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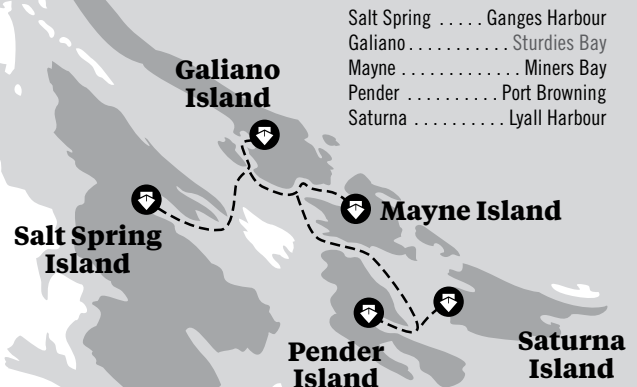
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FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As you can tell from the cheerful cover of this month's issue, there is a spirit of regeneration and looking forward to "fresh starts" that the early days of spring always inspire. And at *The Pender Post*, we have a new production-manager-in-training. He will be introduced in the April issue. If I keep repeating our thanks to Michel Pelletier, it is because we are truly grateful for his willingness to hang in there with us until the transition is done.

The Pender Post Society

The board is looking for volunteer members. 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 see the ad on **page 41**. Please contact our Secretary, Jan Wallace at secretary@penderpost.org if you have questions or would like to give us a try.

Annie Smith

EARLY DEADLINE

The deadline for the April issue of *The Pender Post* has been moved up one day to March 19. This will allow the new Production Manager plenty of time to complete the April issue and have it prepared for the proofreaders. We will give everyone a reminder well in advance of the new deadline.

Michel Pelletier

SPECIAL NOTICES

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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Jane Harrison

Santa's Sac

Santa had to wake up from his nap to thank one more very important sponsor! After a trip around Pender Island (not the Post Office's fault!), a cheque arrived last week for the annual sponsorship of \$2000 from the Pender Island Community Service Society. They have long been the largest corporate/society donor in support of the Santa's Sac Christmas Program on Pender Island. This year, food card amounts were increased, and the final cost came to \$13,775.



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Terry Shepherd, Co-ordinator

REMEMBERING

Anthony (Tony) Dickie-Clark

March 14, 1950 - November 9, 2022



It is with great sadness that I announce the unexpected passing of G. Anthony (Tony) Dickie-Clark (Clark) 72 years old on November 9, 2022 from a heart attack while living on his sailboat in the lovely Port Browning, Pender Island.

Tony is predeceased by his father Hamish, and his mother Leyland Kirkness. He leaves behind his ex-wife

Jil and mother of their son Kevin Dickie-Clark, his siblings Kathy (David), Kerri, and Finlay.

Tony was always saying "I've had a good life" and when I look back over the time I knew Tony and listened to his adventures, I'd have to agree.

Born in Durban, South Africa during the turbulent times of the apartheid government, Tony had a childhood full of friends and adventures. He loved skipping out of sports at school to enjoy the sports of his choice: sailing, surfing, diving. From a young age Tony has been at home on the ocean, so it's fitting that his last days were on board his sailboat.

In his adolescent years Tony sailed as part of a crew, from South Africa to Europe where he stayed to have adventures while touring around and working such as teaching sailing at Plymouth, England. He did return to Durban where he trained as a heavy duty mechanic, which was helpful when he immigrated to Canada in the mid seventies, joining his family who had already immigrated. South Africa forced their young men into the military and when it was Tony's turn to be drafted, he knew it was time to say good-bye to his many friends and leave.

Tony settled into life in Vancouver with his new wife Jil, also from South Africa, and where Kevin, their son, was born. While there he attended Simon Fraser University and explored beautiful BC. Back on the water in a small power boat, Tony would travel between Vancouver and Pender Island where his mom and siblings were living.

Tony loved Pender Island whether he was living on board, sailing up the

inside passage of Vancouver Island, or scuba diving with friends. Life was an adventure.

Tony was often fixing engines and then the opportunity arose to get into the Canadian Coast Guard as a marine engineer. He enjoyed this career until he had a serious stroke a year before retirement. Life changed quite dramatically as he also had to quit his love of flying airplanes. He had renewed his license and bought an ultra light which he was going to use to fly between Pender and Valdez islands. This set back didn't diminish Tony's love of life, only changed direction. Instead of the air, it was back on the sea.

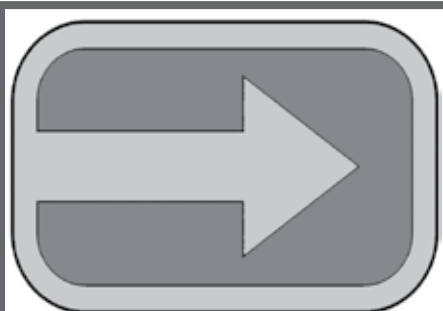
Tony's growing passion of moving away from fossil fuels to solar energy gave him a new challenge. How to live "off grid" on the water. First it was rowing between the islands and maybe around the world, but that changed to living aboard his recently acquired sailboat and outfitting her to travel offshore. It was during this process of preparedness that Tony quite suddenly departed this world. It is with great sadness that I write this and say farewell to a most remarkable and gentle individual who will be missed by his many friends and family.

Celebration of Life will be held April 15 at the Bistro Restaurant, Port Browning from 1 - 3 pm.

Theresa Barker

Gerry remembers Tony

In November of 2022, my friend Tony died. He had been living aboard his sloop *Bralene* at the Port Browning Marina. He was a man of steady habits



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so when he did not show up at the marina office at the usual time, the marina manager decided to investigate. She called the maintenance man for help and they found Tony at the foot of the companionway ladder. He died in his boat.

I don't think Tony would be unhappy to die afloat as some of his happiest memories were made at sea. As he told me his stories he was born and educated in South Africa. As a young man he was a scuba diver and surfer up and down that country's coast. He was a reserve soldier in the South African Army in his twenties and when it looked like he was about to be re-called to fight in Angola he decided to leave. He found a position as engineer on a 75 foot wooden sailboat and sailed up the African coast to Portugal. He was a seaman at heart.

He was a man of many talents and interests. He built and flew an ultralight aircraft, built several oar and paddle craft, and once helped to run a bookstore at Hope Bay. Tony worked at many different jobs over his life: truck driver, heavy duty mechanic, and teacher but his favourite was engineer on the Canadian Coast Guard vessels. Sadly this career ended early when he suffered a debilitating stroke.

Our friendship started with a conversation on board the Cumberland

where we discovered a mutual interest in boats and we made several enjoyable trips together on either his sail boat or mine. He was a character for sure; a few years ago he asked to borrow my mortar and pestle. I asked if he was grinding herbs. "No," he said, "I am making gunpowder." He owned some kind of blunderbuss and wanted to be prepared for the apocalypse he said. I am pretty sure he was only half kidding when he said that. Despite a minor, stroke-induced cognitive impairment, Tony was still a witty and interesting conversationalist and an easygoing friend.

I do not make the long drive up island to the Driftwood Centre nearly so often these days knowing that I will no longer find Tony, sitting in the bakery café eating his sausage rolls and laughing at the raucous barbs being launched table to table by his many friends among the contractors, truck drivers, and other early morning denizens of the place. It feels kind of empty to me now.

Roger Gerald Dubeau

December 12, 1964-February 13, 2023



Roger Dubeau was born in Bonnyville, AB on December 12, 1964. He was eight years old when the family, parents Irene and Rollie, with younger brother Laurier and sister Laurie Ann, moved to Sidney, BC. Roger only spoke French (Canadian) until then and often spoke of the troubles to fit in, in an all English speaking school. After a short stint in

Sidney the family moved to Nanaimo where he attended the rest of his school terms, graduating from NDSS.

Roger quickly followed in his father's footsteps and enrolled in carpentry school at Camosun College. He then took a gap year to Australia where he travelled and worked. He then returned to Nanaimo with his fiancé, Belinda. They were married and then returned to Australia to work in a Cabinetry shop, only to return back to Canada where eventually the marriage dissolved. By this time he had struck up a business, RD Construction, with his father.

It was at this time, May 1994, that Roger and I met while I was attending Malaspina University College and living in Nanaimo with my two pre-teen girls, Ginny and Sam. The funny thing is I had met Roger many years before when my girls were very small, living in the Cinnabar Valley. He was my paper boy!

Roger stuck through those mad teenage years, bless him, and we soon went on to make a life together living and working in Qualicum, on a sailboat, and then eventually to Pender Island where we started up a new Construction Company, Pender Family Construction. Roger loved Pender Island and made quick work of revamping the cottage at Gowlland Point Road family home so we could look after my folks in their final days.

It didn't take long before Roger had a good reputation building houses and was in high demand. We then started building our own home on Eastside Road on property that used to belong to my parents, that was left to Dad by his Granny, Liliias Spalding, but sold in the 1960s for \$1600. When we bought it back it was a bit more than that.

Then it was time to start the travelling that we always talked about. First it was Thailand, then Costa Rica, Cuba, Vietnam, New Zealand, France, South Africa, and Spain. He loved those days so much, intermittently sprinkled with marine camping trips to the San Juan Islands in the Boston Whaler. Oh what adventures we had! In the last few years he threw himself into prawn fishing, always more bounty than we could eat.

Roger loved his border collies, first Bella and then Nellie. Even when Roger's health started to wane, he would never leave the house without his trusty black and white friend by his side, and now that he is no longer in this world I can only hope that he is throwing the stick for Bella up there in heaven. Rest In Peace my old friend.

Barbara Pender

Anthony Brian Hughes

May 13, 1935 - November 03, 2022



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

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

Tony was a dedicated family man and hard worker who passed along his solid values and ethics to his children and

grandchildren alike. He was dearly loved by his family and will be greatly missed by all.

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

Stafford Hughes

Note

The Pender Post wishes to apologise to the family for not printing this notice in its entirety in the January issue.

Ian Huntingford

October 3, 1950 - February 7, 2023



Ian passed away at the age of 72 on February 7 in the Saanich Peninsula Hospital Extended Care Unit which had been his home for the last year. He lost his ability to speak and the function of his right side when he had a stroke at the age of 38 years old and the doctors at that time said he would not survive, but he proved them wrong. Ian lived with us on our property on South Pender for 17 years and 10 years on North Pender before that.

He liked a simple life driving around the island, watching his TV, a glass of rum at five o'clock, and his pets.

Many people on Pender knew Ian as the Human Uber. He was well known for giving people rides in his red Ford Ranger pickup, driving folks to and

from work, helping vendors get to the Saturday market, or caring for friends' homes and pets while they were on vacation. A favoured destination was David Spalding's especially if David wanted his help or advice to fix his wood mill, followed by Elaine's cookies. Although Ian had extremely limited vocabulary, if you knew him well enough, he might burst into song and sing word for word many of the oldies....this was one of Ian's mysteries. His odometer read 485,000 kilometres (that's Pender driving) when the truck was retired after 15 years of service.

He loved to laugh, and we would hear him laughing in his cottage right across the yard when he watched his favourite TV programs. His home life was augmented with a large bunch of deer who ate the birdseed spilling from the feeders, several hummingbirds, and two wild cats all of which we inherited.

We thought that when Ian surrendered his licence two years ago that he would lose his zest for life, but he adapted quickly and off he went on another adventure. The wonderful Martha B. and Mary C. came to his rescue and entertainment, and faithfully drove him around the island spending time in the bakery, seeing the goats, or visiting friends. A year ago, Ian became extremely ill and was taken to the hospital then ultimately to Saanich Peninsula Extended Care. Ian again demonstrated his flexibility in new situations and thrived for the last year of his life. The hospital staff loved him for his energy and enthusiasm. Ian took it upon himself to show new residents the ropes of the facility from his new green wheelchair which became his red truck replacement. The staff could not keep up with him as he was always racing around the corridors and gardens, so they eventually had to put a red flag on his wheelchair so they could keep track of him.

Sadly, he is now gone. He is survived by his sisters Dorset (Mark) and Sally, and brothers Ken and Sandy.

Ian could not have lived so well without the help and friendship of so many people on his beloved Pender Island. As Ian became less able it was amazing for us to witness this incredible community of support we have on Pender. We wish

to deeply acknowledge the great support of Mike and Gail at Tru Value Foods, the Better at Home Services, the community health nurses, Dr Moore's long caring attention, the many volunteers who delivered his groceries and so many others. With your help Ian was able to live on his beloved islands of Pender as long as he did.

A Celebration of Life will be held later this year. Until then, Ian sends a laugh and a big wave. Our thanks to you all.

*Dorset Norwich-Young and
Mark Wensley*

Eric (Mike) Emeny-Smith

May 25 1944 – January 13 1944



Mike passed away peacefully in his sleep at home on January 13 2023, after dealing with chronic kidney disease and other issues for more than 40 years. He was born in London, England, worked for five years in the Merchant Marine, married Sandra and we emigrated to Canada in 1967. He worked as a truck driver in Vancouver until 1980 when we bought property on Pender Island and subsequently built our home. He is survived by his wife Sandra, brother Ron formerly of Pender Island, nephew Eric and his wife Yvonne, nephew Tom's widow Darlene also on Pender. At Mike's request there will be no service or celebration of life.

I wish to thank all the doctors and staff at the medical clinic that have dealt with all his medical issues.

Sandra Emeny-Smith

Rosemary J. Coleman-Watts

October 19, 1939-February 13, 2023



Rosemary Joan, aged 83, died on February 13, 2023 surrounded by her loving family, after a year-long illness. "Rofey", as she was known to all, was born on October 19, 1939 in Limpsfield, Surrey, UK to the Rev'd. Michael and Mrs. Mary (King) Coleman. She and her mother travelled from England to Canada aboard the Monarch of Bermuda in 1940, to be joined later during the war by her father. The family settled on Vancouver Island and grew with the additions of brother Michael (deceased 2021) (Barb) and sister Sally (Dick).

In 1950, the family moved to Regina, SK, where her father was elected the Anglican Bishop of Qu'Appelle, and where her brother Christopher (Judith) arrived to complete the family.

After graduating from the Qu'Appelle Diocesan School for Girls at 16, Rofey attended the University of British Columbia (BA '59). It was at UBC where Rofey met the love of her life, Bob, who fell for her sparkling eyes instantly. They were married in September 1959 and embarked on a lifelong journey together, including raising their four children, with stops in various spots in BC and California. The family settled in Victoria, BC in 1979 to be closer to their Pender Island family property, where Rofey's grandparents first resided in 1934 and which remains in the family today.

Rosemary was an active member of St. Luke's Anglican Church, Saanich. She served as Rector's Warden and led the St. Luke's prayer chain for many years. She wore her UK (and Canadian) citizenship proudly, returning with Bob to the UK for vacations many times over the years.

Rofey/Mum/Granny/Great-Granny will be greatly missed by her loving husband Bob, their four children (Megan, Rob, Merry, and John) and their spouses (Mark, Theresa, and Kristine), 12 grandchildren and their partners, one great-grandchild, her surviving siblings and her siblings' spouses, extended family, and so many lifelong, longtime, and newer friends. We will remember her amazing ability to connect with people and her knack for making even strangers feel special in her presence. Gatherings at our house were always

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large festive affairs filled with lively conversations, jokes, and laughter, with Rofey always at the centre of the shenanigans. Notwithstanding her wacky sense of humour, she was determined in her convictions and loved her family fiercely and proudly, always.

