and Miranda MacKenzie

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

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

Family Advancement Counsellors 250-222-0025

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

Lab Services..... 629-3233

Massage Therapy, Tru Hartwood 250-889-3923
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 Julie Duhome 250-544-2400 or 539-3099

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Pharmacist, Christine Swan 629-6555

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Mental Health Distress Line
 Support/Information 310-6789
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 Vancouver Island Crisis Line..... 1-888-494-3888
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Ministry of Children and Family Development

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

Community Support Numbers

Capital Regional District (CRD)

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

Emergency Hydro 1-888-769-3766

Fire Rescue (Emergencies)..... **911**
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Burning Permits - online www.penderfire.ca
 or at Fire Hall #1, 4423 Bedwell Harbour Road

Hall/Meeting Room Bookings

Anglican Parish Hall....rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca
 School Community Room 629-3711
 Health Care Centre 629-3326
 Legion Hall.....bookings239.rcl@gmail.com
 Pender Island Community Hall..... 629-3669
 Plum Tree Court.....plumtreecourt@gmail.com

Home Support Services

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

Islands Trust: Victoria 1-800-663-7867
 NP, Deb Morrison..... dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca
 NP, Aaron Campbell..... acampbell@islandstrust.bc.ca
 SP, Dag Falck..... dfalck@islandstrust.bc.ca
 SP, Kristina Evans kevans@islandstrust.bc.ca

Member of the Legislative Assembly

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

Member of Parliament

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

Pender Island Emergency Program

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

Pender Island Public Cemetery 629-6625

Pender Island Veterinary Clinic 629-9909

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

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

Crimestoppers 1-800-665-TIPS (8477)

Victim Services 629-6531

Rescue

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

Search and Rescue (Land) Emergency 911

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

APRIL CALENDAR

1	Sat	10:00 am	Community Café to 1 pm, Community Hall*	40
		10:00 am	Spring Market to 1 pm, Community Hall*	40
		1:00 pm	PI Conservancy Weekly Restoration, to 3 pm* (This week: Beach Clean-up at Medicine Beach) ...	32
		1:15 pm	Moving Around Pender (MAP) first Saturday every month, Community Hall*	25
		2:00 pm	Pysanka Class, to 4 pm, Community Hall	20
		2:30 pm	Pender Island Trust Protection Society, first Saturday every month, Community Hall lounge*	42
		4:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw every Saturday*	44
2	Sun	10:00 am	Badminton to 12 pm, contact 629-6830 or 629-3375, School Gym*	
		3:00 pm	Gulf Islands Food Co-op AGM, via Zoom	23
		7:00 pm	Speakeasy with Words to Inspire: crack, face-first, rolls, whiskey, Legion*	
3	Mon	9:00 am	Parents and Babes to 11:30 am, Dragonfly Centre (except April 10)	25, 26
		9:30 am	Let's Go Walking, Mondays and Fridays, call Carol at 629-9959 or Ann at 629-3099 for location	
		11:00 am	MYI: Essentrics with Heather, to 12 pm, Community Hall*	21
		3:45 pm	Kids Club (ages 5+) to 5:15 pm, weekly til June 26 (no class April 10, May 22), Epicentre*	22, 25
4	Tue	9:45 am	MYI: Moderate Yoga with Krista to 10:45 am, Community Hall*	21
		10:00 am	Library open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays til 3 pm	38
		10:00 am	Ladies League Opening Day, Pender Island Golf Course	45
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	41
		10:00 am	Bike tune ups, sales, repairs on the first Tuesday of the month to 3 pm, Recycling Bike Shop*	41
		11:00 am	MYI: Gentle Chair Yoga with Erin to 12 pm, Community Hall*	21
		11:00 am	MYI: Tai Chi with David to 12 pm, Community Hall*	21
		3:45 pm	Theatre Club (ages 5+) to 5:15 pm, weekly til June 27, Epicentre*	22, 25
		7:00 pm	Photo Club meets, via Zoom	18
		7:30 pm	Badminton to 9:30 pm, contact 629-6830 or 629-3375, School Gym*	
5	Wed	9:30 am	HOP until 10:30 am, School Gym*	26
		10:00 am	MYI: Gentle Walk with Andrea to 11 am, Community Hall*	21, 40
		1:00 am	<i>Something Old, New, Borrowed, Blue</i> , an open call show opens at Ptarmigan Arts Gallery	20
		1:30 pm	Carpet Bowling to 3:30 pm, Community Hall*	40
		2:00 pm	Socrates Cafe with John Gowan every Wednesday to 4 pm, Legion*	44
		3:45 pm	Science Club (ages 5+) to 5:15 pm, weekly til June 28, Epicentre*	22, 25
		4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5 pm, \$5 drop in (also April 19), all ages, abilities welcome, Community Hall*	
6	Thu	9:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations until 12 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays*	26
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		3:45 pm	Sewing Club (ages 5+) to 5:15 pm, weekly til June 29, Epicentre*	22, 25
		5:30 pm	Youth Sewing & Crafts (grades 6+) to 7 pm, weekly til June 29, Epicentre*	25
	Fri	9:30 am	Let's Go Walking, Mondays and Fridays, call Carol at 629-9959 or Ann at 629-3099 for location*	
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open to 4 pm, Fridays (and Saturdays beginning April 15)*	26
		10:00 am	Food Bank open Fridays to 12 pm, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	
		10:00 am	Tech Table to 12:30 pm, Community Hall*	40
		10:30 am	Community Cafe and Gathering to 1 pm, music by Enzo Marino at noon, Community Hall	20, 40
		10:00 am	Learning with Karen (ages 5+) to 4 pm, weekly til June 30 (except April 7, May 26), Epicentre*	22, 25
		10:45 am	Activity: Egg Decorating to 12 pm, Community Hall	40
		5:30 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Barb Pender's Cowichan Curried Chicken*	44
		7:00 pm	Film: <i>The Whale</i> , Community Hall	40

