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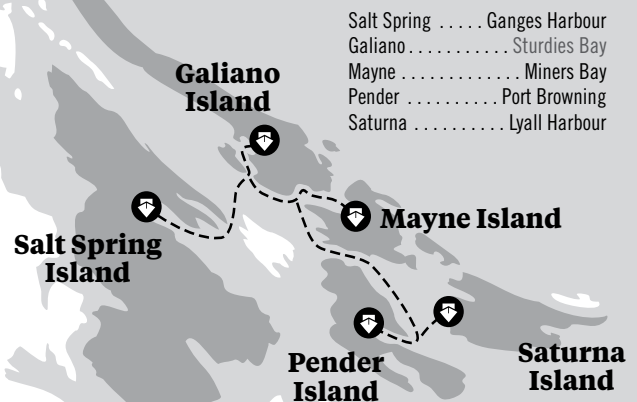
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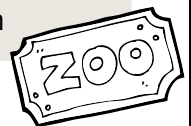


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NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

On **Saturday, June 24th, 2023**, the **North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC)** will be holding a **Special Meeting** at the North Pender Island Community Hall. The purpose of this special meeting is to provide an additional opportunity for community members to engage collaboratively with the LTC to discuss future project ideas.

Date:	Saturday, June 24th, 2023
Start Time:	1:00 pm
Agenda:	1:00 – 2:15 pm Groundwater and Forestry Discussion 2:15 – 2:30 pm Break 2:30 – 3:45 pm Housing Access and Affordability Discussion
Location:	North Pender Community Hall 4418 Bedwell Harbour Rd, North Pender Island

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Halcyon days are here - we seem to have gone from winter straight through to summer, bypassing spring completely. Growth is lush and the islands seem to be trying hard to make up for the late start. Every year Pender experiences a “sea change” when the summer months come. We emerge from our homes, where we have been sequestered during the wet and sometimes dreary months, and make the transition from the quiet, more introverted time to the vibrant, busy, and energized summer season. Something in the air makes us feel so alive!

Some people dread the busy months, and the influx of visitors. Our population more than doubles, and there are events and happenings everywhere we turn. There is noise, traffic, and those introspective winter days seem lost in the uproar.

My hope is that we can find the joy in celebrating and immersing ourselves in Pender’s vibrant summer life, knowing that soon enough it will again transition to quieter times. Enjoy the music and art events, the festivals, the markets, the roadside stands and the beaches. Welcome visitors, and have patience with traffic, sightseers, neighbourhood deck parties, and grocery store lineups. We are privileged to live in such a beautiful place - let us be generous in sharing it with those who come to experience all that it has to offer.

Annie Smith

Drama at Drummond Bay: A Seal Pup’s Rescue and Rehabilitation



Photos: Myles Clarke

One day last July, nature photographer Myles Clarke was on the lookout for shorebirds at Drummond Bay on South Pender Island with his Nikon D500. What his 600 mm telephoto lens found instead was a baby harbour seal piteously crying on a rocky islet in the bay.

Myles returned the next day and watched the pup approach other pups’ mothers as if to suckle, only to be warned away with snarls. On the third day, the pup seemed weaker and its cries fainter. It looked abandoned.

Local resident Paul Petrie suggested contacting Island Wildlife Natural

Care Centre, which has rescued seal pups in the Gulf Islands since 1997. On receiving Myles’s call, Island Wildlife’s veterinarian assessed the situation and condition of the pup and dispatched a boat to investigate. The pup was underweight for her age, dehydrated, and had multiple puncture wounds. The rescue volunteer gently lifted the pup into a net and transported her for medical assessment and stabilization to Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre’s Salt Spring facility, where she became known as “Water Silk”.

Veterinary staff and volunteers at Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre,





a charitable organization operating 24-7, care for over 500 wild birds and mammals from the Gulf Islands every year, including between 50 and 100 harbour seal pups. In the past 10 years, Island Wildlife has rescued more than 250 wild animals on Pender Island.