Rofey was feisty, stoic, and immensely brave in fighting her pancreatic cancer until the end and, true to form, was still gaining new friends and admirers (and solving cryptic crosswords!) in her very last days.


We wish to thank Dr. Behroozi for his kind and compassionate care, the wonderful care team at Care & Company and the special staff at Sunrise who supported our Mum in her last days.

A Memorial Service will be held at St. Luke's Anglican Church, 3821 Cedar Hill Cross Road, on Saturday, March 4, 2023 at 1 pm, with reception to follow.

John Watts



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THE ARTS

Pender Island Celtic Music Society



Someone in the band said: "Here is the title for your article: 'Bass Drummer turns 80'." One could add: 'for better or for worse'. Indeed, the event that sticks out in the life of the Celtic Music Society during the past month was more social than musical.

As has been the case after the pandemic, the Ceilidh Band was scheduled to practice at the Morrish's on Friday night. I had turned eighty the day before and, knowing the good people of the band, I suspected that there might be a cake or a little something special at the end of the practice. Surprise! Coming to the table around which we usually practice, it was already full of beautiful food dishes. "Where am I going to put my music sheets?" said I, with my usual smart alec humour. I realized then that I was in for a bigger surprise than I had expected. This was confirmed when members of the Pipe Band started to come in, with their spouses...and former members, whose hearts are still in the bands.

It was a wonderful evening of conversation between friends, some of whom had not met for a while. Yes, there was a lot of good food, thanks to Gena Morrish and a few other cooks. And yes, a birthday cake, as you can see in the picture accompanying these few lines. At the same time, that evening summarized much of the good that has happened to me in the last ten years, my seventies, that I spent on the island.

The only persons that practised on that evening, besides Gena and the cooks, who 'practised' a different kind of art, were Jan, who accompanied the 'Happy Birthday to You' on the accordion, and I, who was asked to sing *Wild Mountain Thyme*, and *Loch Tay Boat Song* as an encore. Two beautiful love songs.

A great moment, all together. Enough to reconcile me with my entering the octogenariate. Thank you, everybody.

Denis Dion

Pender Island Community Choir

Adult and Youth choir rehearsals are well underway with our talented and enthusiastic director, Sabrina Read. The Spring concert will be a really fun one as she has selected songs from various movies, so *At the Movies* it is!



Denis turns 80

Mark your calendars for May 12, 13, and 14 (bring your mom for Mother's Day). Tickets will be available in April at Talisman Books & Gallery.

Melady Preece has graciously offered to fill the position of President and we thank her for taking on this very important task. Thank you to all the other Board members who give of their time and talent to keep the choir ship floating. Special thanks again to outgoing President, Graham Garlick, and Board member Tom Bell. We also wish to acknowledge our retiring Librarian, Carmel Kozak, for the hundreds of hours she has spent moving, sorting, organizing, collating, printing, and distributing the choir music. It has been a huge, thankless job that she has completed in between her full-time nursing duties and we are very grateful.

If you find choir music from previous sessions, please return to the folder in the Community Box at Dockside Realty, Driftwood office. Music is very expensive.

We can finally breathe in the sunlight. Happy Spring!

*Terry Shepherd,
Communications Liaison*

Pender Island Concert Society

On Tuesday March 21 at 7:30 pm the Concert Society is pleased to welcome the Bergmann Duo back to Pender Island. Marcel and Elizabeth Bergmann are hugely talented pianists who have performed internationally for many years, recording for the CBC, National Public Radio and all the major recording labels.

For this concert, however, they have teamed with Rod Thomas Squance in a performance titled Percussiano3. Squance is quickly gaining recognition as one of Canada's most exciting musicians.

The two hands of percussionist Squance and the four hands of the Bergmanns join to perform a six-handed musical marvel. With their dazzling array of instruments and brilliant display of virtuosity, Percussiano3 promises to deliver all the excitement of a percussion ensemble without losing the

classical touch of a traditional concert, presenting great masterpieces and unique transcriptions for percussion and piano. Their repertoire spans across musical styles and periods and includes works by composers such as Bach, Schubert, Ravel, Chabrier, Copland, Rachmaninoff, Piazzolla, Brubeck, Saint-Saëns as well as their own original compositions.

The performance will take place at the Community Hall, whose upper floor is beginning to garner a bit of a reputation for its excellent acoustics.

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

Our last performance of the season is Sunday, April 23 at 7:30 pm when we are very much looking forward to welcoming John McLachlan and Marc Atkinson in a wander through the wonderfully crafted songs of one of Canada's greatest songwriters. *Early Morning Rain* showcases the songs of

Gordon Lightfoot. More about that in April.

Jon Heaney, Society Chair

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



Once again, on Febru-

ary 13, Quilters' Circle had outstanding attendance at the monthly session with 17 members bringing projects (starting, in-progress, and completed) to the Anglican Parish Hall.

Our very capable and well organized president, Heather Duncan, provided us with an update of planning for the Hands Across the Water event in June on Pender Island. Quilters' Circle is hosting the annual gathering of quilting guilds (Galiano, Mayne, Saturna, Cowichan Valley, and Pender). We will provide lunch, quilt displays, fabric sales, door prizes, Show and Share (all groups present recent projects), and opportunity to meet and converse with other creative souls. We encourage all of our members to contact Heather about

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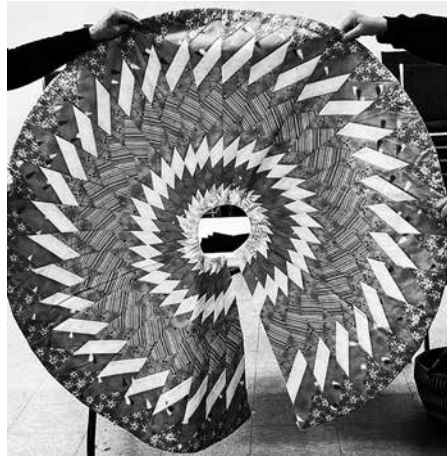


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Elegant Christmas Tree Skirt - Janet Ellis

the sign-up sheet for helping at the event and greatly appreciate this assistance.

Our Bring and Brag session included

- Karen Watson - Valentine runner, parrot pieced in shades of pink, pieced daffodils (she finished Karen Gagnier's complex mind boggling pattern)
- Denise Doyle - completed two of January's applique hearts pattern with hand quilting
- Ann England - off-center heart applique pillow
- Janet Ellis - elegant silver/grey Christmas tree skirt

Barb Tarris led us in a 9-minute table napkin project. She provided an easy to follow sequence of instructions. She shared that she hasn't been able to complete a napkin in under 12 minutes but we were impressed anyhow. Many of our members brought fabric and proceeded to cut and sew, producing practical and pretty napkins. We

gratefully thank Barb for leading this session.

Laura Vilness provided an update for the spring program

- March 13 - fabric bowls for Hands Across the Water (HAW)
- April 10 - spring project challenge (members bring their own spring-related projects to work on and share patterns)
- May 8 - finish HAW plans
- June 12 - HAW gathering

As always, our monthly sessions are a wonderful opportunity to share and learn and be inspired. It's also a time of friendship and conversations as we connect and create.

Quilter's Philosophy

Life may unfold like a bolt of fabric, a continuous stream of time, or can be experienced as episodes stitched together, piece by piece, some more satisfying than others. Sometimes, we discard the pieces that don't fit and keep on creating with faith and hope, letting go of what doesn't work and appreciating, celebrating the joyful moments, the beautiful pieces.

Laura Vilness

Pender Photo Club

As per Wikipedia

Interior architecture is the design of a building or shelter from inside out, or the design of a new interior for a type of home that can be fixed. It can refer to the initial design and plan used for a building's interior, to that interior's later redesign made to accommodate a changed purpose, or to the significant



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revision of an original design for the adaptive reuse of the shell of the building concerned. The latter is often part of sustainable architecture practices, whereby resources are conserved by “recycling” a structure through adaptive redesign.

Hello photo peeps

Our February 7 meeting was held at 7 pm via Zoom (Yes, we meet on Tuesday evenings now), and it was incredible. Interior architecture proved to be full of lots of renditions of the subject which always brings out the creative juices in all of us. Funny enough if you read above we seemed to encompass the entire description Wikipedia supplied.

Let’s talk homes to start, as many Island homes were featured in our slide show. Windows, living room, a very cozy window seat, and literally vintage everything filled our senses with pure joy and contentment. On to more structural lines and technical perspectives with shots of wainscoting, beams milled from Pender Island trees, angles, lighting, depth of field, foyers, and bedroom walls. Pender Island is sure home to some very interesting homes and our group came to task with these imaginative shots containing post and beams, spinning through a kelp forest guard rail, and fan favs of blinds edited for multiple images along with a ceiling fan.

Of course there were many amazing interior shots that took us to Paris, Scottsdale, Italy, Cambodia, Ireland, Germany, Victoria, and Saturna. This enabled us to see amazing colour, lines, textures, drama, and elegance, and compare vintage to new. A nice spot for photos on this subject if you

are so inclined is The Atrium located at 800 Yates Street in Victoria. Our photographers featured many different angles, curves, and unique images inside this progressive architectural wonder. It offers up dynamic public areas. Another gem of a place is the Market Garden in Esquimalt. “It is a grocery store with a whole lot of style and a dash of coziness. Think Galerie Lafayette with West Coast sensibilities mixed with a whole lot of love and passion” - a quote from a blog I read. Side note, we did witness Galerie Lafayette pics in our show, and both comparisons were stunning and presented exquisitely.

One more tidbit you might want to explore from home: check out Kristopher Grunert, a prominent Canadian Architectural Photographer based in Vancouver. You will find some inspiration in his work for our next subject I am sure.

Well, to close, I think you all get my enthusiasm from our meeting. It was so much fun, so interesting, and so worth being a part of this amazing group. Come on now, join us to be part of this hip and happening Photo group.

Email Urs at ursboxler@gmail.com to join in the next meeting on March 7 at 7 pm via Zoom. Our next assignment is Exterior Architecture. Get on it peeps, show us what you got.

Lori Ragan





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In addition to your prescription medications, here is a short list of necessary items that we recommend you take while you travel: bandages & tape, alcohol-based hand sanitizer & wipes, blister pads or moleskin (excellent for hikers!), disposable gloves, gauze, tweezers, sunscreen and insect repellent. The following medicines can really save the day if you’re feeling sick or indisposed:

Imodium (for diarrhea), Gravol (for nausea), Benadryl or Reactine (for allergic reactions), Tylenol or Advil (pain killers), stomach acid pills like Zantac or Pepto Bismol, Aloe vera gel, cortisone cream, topical antibiotics (Polysporin)

Finally, a few important items to add to your emergency kit are medical insurance coverage information, emergency contact info (family, friend), allergies and medical condition information as well as a current medication list.

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Ptarmigan Arts



Welcome to Arts in March! Is your body also still sore from dancing at the Shred Kelly show? Just me? We slide into spring by bringing back fan favourites and preparing for a very special treat in April - stay tuned!

Drumming Workshop

Jordan Hanson of Drum Victoria will be back on Pender on March 5 for a community drumming workshop at the Community Hall from 2 - 4 pm. Jordan brings a wealth of experience and a truck full of drums and percussion instruments to his workshops. Both experienced musicians and beginners will enjoy the opportunity to create rhythms together and be a part of an incredible drumming experience. This is our only chance to drum with Jordan this year, so let's make it count! All are welcome, and drums will be provided. The cost is \$60, subsidies are available.

Glazing Workshop

Ilse Phillips' Glazing Workshop is also back for another round. This workshop

is for anyone who has taken one of Ilse's pottery courses and has some pieces they'd like to finish. All pieces will be bisque fired in Ilse's home kiln on March 25. The workshop itself will happen on Wednesday, March 29 from 6 - 9 pm at the Community Hall. You will be able to use a selection of glazes on your pieces, followed by a glaze firing. The final reveal will be on April 11 from 5 - 6 pm at the Hall. The cost is \$60 and includes glaze and two firings. Subsidies are available.

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 Bill Heintz on March 3, Taeven Lopatecki on March 10, the Young Violins on March 17, and Grace Pohl on March 24.

The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts

On March 1, *Go Figure* opens, featuring the works of Diana Fairclough, Kate Waygood, Kathleen Lightman, and Jan

Albertin. This will be followed by *Young Artists of the Southern Gulf Islands*, our first show dedicated to artists less than 18 years. This open call show will be opening March 22, and is being curated by grade 9 student Maraika McConchie. Coming up in April we have an open call curated by volunteer curator Audrey Stibbe titled *Something Old, Something New, Something Borrowed, Something Blue*. For more details on this and other open calls this year please visit our website or follow us on Instagram @galleryathopebay

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

Alice Karolina

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Support Programs

Maintain Your Independence (MYI)

March - April MYI Classes

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

Essentrics with Heather Mondays, March 6 - May 1 11 am - 12 pm

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

Moderate Yoga with Krista Tuesdays, March 7 - April 25 9:45 am - 10:45 am, and/or

Moderate Yoga with Krista Thursdays, March 9 - April 27 9:45 am - 10:45 pm

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

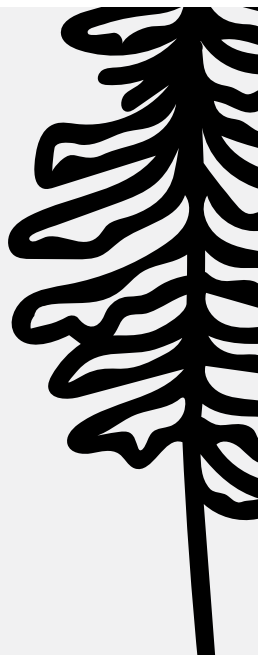
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and relaxation. Wear loose clothing and bring a yoga mat.

Tai Chi with David
Tuesdays, March 7 - April 25
11 am - 12 pm

Come and learn the basics of Yang style Tai Chi in a relaxed and playful environment. Improve your balance, flexibility, and mobility as we gently work through the movements. These sessions will call for intermediate to moderate abilities as some balance will be required. Wear comfortable clothing.

Chair Yoga with Erin
Tuesdays, March 7 - April 25,
11 am - 12 pm, and/or

Chair Yoga with Erin
Thursdays, March 9 - April 27,
11 am - 12 pm

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

Gentle Walk with Andrea
Wednesdays, Year-round
10 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.

Financial Support

Many thanks to the CRD/Pender Parks and Recreation Commission for their financial support of the MYI Exercise programs. If the full cost is a barrier, please contact andrea@penderislandhealth.org.

Better at Home

Better at Home Contractors and Volunteers play an important role in supporting and helping older adults (65+) maintain their independence and 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 minor repairs, caregiver relief, assistance with

errands, transportation, shopping, and friendly visits.

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 some interesting older adults 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. Contractors typically assist with cleaning, yard work, recycling, basic house maintenance, and support to a caregiver.

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 and are 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, ability to drive, and health conditions.

If you are interested in volunteering, please leave a message for Andrea at 629-3346 or email andrea@penderislandhealth.org.