APRIL CALENDAR CONTINUED

8	Sat	10:00 am	Community Café to 1 pm, Community Hall*	40
		10:00 am	Spring Market to 1 pm, Community Hall*	40
		1:00 pm	Pender Islands Museum open to 4 pm Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays	36
		7:00 pm	Film: <i>Triangle of Sadness</i> , Community Hall	40
9	Sun	10:00 am	Badminton to 12 pm, contact 629-6830 or 629-3375, School Gym*	
		5:00 pm	Youth Lounge to 9 pm, Community Hall	40
10	Mon	9:30 am	Pender Island Quilters' Circle, to noon, St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall	18
11	Tue	10:00 am	Computer Savvy Seniors, to noon, Plum Tree Court (also April 25)	19, 44
		11:00 am	55+ Workshop: Eggs, Tips and Tricks on Using Them in the Kitchen, to 1 pm, Truss Farm Food	15, 44
		7:30 pm	Badminton to 9:30 pm, contact 629-6830 or 629-3375, School Gym*	
12	Wed	4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5 pm, \$5 drop in and March 15, all ages and abilities welcome, Community Hall*	
13	Thu	1:00 pm	55+ Workshop: Activity Day – Mahjong to 4 pm (also April 27), Plum Tree Court	19, 44
		1:00 pm	Garden Club to 3 pm, speaker Bernie Dinter of Dinter Nursery	45
		7:00 pm	Film: <i>Black Panther</i> , Community Hall	40
14	Fri	9:30 am	PI Conservancy Naturalist Walk: Found Road Trail with Madelin Emery	32
		10:30 am	Community Cafe and Gathering to 1 pm, music by Francesca Mirai at noon, Community Hall....	20, 40
		11:00 am	Pender Island Otters Swim Club, spring session, Panorama Recreation Centre*	46
		10:45 am	Activity: Ping Pong Fun to 12 pm, Community Hall	40
		7:00 pm	Film: <i>Black Panther: Wakanda Forever</i> , Community Hall	40
15	Sat	9:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations until 12 pm*	26
		10:00 am	Community Café to 1 pm, Community Hall*	40
		10:00 am	SpringMarket to 1 pm, Community Hall*	40
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open to 4 pm*	26
		10:00 am	Legion Scrapbook & Crafts Group (also Sunday, April 16 at 10 am)	44
		7:00 pm	Film: <i>Everything Everywhere All at Once</i> , Community Hall	40
16	Sun	11:30 am	Lunch party in memory of Ellen Willingham, Anglican Parish Hall	12
17	Mon	3:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Community Resource Centre and via Zoom	37
18	Tues	8:00 am	Foodsafe Level 1 Course, Legion	44
		10:00 am	The Pender Post Society AGM, Community Hall	5
19	Wed	4:00 pm	Pender Island Reconciliation Circle, talk and discussion circle to 6 pm, Anglican Parish Hall	39
21	Fri	10:30 am	Community Cafe and Gathering to 1 pm, music by Finley Rose at noon, Community Hall	20
		10:45 am	Conservancy for Kids: Upcycled Art to 12 pm, Community Hall	32, 40
		5:30 pm	Legion Friday Dinner – TBA	44
		7:00 pm	PI Jazz: Jazz Swing Dance to 9 pm, Community Hall	19
22	Sat	9:00 am	Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast with Pamela Wadge and Chris Carrier to 11 am	26
		9:00 am	39 th Annual Earth Day Clean up to 12:30, drop-off at Medicine Beach	4, 8
		2:00 pm	Legion 9 Ball Pool Tournament	44
		7:00 pm	Peach & Quiet Album Release Party, Community Hall	20
23	Sun	5:00 pm	Youth Lounge to 9 pm, Meet at the Community Hall	40
		2:00 pm	Here's to Your Health: Healthy Living with Type 2 Diabetes, Pender Island Library	27, 35, 38
		7:30 pm	Pender Island Concert Society, <i>Early Morning Rain</i> , Community Hall	16
26		10:00 am	55+ Workshop: Editing Your Own Writing, to noon, via Zoom	44
28	Fri	10:30 am	Community Cafe and Gathering to 1 pm, music by PI School Ensemble at noon, Community Hall....	20, 40
		10:45 am	Activity: Bracelet Making to 12 pm, Community Hall	40
		7:00 pm	PI Conservancy Seminar with Eric Taylor: Atmospheric Rivers, Community Hall	32
29	Sat	10:00 am	Garden Club Plant Sale Fundraiser to 1 pm, at the Winter Market at the Community Hall	45
		10:00 am	Legion General Member Meeting	44
		1:00 pm	Legion Bingo	44
		7:00 pm	Film: <i>Marcell the Shell with Shoes On</i> , Community Hall	40
30	Sun	5:30 pm	Legion Dinner – TBA	44
		7:00 pm	Legion Comedy Show with Ed Hill and Lukas Purn	44

5	Fri	7:00 pm	PI Community Choir <i>Songs from the Movies</i> (also May 6, 7 pm, May 7, 2 pm), Community Hall ..	15
7	Sun	9:00 am	4th Annual Ursula Poepel Broom Bash, to May 20	32
11	Thur	11:00 am	Pender Island Fire Protection Society AGM	37
17	Wed	1:00 pm	<i>Of Time and Place</i> , a solo show by Kim Pollard opens at Ptarmigan Arts Gallery.....	20
20	Sat	10:00 am	<i>A Brush with Spring</i> at Ptarmigan Arts Gallery, to 4 pm (also May 21, 11 - 3 pm)	14

Pender Islands Conservancy

KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest



Remember that in the months to come, science and conservation staff from the Pender Conservancy and Raincoast will spend time getting to know the land and making plans for its ongoing restoration and ecological management. As these plans are developed and restoration activities are initiated, we ask that community members refrain from accessing the land without consent. Because the property is not being managed as a recreation area, this will ensure the personal safety of community members, while also safeguarding the integrity of any restoration work undertaken on the land.

We will begin the community engagement process soon, as we start working toward the management plan. Keep an eye on our website for upcoming consultations.

Conservancy Restoration Saturdays, 1 pm - 3 pm

Small steps for big impacts! Thank-you to the hardy crews who helped remove invasives and plant trees at Danny Martin Park and to our collaborator, Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission. We are finished working at Danny Martin Park for the spring, in order to make space for nesting birds. It looks amazing! Our summer staff and volunteers will watch over the work done by caring for the new plantings and keeping the blackberry under control. In April, we will begin supporting the work of the Beach Clean-up, with clean-ups in various locations. Locations will be announced on the website or let us know if you would like to be on the email list at: info@penderconservancy.org.

Naturalist Field Walk at Found Road Trail with Madelin Emery Friday, April 14, 9:30 am.

What will we find on Found Road? Join Madelin Emery, flora enthusiast and recently retired Parks Canada Interpreter, on a naturalist walk. Discover buds and blooms, meet some moss, like the lichens, savour some scents of tree sap, and emerge with new insights. Limited space. Please register on our website or email us at info@penderconservancy.org.

Volunteer leaders are always welcome. Contact us at info@penderconservancy.org for more information, or if you are interested in volunteering to lead a walk.

Conservancy for Kids: Upcycled Art C4K joins the Community Hall's Friday Fun Drop-in April 21, 10:45 - noon

Upcycled art is a wondrous creation, reduces waste, and aids conservation. Re-invent materials with your imagination! Let's support Earth Day at the Friday Fun Drop-in - make something great from garbage!

April seminar: Atmospheric Rivers and Climate Change with Eric Taylor Friday, April 28, 7 pm, Community Hall

Come meet Penderite Eric Taylor, who has dedicated his career to meteorology, atmospheric science, and air quality management - a trailblazer in his field.

From 1983 to 1988, Eric served as the Officer in Charge of Beaufort Weather and Ice Office, Tuktoyaktuk, NWT, where he provided valuable contributions to the field.

His outstanding work led him to receive the Environment Canada Award of Excellence in 1995.

From 2000 to 2005, Eric served as the National Coordinator of the Canadian Climate Impact and Adaptation Research Network, Ottawa. He was also the author of the BC Chapter of Environment Canada's Canada Country Study on climate change impacts and adaptation. Eric worked as an Air Quality meteorologist with the BC Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy in Victoria from 2005 to 2019. He collaborated in the development of the Canadian Air Quality Health Index (AQHI).

Notably, Eric shared in the 2007 Nobel Peace Prize related to his work with the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change. He also led the development of a 408 page book, *Air Quality Management: Canadian Perspectives on a Global Issue*, published by Springer in 2014. We are happy to have Eric as a speaker.

Annual Native Plant Sale Saturdays at the Nature Centre, 11 am - 3 pm

Don't forget to renew your Pender Conservancy membership for 2023. With a \$20 annual membership (for individuals or families) you will receive 20% off all native plants during our plant sales. Memberships can be renewed online through our website, or in person at the Nature Centre.

4th Annual Ursula Poepel Broom Bash May 7 - 20

Be Ursula for a day! Ursula was Pender's Broom Bash queen. In honour of her passion and perseverance in removing this highly invasive plant, the Pender Islands Conservancy presents the 4th annual Ursula Poepel Broom Bash. Stay tuned for details.

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Pender Island Farmers' Institute



We just had Seedy Saturday on March 18, a beautiful day. Thank you to all who turned out, special thanks to Roz Kempe of Gulf Islands Food Co-op for arranging the speaker

Lisa Willott, Farm Folk City Folk Seed Coordinator. Lisa brought a selection of seeds and information from BC Eco-Seed Co-op, an exciting initiative that encourages farmers and growers to grow for seeds that can be saved, exchanged and sold. Lisa spoke with some farmers and sparked some ideas and contacts. Also thanks to Andrea Mills of the Pender Island Community Hall for her assistance in putting Seedy Saturday on in conjunction with the Winter Market vendors who had a variety of wonderful items for sale. Mayne Island Clay Works brought clay irrigation vessels, seeds were offered for sale or trade, Pender Island Seed Library, Farmland

Acquisition, Farmers' Institute, and Pender Island Conservancy participated as well as several farms.

A Food Safe course and the Farmers' Market vendor meeting will be in late April or early May. If you are interested in joining the Farmers' Market starting May long weekend, please check out our website at PIFI.ca or Facebook Page for announcements, or email penderislandmarket@gmail.com.

Fall Fair - August 26

If you are interested in helping organize, or volunteering in any capacity, please contact Barb at 250-222-3817 or email penderislandmarket@gmail.com. Trophies can be returned to Trinette Prior at 629-2213 or trinette@shaw.ca. Convenors, or those wanting to help with exhibits, please contact Terry Shepherd at tsarts111@gmail.com. Thank you!