Once assessed and stabilized, Water Silk was transported to Vancouver Aquarium’s Marine Mammal Rescue Centre by Harbour Air, which provides free cargo space for animal rescues. Working closely with Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the Marine Mammal Rescue Centre every year rescues over 150 marine mammals under federal jurisdiction, including seals, sea lions, sea otters, sea turtles, and small cetaceans such as harbour porpoises. (River otters, considered a freshwater species and under provincial

jurisdiction, are rescued by Island Wildlife.) Sea lions get tangled in parcel packing bands, ropes, and other discarded debris. Sea otters and other smaller marine mammals are frequently injured by boat strikes.

Seal pups may need rescuing because of abandonment by first-time mothers, premature birth, separation from foraging mothers by tides or time, death of the mother from predation by transient orcas or gunshot or entanglement in fishing nets, attacks by eagles or river otters, infectious diseases or congenital defects, and intervention by humans, well-meaning or otherwise, whose presence may frighten mothers away from their pups.

Water Silk weighed little more than her birth weight (about 20 pounds) on arriving at the Marine Mammal Rescue

Centre. After being fed a rich formula (a mother seal’s milk is more than 50% fat) five times a day for 20 days, Water Silk was gradually introduced to herring and then sent to “fish school” to be weaned off formula. Once the pup learned to eat fish on her own, she was taken out of isolation and introduced to other seal pups before being released into Burrard Inlet and giving her rescuers a final farewell gaze (cover photo) before swimming to her new life in the wild.

Lindsay Akhurst, the manager of the Marine Mammal Rescue Centre, explained that seal pups don’t habituate well to human contact, but about 80% of those in care survive until their release, typically about three to four months after their admission. As long as they have learned to hunt and feed successfully, they do not need to be released near their birth location.

If you see a baby seal you think might be abandoned (or any other marine mammal that appears to be in trouble), do not approach it, keep other people and pets away, and call either Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre (250-537-0777) or Vancouver Aquarium’s Marine Mammal Rescue Centre (604-258-7325).

And if you have a chance to volunteer for cleanup of shoreline debris on Pender beaches, take it. By ridding the shore of debris that could float out with the tide, you might spare a creature the suffering that results from entanglement in or accidental consumption of human garbage.

David Greer

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BC NDP needs to ensure BC Conservation Service has independent oversight



British Columbians might be shocked to learn that the BC Conservation Service (BCCOS), a small, heavily armed service with no independent oversight, can be directly controlled by the BC NDP government through the Minister of the Environment.

The Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act report that was submitted to the legislature last year recommended the Minister of Public Safety, Hon. Mike Farnworth, fix this lack of independent oversight, and he has ignored it.

The BCCOS website describes Conservation Officers as “highly trained, dedicated individuals responsible for enforcing 33 federal and provincial statutes; they hold Special Provincial Constable Status under the Police Act and have unrestricted appointment to enforce Acts and Statutes, and protect the public and preserve the peace.”

Conservation Officers dress like police, drive police-like cars, use police-like tactics, carry police-like assault rifles, and have all the powers of police under section 9 of the Police Act, but are not subject to police-like independent oversight and have no constabulary independence. They are directly responsible to the Minister of Environment. It’s his own police force.

When I asked Minister Farnworth about this issue in budget estimates, he directed incidents with weapons to the Independent Investigations Office, and

issues around toxicity of culture, such as homophobia, transphobia, and racism, to the Public Service Agency (PSA).

But section 6 of the Police Act states the Public Service Act does not apply to special provincial constables while exercising a constabulary duty.

Does Minister Farnworth really believe it’s appropriate for the PSA to act as police complaints commissioner for special constables? When I tried to ask the PSA about this situation, I was inexplicably rerouted back to the BCCOS Chief and Ministry of Environment staff.

Antiquated legislation gives the Minister of Environment the ability to direct a provincial policing agency, the BC Conservation Service, in serious environmental investigations like large scale corporate mining and forestry non-compliances.

For the BC NDP to admit the BCCOS is a fully functional and unrestricted environmental policing agency, would limit the powers of the PSA and BC General Employees’ Union (BCGEU), and restrict the BC NDP’s ability to access information or influence investigations in environmental crime.

The provincial government would be subject to internal policing reviews of environmental decisions both under provincial offence provision, and perhaps the Criminal Code of Canada. Beginning to understand why the government might be dragging its heels on oversight of the BCCOS?