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

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



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Jane Harrison

CRD Bylaw and Animal Care Services

CRD The CRD's Animal Regulation and Impounding Bylaw No. 1, 1986 states that an animal is deemed to be running at large when on land which is not owned or occupied by the owner of the animal and can be impounded by an animal control officer. Fees include an Impound fee of \$75 plus \$15 per day, a fine of \$100, and if no proof of licensing is shown, a \$100 fine plus the cost of a license. Dogs at large are responsible for many livestock kills. Under the Livestock Protection Act, Section 6, a person may kill a dog if the person finds the dog (a) running at large, and (b) attacking or viciously pursuing a person or a domestic animal.

People and animals can be injured by loose dogs

Whether intentional or not, your dog could bite, knock over, or injure someone or another animal. A dog could be deemed dangerous if it has killed or seriously injured a person, or killed or seriously injured a domestic animal while in a public place or while on private property other than the property owned or occupied by the person responsible for the dog, or if an animal control officer has reasonable grounds to believe it is likely to kill or seriously injure a person.

Wildlife has a place too

Your best friend can become nature's enemy if taken off a leash and allowed to run free. Dogs that leave trails destroy the homes of ground-nesting birds, stress small mammals, destroy plants, leave feces that disrupt the natural balance of the ecosystem, and they are susceptible to virus and disease through wildlife they may encounter.

Leashed dogs are rarely hit by cars

No dog responds 100% of the time to commands. A leash can help you pull your dog to safety when a driver is too close. On the other hand, unleashed dogs can cause car accidents when drivers try to avoid hitting a loose dog.

Lowers costly veterinary bills

Leashing your dog is the best way to keep your dog from becoming sick or injured on your walks. Dogs frequently eat many things they shouldn't and roaming dogs could drink contaminated water, tread through pesticides, or be exposed to ticks, poison oak, or plants that have thorns and burrs.

Unleashed dogs eliminate at will

This will make you very unpopular with your neighbours. Owners that do not scoop will incur a fine. Dogs that are not dewormed completely leave parasitic worm eggs that can be transmitted from feces to humans causing blindness (particularly with small children). Anyone controlling an animal is responsible for the removal and sanitary disposition of any excrement of the animal.

Please remember that leashing your pet demonstrates your affection for your pet and that you are a responsible owner promoting good canine citizenship by allowing others to enjoy public space too. For more information visit www.crd.bc.ca/service/animals-pets.

Donald Peden

Epicentre

The Epicentre is offering two popular spring break camps in March:

Archipelago Camp with Karen Parker

March 20 - 24, 9 am - 5 pm

Family Pass holders \$275, regular rate \$325. Ages 5+

On the first day of camp, each child will create their individual characters and an island within the archipelago. The week will consist of completing challenges. Each completed challenge will earn the child a card with a picture of a useful item to set up a town on their island. Each child will need to decide what they want on their island to support the new immigrants that are coming to make their home on the new islands. Maybe a shop, a school, a bank, anything that each child deems necessary for their island. Each island will need to have a name, a flag, a currency, and transportation for the island and within the archipelago. The week will consist of hands-on games and challenges in the form of art, science, and physical movement.

Eco-Adventure Camp with Joel Michener

March 27 - 31, 9 am - 5 pm

Family Pass Holders \$275 or Regular rate \$325. Ages 5+

This camp explores our local areas while incorporating wilderness survival skills and bushcraft activities. We will do compass and navigation games, fire safety, knots, shelter building, identifying plants and animals, and fire roasted goodies. Learn to camp and care for the environment with your friends. No experience necessary.

For more information please visit our Facebook page or our Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House website

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To register your child in a program or camp, to renew your Family Pass, or to ask a question, please contact epicentre@sginh.ca

In-person registration, renewals, and payments (cash or cheque) can also be made at the Southern Gulf Island Neighbourhood House office (part of the Community Resource Centre at the Driftwood) on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 am - 4 pm. To enquire about payment plan options or financial support contact Melody at mpender@sginh.ca. Please also contact Melody if you would like to sponsor a family or provide financial support for families requiring assistance; we'd love to hear from you.

Michael Cowan

Gulf Islands Food Co-op



GIFC has already secured funding for projects beginning in 2023. We are very grateful for the continued support from the CRD and for its commitment to promoting local food system resilience in the Southern Gulf Islands as a priority. This funding enables GIFC to continue to offer the Co-operative Produce Sales Tables at the Farmers' Markets from Canada Day through Thanksgiving, and it will also encourage more community members to grow some of their own food with help from the Pender Seed Library.

With leadership from the Pender Island Farmers Institute, Seedy Saturday returns to the Community Hall on Saturday, March 18. GIFC is a proud participant, inviting Lisa Willott from FarmFolk CityFolk (FFCF) to discuss the necessity and practice of saving seeds. FFCF has also graciously extended to us an exclusive link to the important film, *The Seeds of Vandana Shiva: When You Control Seed, You Control Life on Earth*, the story of the inspiring activist's global journey through science, politics, feminism, family, and spirituality to encourage people, corporations, and governments to celebrate and revere seeds. The registration code that you will need is "FarmFolkReg," and the link is as follows <https://www.filmplatform.net/the-seeds-of-vandana-shiva-registration/>.

Once registered, you will have access to the film for the rest of the year.

And as GIFC's new season of projects begins, it is, once again, time to celebrate the success of the past year at our Annual General Meeting. If you are curious about what GIFC has been up to on Pender, Mayne, Saturna, and Galiano Islands, or if you have ideas for 2023 and beyond, please join us on Sunday, April 2 at 3 pm for a spirited Zoom conversation. Please RSVP to Nancy at info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org for the Zoom link. (The Board does try to keep the AGM business quite short so that we have ample time to discuss how GIFC can be most useful on each island).

Thank you for supporting Pender Island growers and food producers, who do their best to provide nourishment to the community while also trying to eke out a living to feed their own families. We are blessed to live here on S, DAYES, land that has been home to thriving communities of both the WSA NEC and now settlers, unceded land that continues to provide soil, water, and a

place to call home.

Nancy Goodman,
GIFC Project Coordinator

Islands Trust

North Pender Local Trust Committee



Thank you all who attended the February 25 Community Information Meeting around the Islands Trust Budget and the North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw revisions. Participation in these meetings is really important to ensure that all voices in the community are heard by all of the current NP-LTC who are collectively working to best implement our current Official Community Plan (OCP) into bylaw.

Forest Management

There are increasing concerns about having healthy forests across the Southern Gulf Islands. This issue is not solely about tree cutting or not, it is also about fire risk reduction, water sustainability, biodiversity, and our

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rural character. Please speak with each other, listen to divergent thoughts, help find common ground about what we collectively want to steward, preserve, and protect in the place we call home. Consider engaging in the community to community reconciliation with First Nations in the region to learn where their concerns and desires are with respect to the region. Listen to discussions about the Land Use Bylaw revisions to understand how the NPLTC is considering this issue and others within its current authority.

Information on the North Pender Land Use Bylaw work so far can be found here:

<https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/north-pender/projects/>

Send a short note

Communicate your current and growing understanding and possible options you see going forward to any or all of the following agencies that share some part of the responsibility for this issue:

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Forestry enforcement -
www.for.gov.bc.ca/hen/nrv/report.htm

Enforcement, Education, and Preserving and Protecting Why We Love This Place

There have been many issues raised about enforcement that are being worked through at the moment. Some of these are from different levels of government, not about Trust regulations specifically. The NP-LTC is working through this to try to provide a cleaner understanding of the regulation system. Check out my expanding YouTube video channel on this <https://www.youtube.com/@deb.islandstrust>.

Trust Council Budget

Budget discussions will be held at the next Trust Council on March 7-9 to be held in Nanaimo. Please write in your thoughts to ensure your voice is heard. Information on the Islands Trust 2023-24 budget can be found here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/about-us/accountability/budget/>

Individual versus Collective Rights

Please be aware that you do live in the Trust Area and as such there are increased environmental protections. While there is a lot of red tape that we are working through as Trustees to resolve and make things like permits, enforcement, and education more reasonable and effective within the Trust, we seem to all want to continue to



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keep our community rural, beautiful, and healthy. So when considering what to do with your property, also consider what you might want to see across the whole of the landscape and don't assume that your individual choices aren't impacting all around you.

Be safe, well, and thrive.

Deb Morrison

Magic Lake Property Owners' Society

Defibrillators Purchased

Two defibrillators have been purchased and will be installed at the Tennis/PickleBall Courts and at Thieves Bay Marina.

Successful BC Assessment Appeal of Chart Drive Property

The MLPOS owns several properties including a small undevelopable triangle of land on Chart Drive. The Board appealed a high assessment this year. This appeal was successful and the assessment was satisfactorily reduced.

Food Vendors

The board was brought up to date on the situation with the health inspector visiting the island and shutting some food vendors down.

Driving in Magic Lake? Shift into slow

Speed on the residential roads through Magic Lake continues to be a concern to many residents. One Magic Lake member is working with the province (MOTI) to have 30km signage added along the Privateers playground park. Please take some time to slow down particularly on Privateers, by the playground, and where the roads curve.

Updating Privateers Park Zoning (Residential to Community Park)

The Privateers tennis/pickleball playground park is currently zoned as residential. The Board has requested this be brought up to date and rezoned to community park as part of the North Pender Bylaw Project.

Playground Upgrade

Before the playground equipment is upgraded, the area between the play area

and the tennis/pickleball courts needs remediating.

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 notifymlpos@gmail.com.

The next MLPOS Directors meeting - on the second Monday of the month - is Monday, March 13, at 4 pm in the Community Hall Lounge (to the right at the front door).

Mary Beth Rondeau, Secretary

Moving Around Pender

MAP



Our meetings have been well attended, and it was agreed that we would make a big effort to increase membership to push forward with a variety of projects.

Moving Around Pender (MAP) was responsible for identifying the Schooner Way Trail, from the Ball Park to Medicine Beach, as an important trail for the community and particularly those who live in Magic Lake Estates. Eventually, we reached the point where we had done all the preparation we could achieve as a non-profit group, and were delighted when Pender Island Parks & Recreation Commission (PIPRC) agreed to take this on. They are in the process of obtaining an engineering report on the trail, a precursor to obtaining a necessary grant.

In much the same way, MAP was responsible for the creation of the unique Car Stops programme. We were able to obtain the funds, design the signs, and involve the active participation of our members in positioning them around the Islands. Each May we call upon our

volunteers to help clean the signs and weed whack the immediate areas...an enjoyable occasion.

Many of our members are keen cyclists and would welcome others to join them. These members provide first-hand knowledge of the dangers that our roads present to those on bicycles and enable us to focus on the most dangerous areas, such as Scarff Hill. Once again, we intend to bring pressure to bear on the Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure (MOTI) and the Capital Regional District (CRD). To do so, we need the help of a variety of people: planners, activists, and those who just want to help.

Most of you will remember that MAP ran a bus project for three years, using volunteer drivers. This showed there was a need for a bus and proved that such a bus required paid drivers and money to keep the bus on the road. No bus service makes a profit; all bus services require funding. A recent proposal for a Transportation Commission was narrowly voted down, but there is no doubt that if the proposal had been solely to fund a bus service, it would have passed. Help us develop a popular demand for a service that works well on other islands.

If we are to make our roads safer, reduce our dependence on cars, expand our rural trails, and encourage alternative transportation, we need you to help us. Your ideas, your energy, and your enthusiasm will be welcomed at our meetings. We meet on the first Saturday of the month at the Community Hall at 1:15 pm, in the coffee room. Come and test the waters!

Barry Mathias

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Pender Island Child Care Society

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre

*Children see magic because they look
for it.* ~ Christopher Moore

Spring Break



Dragonfly will be closed for two weeks over Spring Break. Our last day of Parents and Babes will be March 13 and will resume on April 3. The last day of HOP will be March 15 and will resume on April 5 and the last day of child care will be on March 17 and will resume on April 4.

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 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 for their generous contributions to support our library.

Parents and Babes

Parents and Babes is offered every Monday morning from 9 - 11:30 am at Dragonfly (we are closed March 20 and 27 for Spring Break). 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 dragonflyfamilycentre@gmail.com.

Sarah Conley

Pender Island Community Service Society

Nu-To-Yu (NTY)



When we lived on the prairie we would wonder when the snow would be gone from the ditches. Will the loons return to ice or water? Does the Easter Bunny hide white eggs in the snow? On Pender, the snow drops arrived in February, as did the robins and juncos. The winter jackets at Nu-To-Yu have long been replaced by lightweight rainwear, galoshes, and gardening gloves. No bikinis yet but just wait a week and Carole will surprise you with her Mexican tan.

NTY is open for donations Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9 am - 12 pm. There is frequently/usually someone opening up at 8:30 am if you need to drop off your two bags or two boxes before you catch the 9:10 am ferry. Gently used items please, nothing that has been around the block and is now unrecognizable. If the wife does not want you to wear it anymore, we probably cannot use it/sell it either. Pack like with like and we will all get along. Thank you for your smiles and for your donations. Your generosity is appreciated. The Nu-To-Yu is also accepting (newer) items for its annual silent auction in August. All proceeds from the auction go towards the new building. Please phone 629-2070 on donation days or pop by between 9 am and noon to discuss with Pam or Manfred.

Nu-To-Yu had a massive 50% off fabric sale on the Family Day weekend. Thank you to those who donated and those who bought. If I can be so bold, please

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remember that NTY is unable to sell the small irregular fabric ends/fragments that are left over after cutting out a pattern for a dress, skirt, costume etc. It is akin to tying short pieces of string together to sell. You can save it but we are unable to sell it. The fabric pieces are just too small to do much with. We all have this lurking in a drawer, trunk, or on a hanger: a half finished (maybe more, maybe less), dress or costume, a partially finished craft, or knitting project. Usually started when we were pregnant with the first child. Unfortunately these have a best by finish date, which is about the time the infant is born. Sadly, we cannot make the dress or finish the knitting project for you though we have been asked to. Consider giving the "gift" to your favorite grandchild.

Community organizations needing a bit of moolah should get their grant applications in by the third Friday in March. This is a firm deadline; NTY does not operate on a BCF sailing schedule. Student bursaries for post-secondary education are accepted as of April 1. Application forms for bursaries and grants are located on our website at www.nu-to-yu.com or at the Driftwood Dockside office. For volunteers, our annual spring meeting is currently scheduled for April 24 at the Legion at 1:30 pm.

Daurel Minion

Pender Island Conservancy

KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest

Just in case you haven't heard yet - we did it!



In just over 12 months, the Pender Conservancy and Raincoast Conservation Foundation have raised \$2.18 million to purchase and permanently protect the 45 acre KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest. The closing of this campaign came just over a year after our collective effort to purchase S,DÁYES Flycatcher Forest. Combined, these two properties represent 58 acres of globally rare and threatened Coastal Douglas Fir forest and associated habitats that will now be protected in perpetuity.

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. Thank you Pender Island for your support of our efforts to protect sensitive ecosystems on Pender - now and always!

Beach Clean-up

The Annual Earth Day Beach and Roadside Clean-up is happening on Saturday, April 22 from 9 am - 12:30 pm in the parking lot of the Medicine Beach Centre.

However, you need not wait until Clean-up Day to start cleaning the beach, park, pathway, or roadside of your choice. Anytime between now and April 22, you can grab some gloves and bags and head out to clean the debris washed up during the king tides and winter storms, then bring your collected debris down to the drop-off site at the Medicine Beach Centre on Clean-up day. Volunteers will be there to help you load your garbage into the bins. If you need bags, or if you need help with any large or difficult to reach items, please contact president@penderconservancy, and we will try to arrange for volunteers to come out to assist you.