Barb Johnstone

Pender Island Fire Rescue



As of March 1, Pender Island Fire Rescue members have responded to 52 emergency calls.

March was a busy month for us here at Pender Fire, and I would like to congratulate the 16 cadets who spent their spring break at the camp, fully immersing themselves in the world of firefighting. Instructors and firefighters from Pender, Saltspring, and View Royal ran the daily training. Members from BCAS, RCMP, RCAF, and Canadian Coast Guard rounded out the experience for the cadets to give them a glimpse into the exciting world of emergency services. Countless support crew members, as well as local businesses, also helped make this incredible program possible. Without their help this program could not exist, so I extend gratitude and thanks to all involved. I believe that this camp changes the lives of the young people who participate in it for the better

April 1 means burn permits are required for all outdoor burning. I spoke about this in last month's issue, but want to remind everyone once again that permits can be obtained through our website www.penderfire.org or in person at Fire Station Number One. Remember that a hot fire produces less smoke, so stoke that fire and slowly add yard waste to prevent smothering and therefore less smoke. Also, please remember you are required to have a way to extinguish your fire, such as hand tools, a garden hose, or fire extinguisher.

Spring is here and it is a great time to clean your smoke detectors. Vacuum

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them out since spiders, flies, and dust can cause false alarms. As well, it's time to change the batteries in your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. With all the power outages through the winter it really is hard on the battery backup. While your detector is down, look at the replace by; or manufacturer's date. These detectors are good for ten years and then need to be replaced. It's hard to believe that would mean anything prior to 2013 is out of date!

The PIFR Fire Prevention Team can assist you with home safety assessments. If you would like to arrange a visit by our team, please call or email our administration and we would be pleased to speak with you about ways you can keep your home safer for you and your guests.

Captain Jon Grelik

Pender Island Health Care Society

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Speaker Series Continues



The first instalment of the Here's to Your Good Health talks, arranged in conjunction with the Library's Sunday at the Library series, was well attended. Dr. Peter Paré presented Your Genome: Your Roadmap for Present and Future Health? A video of this interesting talk is available at our website under <https://penderislandhealth.org/community-programs>.

The next talk is scheduled for Sunday, April 23 at 2 pm. Dr. Greg Bondy, who has treated diabetes for over 30 years, presents Everything You Need to Know about Diabetes.

Dr. Bondy will outline how Type 2 diabetes develops and some of the underlying mechanisms that cause people to develop diabetes. The focus will be on the increased risk of developing cardiovascular disease, including heart attack or stroke associated with diabetes, which used to shorten life expectancy significantly. He'll also describe lifestyle measures such as diet and exercise that help with diabetes management. The talk will cover medications used to treat diabetes,

including newer, safer medications that help prevent renal and heart disease.

Doctor Coverage at the Clinic

There has been no update from Island Health on finding a replacement for the now-retired Dr. Moore. The Society is working hard to provide the best primary care service possible under the circumstances with available locums. Options for the longer term are under consideration. The primary focus now is providing a fully functioning health centre that will attract a physician to join the medical practice, while Island Health works on physician recruitment.

The Search Begins...

As reported in March, Marion Alksne, Executive Director at the Health Centre, is planning to retire at the completion of her five-year term in December 2023. A search committee of the Board has initiated recruitment activities, and advertising is starting in April. See ad on page 7.

Medical Info Fridge Envelopes

In 2017, the Society launched a campaign to ensure there would be a magnetic Medical Information envelope

posted on every Pender fridge. Inside is a form that lists all your pertinent medical information and prescriptions. On the reverse is helpful info about your "grab & go bag" and details about discharge from hospital.

Trust us, in stressful times, it's a godsend for first responders and family members to simply grab the envelope and have all the critical information at hand.

If you are a newcomer or your envelope has grown legs and walked off, envelopes are now available through the Pender Island Pharmacy or the Health Centre. The pharmacist can make everything simple by printing out a list of your medications.

Volunteer Tax Program

The Society, in partnership with Beacon Community Services, is pleased to offer volunteer tax preparation for seniors. Your taxes will be completed and e-filed by a vetted, trained volunteer, authorized by the Canada Revenue Agency. To participate in this free service, please see the contact information in the ad on page five.

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Pender Island Museum Society

Easter Opening



We will begin our 2023 season on the Easter weekend and will be open every weekend (including holiday Mondays) until Thanksgiving. Plan a visit before you and Pender get too busy this summer. See the changes we've made and ask one of our knowledgeable volunteer hosts your Pender-related questions.

A Very Belated Thank You

Thank you to the caretakers of the Pender Pioneers Tree in Port Washington for your generous donation of \$100.

Women's Work

The following essay was written by Peter Campbell, who presided over the Pender Islands Museum Society for many years:

“Some of our earliest pioneers kept diaries in which they recorded how they cleared the land, built fences, dug

ditches, and erected barns and houses; how they plowed the fields, sowed crops, harvested the produce, and raised cattle, sheep, and other livestock. In their spare time they built churches, schools, and cemeteries. They petitioned the government for bridges, wharves, and roads. Strangely, they never mentioned their wives. Washington Grimmer noted in his diary that children were a handicap to a farm, at least until they were old enough to do some chores. He rarely mentioned his wife. And yet, the pioneer farm wife was just as essential to a successful farm as was the husband. It was the wife who tended the kitchen garden and raised the vegetables for the table. It was the wife who fed the chickens, collected the eggs, or hatched the chicks. It was she who fed the pigs and did the laundry so that the family could attend church or other social occasions in clean clothes. But, more importantly, it was the wife who prepared and preserved food to carry the family through the non-growing seasons. It was she who prepared hot and nourishing meals in a warm kitchen for the exhausted farmer when he returned from the fields.

The bachelor farmer had to do many of these chores himself which curtailed the hours he could spend on field work. He could not tend or improve his farm and increase his cash crops to the extent that a married farmer could. Instead of returning to a warm kitchen with a meal ready, the bachelor returned from a hard day's work to a cold stove and house. He had to spend precious money on expensive canned goods while the married farmer was spending money on farm equipment and upgrading his livestock. Further, the bachelor had difficulty hiring a good farm labourer for the hired hands much preferred to work on a family farm where the meals were ready and varied. There were few, if any, successful bachelor-run farms.

The reason that there are few diaries kept by farm wives is that while the husband in the evening was sitting with pen in hand, his wife was still in the kitchen preparing tomorrow's meals or mending his clothes or weaving material for household use.”

Significantly, and beyond Peter's observations, women were Pender's social safety net. They assisted women new to Pender adjust to the challenges of living and establishing a home on an isolated island. They educated women on what vegetables and flowers to plant, and how to process and store fruit, vegetables, meat, and fish for the winter. They organized sewing and quilting bees. Most importantly, though, they were the first to arrive when sickness or tragedy struck households. They provided meals, clothing, and help with chores to families in need. They were a sympathetic ear to listen to and provide support to women experiencing family violence, sickness, and other challenges. These early women settlers helped create a strong, supportive, resilient community of women helping women. I believe that community is still going strong today.

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Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission



Your parks and Recreation commissioners have been busy working on a new master plan that reflects a collective vision for the future of Pender's community parks and trails. If there is something you feel strongly should be included in this master plan, we want to hear from you.

Pender Activity Centre

Those of you new to Pender may not be aware that there is an activity centre at the school constructed for the benefit of the community. It was jointly funded by the Capital Regional District (CRD), the School Board and Pender donors back in the 70s.

The tradition continues and the CRD and the School Board recently signed an updated facility use agreement that spells out the terms and conditions of this arrangement in detail. Parks and Recreation pays an annual fee to

the School Board to cover a portion of normal operating expenses and maintenance.

The space includes jointly-funded facilities (the gymnasium, kitchen, community meeting room, washrooms, public lobby and outdoor multi-sport court) and School Board funded facilities (the sports field and theatre). These spaces are available for use by community groups but must be booked in advance. Any additional rental or custodial fees will be determined at the time of booking, and you'll need to complete a form and obtain third party liability insurance with a limit of not less than \$2 million. Insurance coverage may be available through the Capital Regional District.

Those wishing to book one of these spaces should contact Angie Gray at least two weeks ahead. To book, call 629-3711 or email agray@sd64.org.