Constabulary independence should be enforced as a cardinal principle of our democracy and rule of law, just as Minister Farnworth reminds me. But it’s not how his regime is operating.

Conservation Officers who put their lives on the line every day must know they have a safe place to do their police work on environmental matters. Currently, they do not.

The Police Act is Minister Farnworth’s responsibility. He is allowing a heavily armed service, with all the powers of police but no independent oversight, to be under the direct control of his colleague the Minister of Environment, Hon. George Heyman.

Minister Farnworth has been hesitating on the Special Committee recommendation to require independent oversight of the BC Conservation Service for over a year. Serious crimes need investigation and his inaction is threatening the safety of the public and the people we ask to do this dangerous work.

A lack of independent oversight of the BC Conservation Service is unacceptable and the government needs to fix this immediately.

Adam Olsen, MLA Saanich North and the Islands



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Pender Post Jean Bradley Scholastic Gift Application

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

Jean and her father, Ashton Ross-Smith, were founding members of The Pender Post Society in 1971. Jean was an editor in the early years and left The Pender Post in 1976 when she began teaching. She returned to Pender Post Society meetings in the 2000s and volunteered to be a member of the Editorial Board. She also volunteered to proofread and her famed "former-English-teacher" eagle eyes caught most errors. She loved finding misplaced modifiers. She loved finding misplaced modifiers.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Name and Address of the Institution/School you will be attending _____

Please include the following with your application

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

Requirements for the Scholastic Gift

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

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

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

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

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



If we are going to succeed in making affordable housing available in the Southern Gulf Islands, it will be necessary to follow the four As:

- 1) Acceptable
- 2) Affordable
- 3) Alternative
- 4) Available

1) Acceptable housing means housing that, although it is alternative, is connected to services such as water, sewer (or septic), a source of power, and other traditional essential components of housing.

2) Affordable housing will be housing that is financially available to the lower third of income earners in the Southern Gulf Islands.

3) Alternative housing will be housing that, because of its nature, is much cheaper to obtain compared to regular wood frame housing. The alternative housing market is varied and examples are tiny homes, trailers, liveboard boats in liveboard marinas that are hooked up to services, manufactured homes, and modular homes. People are now happily living in these alternative forms of housing. We will have to look at these alternative housing forms to realistically provide affordable housing in the Southern Gulf Islands.

4) Available housing is housing that can be purchased on the existing market place and does not have to be built.

Regular housing takes a considerable amount of time to build, and with the shortages of trades and materials, it is now taking longer than in the past.

This is an important element of providing housing, as the need is now, not in two or three years from now.

Paul Brent and I are working with the CRD staff and other CRD directors to change the legal framework so that this type of housing can be made available in the Southern Gulf Islands.

We are also liaising and working with the various Trusts in the Southern Gulf Islands so that the necessary zoning

to allow this form of housing will be available.

Notwithstanding the use of alternative forms of housing, which are substantially cheaper than traditional housing, the costs to prepare the land and acquire the land are still very high. Unfortunately, senior levels of government have not made their subsidy programs available to the Southern Gulf Islands. It will therefore be necessary to acquire property at very low or no

cost to develop this affordable housing without government subsidy.

In next month's *Pender Post* I will explain my plan to do so at no cost to the nonprofit societies who will develop this alternative form of housing.

Rob Fenton, CRD Alternate Director for the SGI

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me that two young men had found my belongings and dropped them off at my home and her husband was driving it down to the terminal as we spoke.

It took me over a month to find out who the honest Samaritans were who saved our holiday to Brazil and our South Atlantic cruise. We would like to very sincerely thank the young gentlemen, Neils Keim and Rodney Ravensberger, for their honesty and kindness in preventing what would have been a disastrous end to our holiday (and probably my life). Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Dave and Tania Schissler



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REMEMBERING

Allan Olds



Allan (Bozo) Olds passed away April 8, 2023. He lived life to the fullest - from sports to partying, he was there. Allan touched a lot of people's lives. His thoughtfulness, gruff good cheer, stubbornness, and kindness were felt by all who knew him. He has left behind friends and family that loved him so much.