Elizabeth Miles

Salmon Eggstravaganza at Hope Bay

In past years, students from the local school have come down to the Hope Bay Stream for the annual Eggstravaganza. During this event they learn about the salmon life cycle and the importance of a healthy riparian habitat for baby salmon. They have also helped plant native flora, learned to spot invasive species, and welcomed the DFO staff as they arrived with the chum salmon eggs to place into the stream.

After a three year hiatus due to COVID-19 and record floods, the Eggstravaganza returned on Feb 6. Despite rainy and windy weather, a flat tire on the DFO truck, and a break down of the school bus, all persevered, and 27 students from Emily Raichura and Leanne Sutherland's classes met with Pender Islands Conservancy staff and volunteers at the Hope Bay Bible Camp to welcome Heather Wright from the DFO Community Salmon program, and her cooler full of 30,000 salmon eggs.

Heather gave each class a brief talk about salmon and a lesson in salmon yoga ("roe-ga"?). The students had been learning about salmon and impressed Heather with how much they could tell her about salmon and asked many interesting questions. Their enthusiasm was infectious and undampened by the rain.

The students helped to transfer the eggs from special aerated tubes (courtesy of the fish hatchery at Goldstream) into the hatching cassette, and watched Conservancy staff and volunteers place the cassette carefully into the stream, where the eggs will be safe from

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predators and flood waters until they hatch into alevin (sac-fry). They will then make their way out of the bottom of the cassette and into the safety of the spawning gravel below. Once they have consumed the last of their egg sacs, they will emerge from the gravel as fry and start their journey to the estuary, and eventually out to the open sea.

The salmon project and the Eggstravaganza are examples of the wonderful power of partnership. The Hope Bay Bible Camp has been very supportive of this program, and the combined efforts of the DFO, teachers from Pender Island School, the volunteers at the Goldstream Fish hatchery, and the Pender Conservancy all made the day a big success.

Skull Detectives

Skull detectives ended with a bang at the Pender Island School. Before the skulls headed back to their homes, we brought them to the school for the students to see and learn from. Thanks to Adrian Pendergast and all of the teachers at the school - it was a fantastic day! Big thank you to the Royal BC Museum, Lisa Baile, Madelin Emery, and Hanahlie Beise for loaning us these amazing specimens.

Conservancy Restoration Saturdays from 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 in February. It looks amazing. This work is being done in collaboration with the Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission. On March 4, we will continue this great work at Danny Martin Park from 1 - 3



Carlo Kuhlenschmidt helping out the Danny Martin Park restoration. Photo by Sue Kronen

pm. Other locations for March 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 KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest with Dr. Pamela Wright, Friday, March 10 at 9:30 am. Limited space. Please register on our website or email us at info@penderconservancy.org.

This month's Naturalist Field Walk will give you the opportunity to visit Pender's newest protected area with Dr. Pamela Wright. She is a newly retired conservation scientist from the Ecosystem Science and Management program at the University

of Northern British Columbia. Pam's research focuses on conservation-based approaches to protected areas design, planning, and management, emphasizing connectivity, climate change, and ecological integrity. We will walk and talk about conservation-based approaches to protected areas and ecosystem connectivity. This is a great walk and you don't want to miss it.

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.

Fish prints!

Conservancy for Kids (C4K) joins the Community Hall's Friday Fun Drop in on March 17 from 10:45 am - 12 pm.

Dive into the wonderful world of fish printing at the Friday Fun Drop-in. Make cool prints of some of your favourite sea creatures. No fish will be harmed.

March seminar - to be confirmed

Keep an eye out on the website, social media and our newsletter for details.

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

Yes, this very popular sale is back. Why should we plant native species? Here is a great explanation from Satinflower Nursery:

"Over thousands of years, native plants and animals of southern Vancouver Island have evolved to live in a symbiotic way. Native plants offer nutritional diversity and a myriad of other benefits to wildlife such as breeding habitat, food, and nesting resources. Meanwhile, insects' familiarity with native plants encourages them to transport pollen grains from one plant to another which ensures resilience for future populations.

Non-native plants may offer alternatives to wildlife, but this does not necessarily mean they are the best alternatives. One could infer that the birds need English Hawthorn berries, that Himalayan Blackberry flowers are essential for bee health, or that non-native plants are required for nitrogen fixation. But it is important that a thoughtful and holistic approach to conservation is taken that does not confuse the

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beneficial attributes of non-native plants as substitutes to a diverse suite of native flora. In fact, the vast majority of species in the Garry Oak savannah ecosystem does not benefit from increased nitrogen, ultimately resulting in biodiversity loss on a larger scale. With a loss in diversity, ecosystems become simplified and homogenized, thus reducing available resources over the course of a season. Native plants provide all of the essential ecosystem services without the risks posed by non-native plants. Devastating habitat loss and lost species diversity in habitats where non-native plants become over-abundant is not worth it.” (<https://satinflower.ca/pages/about-native-plants>)

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.

Sue Kronen

Pender Island Emergency Program



What do we do? We often encounter misconceptions about our role in the community, and we frequently hear “Why don't you ...” and “You should do ...” and “How come you don't ...” So, let's try to clear up what we do and what we don't.

The Pender Island Emergency Program is a division of the Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program which runs under the authority of the Capital Regional District, our local government. It is made up of dedicated volunteers who help the community to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters. The scope of our program includes an emergency community coordination centre, emergency support services and reception centres, VHS and amateur radio program, Neighbourhood Program, and a cache of emergency supplies.

We help to enable public readiness and resilience, support our first

responder agencies through seasonal readiness meetings, disaster planning and exercises, incident support and emergency communications, and aid for evacuees - those people forced from their homes due to wildfires or other disasters.

If requested by RCMP, we could be asked to activate the Neighbourhood Program's telephone trees to help locate a missing person. Pender Fire would activate our Emergency Support Services volunteers to provide lodging, food, and other services, if residents are displaced in a major house fire.

In a large-scale event, such as extreme weather, earthquakes, flooding, or hazardous spill, we would be tasked to open an Emergency Operations Centre to help support first responder agencies, provide situational awareness, deliver public messaging, and offer communications between the incident site, our local government, and the residents of Pender Island.

In non-emergency times, we provide public education and personal preparedness strategies. You may have seen our signs publicizing the annual Emergency Preparedness Week, won a prize by playing our Wheel of Fortune game at the Farmers' Market, or picked up pamphlets containing valuable information on getting yourself ready for an emergency by creating a personal emergency plan.

In November we were at the main Fire Hall, distributing free sandbags and displaying maps that show which neighbourhood people live in and who their Neighbourhood Contact is. We've spoken to community groups on how to prepare for the challenges of a Pender winter. Perhaps you saw our display at the Driftwood of what you should have in your *Grab & Go Bag*. And our dedicated group of Duty Officers monitors pages 24/7 so that we're ready if any situation should develop into an event requiring our support.

A couple of things to keep in mind

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Any questions about our program? Want more information? Even better, want to help out your community by joining us? Contact Program Co-coordinators Joy Thierry Llewellyn or Liz Gowen at 250-589-3001, or by email at piecc@crd.bc.ca.

*Brigitte Prochaska,
Program Coordinator*

Pender Island Farmers' Institute

Seedy Saturday



Seedy Saturday will be March 18 from 10 am - 1 pm at the Community Hall. Individuals and groups with seeds, starter plants, native plants, farm produce, or

anything related to seeds, plants, and pollinators are welcome to join the Winter Market vendors at the Hall. Everyone is welcome to attend this event by donation to swap or buy seeds, purchase plants, watch a film, learn about seeds, and meet your neighbours.

Special guest and speaker will be Lisa Willott. Lisa grew up in Calgary and developed a love for agriculture as a founding member of the U of C campus community garden while pursuing a BSc in Environmental Sciences. This led to her work in small scale farming in Arizona, Washington, Oregon, and Cuba where she researched the social support for small scale Cuban farmers for her master's research in Geography at UVic. She has worked with Saanich Organics for six years and is now the Vancouver Island Seed Security Program Coordinator for Farm Folk City Folk. Lisa will be speaking at 10:30 am and 12 pm, and there will also be a film courtesy of Farm Folk City Folk, *The Seeds of Vandana Shiva*. There will be a children's activity area, invasive plant information, and more. Many thanks to Andrea Mills of the

Community Hall and Roz Kempe and the Gulf Islands Food Co-op for their help and support of this event. Vendors and groups who wish to reserve a spot or table please email bookings@penderislands.org, and questions can be sent to penderislandmarket@gmail.com. More details will be posted on the Pender Island Farmers' Institute Facebook page, and at www.pifi.ca.

AGM

March 24 will be the Pender Island Farmers' Institute AGM at the Community Hall. There will be a potluck at 6 pm (please bring your own plate, cup, and cutlery), followed by a speaker and AGM at 7 pm. This is our first in-person AGM since the pandemic, so everyone is welcome and we are looking forward to seeing new and old friends, and anyone interested in farming and growing. Our speaker will be the Regional Agrologist for the South Island Region in BC, Megan Halstead, PAg. Megan worked as a verification officer, input reviewer, and file reviewer for organic certification bodies on Vancouver Island. She has raised chickens, ducks, sheep, hogs, vegetables, orchard fruits, berries - and supported new farmers by leasing her farm to Young Agrarians. We are fortunate that Megan is interested in coming out for farm visits and will be available on March 24 to visit Pender Island farms and farmers. If you would like to take advantage of this opportunity, please contact penderislandmarket@gmail.com or call Barb at 250-222-3817. Farmers' Institute memberships are now due and membership forms are at the real estate office and on the website www.pifi.ca.

Fall Fair

The Pender Islands Fall Fair will be on August 26, and preparations are underway! The organizing team is being reassembled, and if you would like to join us or have a question about the Fair please contact Barb at 250-222-3817. We will be uploading the category sections to the website so you can select your seeds to plant those winning vegetables and flowers, or work on your special recycling project. A new category for this year will be "Cannabis."

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The convenor coordinator is Terry Shepherd. If you are a past convenor who is interested in helping again, please contact Terry so that we can update the catalogue and help you organize your category. If you are a past participant who would like to help organize one of the sections of the fair we would love to hear from you!

Details will be posted on the website www.pifi.ca and on the Pender Island Fall Fair Facebook page.

Barbara Johnstone

Pender Island Fire Rescue



As of February 18, APIFR members have responded to 34 emergency calls.

March is a busy month here at PIFR. Lots of behind-the-scenes actions are happening, like commercial vehicle inspections, the incredible Gulf Islands Fire Cadet Camp that I touched on in last month's article is March 20 - 25, as well as providing live fire training to our 2022 recruits and members of our mutual aid partner Mayne Island Fire Rescue.

I would like to remind everyone that April 1 is the beginning of permit season here on Pender Island. Yard material that is being burnt must be down and dry for at least 30 days, so now is the time to make your hand piles cleaning

up the storm damage, etc., and keep it covered in preparation for burning. Dry material burns hotter and faster, creating less smoke and therefore fewer complaints from neighbors. Please be aware that the class B "category 2" fire permits are valid for four days and the dimensions of the pile must be 6 feet or less across and 3 feet or less tall. We recommend applying for permits on our website as that is the easiest option for you and can be done at any time up to three days before the start date of the permit. If you are unable to use that option, permits can still be applied for at Fire Hall #1. Please see our website www.penderfire.org for the most up-to-date wildfire conditions and open burning regulations.

This spring is a great time to take a look at your home and property and utilize the province's FireSmart principles to complete a self-assessment, to see where things can be done to improve your home's wildfire survivability. Here is a short list of key items that can be done quite easily.

- Ensure your roof and gutters have been cleaned. Not only is this good to prevent water damage, it removes fine fuels that can be easily ignited by flying embers.
- Remove any firewood or kindling that may be stacked against the exterior of the house.
- If you have a deck or platform, ensure the area under it is kept clear of any combustible/organic material.
- The perimeter of the house should be kept up, sweeping/removing needles and cones, etc.

- Trim ladder fuels (the fine little branches on the trunk of your trees) up to 6 feet.

These five steps can go a long way to preventing the spread of a wildfire to your structure. Removing the fine fuels, as we call them, is very important to the survivability of your home and can be done relatively easily on your own. You can visit www.firesmartbc.ca to read more about FireSmart practices and download additional manuals.

Captain Jon Grelik

Pender Island Food Bank Society

The Pender Island Food Bank Society held its Annual General Meeting on Friday, January 27 in the meeting room of St. Peter's Anglican Church. Barb MacPherson, President of the Pender Island Food Bank Society, had met with the President and Marketing Manager of Food Banks BC earlier that same week. She confirmed that they had been very impressed with the Tru Value Spirit Board set up for 1% of customer grocery purchases to be directed to local organizations in need of on-going funding and that each customer made their choice of organization each time they went through at the point of sale at Tru Value Foods. They were also very impressed with the assistance Pender Island Food Bank received through the Tru Value Spirit Board and the impact this has had in assisting our own fundraising efforts to keep our Pender Island Food Bank well stocked with fresh, frozen, and packaged items. Thank you again Tru Value, and thank you Pender Islanders and friends of Pender Island



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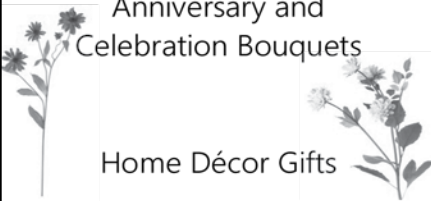
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for so often choosing number 9 on the Spirit Board.

The President and Marketing Manager of Food Banks BC also very much appreciated the fact that our clients are able to come in and shop for themselves each week, rather than receiving a pre-packaged box of food put together by volunteers. No matter how much our volunteers would do their best to anticipate the needs of our clients in pre-packing boxes each week, it is our clients, after all, who know what items will be most useful to them and/or their families in their week ahead. We are, let us not forget, very fortunate to be living in a small community with a small client base, comparatively speaking, where such personal service is much easier to manage. We are very grateful to be able to personally serve our clients in this way as we hear all too often how larger food banks struggle not only with having to keep up with funding for food for growing numbers of clients but then also being challenged with how to serve such large numbers of clients in a timely and efficient manner.

The Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon project will once again come into play this spring, most likely in May, but there will be much more information forthcoming regarding this valuable project in the next few months. The Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon project started as a pilot project in 2007 for pregnant women only, and in 2012 was extended to families with children and then also came to include seniors. These coupons are given out by the Pender Island Food Bank to people registered as clients of our local food bank. The Pender Health Care Centre

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

Enjoy the month of March as we continue to look forward to a new spring season.

Teresa Young

Pender Island Health Care Society

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Doctor Coverage at the Medical Clinic



The topic of health care has been on the news almost non-stop over recent weeks and new funding initiatives are welcome announcements. However, the details of what the new agreement means for contract physicians who work in rural settings has not yet been determined by the Ministry of Health. As with many other rural communities, having adequate family doctor coverage is also an issue on Pender Island, as a replacement for retired Dr. Moore has not yet been found. The Pender Island Health Care Society is focused on providing a fully functioning health centre that will attract a physician to join the medical practice, while Island Health carries out its responsibility for physician recruitment.

Mental Health Workshops

The society is pleased to host the following mental health workshops.