2023/2024 Recreation Grants

Attention all community groups! It's that time of the year again. If your organization wants to be considered for any of the recreation funding that Parks

and Recreation administers on behalf of the CRD, you'll need to submit your request by the end of June. We can fund organized programs, workshops, and community events of a recreational nature.

Given the many diverse needs and interests of Pender residents, it is essential that these funds be allocated in an equitable manner to best serve our community, from our youngest residents to our more senior members. When requests for funding exceed the funds available, some programs might not receive the full amount of funding requested, but it is the commission's intent to be as responsive to the needs of the community as possible. Priority will be given to projects that have the broadest benefits. Arts and culture activities and groups that are not open to the general public are not eligible.

The deadline for applications is June 30, 2023 for programs planned for fall 2023 through summer 2024. PIPRC will review all applications at its August meeting and notify applicants shortly thereafter. Funds will be distributed in September.

The Pender Island Fire Protection Society's (PIFPS) Notice of Annual General Meeting

(This AGM covers your fire service's operations for Year 2022)

Thursday, May 11, 7 pm, Pender Island Community Hall

PIFPS President, Brent Marsden, will give the President's 2022 Report for the Society, and Treasurer Rinald will give a 2022 Financial Report. Fire Chief Dine will present his 2022 report on the activities of Pender Fire/Rescue.

While all are welcome to attend the AGM, only currently paid-up and registered members may speak or vote.

Membership in the society is open to all owners of real property within the boundaries of North or South Pender Island, BC, or to persons domiciled on North or South Pender Island.

Memberships are \$2 annually and runs with the calendar year and 2023 membership and registration can be paid in person at Firehall #1 during business hours. Or you can pay and register at the door at this year's 11 May AGM.

There are no open positions for directors at this AGM.

The PIFPS Board of Directors hopes you will take up or renew your membership and join us at the AGM.

You can find complete details as well as the application and budget forms online at: www.crd.bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/recreation-facilities/piprc-recreation

If you have any questions please email penderparks@crd.bc.ca.

Sandra Tretick

Pender Island Public Library



Thank you to all for the positive feedback on the library's Garden Project. We're so excited for spring planting to create a new butterfly- and bee-friendly garden with native plants. Thank you to volunteer Ralph Dawson for all his hard work building new rock drain boxes to handle the rainfall. And thanks to our volunteers for storing plants removed prior to site preparation; we'll be retrieving the plants during spring planting. It's great to see the vision develop as we replace a garden that was rather neglected for the past decade as volunteer labour dwindled and funds were limited - except for Dr. Don Williams, our last remaining

garden volunteer who pruned the shrubs for years. Dr. Don is certainly an island treasure. The next stages will include building safe pedestrian pathways with pavers, delivery of new soil, and planting of native plant seeds (xeriscaping and deer resistant). If you would like to contribute to fund this Garden Project, donations are much appreciated and can be made by cash, cheque, and online at CanadaHelps.org. Tax receipts will be issued.

Art in the Library

Art in the Library featuring local needlepoint artist Cee Cartwright-Owers is on display in March and April, featuring colourful and whimsical fairy themes, animals, maps, and more. The needlepoint detail is quite stunning, enhanced by beadwork and creative additions by the artist. We have art exhibit space available for local artists in 2023 and would like to display your art, amateurs welcome. Contact us for exhibition details.

Here's to Your Health

We're pleased to co-host the next Here's to Your Health speaker series with the

Pender Island Health Care Society on Sunday April 23 at 2 pm. The event will feature *Healthy Living with Type 2 Diabetes* by Greg Bondy, free event and all welcome. Dr. Bondy will describe how Type 2 diabetes develops, underlying mechanisms, increased risk of developing cardiovascular disease, lifestyle measures that help with diabetic management (including diet and exercise), and newer medications.

Earth Day

In April, come check out the book displays in the library celebrating Earth Day and caring for the environment.

Author Reading Event

Are you a local author with a new book release in the past year? If you would like to participate in an Author Reading event at the library, we have spaces remaining for 2023. Please contact the library for more info, as we proudly support local authors and have many books by talented local authors on the library shelves.

New Books

Adult Fiction: *Armored* (Mark Greaney), *Scrublands* (Chris Hammer), *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* (Gail Honeyman), *The Glass Kitchen* (Linda Francis Lee), *Mexican Gothic* (Silvia Moreno-Garcia), *Hotline* (Dimitri Nasrallah), *The Sympathizer* (Viet Thanh Nguyen). **Adult Mystery and Sci-Fi:** *The Soldier* (Neal Asher), *Day 115 on an Alien World* (Jeanette Bedard), *The Murder Book* (Mark Billingham). **Adult Non-Fiction:** *Bush Runner* (Mark Bourrie), *Mowing* (Marlene Cookshaw), *Show Me the Honey* (Dave Doroghy), *Start Finishing* (Charlie Gilkey), *Queen of Spies* (Paddy Hayes), *Agent Jack* (Robert Hutton), *The Spy Runner* (Nicholas Reed), *Crooks Family* (Bill Schermbrucker), *The Unexpected Spy* (Tracy Walder). **Youth:** *The Good Egg and the Talent Show* (Jory John), *Empire of Storms* (Sarah J. Maas). **Local Authors:** *Death on Pender* (Evan Llewellyn)

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Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

Healing the land and bringing our people together: Secwépemc leadership in wildfire management

Please join Pender's Reconciliation Circle for a public talk and discussion circle with Dr. Sarah Dickson-Hoyle (UBC Faculty of Forestry) on April 19 from 4 - 6 pm at the Anglican Parish Hall, 4703 Canal Road.

Drawing on her ongoing collaborative research with Secwépemc First Nations in interior BC, Sarah will share her experiences as a settler scholar in conducting action research and advocacy work to support Indigenous leadership in wildfire management and eco-cultural restoration. Sarah will present key findings from the widely publicized 2021 report *Elephant Hill: Secwépemc Leadership and Lessons Learned from the Collective Story of Wildfire Recovery* and will highlight the potential of Secwépemc Elder Ronald E. Ignace's concept of 'walking on two legs' (Indigenous ways of knowing and western scientific knowledge) to guide the interconnected processes of Indigenous-led restoration and reconciliation in fire-adapted landscapes: the restoration of land by and to Indigenous peoples.

The Elephant Hill report is available online at <https://www.srssociety.com/lessonslearned.htm>. A limited number of hard copies will be available for purchase on the day (\$80 + tax).

Bio

Dr Sarah Dickson-Hoyle is a settler ecologist, social scientist, and postdoctoral research fellow in the UBC Faculty of Forestry. Her current position, held in partnership with the Secwépemcúl'ecw Restoration and Stewardship Society (SRSS), supports the SRSS and its member Secwépemc Nation communities in assessing the ecological and cultural impacts

of wildfire and forest management practices, including impacts to culturally significant plants. Sarah's interdisciplinary PhD research, conducted with these same research partners, examined collaborative and Indigenous-led wildfire recovery in Secwépemc territory: from documenting the precedent-setting joint leadership approach between Secwépemc communities and the provincial government, to analyzing ecological recovery throughout the interior dry forests of Secwépemcúl'ecw (Secwépemc territory). Originally from Australia, Sarah previously worked as an ecological consultant, with a focus on monitoring and restoration of temperate grasslands and dry forest communities.

Attendance is free, but we invite attendees to contribute a donation at the door. Donations will support the 'Tmicw school bus' project: an initiative by former Kukpi7 (Chief) Ryan Day to get Secwépemc youth, Elders, and other community members out on the land.

Annie Smith

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

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It's time to start looking for some amazing summer youth staff to help bring the community amazing summer programs and activities. We are looking for youth 15 to 30 who are interested in working with children in camps, or supporting youth volunteers, or creating food programs, or assisting with maintenance jobs. If you know of a young person who may be interested, ask them to look at the job descriptions here <https://penderislands.org/opportunities/employment/> or stop by the Hall to chat with Andrea.

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

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Films

We are continuing our Spring at the Oscars event, where we show films that have been nominated for awards in different Oscar categories. This year we are pleased to have been able to partner with the Pender Library to expand the films we are able to show. \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale) suggested, masks encouraged.

The Whale

Friday, April 7, 7 pm

Charlie (Brendan Fraser), a morbidly obese and reclusive English instructor, is desperate to reconnect with his estranged teenage daughter.