Allan did not want a service of any kind so we will honour his wishes but we will raise a glass or two to him in memory and invite you to do the same for an incredible man.

Kari Amies-Horbas

June Frances Allan



June 2, 1927 - August 27, 2022

On June 11 at 10:45 am a remembrance of June will follow the regular service at the Pender Island Community Church. Afterwards, all are welcome to meet at the Pender Island Cemetery at 1 pm to say our final farewells to June.

The Allan Family



Sun Safety

Slip on a shirt, Slop on the 30+ sunscreen, Slap on a hat, Seek shade, Slide on some sunglasses— "Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide". Your summer motto!

Practice sun protection year-round. Children learn best from your example.

Some medications may make your skin more sensitive to UV rays. Talk to the pharmacist if you have any questions about your medication.

The sun's UVB rays are strongest between 11am-4pm. Try to stay out of the sun during these hours.

Never leave your children (2 and 4 legged varieties) in a parked vehicle.

Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside and reapply often, especially if you are swimming.

Some people are sensitive to sunscreen ingredients. Test it by applying to a small patch of skin on the inner forearm for several days. Change products if there is a reaction.

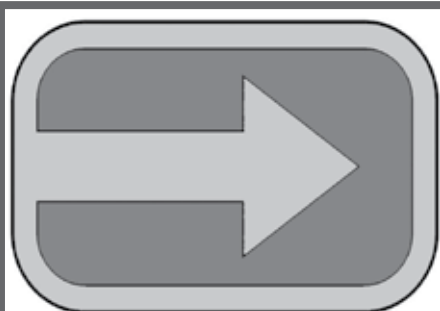
Sunscreen products with zinc oxide or titanium oxide are considered "organic" as they reflect the sun's rays rather than absorbing them.

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

Find application forms and detailed program requirements online at:

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Important Dates:

June 30, 2023

September 2023

Application Deadline

Fund Distribution

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Visit our web site at:
www.islandstrust.bc.ca

SOUTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Get your LTC project ideas ready!

On **Saturday, June 3rd, 2023**, the **South Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC)** will be holding a **Special Meeting** at the South Pender Fire Hall. The primary purpose of this special meeting is to provide an additional opportunity for community members to engage collaboratively with the LTC to discuss future project ideas.

Previous reports on the 2023 Work Program can be found in the February 3, 2023 and May 5, 2023 South Pender LTC regular meeting agendas: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/location/south-pender/>

Date:	Saturday, June 3rd, 2023
Start Time:	1 pm
Location:	South Pender Fire Hall 8961 Gowlland Point Road, South Pender Island

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Pender Island Community Choir

Another very successful choir season has concluded, and we thank all who supported us through our spring session, *Songs from the Movies*. It was a fun collection of music to sing, and we thank our director, Sabrina Read, and accompanist, Eileen Deros, for teaching and guiding us with their usual grace and enthusiasm.

Three very talented musicians show up for every session and add so much to the music, so we again thank Dan Weeks (drums/percussion), Charlie Knowles (cello) and Kathy Curtis (clarinet). Our technicians are invaluable: Colin Hamilton, Rutger Kamphuis and, this year, video tech Kyle Jones. Finally, our concert manager, Al Powelson, keeps us organized with humour and some much-needed barking. Thanks to Michel Pelletier for arranging and printing the programs and tickets and all the front of house, decorators, set-up and clean-up volunteers - you are all so appreciated, and we could not do it without you all.

If you were at one of the concerts, you will agree with me that the Young Violins, under the direction of Denny Goertz, are simply outstanding. A couple of their pieces moved most of us to tears and it was amazing but slightly sad to see how so many of them have grown up. However, the younger ones were fantastic too and we will enjoy their playing for many years to come. Thank you for supporting the concession sales at intermission - this has helped them greatly with funding towards their trip to the festival in Finland later this year. We all wish them safe travels and much fun.

The fall Session will begin in September. This is a non-audition choir with no experience necessary. You don't even have to read music as Sabrina records all the parts of each song and you can learn the music by listening. More information to come in the August issue and on the Pender Facebook pages.