Art as a Tool for Healing

Tuesday March 7, 1 - 3 pm in the Health Centre Meeting Room

Art can help us to reflect, express feelings, soothe emotional pain, and restore wellbeing. In this workshop we will explore ways to tap into this inner resource with simple exercises and the sharing of ideas and insights. This is not an art class; you do not need to have any art experience. Art materials will be supplied but feel free to bring any that you prefer to work with.

Journaling for Reflection and Healing

**Thursday, March 16, 1 - 3 pm
Health Centre Meeting Room**

Join us as we explore ways to use writing as a tool for emotional healing and self-discovery. The effectiveness of journaling as a tool for recovery, stress reduction, self-awareness, mindful acceptance, and positive wellbeing has been well documented. In this session, we look at the benefits of journaling and various types of journal-keeping. We'll practise some simple exercises to get you started or move forward on your journey of self-discovery. Writing material will be supplied, but feel free to bring your own journal or notebook.

The facilitator for the above two workshops is Elizabeth Miles MSc, CCC. She has worked for 25 years as a registered psychologist in women's health and in private practice in Alberta before moving to Pender Island. She is a counsellor with the Pender Island Health Centre, and has a special interest in mindfulness and health, the emotional impact of chronic illness, and positive psychology. For more information call 250-539-0509.

**Four Meditation Sessions
Thursdays March 23 - April 13;
12 - 1:30 pm at the Health Centre**

Four free sessions for adults provide small group meditation practice with an experienced facilitator. All-session attendance is encouraged, but not required. You'll learn various meditations and tools, seeing how mindfulness and meditation supports psychological wellbeing. Sharing and questions are encouraged; no prior meditation experience is required.

The facilitator is Adrienne Moya, MSW, RCC. She is a registered social worker and clinical counsellor with training

in mindfulness-based approaches, expressive art therapy, and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy. She is passionate about the ability of mindfulness to support individual healing, growth, and transformation. For info or to register, email adrienne@camasmentalhealth.ca.

The Search Begins...

Marion Alksne, Executive Director at the Health Centre, informed the Board in the late fall that she intended to retire at the completion of her five-year term in December 2023. The Board has a search committee in place to recruit her replacement. Advertising and information about the position will start in April.

Marion's leadership has been exemplary during a difficult term affected by three years of pandemic conditions. Despite this, and with the involvement of the board, staff, and associated tenant/volunteers, her time saw the development of a strategic plan, a new awareness of the need for major capital repairs, a referendum on taxation support for the Health Centre, the flooding of the crawl space during the atmospheric river, and taking on the management of the administrative support staff of the medical clinic. Marion has been and will be advising the search committee on the Executive Director role.

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 on page 5.

Speaker Series Advance Notice for April

The next installment of the *Here's to Your Good Health* talks, arranged in conjunction with the Library's Sunday at the Library series, is scheduled for April 23 at 2 pm. Dr. Greg Bondy will present *It is a Good Time to be a Diabetic*.

*Urs Boxler for the
Communications Committee*

Pender Island Museum Society

Museum AGM



Thank you to the approximately 80 people who attended our AGM in person and the 30 who participated via Zoom. A very big thank you to Greg Fraser and Dr. Pamela Spalding who spoke about Joseph Mackay, Metis businessman and politician (and father of Lillias Spalding). Finally, thank you to everyone who renewed their memberships or became a member of the Pender Islands Museum Society. If you were not able to join/renew at the AGM, it is possible to do so online by going to CanadaHelps.org; searching "Pender Islands Museum" and clicking on the name; then following the instructions to complete your membership. Your support helps sustain our "Great Little Museum."



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Anglican Church of Canada

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March 5	10:00 am	St. Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist
March 12	10:00 am	St. Peter's Church	Morning Prayer
March 19	10:00 am	St. Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist
March 26	10:00 am	St. Peter's Church	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

March 5	10:45 am	Dan Glover	Communion Service
March 12	10:45 am	Bobby Cooper	Worship Service
March 19	10:45 am	Frank Strohschein	Worship Service
March 26	10:45 am	Denis Dion	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

March 5	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
March 10	9:30 am	Friday Mass in lieu of Sunday
March 19	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
March 24	9:30 am	Friday Mass in lieu of Sunday

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

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

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

March 1		Last day of Ayyam-i-Ha
	7:00 pm	Feast of Ala (Loftiness), via Zoom
March 2		Beginning of Baha'I Fast through March 20
March 21		Naw Ruz

We have established a weekly zoom devotional meeting Thursday evenings, inviting people of all Faiths to participate. For a zoom link to this and other events, please email bevpedenpenders@gmail.com or call 250-412-2524 or visit bahaisi.org for more information.

The Holy Spirit it is which through the mediation of the Prophets of God, teaches spiritual virtues to man and enables him to attain Eternal Life. ~ 'Abdu'l-Baha, Paris Talks, pg 59.

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 commontablependersisland@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
 Taylor Watson..... taylorwatson.ca

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

Pharmacy

Pharmacist, Christine Swan 629-6555

Other Licensed Health Care Professionals

Physiotherapy, Mieke Truijen 629-9910

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

Help Lines

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

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

24 Hour Crisis Help Lines

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)

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

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

Mental Health Distress Line

Support/Information 310-6789
 Suicide Prevention Helpline 1-800-784-2433
 Vancouver Island Crisis Line..... 1-888-494-3888
 Text..... 250-800-3806
 Chat (Adults)..... ww.CrisisCentreChat.ca

Chat (Youth)..... www.YouthinBC.com

Ministry of Children and Family Development

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

Community Support Numbers

Capital Regional District (CRD)

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

Emergency Hydro 1-888-769-3766

Fire Rescue (Emergencies)..... 911

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

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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

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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

MARCH CALENDAR

1	Wed	9:30 am	HOP until 10:30 am (also on 8, and 15), School Gym.....	20
		10:00 am	MYI, Gentle Walk with Andrea to 11 am, Community Hall.....	15, 38
		11:00 am	<i>Go Figure</i> , a group show opens, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery	14
		11:00 am	Taoist Tai Chi to 12:30 pm, contact Kali at 629-3848, Community Hall	
		1:30 pm	Carpet Bowling to 3:30 pm, Community Hall*	37
		2:00 pm	Socrates Cafe with John Gowan every Wednesday to 4 pm, Legion.....	56
		3:45 pm	Science Club to 5:15 pm (Ages 5+), weekly until March 15, with Karen Parker, Epicentre*	
		4:00 pm	<i>Ukulele Strum</i> to 5 pm, \$5 drop in and March 15, all ages and abilities welcome, Community Hall*	
2	Thu	9:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations 9 am - 12 pm Tuesdays and Thursdays*	20
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	38
		10:00 am	Library is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	36
		1:00 pm	55+, Mahjong to 4 pm, (also on Mrch 16 and 20, Plum Tree Court*	42, 57
		2:00 pm	Legion Euchre with Margaret Vergette to 4 pm every Thursday*	41, 56
		3:45 pm	Sewing Club to 5:15 pm (Ages 5+), weekly until March 16, with Karen Parker, Epicentre*	
		5:30 pm	Youth Sewing & Crafts to 7 pm (Grades 6+), weekly until March 16, with Karen Parker, Epicentre*	
3	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*	20
		10:00 am	Food Bank open Fridays to 12 pm, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	25
		10:00 am	Tech Table to 12:30 pm, Community Hall*	38
		10:00 am	Learning with Karen to 4 pm (Ages 5+), weekly until March 17, Epicentre*	
		10:45 am	<i>Paper Airplane Contest</i> to 12 pm, Community Hall.....	38
		11:00 am	Community Café and Community Gathering at 12 pm, music by <i>Bill Heintz</i> , Community Hall	14, 38
4	Sat	9:30 am	Conservancy Weekly Restoration to 3 pm, (Also on March 11, 18, and 25)*	22
		10:00 am	Community Café to 1 pm, Community Hall*	14, 38
		10:00 am	Winter Market to 1 pm, Community Hall*	38
		12:00 pm	POCGS Drainage Project Work Party, Community Garden	39
		1:15 pm	Moving Around Pender (MAP) regular meeting, Community Hall	19
		4:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw every Saturday*	41, 56
		7:00 pm	Film: <i>Elvis</i> , Community Hall	37
5	Sun	10:00 am	Badminton to 12 pm, contact 629-6830 or 629-3375, School Gym*	
		2:00 pm	Drumming Workshop to 4 pm. \$60/person, drums available, Community Hall	14, 60
		7:00 pm	Speakeasy with <i>Words to Inspire: vulgarity, watery, tolerance, encircling</i> , Legion.....	56
6	Mon	9:00 am	Parents and Babes to 11:30 am (also on 13), Dragonfly Centre	20
		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*	14
		3:45 pm	Kids Club to 5:15 pm (Ages 5+), weekly until March 13, with Karen Parker, Epicentre*	
7	Tue	9:45 am	MYI, Moderate Yoga with Krista to 10:45 am, Community Hall*	14
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	38
		10:00 am	Bike tune ups, sales, and repairs on the first Tuesday of the month to 3 pm, Recycling Bike Shop	
		11:00 am	55+, How to become a better cook in the Kitchen to 1 pm, Truss Farm Food, Medicine Beach	42, 57
		11:00 am	MYI, Tai Chi with David to 12 pm, Community Hall*	14
		11:00 am	MYI, Gentle Chair Yoga with Erin to 12 pm. Community Hall*	15
		1:00 pm	<i>Art as a Tool for Healing</i> to 3 pm, Elizabeth Miles, 250-539-0509, Health Centre	26
		3:45 pm	Theatre Club to 5:15 pm (Ages 5+), weekly until March 14 with Karen Parker, Epicentre	
		6:00 pm	Beginner's Pottery begins to 8 pm with Ilse Philips. \$205 for eight weeks, Community Hall	
		7:00 pm	Photo Club meets, via Zoom	13
		7:30 pm	Badminton to 9:30 pm, contact 629-6830 or 629-3375, School Gym*	
8	Wed	9:30 am	Pender Island Public Library AGM, all welcome, Library	36
9	Thu	9:45 am	MYI, Moderate Yoga with Krista to 10:45 am, Community Hall*	14
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	38
		11:00 am	MYI, Gentle Chair Yoga with Erin to 12 pm, Community Hall*	1
		1:00 pm	Garden Club, <i>Permaculture Design Principles Applied to Annual Gardening</i> with Devin Dafoe, Hall... 43	

MARCH CALENDAR CONTINUED

10	Fri	9:30 am	Conservancy Naturalist Walk, KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest	22
		10:45 am	<i>Pin and Sticker Making</i> to 12 pm, Community Hall.....	38
		11:00 am	Community Café and Community Gathering at 12 pm, music by <i>Taeven Lopatecki</i> , Hall.....	14, 38
		1:30 pm	55+, Bookbinding Workshop to 4:30 pm, Community Hall.....	42, 57
		5:30 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Seafood Fettuccini.....	41, 56
		7:00 pm	Film: <i>Top Gun: Maverick</i> , Community Hall.....	37
11	Sat	7:00 pm	Film: <i>The Banshees of Inisherin</i> , Community Hall	37
12	Sun	2:00 am	Daylight Savings Time.....	45
		5:00 pm	Youth Lounge to 9 pm and Sunday, March 26*, Community Hall.....	37, 42
		7:30 pm	Otters Swim Club AGM, register at <i>penderottersswimclub@gmail.com</i> , via Zoom.....	44
13	Mon	9:30 am	Quilters' Circle meet to 12 pm, fabric bowls for <i>Hands Across the Water</i> , Anglican Parish Hall.....	12
		3:00 pm	Parks and Recreation monthly meeting, in person at the CRC and via Zoom	
		4:00 pm	MLPOS Directors meeting, Community Hall lounge.....	19
15	Wed	4:00 pm	Reconciliation Circle meets to 6 pm, Anglican Parish Hall.....	37
		7:00 pm	Justice Program, Community Circle Conversation, via Zoom	42
16	Thu	1:00 pm	<i>Journaling for Reflection and Healing</i> to 3 pm, Elizabeth Miles, 250-539-0509, Health Centre	27
17	Fri	9:00 am	Last day of child care before Spring Break. Dragonfly	20
		10:00 am	Pender Post Board of Directors meeting	
		10:45 am	Conservancy for Kids (C4K), <i>Fish Prints</i> to 12 pm, Community Hall	22, 38
		7:00 pm	Film: <i>Women Talking</i> , Community Hall.....	37
		11:00 am	Community Café and Community Gathering at 12 pm, music by <i>Pender Young Violins</i> , Hall	14, 38
18	Sat	10:00 am	Seedy Saturday Special guest and speaker Lisa Willott to 1 pm. Community Hall	17, 24
		10:00 am	Scrapbook and Crafts, Legion and Sunday, March 19.....	56
19	Sun	9:00 am	Pender Post early deadline for submissions and advertising	5
20	Mon	9:00 am	Archipelago Camp to 5 pm (ages 5+), daily until March 24, with Karen Parker	16
21	Tue	7:30 pm	Concert Society presents the <i>Bergmann Duo</i> (Marcel and Elizabeth Bergmann), Community Hall	11
22	Wed	11:00 am	<i>Youth Art</i> , an open call show curated by Maraika McConchie opens, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery.....	14
23	Thu	12:00 pm	<i>Meditation</i> to 1:30 pm to April 13, Adrienne Moya, <i>adrienne@camasmentalhealth.ca</i> , Health Centre ..	27
24	Fri	10:45 am	<i>Cookie Decorating</i> to 12 pm, Community Hall.....	38
		11:00 am	Community Café and Community Gathering at 12 pm, music by <i>Grace Pohl</i> , Hall	14, 38
		5:30 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, TBA	41, 56
		6:00 pm	Farmers' Institute AGM, potluck at 6 pm and AGM at 7 pm	24
25	Sat	10:00 am	Legion General Member Meeting.....	41, 56
		1:00 pm	Legion BINGO.....	41, 56
		2:00 pm	Book launch, <i>Letters From Grandma</i> by Tannis Wightman, Amica Beechwood, Sidney.....	45
		7:00 pm	Film: <i>The Fabelmans</i> , Community Hall	37
27	Mon	9:00 am	Eco-Adventure Camp to 5 pm (ages 5+), daily until March 31, with Joel Michener.....	16
29	Wed	6:00 pm	Glazing Workshop to 9 pm. \$60/person includes glazes and two firings, Community Hall	14
30	Thu	7:00 pm	Film: <i>Turning Red</i> , Community Hall	37
31	Fri	10:45 am	<i>Spring Plant Potting</i> to 12 pm, Community Hall	38

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR APRIL

2	Sun	3:00 pm	Gulf Islands Food Co-op AGM, RSVP at <i>info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org</i> for the meeting link	17
5	Wed	11:00 am	<i>Something Old, New, Borrowed, Blue</i> , an open call show opens, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery.....	14
		4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5 pm. \$5 drop in and April 19, all ages and abilities welcome, Community Hall*	
8	Sat	10:00 am	Museum Easter weekend to 4 pm until Thanksgiving	27
9	Sun	12:00 pm	24 th Annual Easter Art Walk to 5 pm, South Pender	4
18	Tue	10:00 am	Pender Post society AGM and Regular meeting, Community Hall	
22	Sat	9:00 am	Earth Day Beach and Roadside Clean up, Medicine Beach Centre.....	5, 21
23	Sun	2:00 pm	Health talks with Dr. Greg Bondy on <i>It is a Good Time to be a Diabetic</i> , Library	27
		7:30 pm	Concert Society presents <i>Early Morning Rain</i> with John McLachlan and Marc Atkinson	11
24	Mon	1:30 pm	PICSS Annual Spring Meeting, Legion	20
29	Sat	10:00 am	Garden Club Annual Plant Sale fundraiser, Community Hall	43

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

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

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



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Easter Opening

Our 2023 season is fast approaching. The museum will open its doors on the Easter weekend - April 8 to 10 from 1 - 4 pm and will be open every weekend until Thanksgiving.