Triangle of Sadness

Saturday April 8, 7 pm

Carl and Yaya, a couple of influencers, are invited to a luxury cruise ship alongside a group of out-of-touch wealthy people. The situation takes an unexpected turn when a brutal storm hits the ship.

Black Panther (2018)

Thursday, April 13, 7 pm

After the death of his father, T'Challa returns home to the African nation of Wakanda to take his rightful place as king. When a powerful enemy suddenly reappears, T'Challa's mettle as king - and as Black Panther - gets tested when he's drawn into a conflict that puts the fate of Wakanda and the entire world at risk. Faced with treachery and danger, the young king must rally his allies and release the full power of Black Panther to defeat his foes and secure the safety of his people.

Black Panther: Wakanda Forever **Friday, April 14, 7 pm**

Queen Ramonda, Shuri, M'Baku, Okoye and the Dora Milaje fight to protect their nation from intervening world powers in the wake of King T'Challa's death. As the Wakandans strive to embrace their next chapter, the heroes must band together with Nakia and Everett Ross to forge a new path for their beloved kingdom.

Everything Everywhere All at Once **Saturday, April 15, 7 pm**

When an interdimensional rupture unravels reality, an unlikely hero must channel her newfound powers to fight bizarre and bewildering dangers from the multiverse as the fate of the world hangs in the balance.

Marcel the Shell with Shoes On **Saturday, April 29, 7 pm**

Marcel, a one-inch-tall shell, lives with his grandmother, Connie, the only residents of their town after their neighbours' sudden, mysterious disappearance. When discovered by a guest amongst the clutter of his Airbnb, the short film he posts online brings Marcel millions of passionate fans and a new hope of reuniting with his long-lost family.

Youth Lounge

April 9 and 23, 4 - 9 pm, Drop-in

April 23 there will be a special outdoor event. A space for young adults 14 to 24; each week there will be a zero-proof bar, music, craft table, snacks, board games, chill zone, and space for whatever you like. This is a regular shared activity between the Community Hall and SGI Neighbourhood House. If

you are interested in knowing more or would like some space for your own youth activity, email youth@sginh.ca.

Carpet Bowling

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Carpet Bowling offers mild to moderate exercise, a bit of friendly competition, and great fun. No special clothing is needed except clean flat-soled shoes. Australian rules Carpet Bowling is held weekly, September to June. Recommended drop in is \$2.

Community Gathering Lunch

Fridays, 10:30 am - 1 pm

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

Friday Fun

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

Egg Decorating - April 7

With so many eggs at this fertile time of year, it's a great time to paint and decorate their shells for an Easter hide and seek. All ages, by donation.

Ping Pong Fun - April 14

Drop in for a game with other aficionados or watch the crazy antics of the ball on our 'adapted tables'.

Conservancy Fun - April 21

The Pender Conservancy is joining us this week for Conservancy for Kids (and kids at heart) for a fun drop-in activity.

Bracelet Making - April 28

What's more fun than beading and chatting? All ages, by donation.

Weekly Activities

- Walking Group
Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 am
- Carpet Bowling
Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm
- Community Gathering
Fridays, 10 am - 1 pm
Community Café, 10:30 am - 1 pm



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Friday Fun, 10:45 am - 12 pm
Lunch, 12 - 1 pm

- Community Café, Saturdays
10 am - 1 pm
- Saturday Market, Saturdays
10 am - 1 pm

Film Volunteers

Are you a cinephile? We need people to help take entry donations and help clean-up after movies; if we have enough help, we might even put on a snack bar! All training will be provided. If you are interested please email bookings@penderislands.org or call 629-3669.

*Andrea Mills and
George Fowlie*

Pender Island Recycling Society



Thank you Pender residents and visitors for your dedication to recycling. In 2022, the depot collected approximately 240 tonnes of recycling, including 127 tonnes of packaging and printed paper, 39 tonnes of scrap metal, and 27 tonnes of non-packaging materials (which includes items such as electronics, small appliances, paint, and tires). That is approximately 87 kg of recycling per person. Way to go Pender!

If you load your recycling into the back of a truck, please remember to cover your load to prevent any unsecured materials from flying off and ending up in the ditches and roadways. Also, drive slowly when you enter the depot (10 km or less) since our lot is small and many recyclers are walking about.

With Earth Day (April 22) almost here, you may be wondering what you can do to reduce the amount of packaging that comes through your house. One rewarding way to accomplish this is to grow a little bit of your own food. This way, you'll have a little seed packet to contend with rather than a plastic bag or container - and a lot of seed packets are compostable! Growing locally also reduces the greenhouse gas emissions that are associated with food transportation. Springtime is a great time to try planting peas, lettuce, or radishes,

which can be grown in plant pots, deck boxes, or a little corner in your garden. Plastic plant pots are available outside the Freestore.

At the current disposal rates, the local landfill at Hartland will be full by 2045. So another way that we can help the planet is by striving for responsible waste management. Recycle as much as you can, as well as you can, by cleaning and sorting beforehand, and placing items in the correct drop off spot at the depot. Also make sure to keep compost out of your garbage. Organic waste makes up the largest portion of the waste stream (21%) and this material can be easily dealt with by installing a composter (\$114) or a food digester (\$185) in your backyard. Both of these are sold at the depot.

The composter handles raw plant food scraps, such as fruit and vegetable peelings, as well as egg shells, coffee grounds, and brown paper towel. The material decomposes with the help of worms, moisture, warmth, and bacteria. The finished compost can be harvested from the bottom of the unit and added

to your garden. If your compost has stalled, we offer an accelerator to kick start the bacterial decomposition. These packages are sold at cost and are \$12.50 each. They can also be used in food digesters.

The food digester handles cooked and uncooked plant material, as well as dairy, meat, and bread. You cannot collect the composted material out of a digester but it will enrich the soil and improve the growth of nearby plants. Rats and other vermin may chew through it, so be sure to wrap the below ground basket in welded wire mesh before installation. It requires a sunny, well-drained site. Ask for more information the next time that you are at the depot or visit the Compost Education Centre website <https://www.compost.bc.ca/>.

The best things in life are free and so are many items at the depot. We have many treasures and free paint in the Freestore: scrap metal that can be salvaged (for free or sometimes for a small donation depending on the item), and egg cartons for our local producers.

Niki Roberts

The Pender Post

The Pender Post Society is looking for volunteer members to join our board. It is not onerous to sit on the board - it involves one meeting per month, less than two hours long, cookies provided. We are not looking for "sweat equity," but rather your input and ideas. Please contact our Secretary, Jan Wallace at secretary@penderpost.org if you have questions or would like to give us a try.

Pender Island Trust Protection Society

You walk through a Garry oak meadow, alive with blue camas and chocolate lilies, the quiet broken only by the sound of Orca whales surfacing below the bluff. The warmth of the sun, a gentle breeze, and you are filled with a feeling of profound peace.

Listed as “imperilled” by Bioversity BC, there are 36 endangered ecosystems and 218 at-risk plant and animal species on the Gulf Islands which are protected under the Islands Trust Act. But they were not always protected.

In the late sixties 1,200 lots on 600 acres were established as Magic Lake Estates on Pender Island. It was, at that time, the largest subdivision in Canada. Mudge Island, near Gabriola, created 185 lots. Other subdivisions were planned on Mayne, Bowen, Saltspring and other islands. It was clear that unless conservation action was taken soon, the rural beauty and diversity of the islands could be seriously compromised. So, on June 5, 1974 the Islands Trust Act

was proclaimed by the BC government in order to “preserve and protect the trust area and its unique amenities and environment...”

Since that time we have elected Trustees to decide on land use issues that uphold the Islands Trust mandate to preserve and protect. PITPS was formed to support and ensure that the Trustees are fulfilling their duties as protectors of the island. Join us, we welcome new members. We meet the first Saturday of each month at the Community Hall lounge at 2:30 pm. These islands of the Salish Sea are among the most beautiful on earth. Fragile, precious, irreplaceable, this home we share with Mother Nature.

Eroca Dancer

PenderPOD



Another beautiful, inspiring and free - is available from

Bowen Island based diver, kayaker, and general outdoorsman Bob Turner: *Humpback Comeback - The Return of Humpback Whales to the Salish Sea.*

Google oursalishsea.ca to watch movies Bob has filmed around our islands' coasts. You won't be disappointed.

Breaking News: Wild Salmon Victory!

From Clayoquot.action:

The Discovery Island fish farms are coming out of the water. Open-net pen salmon farms will be removed over the next 18 months.

Hands up for the leadership of the First Nations of the Discovery Islands, Bob Chamberlin, and the Fraser River Nations. Thanks to everyone who took a stand for wild salmon.

From the DFO's media release: “The federal government will continue working collaboratively with partners on the responsible transition from open-net pen salmon farming in coastal British Columbia waters by 2025.”

A giant thank-you to all who wrote letters, shared a post, called, refused farmed fish at the grocery store and restaurants, or just struck up a conversation with a friend about fish farms. Your actions work!

The Marbled Murrelet

These pigeon-sized birds live in the ocean and nest in old growth forests, laying one egg on a moss covered branch high in the forest canopy. The Marbled Murrelet is in danger of extinction unless more habitat is protected from logging. If you would like to be part of the effort to save these birds, go to Take Action on the penderpod.ca website to sign the petition to call on the government and the Pacheedaht First Nation to protect Marbled Murrelet.

A Backyard that Belongs to All of Us

The shoreline between the low and high tide levels is ours to enjoy - and to care for.

Please join us for the 35th Annual Earth Day Clean up. Earth Day is a day to celebrate the wonders of our planet Earth and all the wild and wonderful life it supports. It is also a day to recognize how human activities are affecting the living things we share the planet with, and a day of worldwide action. Help protect marine ecosystems by removing

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John Allen, Mary Anne Pare, Obi, Julia Nicholls and Gregory Nicholls at the Pender Pod display table last Earth Day

the litter and debris found along the roads, pathways, and shorelines of Pender. Bring your collected beach and roadside debris down to the drop off site at the Medicine Beach Centre on April 22. PenderPod will have information - and of course there will be food and music.

News from the SGI Whale Sighting Network

(With thanks to Kathleen Durant)

Following their appearance in the Salish Sea in February, members of the J Pod family of endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales continue to be spotted periodically around the Southern Gulf Islands. On March 1st they were spotted heading south in the Strait of Georgia by one of the Southern Gulf Island Whale Sighting Network sighters on Mayne Island. On March 5, members of the J16 matriline were observed in the Saanich Inlet, an area they are not usually observed in. During this time frame, a few orcas were spotted north of Thieves Bay. It is not known for sure whether this was J Pod too. A few days later they were spotted in Porlier Pass off Galiano Island. As well, a number of Biggs Orcas have also been observed with their arrival coinciding with the herring spawn. Many of the Biggs families that were spotted further north hunting the rafts of sea lions, were later spotted all together in Boundary Pass near Waldron Island on March 8. They were heard on and off on the Saturna

Island Marine Research and Education Society hydrophone, and were quite vocal. Maybe they were celebrating the return of the herring... The Centre for Whale Research counted 27 in this gathering, a good size tea party!

More News on the Anchorages in Plumper Sound

On March 9, a vessel owned by Canada Steamship Lines arrived in Plumper Sound at approx 1:30 pm. At about 5:30 pm, as darkness fell, they offloaded gypsum to barges. Despite assurances that the company has put equipment in place such as water spraying to minimize the dust clouds, many observers witnessed that it didn't seem to be working. If you have concerns about this kind of industrial activity happening in the waters surrounding the Southern Gulf Islands you may write to the Minister of Transport Omar Alghabra at omar.alghabra@parl.gc.ca.

Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project

The Honourable Steven Guilbeault will soon decide whether to approve or reject Roberts Bank Terminal 2. The Vancouver Fraser Port Authority's

2023/24 Recreation Funding Available

The Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PIPRC), acting on behalf of the Capital Regional District, manages community parks and trails on Pender Island and funds recreation programs provided by community groups.

PIPRC is now accepting applications to fund recreation programs that will serve our community, from our youngest residents to our more senior members. Priority will be given to programs that benefit as large and diverse a group of islanders as possible.

Find application forms and detailed program requirements online at:

www.crd.bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/recreation-facilities/piprc-recreation



Important Dates:

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September 2023

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proposed project would double the size of its shipping terminal in the heart of the Fraser River Estuary.

By late April, the fate of Terminal 2 and its impacts on the Fraser River estuary will be known.


If you have concerns about how this project might affect our islands and the marine life/ecosystems in the Salish Sea by increasing the number of anchorages here, you are invited to visit the Take Action part of our penderpod.ca website to use the email template that you can send to your local MP, along with information on how to find your MP's email address.

Thank you to all who contributed to this article.

Gregory Nicholls

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 239

Legion  Another winter is gone, although, with the unreliability of the crazy seasons nowadays, who knows what April will bring. Snow on April 1 could make fools of us all!

As I write this, I am recovering from yet another nine hour shift of preparing another gastronomical extravaganza commonly known as a Legion Friday night dinner. This one was a St. Patrick's Day bash that, despite my best efforts to the contrary, went over quite well. The salad, stew, and sourdough bread (yes, I know we advertised soda bread but I'm putting that mix-up down to my phony baloney Irish accent) were acclaimed as some sort of Irish miracle, especially

with a Cornishman cooking! The real treat though was Barb Pender's Apple Crumble with ice cream for dessert. I watched her make it. Peeling and coring that many apples by hand is no fun, but it was worth it for that real homemade taste. Thanks Barb.

Thanks also to our talented group of musicians who provided us with songs of old Ireland, interspersed with Jimmy Buffett, Willie Nelson, and even some Stompin Tom Connors. You don't get that every day. We're talking eclectic here! Peter Emery, the Boundary Pass Troubadour himself, was the guy who made this night happen musically (he even brought song sheets), and with the able assistance of Plumper Sound (which has quietly become our sort of go to house band), consisting of Kauko Pennanen, Patrick Brown, and Kathy Curtis, it made for a great night out for all in attendance.

As usual though, none of this happens without our great core group of volunteers, who once again gave their all for Branch 239 and our loyal customers. They do all they do with smiling faces despite having to deal with the ogre in the kitchen.

I must admit that those nine hours on my feet are starting to wear on this old ogre and recovery time is a lot longer than it used to be. So, if there is anyone out there with a bent for cooking who would like to take charge and do a Friday night dinner of their choice, please let me (629-6051) or Jean (216-4456) know, and I will be glad to assist you in any way I can, you know, show you the ropes, or at least where the pots are!

April 7 Barb Pender will cook her

famous Cowichan Curried Chicken dinner, and I will cook something delicious on April 21.

April 18 we are offering a Foodsafe Level 1 Course.

April 22 at 2 pm - Legion 9 ball pool tournament: \$2 buy in, double knock out format, ten person limit. Register at ken.pelley@gmail.com. If this is popular we could do it monthly, or perhaps weekly.

On April 30 we are delighted to present dinner and a comedy show.

Fun euchre is every Thursday at 2 pm.

Meat draws, with all proceeds going back to the community, are every Saturday at 4 pm. Come for the prizes and lots of fun.

See our website and facebook page for information and updates.

Thanks for supporting your Legion. See you there!

John Pender

SGI Neighbourhood House

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For more information on how to register contact ldavenport@sginh.ca or call 629-3665.

Eggs, Tips and Tricks on Using Them in the Kitchen

April 1, 11 am - 1 pm, Truss Farm Food

Cost: \$10/person

Activity Day - Mahjong

April 13 & 27, 1 pm - 4 pm, Plum Tree Court

Come by for coffee, tea and conversation and a fun game of Mahjong.

Editing Your Own Writing Workshop

April 26, 10 am - noon via Zoom

Cost: \$5/person

Computer Savvy Seniors

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The Southern Gulf Island Community Justice Program

For too long, the SGI Community Justice Program (CJP) has been Pender-centric. Although Pender Island has given us a base to work from, it is past time that we find a way to address the geographic challenge of being inclusive of all the SGIs.

Just to remind everyone, the CJP is a volunteer organization that offers Restorative Justice (RJ) and Conflict Resolution to all the Southern Gulf Islands. We supply training in RJ and the Peace Circle process, and the opportunity to work with some genuinely amazing people. While we respond to referrals from the RCMP and other community organizations, we also work on helping our communities to find ways of resolving issues before they reach a boiling point.