Elizabeth (Lizzie) Grimmer

While going through a box of papers collected by Beth Amies, I found a profile of Lizzie Grimmer written in 2000 by her granddaughter, Nora Nicol. It gives us a glimpse into Lizzie's later years.

Early Years

Elizabeth Bryce Burn Auchterlonie was born in St. Andrews, Scotland in 1869. In 1882 she and her family relocated to Pender Island after her mother, Helen, inherited a large tract of land from her brother, David Hope. When Lizzie was 16, she married Washington Grimmer and together they raised five children.

Retirement Years

Washington and Lizzie's retirement home, Lisson Grove, was built in the early 1920s. Washington was intent on installing a gravity fed water system and he searched the hillside above the house for a viable water source. Unfortunately, it was a dream not realized, and water had to be hand pumped into the kitchen sink from a well in the field. Outside the new homestead, Washington built unpeeled cedar chairs, seats, and trellises among the roses, laurel, mock orange, and laburnum. The long arbor hung with honeysuckle and below, among the pathway pebbles, Lily of the Valley. The garden edges alternated with clumps of violets and white rock.



Lizzie Grimmer in her later years

The house shone with a love of beautiful things. English china mingled with Chinese urns and Indian brassware. Vases of flowers graced the polished wood tables and Rosewood piano. The great stone fireplace at the east end of the long living room faced the windows to

the west overlooking Port Washington. The solarium hung with the greenery of the day, Calla Lily, Jerusalem Cherry, and Philodendron.

Lizzie was the darling of her husband, her children, and her grandchildren. To her went the first wildflowers of the season and the only fish caught from a day on the water. She gave in return with her unconditional loyalty. Her family was her pride and her pleasure.

After Washington's Death

Washington died in November 1930 only six months after the passing of his son-in-law Jack Clague. (Jack and his wife, Olive, had recently started delivering cream and milk on and off island.)

These passings prompted the rearrangements of the two households into one. Olive, with her two young daughters, went to live with Elizabeth at Lisson Grove. Olive continued to deliver milk with the help of her brother George, and Elizabeth went back to keeping boarders. Among them a retired Anglican minister who loved to play bridge, an over-stressed bookkeeper from Vancouver, and a Scottish widow and her daughter. While Lizzie served up salmon steak, lamb stew and roast to her guests, nothing pleased her own taste buds more than poached, fresh-caught herring or a Kipper grilled over a flame in a wire toaster. On a warm evening she would enjoy a single bottle of Olive's homemade beer that she told her family was especially good for digestion. At end of day, when the cedar trees shaded the south windows, Lizzie would sit in the great living room, read a single chapter from the Bible, and sing old songs and hymns to herself. "Abide with me, fast falls the eventide."

In the 1940s young servicemen home on leave would stop by for games and singing. Lizzie loved company and it was during World War II that she relented and allowed card playing on Sunday! She followed the war news on the radio: the battles, the bombs, the meeting of world leaders.

Lizzie's house was always in a state of change. Her family could never be sure where the furniture would be on their return. Rolled carpets and squeaky castors signaled the changes. One day

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a large package of flowered chintz arrived in the mail. The material was immediately draped across the couch and the cutting and fitting began before Princess Mary had whistled to leave the dock! Lizzie knitted her own suits. A box of wool without pattern transformed on her circular needle into a tasteful, fitted two-piece suit in rust, rose, green or the unforgettable purple. Lizzie's diminutive figure looked particularly regal in the purple suit.

On evenings when the sun set golden on the day, she would walk with her little terrier, Fairy, along the roadway, always returning with a handful of small dry sticks to start the fire the next morning. Perhaps she was remembering the voice of her beloved Washington calling "Lizzie, get busy!"

Elizabeth Grimmer died at the age of 76 of a heart attack on Good Friday, 1945, a month before the end of WWII in Europe. She is buried in the Pender Island Cemetery. Unfortunately, Lisson Grove was demolished in 2021/22 after falling into serious disrepair. Many of the original materials were recovered including the cedar paneling in the great room erected by Lizzie's son, George; windows; and the fir flooring.

Sandy Auchterlonie

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission



Spring and drier days are on the horizon. Perhaps you are starting to feel the desire to get outside more often to experience and appreciate all the beautiful trails and parks on Pender.

While you are out on your favourite walks or disc golfing or hanging out on the beach, we would love for you to think about how you can help keep our parks and trails beautiful, safe, and preserved for everyone to enjoy. There are many ways you can help.

Tree Planting

A few times a year, park commissioners and volunteers get together to plant trees and cage them to protect them from deer while they grow big enough to manage without help.

Friends of the Trails

Did you know there are over 80 trails, parks and viewpoints on the Pender Islands? Volunteers have specific trails or parks that they try to walk regularly, and check for and report any maintenance issues, hazard trees, or other issues that they notice.

Fundraising

There has been a lot of interest in developing transportation paths, to allow people to walk between essential services and residential areas. At present, the project we are focusing on is a proposed trail along the roadside from Danny Martin Ballpark to the School; an important project when you consider the dangers involved in walking or cycling that busy route. Path building doesn't come cheap. Most infrastructure grants require applicants to put up a percentage of the total project cost. Our initial fundraising goal will likely be around \$500,000. We would love to have volunteers help us fundraise and write grants for transportation trail development and improvements.

Committee or Project Assistant

How do you envision our parks and trails in the next 5, 10, and 20 years? There are many projects that your park commissioners are working on; perhaps there is an area you would like to help shape. It's a great way to learn about local community governance, including coordination, cooperation, and inter-organizational navigation.

Park Restoration

Work your muscles by removing invasive species and planting native species. Many of the natural areas in our parks are at risk due to invasive species. Volunteers would help with removing them, planting native trees and shrubs, and improving wildlife habitat. This activity is run in collaboration with Pender Conservancy.

Citizen Scientist

Help collect data, and plan and monitor the progress of ecological restoration work. Anyone can be a citizen scientist; all it takes is some time, curiosity, and a sense of wonder. This activity is run in collaboration with Pender Conservancy.



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If you like photography and writing, you can create posts about the parks, trails, and ocean accesses for our social media page.

Education

Are you a budding or experienced naturalist? We would love to host a few events each year to educate and inspire people about our unique environment.

If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, or have another idea about how you could help, please email penderparks@crd.bc.ca.

Andrea Mills

Pender Island Public Library

AGM



The Library's AGM will be held on Wednesday,

March 8 at 9:30 am at the Library, all welcome.

Library Garden Project

The garden project will include building safe pedestrian pathways with pavers, delivery of new soil, and planting of native plant seeds to attract bees and butterflies (xeriscaping and deer resistant). We're excited for the spring weather to arrive for the planting phase. The Library welcomes your donations to fund this Garden Project, as we work towards installing a covered bike stand and garden seating. Donations are much appreciated, and can be made by cheque and on CanadaHelps.org.

Art in the Library

A new exhibit by local needlepoint artist Cee Cartwright-Owers will be on display in March and April, featuring colourful and whimsical fairy themes and more. Are you a local artist who would like a chance to show your work? We have exhibit space available in 2023 and would love to partner with you; amateurs welcome!

Library Programs

Our February programs were a hit thanks to Zoe Landale and Kate Braid for wonderful author readings in front

of a large audience; what a pleasure to hear their personal stories. And thanks to Peter Paré for an interesting and thought provoking presentation on your genome and your health. We're pleased to co-host the next in the *Here's to Your Health!* speaker series on April 23 at 2 pm, featuring *Why it's a good time to be a Diabetic* by Greg Bondy; free event and all welcome.

New Books

Adult Fiction

The River (Peter Heller), *The House at the End of the World* (Dean Koontz), *How High We Go in the Dark* (Sequoia Nagamatsu), *Yours Cheerfully* (AJ Pearce), *Act of War* (Brad Thor)

Adult Mystery and Sci-Fi

Death of a Traitor (M.C. Beaton), *Don't Open the Door* (Allison Brennan), *The Mitford Secret* (Jessica Fellowes), *Exiles* (Jane Harper), *More Than Meets the Eye* (Iris Johansen), *A Winter Grave* (Peter May), *Murder Book* (Thomas Perry), *Lying Beside You* (Michael Robotham), *The Cliff's Edge* (Charles Todd)

Adult Non-Fiction

Disappointment River (Brian Castner), *Spare* (Prince Harry), *Salmon* (Mark Kurlansky), *The Art & Science of Geometric Origami* (Jun Maekawa), *Rough and Plenty* (Raymond Rogers), *Running With Purpose* (Jim Weber), *Seaweed* (Miek Zwamborn)

Youth

The Two Brothers (Diane Brown), *Swim Team* (Johnnie Christmas), *Freestyle* (Gale Galligan), *The Girl in the Well is Me* (Karen Rivers)

Local Authors

Art For Art's Sake (Maria Tippet)

Library Hours

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 am - 3 pm, located at 4407 Bedwell Harbour Road. Need help with your tablets, mobile phones, and more? Call or email the Library HelpDesk at 629-3722 or libraryhelpdesk@crd.bc.ca.

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Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

The Reconciliation Circle met Wednesday, February 15. As we had several new members, we spent our circle time discussing what has brought each of us to the circle, and what we value about our time together. We continue with our purpose of learning, growing, and building relationships both within the circle and with the First Nations people for whom Pender/S, DÁYES is their ancestral home. The circle meets again on March 15 at the Anglican Parish hall, from 4 - 6 pm. If you are interested in being added to the email list, please contact madelin.emery@gmail.com.

Annie Smith

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

PIRAHA



The new 18.3-foot film screen has been installed. Thank you so much to Rutger Kamphuis and Marc Lesperance for volunteering to figure out the placement and to Paul Hamson, Ted Harris, Liam Husk, and Mike Timmins for getting the unwieldy screen off the ground and attaching it to the ceiling. The screen, new light tables in the Lounge, and a few other improvements you will see in the next couple of months are the result of a CRD grant.

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

Films

March is the start of our traditional *Spring at the Oscars* event where we show films that have been nominated for awards in different 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.

As a result of having so many more options, we will be showing these films over March, April, and May. \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale) suggested, masks encouraged.

Elvis - Saturday, March 4, 7 pm

From his rise to fame to his unprecedented superstardom, rock 'n' roll icon Elvis Presley maintains a complicated relationship with his enigmatic manager, Colonel Tom Parker, over the course of 20 years. Central to Presley's journey and happiness is one of the most influential people in his life - Priscilla.

Top Gun: Maverick Friday, March 10, 7 pm

After more than 30 years of service as one of the Navy's top aviators, Pete "Maverick" Mitchell is where he belongs, pushing the envelope as a courageous test pilot and dodging the advancement in rank that would ground him. Training a detachment of graduates for a special assignment, Maverick must confront the ghosts of his past and his deepest fears, culminating in a mission that demands the ultimate sacrifice from those who choose to fly it.

The Banshees of Inisherin Saturday, March 11, 7 pm

On a remote island off the coast of Ireland, Pádraic is devastated when his buddy Colm suddenly puts an end to their lifelong friendship. With help from his sister and a troubled young islander, Pádraic sets out to repair the damaged relationship by any means necessary. However, as Colm's resolve only strengthens, he soon delivers an ultimatum that leads to shocking

consequences.

Women Talking Friday, March 17, 7 pm

The women of an isolated religious colony reveal a shocking secret about the colony's men. For years, the men have occasionally drugged the women and then raped them. The truth comes out and the women talk about their new situation.

The Fabelmans Saturday, March 25, 7 pm

Young Sammy Fabelman falls in love with movies after his parents take him to see *The Greatest Show on Earth*. Armed with a camera, Sammy starts to make his own films at home, much to the delight of his supportive mother.

Turning Red Thursday, March 30, 7 pm

A thirteen-year-old girl is torn between staying as her mother's dutiful daughter and the changes of adolescence. And as if the challenges were not enough, whenever she gets overly excited she transforms into a giant red panda.

Youth Lounge March 12 and 26, 5 - 9 pm Drop-in

A space for teens, young adults, mature tweens (and a few helpful adults with permission). Each week there will be a zero proof bar, music, craft table, snacks, board games, chill zone, and space for whatever you like. March 26, Fashion Club will be meeting at the Lounge. This will be a regular joint 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



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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. Recommended drop in is \$2, masks encouraged.

Community Gathering Lunch

Fridays, 10 am - 1 pm

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

Friday Fun

Every Friday come and join our youth leaders from 10:45 - 12:00 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 the following:

Paper Airplane Making and Contest - March 3

Use the magical arts of origami to design, build, and fly your own plane. Join for fun or to enter the contest; contest categories include furthest distance, most interesting design, and most interesting plane art. All ages, by donation.

Pin and Sticker Making - March 10

Using bottle caps and imagination, you can create a pin to decorate your clothes. All ages, by donation.

Fish Prints - March 17

The Pender Conservancy is joining us this week to show us how to make Fish Prints or Gyotaku, a traditional form of Japanese art that began over 100 years ago as a way for fishermen to keep a record of the fish they caught.

Cookie Decorating - March 24

A relaxing and delicious way to visit. All ages, by donation.

Spring Plant Potting - March 31

Start your own potted plant and grow something beautiful. All ages, by

donation.

Weekly Activities

- Walking Group, Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 am
- Carpet Bowling, Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 am
- Community Gathering, Fridays 10 am - 1 pm
 - Community Café, 10:30 am - 1 pm
 - Friday Fun, 10:45 am - 12 pm
 - Lunch, 12 - 1 pm
- Community Café, Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm
- 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 & George Fowlie

Pender Island Recycling Society

Freestore



Thank you for your generous donations to the Freestore and Reshop! We accept items any time that we are open. Please clean items before donating since clean items are more appealing. Also remember to check with a staff person at drop off. All revenue from the sale of donations goes right back to funding the operation of the store.

What can we accept

- Items in working order that could be recycled (for example - small and large appliances, metal items, gift bags and wrapping paper, and electronics)
- Books that are recently printed, in good condition, and likely of interest to others
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- Clothing, textiles, cloth covered furniture, and particle board. Our store is damp and moisture ruins these materials
- Mirrors (unless protected by a frame, as life can be rough and tumble in the Freestore)
- Windows (they are not recyclable and frequently break during their stay with us)
- Promotional dishware (e.g., Important Business Meeting 1989)
- Chipped dishes
- Textbooks, TimeLife books, encyclopaedias, and musty, dusty old books that aren't quite antiques
- Food and personal care items

If you have items that you would like to donate but are unsure whether they could be accepted, you can send photos and questions to our general inbox (address below).

Memberships

Thank you to our supporters for renewing your annual membership. Memberships are \$20, are voluntary, much appreciated, and provide the necessary funding for reuse initiatives like the Freestore and Reshop. January and February are our busiest times for renewals but you can renew at any time of the year, either on our website, by email to the address listed below, or at the depot. We accept debit, credit card, cheque, or cash payments and issue charitable tax receipts for all donations of \$20 or greater.

Bike Shop

Did you know that we offer bike tune ups, sales, and repairs on the first Tuesday of the month? Come by between 10 am and 3 pm and ask for Laurie at the bike shop.

We strive to create a positive recycling experience for you. Please let us know if you have any suggestions as to how we can make our operation

better. You can reach us by email (penderislandrecycling@gmail.com) or at 629-6962. Happy Spring!

Niki Roberts

Pender Organic Community Garden Society



When I wrote this note last year in early February it was cold and snowing. The weather today seems much more typical - cool and damp. I am sure all my fellow gardeners are hoping typical spring weather continues and we can avoid the deluge of last year that flooded our plots and delayed the growing season by more than a month. We are planning a work party in early March to install a drainage system that will hopefully reduce water runoff into the garden area. Despite the uncertainties of the coming season's weather, garden members will now be well into the planning stages. I have laid out a planting plan on graph paper and have ordered a variety of seeds that can be planted outdoors. Some gardeners will be planting seeds indoors to be transplanted as seedlings

or will be making lists of starter plants to be bought at nurseries. This part of the gardening experience is always fun and full of hope for a good growing season.

Because of the cold wet spring, last year was a very odd year. Many people found that crops came in later than normal and yields were down compared to previous years. For example, my garlic heads were smaller than usual and the tomatoes ripened so late that the yield was way down. On the plus side, I didn't pick the last zucchini until November because we had such a dry warm fall. I am hoping for a more typical year this time around. However, no matter the weather I am sure we will have a good time.

Drainage Project Work Party, March 4, at 12 pm.

David Hultsch

Pender Island Seed Library

The Seed Library cupboard at the Public Library is re-opened and has a collection of seeds that can be planted out right now. Have you grown fava

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When saving seed from food we grow, it is important to plant open pollinated (OP) varieties rather than hybrids (F1). Some seed companies label the package with OP or F1 like the example in the picture. Other companies mention it in the write up, often referring to it as a heritage variety or you just have to know the names of OP varieties. For

example, Butternut squash variety is called Waltham. A hybrid variety is crossed with others to produce a desired result such as resistance to disease or extra sweet flavour, but if you grow out the seeds the resulting plants will not be the same as the parent plant. Often hybrid plants yield more fruit and/or ripen faster but if you want to contribute to your own and our island food security then OP varieties will be your choice.

We strive to package up only OP seed for the Pender Seed Library. You can grow them out and save the seeds, and return some, too! We were recently gifted some original seed packages that are hybrid (F1) and you may take those to grow some wonderful food, but please don't save their seeds. Seeds we are unsure of will be packaged as sprouting or micro green seeds.

Seedy Saturday is March 18 at the Community Hall as part of the regular Saturday Market. Bring some seeds to donate if you have them. The Gulf Islands Food Co-op has invited Lisa from Farm Folk/City Folks (the people who bring us the mobile seed cleaning equipment) to give a talk on the importance of seed saving and she is bringing a large collection of BC Eco Seed Co-op seeds. Come purchase directly and save yourself the shipping costs. The film *The Seeds of Vandana Shiva* will also be made available at this event. I look forward to seeing you there,

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Have you ever wondered what it's like to enter the world of our

endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales? If you were one of the lucky delegates that attended *IMPAC5* (5th International Marine Protected Areas Congress) in Vancouver you could do just that. After months of negotiation and urging from the Southern Gulf Islands Whale Sighting Network, Parks Canada funded the interactive exhibit called *Critical Distance*. It was shipped from the Smithsonian in Washington DC especially for this Congress. *IMPAC5* Delegates could put on a headset developed by Microsoft, called the Halolens2, and step inside a specially built theatre to experience an Augmented Reality ocean world. Participants first met a 3D animated member of J-pod, 7-year-old J53, Kiki, and then other members of her family. The 3D whales replicate their real life namesakes with their size and markings and participants were soon immersed in their world as they swam, socialized, and hunted for salmon. The caveat is that the participant soon realizes how human disturbance and noise pollution from boats and ships interfere with how the orcas hunt and communicate. It's one of the main threats facing the Southern Residents (as well as lack of prey, and build up of chemical contaminants in their tissues). Real recordings of J-pod's calls and echolocation clicks and ship noise were used in the experience. The experience was co-produced by Amy Zimmerman, a Mayne Islander, partnered with Vision3 Ltd and Vulcan.

Over 20 volunteers with the Southern Gulf Islands Whale Sighting Network along with SIMRES and WSÁNEĆ marine Guardians, headed over to Vancouver between February 1 and February 10 to help present this AR exhibit. It was a very successful event with over 300 delegates having the chance to experience it. We were lucky to host renowned oceanographer Sylvia Earle, Diplomat Peter Thomson (the United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy for the Ocean), The Honourable Joyce Murray (Minister of

Fisheries and Oceans and Coast Guard) and Annette Gibbons (Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Coast Guard), Sabine Jessen, National Director of CPAWS Ocean Program, Misty MacDuffee and Dr. Valeria Vergara from Raincoast, staff from Whales and Dolphins Conservation and Ocean Wise and many more. Volunteers were able to raise awareness on the international stage of how noise pollution needs to be addressed more than ever to assist with the recovery efforts of the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales.

We wish to thank our government representatives MP Elizabeth May and MLA Adam Olsen for attending the exhibit and supporting our efforts, and Parks Canada for funding the exhibit. PenderPOD also wishes to thank the CRD for supporting this initiative with a Grant in Aid. More information on the Critical Distance exhibit can be found at <https://unlocked.microsoft.com/the-sound-of-survival/>.

Thank you to everyone who participated in the letter writing campaign at the Saturday Market. The Port of Vancouver is currently working to make the Southern Gulf Islands anchorages into a permanent "overflow parking lot." These anchorages are unnecessary. The Port of Vancouver has appropriated an environmentally sensitive area instead of investing in technology that reduces ship congestion. These ships negatively impact the environment which include the Southern Resident Killer Whales. They cause air and water pollution which contribute to climate change and ocean acidification. Their anchor chains drag across the seabed decimating marine ecosystems. Their underwater noise disrupts animal communication. Excessive light pollution disrupts undersea migration. With increased traffic there are increased risks of collisions. For up to date information please visit <https://nofreighteranchorages.ca/>.

After over a month's long absence from our local waters, members of J-pod were observed inbound on February 10 off Race Rocks and made themselves known with their clicks, whistles, and calls on the hydrophones in Haro Strait in the late evening hours. They were


then observed in Active Pass heading north on the morning of February 11. Another sighting occurred as they travelled through Dodds Narrows on February 14. We haven't heard of their whereabouts since, but we hope they are finding chinook salmon, and the salmon are finding herring.

For more information about PenderPOD please visit us at <https://www.penderpod.ca/>.

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Legion  March is financial audit month for our Legion and we are very pleased that last year's committee is returning this year to perform the 2022 financial review. Thank you to Jon Heaney, Jenn Kaila, and Ian Robertson for your continued volunteer service. Your expertise is invaluable.

March 10 Friday dinner is John Pender's delicious Seafood Fettuccine with prawns and scallops, Caesar salad,

garlic toast, and dessert, only \$25! We are still working on the dinner for the 24th. Any interested guest cooks? See our website for updates. Thank you to all our volunteer cooks and crew that provide wonderful dinners.

Our fun meat draws continue every Saturday at 4 pm. The building fund draw is getting big! Thank you to all our volunteer meat draw hosts. Hosting is easy and fun for a few hours on a Saturday afternoon. Please let us know if you would like to try hosting.

Our February Super Bowl party was well attended with lots of prizes and delicious food. Big thanks to Charles Baker, Ken Pelley, and Gillian Turner.

Euchre is now every Thursday at 2 pm. All are welcome to play.

This month's General Member meeting is Saturday, March 25 at 10 am. Please come to the meeting to have your say, and ensure a quorum. BINGO is after the meeting at 1 pm. Come try your luck at winning the Jackpot of over \$80!

2023 membership dues of \$55 are due. Thank you to all our members who have already paid.

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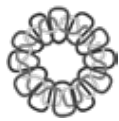
The Pender Post Society is looking for volunteer members to join our board. It is not onerous to sit on the board - it involves one meeting per month, less than two hours long, cookies provided. We are not looking for "sweat equity," but rather your input and ideas. Please contact our Secretary, Jan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

See our ad on **page 56**, and our website calendar for other scheduled events.

Thanks for the support of all our executives, members, volunteers and patrons - our little Legion keeps going. See you at the Legion.

Jean Deschenes

SGI Community Resource Centre Housing NOW Project



Interested in what's happening with the many hardworking housing initiatives throughout the Southern Gulf Islands? Arriving in Spring 2023 - we'll be bringing you the highlights of both individuals and community groups focused on SGI housing solutions, new developments, fundraising campaigns, and more. Visit www.linktr.ee/sgihousing today to sign up for TETÁCES Housing News ~ Islands' Housing News, a quarterly newsletter to be delivered right to your email inbox. TETÁCES is the WSÁNEĆ name for island, or islands. Roughly translated, it means relatives of the deep, which refers to the story of how the islands came to be. Would you like to have your housing group showcased? Please, email housingnow@sgicommunityresources.ca to connect. We'd love to work with you.

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Some sessions and information are in person or downloadable. Some are free, others have small fees. Contact Mamie at mamielht@gmail.com or Katie at kdentry@sgicommunityresources.ca for more information.

Melody Pender

SGI Neighbourhood House 55+ Workshops



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

Activity Day - Mahjong March 2, 16 & 30, 1 pm - 4 pm, Plum Tree Court

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

How to Become a Better Cook in the Kitchen March 7, 11 am - 1 pm, Truss Farm Food, Medicine Beach \$20/person

This month we will learn how to break down and use the whole part of the bird. Tips and tricks in cooking and use of leftovers. Limited seating - book early.

Bookbinding Workshop March 10, 1:30 pm - 4:30 pm, Community Hall

\$5/person

The Star Book is an intermediate book binding project. A little experience is needed. This book is a great book to use for photos, poetry, and quotes. All materials will be supplied; bring your own tools if you have them.

Computer Savvy Seniors 10 am - 12 pm (dates to be determined), Plum Tree Court

One-on-one computer mentoring, problem solving, and organization. Bring your most annoying computer issues and we will do our best to solve them.

Youth Lounge March 12 and 26, 5 - 9 pm Drop-in

A space for teens, young adults, mature tweens (and a few helpful adults with permission). Each week there will be a zero-proof bar, music, craft table, snacks, board games, chill zone, and space for whatever you like. March 26, Fashion Club will be meeting at the Lounge. This will be a regular joint 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

Michael Cowan

Southern Gulf Island Community Justice Program

How many conflicts occur because of conversations that never happened?

At our next virtual Community Circle Conversation on March 15 at 7 pm, we will be asking an intriguing question: Why didn't they just talk to me first? We've all heard it and probably said it at one time or another. You get reported to someone in the community, your boss, your mother - you get the picture. Often the reporter is anonymous, but you have a feeling you know who it is. So why didn't they just talk to you first? Maybe it's "preventative defensiveness." Maybe they're worried about the results of talking to you. Maybe they're worried about confrontation. Let's talk about the ways we can have those difficult conversations. Please reserve your virtual seat at the Conversation by emailing us at cjp@sginh.ca. We will then send you the Zoom link to join us.

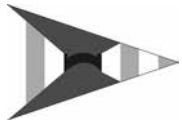
Speaking of joining us: we are looking for people to work with us, at whatever level they are comfortable. Whether it's Restorative Justice cases, Peace Circles, Conflict Resolution, or simply contributing to healthy communication

in our communities, there is a place for you to help build safety and trust on our islands. Please contact us at cjp@sginh.ca and check us out at www.sginh.ca/programs/cjp/. We can provide training and great company.

Jim Peacock

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Canadian Power and Sail Pender Island Squadron



A brief shout out to our four members on Salt Spring Island - welcome aboard! On-line communications have allowed us to expand our reach to other residents of the Southern Gulf Islands so if anyone else out there is interested in joining our squadron you can contact me at the email address below.

It's March and most boaters are beginning to think about boat maintenance prior to the May launch. A good start is to make a list of must-do chores and prepare to have the materials, time, and equipment on hand to get the work done. Some boaters are also thinking of upgrading and honing their boating skills.

We currently have five new enrolments in the Maritime Radio Course. This is an on-line self-study course that is easy to use, open to registration for most of the year, and lets you learn at your own pace and time. When you are ready you can book an appointment with a Registered Examiner and apply for your Restricted Operators Certificate (Maritime). The process is not difficult and persons completing the course achieve competence and skill in using the VHF radio for communication with boaters, coast guard, marinas, and other agencies when on the water.

We also have five new enrolments lined up for the second offering of our on-line Marine Electrical Maintenance course later this spring.

We continue to prepare for the Marty Tilley Grade 9 (formerly Grade 8) Boating Program this year. COVID brought many changes! The Grade 8 Program was postponed twice and during this time the school expanded its enrollment to

include Grade 9 education. Moving the program to Grade 9 had two immediate benefits - only one class grouping missed out and the Grade 9 class also includes students from Mayne and Saturna, so our Marty Tilley program has extended to students from these islands. Thank you Tony Merry for seeking clarification on this change.

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, contact davidkirsop@yahoo.ca. Thanks for reading and stay safe on the water.

David Kirsop, Commander

Pender Island Garden Club



Our speaker at our meeting in the Community Hall on Thursday, March 9, 1 pm is Devin Dafoe.

He has always had an interest in the power of food to both promote personal health and unite the global community. Devin has a formal education in Holistic Nutrition and a Diploma in Permaculture Design & Resilient Ecosystems.

Devin's talk is entitled *Permaculture Design Principles Applied to Annual Gardening*. The word permaculture is a blend of permanent and agriculture. It is an agricultural ecosystem designed to be sustainable and self-sufficient. Devin will tell us how to apply Permaculture Design to our own gardens every year, focusing on practical and inventive ways to use these design principles. Whether you are an experienced farmer, a hobby gardener, or a beginner, he will give us new ways of thinking about agriculture so we can develop a productive land use that mimics the diversity and resilience of natural ecosystems. There is a \$5 drop-in fee for non-members.

Watch for our Annual Plant Sale fundraiser to be held, April 29, at the Saturday Market.

Kathy MacLachlan

Pender Island Junior Sailing Association



PIJSA will offer Level 1/2 courses the weeks of July 12-14, 24-28, July 31-August 4, and August 14-18. We are trying to find a Level 3/4 instructor, but if we have no qualified instructor, FunSail will be offered again using Lasers and Bytes during the last two weeks given above. Level 1/2 courses use Pirate boats, with three students in each boat, and the instruction and evaluation will be by our BCSail certified instructors.

Students in the Level 1/2 courses must be at least nine years old at the start of the course and 12 years old for the Level 3/4 or FunSail, and have completed Level 2. Adults do take the courses, but should be aware that sailing small dinghies requires some physical flexibility. All students must be able to swim with the aid of a PFD (lifejacket), which can be provided. Students in the Level 1/2 course must participate in a capsizing exercise on day two in order to continue in the course.