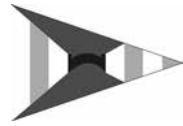
This is where we need your help. Our plan is to work with folks from Saturna, Mayne, Galiano, and Pender Island to identify challenging and potentially polarizing topics of relevance in each community. We are asking you to join us in a Zoom Circle Conversation to talk about and listen to the concerns of your community. From there, we will host in-person Peace Circles to demonstrate the effectiveness of the process in addressing challenging issues and in creating positive results. Check out our webpage at www.sginh.ca/programs/cjp/ and then contact us at cjp@sginh.ca to add your voice.

Michael Cowan and Jim Peacock

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Canadian Power and Sail

Pender Island Squadron



You know it is spring when there is a sudden influx of registrants for the Maritime Radio Course. One of the great things about Zoom and on-line courses is that it has allowed us to extend our offerings to other residents of the Southern Gulf Islands and as far up-coast as Bella Coola. Today, Ganges Marina called looking for course enrolment for their summer staff. In the past month we have had two more registrants and three graduates. This is a win for all of us as it increases the number of knowledgeable marine radio operators available to respond to emergencies on the water.

Another sign of spring, and post-COVID recovery, is our re-start of the Marti Tilley Grade 9 program. A big thank-you goes out to Port Browning Marina for continuing to support this program by allowing us the use of their facility. This program provides our students with basic life skills training for the safe enjoyment of recreational pursuits on our surrounding waters.

Our squadron AGM will be on May 10 this year and members will receive notice by email shortly with board nominations, reports, and details of the meeting.

Also, on the education front, we will be completing our first offering of the Marine Electrical Systems course and beginning our second session two weeks later. Registration is now closed for the course and we have been pleasantly surprised by the interest shown in this offering.

In support of the Annual Earth Day Beach and Roadside Clean-up, we will continue to patrol the beaches at Panda Bay and Shingle Bay Park collecting any debris that may be found.

Finally, if you are a boater and not a member of Canadian Power and Sail Squadron please consider joining CPS Pender Island Squadron. Your membership helps support us in obtaining training materials and

providing safety education to boaters of all ages. If you wish to know more then contact me at davidkirsop@yahoo.ca.

Thanks for reading and stay safe on the water.

David Kirsop, Commander

Pender Island Garden Club



Next time I head out on the Island Highway I plan to check out Dinter Nursery rather than

Whippletree Junction which is right across the road. I wasn't aware of this nursery until the Garden Club set up this month's talk.

Bernie Dinter of Dinter Nursery, south of Duncan, will be our speaker at the Community Hall on April 13 at 1 pm. Bernie studied Plant Science at UBC and is a member of the BC Institute of Agrologists. He has taught gardening adult education courses at VIU for more than twenty years. Dinter Nursery is a family owned and operated business that is now bringing its third generation of horticultural knowledge to the Cowichan Valley. Bernie's presentation to our club will be Colour for All Seasons, giving us a selection of plants that will provide interest in our gardens the year around.

While he is here, Mr. Dinter will be doing a pruning workshop in a Magic Lake garden. He will demonstrate on plants where appropriate, and discuss how and when other plants should be pruned. He will not expect those attending to do any pruning. This will take place from 9 - 10:30 am on April 13. We are charging \$10 for this event and it is limited to 20 people. If you are interested, please contact Gail at jandgkleisinger@gmail.com to reserve your space and get the garden address.

Later this month, we will be holding our Annual Plant Sale fundraiser, April 29 at the Saturday Market. The funds from this event go towards bringing in more great speakers like Bernie Dinter.

Happy gardening,

Kathy MacLachlan

Pender Island Golf Club



After another long and cold winter we are looking forward to the 2023 golf season! Unlike last year, the rains have held off and we are expecting a drier spring. The conditions on the course are very good and the greens are in terrific shape for the start of the year.

The ladies league opening day is Tuesday, April 4 (9 holes with a 10 am start); the men's opening day will follow on Thursday, April 6 (18 holes, 9 am start). Tournament play starts later in the month. Details of the tournament schedule are available on the website at www.penderislandgolf.com. If you are not a member, but would like to learn what the club is about, call the pro shop or email us at pigolf@shaw.ca. Non-members are welcome to participate during Men's and Ladies' day. If you are considering becoming a member, watch for our time limited special promotion which will be advertised in April.

For those who feel they need a tune-up or that maybe something is missing from their game, lessons are available from our visiting pro, Edd Boudreau from the Gorge Vale club. Edd is here at regular intervals during the year. Both private and group lessons are available. Details of dates and how to book with him are available on our website, or call or email us.

The Pender Island golf course is open to all. It is run by a not-for-profit society that is dependent on its members for most of its funding. The bulk of the groundskeeping functions are carried out by our superintendent who maintains the course in an environmentally friendly fashion. No pesticides are used on the course. Volunteers provide assistance in helping to keep the course looking good.

We have an established Capital Trust Fund which allows us to maintain the quality of the golf experience here on the island. It has been labelled as our "gem of a golf course" and attracts hundreds of visitors to the island every year, as well as providing a healthy recreational and social hub for all Pender residents. If you support our presence here, please consider a donation. Donations may

be a one-off contribution, an annual contribution, or a bequest for a loved one or an organization. All donations will be suitably recognized. Please contact Frank Deme at frank.deme@shaw.ca or call at 250-222-2212 for further details.

Wednesday two-for-ones and Sunday Family Days are continuing this year. Details of social events and other notifications will be available on our website.

I am pleased to announce that starting in April, a new special experience will be available at the golf course restaurant. Authentic Asian cuisine that includes handhelds and full sized bowls will be served. Weekly specials with local produce will be starting mid-April onwards. The first week of April will be a soft start to fine tune the operations for the upcoming season. And good news, delicious pizza continues to be available for take-out or delivery on weekend evenings.

The pro shop will be open daily as of April 1, and tee times will be available to book online or by calling the pro shop 629-6659. Come on down to the shop and take a look at our new clothing arrivals; stylish and comfortable for golf, as well as running, hiking, and general outdoor wear. We are also well-stocked with many golf accessories you might need, including golf gloves, towels, and hats.

Upcoming Tournaments and Activities for March and April

March

31 Circle the Wagon 'Appy' Hour
9 holes, 3 pm start (Appies not dinner!)

April

- 4 Ladies' opening day and lunch, 9 holes 10 am shotgun start
- 6 Men's opening day and lunch, 18 holes 9 am shotgun start
- 11 Ladies' day and lunch, 9 holes 10 am shotgun start
- 13 Men's day and lunch, 18 holes 9 am shotgun start
- 18 Ladies' day and lunch, 18 holes 10 am shotgun start
- 20 Men's day and lunch, 18 holes 9 am shotgun start

25 Ladies' day and lunch, 18 holes
9 am shotgun start

27 Men's Evans Grimmer qualifying,
round 9 am start

I have a tip that can take five strokes off anyone's golf game: It's called an eraser
Arnold Palmer

Frank Deme, President

Pender Island Otters Swim Club



The pool is closed to us on Good Friday but we will resume our last few sessions of our winter season on April 14, 21, and 28. The following Friday, May 5, will be the start of our summer session that runs through to August 14. Registration for the summer season will be open the week of April 24, and there will be options for those who want to swim the full summer, May/June or July/August, or even drop-in for some summer swimming. We are also planning a second swim day (Tuesdays) in July and August for those wanting to get a bit more practice in.

That brings me to the news that as of our AGM, where we welcomed two new members to the board, we have a new Club Registrar: Jackie Peterson, one of our Mayne Island members. Our long time coach and more recently Club Registrar, Sean Hunter, has had to resign from the position and our board as he takes on his full time teaching career. Sean has been with our club for many years, covering substitute coach back when he was about 16, to Head Coach with us for quite a few years, and finally Club Registrar for the past three years. In short, he has stood by our little club through thick and thin, and even now says he will be there to train up our new Registrar and her assistant, Andrew Finley (another new board member), and will be there for any consultation about learning how to manipulate the Active registration program we have to use. Also stepping down are Alison Ellis (board member for six years), Heidi Rancourt (board member for three years), and Silvia Dunbar (board member for three years). Silvia covered our reports for the school newsletter and got our messages onto Facebook for

us too. But the good thing is, we have someone to fill the gap with our last new board member, Jorgen Jespersen, taking on that role for us. So, yes, I have stayed on as President, Jackie Peterson returns as Vice-President/Secretary/Registrar, John Cowan returns as Treasurer, and Gerry Moore and Patti Badcock stay on as directors-at-large, making up the rest of the board. If there are any questions about our summer programming, please contact us at penderottersswimclub@gmail.com or visit www.penderislandnotters.webs.com.