As in previous years, registration for courses will begin May 1 for returning students and other household members, and May 15 for new students. The registration will be an online process required by BCSail accessed through our website penderislandjuniorsailing.com. Cost of courses has been increased to \$225 due to several cost increases over which we have no control. Enquiries should be sent to infopijsa@shaw.ca.

Our Board members are Bruce Waygood, Commodore; Bob Vergette, Vice-Commodore; Rick Mudie, Treasurer; and Directors Manfred Burandt, Carolyn Cartwright, Tom Caston, Lisa Christensen, Peter Hinton, Stephan Lofts, Herman Nievaart, Fiona Percy, and Don Williams.

PIJSA is able to offer courses at a reasonable cost due to ongoing support from Tru Value Spirit Board, CRD Parks and Recreation, Pender Island Yacht Club, Port Browning Marina Resort, other organizations from time-to-time, and volunteers who help each summer.

Bruce Waygood, Commodore



February has been flying past more quickly than I thought, and now we are looking to organize our Annual General Meeting for the Otters Swim Club on Sunday, March 12 at 7:30 pm via Zoom. Members will be emailed the invitation along with year end financials, agenda, and minutes from 2022 AGM. If any members are interested in helping out on our board, please contact me at our club email address penderottersswimclub@gmail.com or phone me at 629-2020. While a few new members have put their names forward to stand for the board, we can certainly use more help. In that respect we sadly will be saying adieu to our long-time registrar and coach for many years as well by the end of the summer. Sean Hunter has supported our club for over 15 years, starting as a substitute coach back when we swam out of Commonwealth Pool, then as head coach for many years when we moved to Panorama, and finally took on the Registrar job when he had to step down from Coaching as his teaching career started out. Since that portion of his life is taking a lot more time now, he has to let go of some of his other commitments - like us. We wish him all the best in his teaching career, and thank him sincerely for supporting us all these years. So, we will need to fill that position on our board. Sean is willing to help train whoever steps up to the job so that is a really big help. I do hope that we can fill that important role on the board, as it is key to the organization of our programs and also to communicate to members about the whole registration process at the start to our three sessions during the year through active on-line registration. A reminder to our swimmers: we will have no sessions during school spring break, but will be back in the water on April 14. The summer session registration will be open by the end of April, for a May 5 start.

Helen Lemon-Moore, President

March 1973

March 1973 began with many spirited letters to *The Pender Post* regarding the North Pender Planning Committee and a proposed community plan. As it is today, the question of densification and how many buildings is too many was the main thrust of the report. A second issue was the continuation, or not, of hunting on the island with 94% of respondents voting against allowing hunting to continue. The Farmers Institute and Garden Club announced they had a gain of \$234 to begin the next year. The Community Hall invited teenagers to come and use the Hall on any Saturday night that it was not being used and was vacant. Volleyball, badminton, and table tennis were going to be available at the Hall for a cover charge of 10 cents. Nep Grimmer continued his recollection of childhood on Pender, recounting his trip to Agricultural College in Guelph in 1908 at 19. It started out with his family outfitting him out in a new suit, shirt, and Derby hat. He said he thought he was quite the swell. He had a tourist class ticket on a train to Toronto and related that he enjoyed the train ride with one exception. His ticket included a space in a lower berth for sleeping but when he discovered that the upper bunk had been assigned to "a rather stout older woman" he took pity on her and gave her his lower berth, a decision he later regretted. He found trying to put your trousers on while lying flat on your back in an upper berth extremely difficult and one day after finally managing to get dressed found all his loose change had fallen out of his pockets and he had to root through the bedclothes to retrieve it. Hopefully the April issue contains more details of his college life. A quick look through the ads, which had now reached two full pages, showed a lot on Rum Road for \$4,900 and a new 12 foot house trailer for \$1,395. Yes, as mentioned in my last article, the Fuller Brush man was still advertising on Pender Island.

Val Butcher

Letters From Grandma



Tannis Wightman

Former Pender Island resident Tannis Wightman, now living in Sidney, has published a delightful children's book, *Letters From Grandma*, as a fundraiser for Saanich Peninsula Hospital (SPH) Foundation. A copy of the book, about the adventures of their two dogs Boon and Folly, has been donated to Pender Library.

Tannis and her husband Dave lived on Pender Island from 1997 to 2005. Both were active in community organizations. Tannis was a volunteer at Nu-To-Yu and for two years manager of the store, and she was also a Garden Club member. Dave was president of the Fire Protection Society when the new fire hall was built.

A book launch is planned for Saturday March 25, from 2 - 4 pm, in the lobby at Amica Beechwood, 2315 Mills Road, Sidney. Books are available for a minimum donation of \$20 to the SPH Foundation. Tannis can be reached at tanniswightman@gmail.com.

Barb Souter



	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperature		Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	8.0	4.3	6.2	12.5 on 5 th	-3.0 on 30 th	92.8	3.5	96.3
Normal	7.4	2.8	5.1	19.0 in 1988	-8.0 in 1996	126.2	8.0	134.2

Since 1987, when I started recording weather statistics on Pender Island, January had become the month with the highest monthly average total precipitation. Precipitation in January 2023 was below average, but we have never had a dry January. Any other month has at least an occasional dry year, but not January. We have had January snow in half of the last 36 years.

Weather in January this year was a mixed bag. We had a bit of everything but generally speaking it was mild until near the end of the month, when the snow arrived and the temperature dropped below zero. Temperatures were mostly above average. The snow on this occasion was not very deep and most of it melted or was washed away in a few days, but it reminded us that winter was not over. We had a few days with strong winds and the inevitable power outages in January 2023, but we expect that in the winter so most of us are prepared with alternative lighting and heat.

Now we are in March which is the first month of spring. We go back to Daylight Saving Time on March 12 and the Vernal (Spring) Equinox occurs on March 20. That is the day when the sun crosses the equator on its way north, and thereafter for six months, the length of daylight is more than the length of darkness. March and April are months of variable weather which is difficult to predict as we change from our winter (rainy season) towards summer. Average precipitation for March is slightly more than the average for February because there are more days in March, but the amount of March precipitation has varied from 12.6 mm in 2019 to 138 mm in 1997. Snow is unusual in March on Pender Island, but it is not unknown, so be prepared when planning your garden. Frosts are very likely to occur. The grass starts to grow again in March and the first of the fruit blossoms appear. I am not sure that my apricot tree survived the winter; it

was not looking too good at the end of January. In the past we have sometimes had temperatures in excess of 20°C in March and that assures us that summer is not far away.

Malcolm Armstrong

COVER STORY



Our March cover is a beauty! Many of our avid readers who are either naturalists or gardeners may quickly ask, how can a plant which has for years been labeled with the demeaning name of Skunk Cabbage (or Swamp Lanterns), be considered “a beauty”?

A valid question, but if the plant’s name were “Springtime Jewel” or “Garden Sunshine” it might have a whole new crop of fans, and would be flying off the shelves of local plant retailers.

Marketing, marketing, marketing. On the other hand, with such marketing savvy names like those mentioned above, the Western Skunk Cabbage (or Swamp Lantern) might no longer be allowed to grow in the lowly ditches of Pender Island and might instead become accustomed to living in upscale Pender gardens.

The very thought of doing the Skunk Cabbage a favour and introducing the gardeners of Pender to this unique and pretty plant appealed wildly to the young women and men of our Research Department. When the research was finished, the Research Department exhibited a marked reduction in enthusiasm. To make it worse, nothing in the Skunk Cabbage research positively confirmed any medicinal use of the plant. The best our staff could confirm was a safe way of cooking the plant in order to avoid being affected by the burning sensation of calcium oxalate which can be fatal. Hmm, not exactly the proven medicinal use that our staff had hoped for.

But our researchers are not quitters. They were determined to investigate how the Skunk Cabbage earned its unique but unpleasant name. Here the researchers had more success, but still little cause to rejoice. All research seemed to confirm that the plant’s odour was indeed skunk-like, particularly in the damp spring.

A positive revelation, however, was that the odour of the Skunk Cabbage Plant is less disgusting than that of the Corpse Plant of Sumatra. How’s that for faint praise?

As you guessed, such faint praise ensured that Skunk Cabbage would continue to radiate its beauty from Pender Island ditches. Give ‘em a wave when you pass by; they looked beautiful on *The Pender Post* cover.

Please note

The cover was photographed by our own Michel Pelletier. Michel wanted to dedicate the cover to Andrea Spalding. Andrea has painted magnificent pictures of the “Swamp Lanterns,” which Michel has always admired. Andrea also educated Michel on the alias for the “Western Skunk Cabbage.”

Mike Wiley

Hearing from the Chambers of Commerce in Saanich North and the Islands

I keep a pulse on the local business community through regular meetings with business leaders. At the end of British Columbia Chamber of Commerce week (February 13-17, 2023), I invited the Chambers in Saanich North and the Islands to a video call to hear how I can better advocate for them with the provincial government.

Our riding is diverse, as are the needs of the businesses. In addition to supporting the tourism economy with safer transportation routes and visitor friendly infrastructure, there was overwhelming agreement that workforce housing was the top priority across the peninsula and Southern Gulf Islands.

We have a range of housing needs - for frontline workers, skilled trades, healthcare, the technology sector. The Sidney commercial centre, and the Keating and West Sidney/North Saanich business parks generate more than a billion dollars of activity annually, making them critical contributors to the local and regional economy.

The enterprises in these commercial and industrial zones produce necessary tax revenue for our municipal governments, jobs for our community members, and vibrant neighbourhoods for people of all ages.

Currently, thousands of workers commute more than 40kms to get to work each day. On the Southern Gulf Islands businesses are struggling because their workers have been priced out of the real estate market, and many rental units have been turned into short term vacation rentals.

Add all the factors challenging local business competitiveness together, and it poses a significant risk that I and my colleagues in elected office must understand and respond to.

Earlier in the week, my BC Green Caucus colleague Sonia Furstenuau and I met with the BC Chamber of Commerce Board Chair Dr. Greg Thomas, and President and CEO Fiona Famulak.

They visited the legislature to meet with MLAs to advocate for businesses.

Over the last few years, the resilience of businesses across the province has been tested with the global pandemic. The ensuing inflation and rising costs on business has added to their challenges. Many businesses have closed their doors, and many more are threatened.

The BC Chamber pointed to increasing wages, the employer health tax, PST, mandatory benefits such as paid sick leave, and delays of project permitting.

I left these meetings with a fresh reminder of the balance we must strike to ensure that both the workers get paid fairly and have the benefits they need to keep them safe and supported at work, with the reality of the entrepreneurs and investors in our communities who create the jobs, hopefully close to home.

Lastly, a reminder of my upcoming Public Circle Community Meetings in March. Please join me to discuss topics relating to the provincial government. Community meetings are open to the public and completely non-partisan.

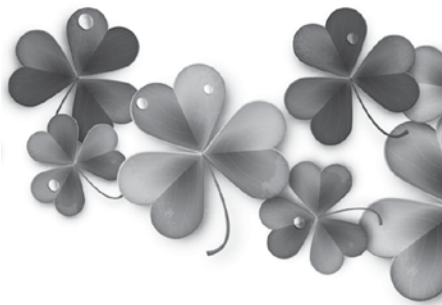
Pender Island**Thursday March 16, 2023****5:30 - 7 pm****Community Hall**

SGI CRD Director Paul Brent will join me to highlight, update, and answer questions on the work we do together to represent and support the Gulf Island communities.

Please share these events with your friends and neighbours!

Visit saanichnorthandtheislands.com/ events for more information or email: Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca or call 250-655-5600.

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

**Islands Trust Council Meeting Program Announced**

Islands Trust Council invites the public to participate in its next business meeting being held in Nanaimo at the Coast Bastion Hotel, 11 Bastion Street, March 7 - 9, 2023. There are multiple options for participating in or viewing the meeting. The public are able to attend in-person and are welcome to listen and participate by telephone, join the meeting by computer or smartphone, or simply watch the meeting on a computer or smartphone.

Trust Council meets quarterly to make decisions about matters that apply to the Islands Trust Area and Islands Trust operations. Trust Council receives, discusses, and makes decisions about policies, finances, and proposed work for the coming quarter.

Featured Sessions

Delegations and Public Comment Session - Present to Trust Council or speak at the Public Comments portion of the meeting on matters impacting the Trust Area.

Anyone wishing to present to Trust Council is required to submit this form and complete presentation by February 14, 2023. Visit <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/contact-us/share-your-views/> for more details.

Budget 2023/24

Trust Council will consider approval of a final 2023/24 budget.

The final meeting schedule and agenda package will be posted to the meeting page and Document Library on the Islands Trust website by February 24, 2023.

Trust Council works to preserve and protect over 450 islands and their surrounding waters in the Salish Sea, and welcomes input, comments, ideas, and feedback on topics related to the jurisdiction of the Islands Trust.

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Rules and Tips

I think this one is fairly easy and I considered making it more difficult by deleting one or two numbers, but I decided that an easier one may be more agreeable to some readers. However, as I got into solving the puzzle I found that there was a point at which I had to make a choice of numbers and this is not unusual but it does slow you down a bit, especially if you make the wrong choice. As usual there is more than one correct solution to this puzzle. To solve the puzzle you must put a number in each of the fifty-three empty squares, but there must be no more than one number 1 to 9 in each row, each vertical column and each block of nine squares.

Malcolm Armstrong



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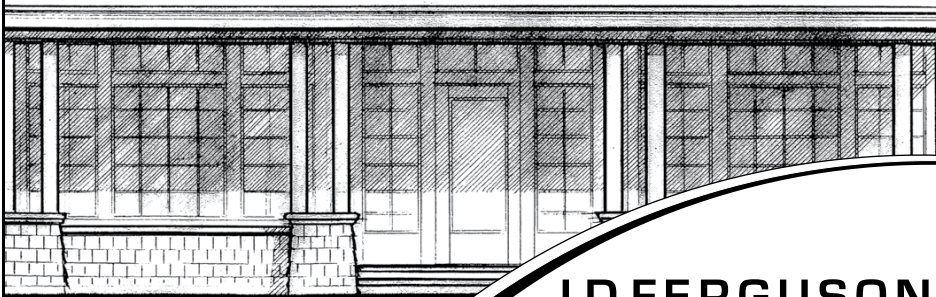
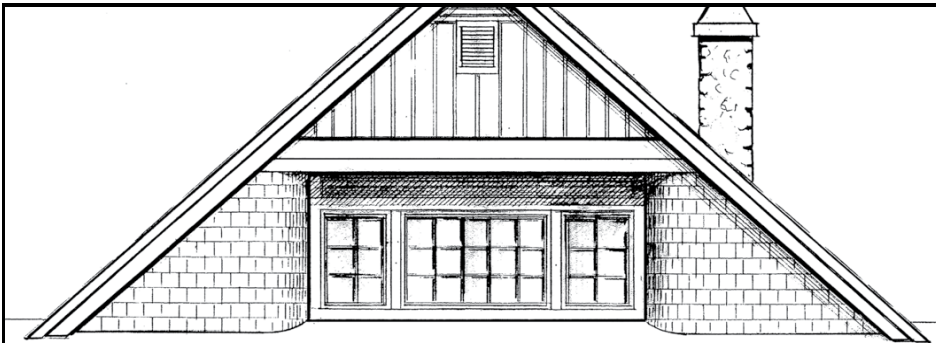


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