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	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	7.3	2.4	4.9	11.0 on 20th	-3.5 on 24th	47.8	26.0	73.8
Normal	8.4	2.5	5.5	16.0 in 1991	-12.5 in 1989	69.1	7.6	76.7

The average daily maximum temperature in February is about a degree and a half higher than January, and the average minimum daily temperature is slightly lower than January. Way back in February 1988 I recorded the lowest temperature I have ever recorded in any month on Pender Island at -12.5°C. However, the average daily minimum temperature in February since 1988 has rarely been lower than zero.

February 2023 was a fairly typical February, if there can be said to be such typicality. It rained quite often, but not much. Because of snow, our total precipitation was close to average.

Rainfall is measured in millimeters and snow is measured in centimeters. The consistency of snow varies and sometimes it is wet and at other times it is drier and lighter, but for convenience when totaling up the precipitation, one centimeter of snow is said to be one millimeter of precipitation. Average total precipitation in February is 76.7 mm compared with the January average of 126 mm. But February precipitation varies from year to year; in February 1999 we had a record 200 mm of precipitation and that was all rain, no snow. We have had February snow in eight of the last ten years, and the heaviest was a record 58 cm in 2017. There have been five years in the last thirty-five when our February precipitation was less than 50 mm and the lowest was 19.2 mm in 2008. These statistics show no trend and they tell us that we must be prepared for anything in February; it is a very unpredictable month. Temperatures in February 2023 were a little below average and we had quite a lot of sunshine.

Ground Hog Day was February 2, but the ground hogs were not all in agreement this year. However, February reminded us that winter was not over. It rained every day in the first week and there was

even a little snow and the temperature dropped to zero. On February 22 the temperature dropped dramatically below zero and there was a forecast for snow. At first there were only a few scattered flurries and most of the snow missed us. On February 25 the snow came again and there was a strong wind, resulting in short power outages. There was ice on the lake. On the last day of the month it snowed again and quite heavily.

You will be reading this in April; winter is over, and spring is here. April is a difficult month for the weather forecasters, but we can be pretty sure that it will be warmer and possibly drier than February. We have had April snow in only two years out of the last thirty-five and April temperatures below zero have occurred occasionally. Total precipitation in April has varied from year to year, with no pattern or trend and the average is 52 mm.

Average daily maximum temperature in April is usually in the mid-teens, but Maximum temperature will probably be in the twenties on some days and in 2016 we had a record April high of 27.5°C.

Malcolm Armstrong



COVER STORY

Let's start spring with a new contributor, a favourite bush and a longtime (in hummingbird years) resident of Pender Island. Our colourful cover photo was submitted by Pender Island resident, Allen Wallace. After our strange, cool, and very damp winter how could we resist this photo, so lively and full of "springtime"?

Not only is the photo full of springtime, but also everything about the photo seems to be representative of the Wallace family. The main attraction for the hummer is the Wallace family's Red Flowering Currant, a favourite bush on their property.

The hummer, a male Rufous Hummingbird, was aptly named Dart by the Wallace family. Dart has been an honorary part-time member of the family for about four years. I think it is safe to say that Dart did not have to zigzag and flash around the Wallace garden for four years before he was so aptly named. Dart, like other hummers, does not share well; in fact like almost all hummers he protects his territory and nectar source very zealously.

Interestingly, Allen added that Dart also sips his nectar differently. Who knew that some hummers had a more genteel sipping style than others? Two members of our Research Department just about dislocated their arms in an attempt to be assigned the task of filling in that blank. We decided however that someone in the Wallace family would know.

I gather that genteel was the wrong descriptor. According to Allen, Dart's feeding style could best be described "like a sewing machine on high." I think we can assume that there is nothing genteel about Dart's feeding style, nor the likelihood of Dart welcoming dinner guests at the Red Flowering Currant in the near future.

Mike Wiley

Rules and Tips

This puzzle is fairly hard to solve. My solution was different from the original, but this is not unusual. To solve the puzzle you must put a number 1 – 9 in each of the empty boxes, but no more than one number, 1-9 in each row, each vertical column and each block of four squares. No doubt some of you will find this puzzle difficult and some will find it easy. I will be interested to hear your views on the puzzle.

Malcolm Armstrong



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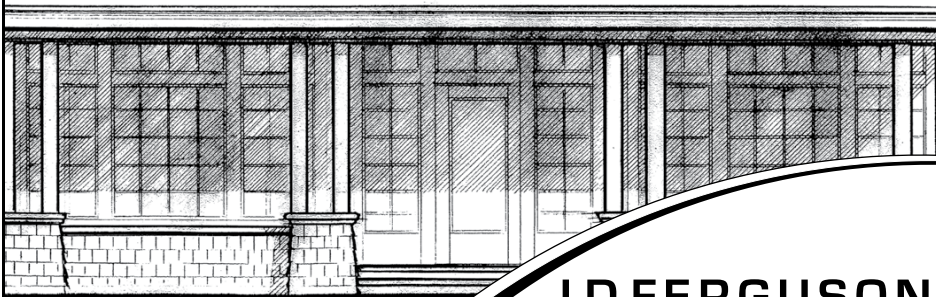
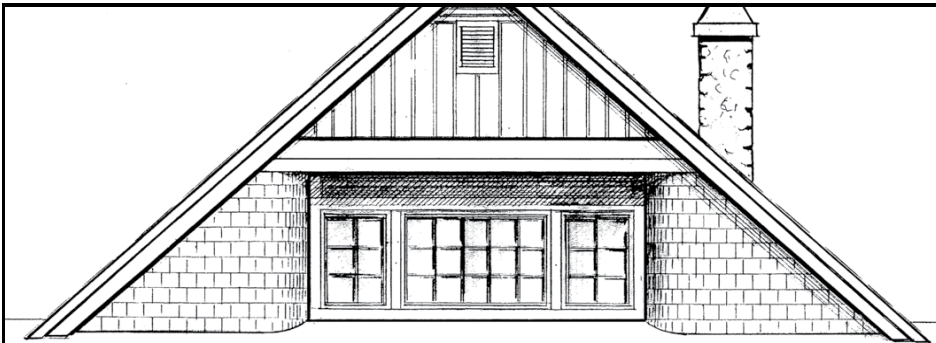


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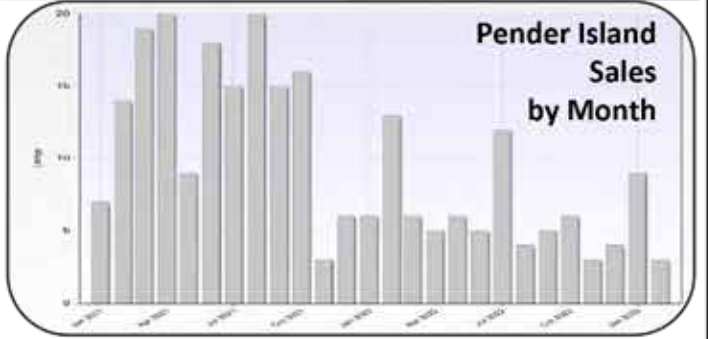
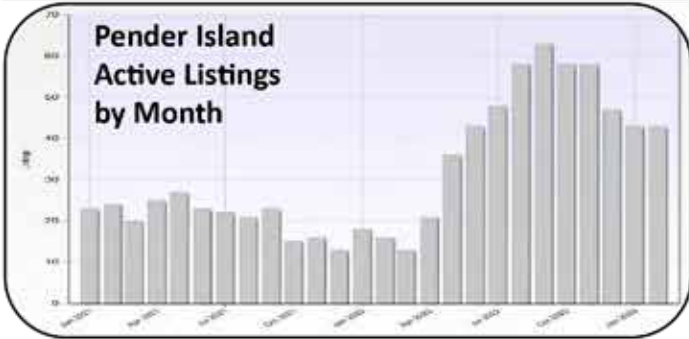
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