Finally, it has been a great privilege for me to work with a very dedicated group

of board members who all take time out of their busy lives to plan, organize, hire, meet, and generally keep the boat floating. Special thanks to our treasurer, Jamie DeBruin who works diligently to keep us on budget and apply for grant funding on time.

That's a wrap for another season! Happy Father's Day and Solstice - enjoy the long, sunny days of June!

*Terry Shepherd,
Communications Liaison*

Pender Island Concert Society

The concert series has ended for this season, and we celebrate a return to more or less normal pre-COVID distancing and enjoyment of these musical events. We now must take stock of how using the Community Hall for our events will influence our future. Performers and audiences loved the acoustics of the Hall, but the size of the audience is limited compared to what we were used to at the school auditorium. Consequently, we were not able to break even financially this season.

We will be discussing this and other items at our Annual General Meeting which will take place at noon on June 27 at the Community Hall. Everyone is welcome.

It wasn't an easy decision to return to having concerts when so many were nervous about gathering together. But we welcomed harpist Janelle Nadeau to the Hall in November. Her performance was magic and suited a

smaller physically-distanced audience. Then we thoroughly enjoyed the Emily Carr String Quartet in January. In March, Marcel and Elizabeth Bergmann accompanied by Rod Thomas Squance entranced the audience with their performance titled *Percussiano 3* dedicated to the memory of George Zukerman. The final performance of the season featured John McLachlan and Marc Atkinson in *Early Morning Rain* showcasing the songs of Gordon Lightfoot.

We have firmed up two performances so far for the upcoming season. On October 18 we look forward to welcoming the Trio Fibonacci from Montréal. They first appeared on the Canadian music scene in 1998. *Le Devoir* reports that "to hear them is to enter into the world of miracles."

Next April we have booked acclaimed Canadian classical guitarists Adam Cicchillitti and Steve Cowan.

The Concert Society board is currently looking closely at engaging two other performances to round out the season. We will keep you posted on developments in the coming months.

We thank all those who have supported the Concert Society over the years. Each year your purchase of subscription tickets gives us the confidence to continue, and your purchase of single tickets generally puts us over the top. We hope to be able to continue providing free tickets to our Pender students.

Have a wonderful summer.

Jon Heaney, Society Chair

AGM



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Sunday June 25th

4:00 pm

Pender Legion

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Pender Island Quilters' Circle



Our stage is set. It may not have a crown, but the walls will be covered with the finest quilts in the land. Our Hands Across the Water will take place on June 12 at St. Peter's Hall. Invitations have been sent and the quilters are coming from Mayne, Duncan, Galiano, and Pender for a day of share and brag, a meal together, and renewed friendships. Our guild has everything under control, guided by the auspicious hand of our president, Heather Duncan. Heather has had some sleepless nights worrying about whether we have everything in hand. Rest assured we have. Our lovely gift bowls, made by all our members, are going to be a lovely memento for the ladies to take home with them after the event.

The day starts at 7:30 am and goes until the ferry takes them all home around 3 pm. It will be a full day.



Martha Deme, Laura Vilness, Karen Watson, Karen Gagnier, Donna Smyth, Janet Ellis, and Cindy Hultsch

Our door prize queens, Susan Underhill and Margaret Vergette, have outdone themselves with many prizes to be won at the pull from a hat.

Our lunch is being prepared by Mark, the amazing chef at the Pender Island

Golf Course. Sandwiches and salads are on our menu, with the Pender Guild providing the yummy desserts. Our treasurer Donna Smyth has been heading that part of the day and it is going along very smoothly.

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Our guild also had our yearly elections for our new executive during the May meeting. We are happy to say our slate is full and a great group of quilters will take us into the next season. We will leave the names as a surprise for the September *Pender Post*.

Have a great summer, and keep your machines humming. We will all be anxious to see what you have made over the summer. Our next meeting will be Monday September 11 at 9:30 am, at St. Peter's Hall. Are you looking for a fun group to join? Do come out and give us a look. New quilters are most encouraged to come and see what you can learn from our senior quilters. They are very good at sharing.

Thanks to our outgoing executive for a great year of talking about materials, learning new skills, and just getting to know like-minded women. Heather Duncan, our president, did a great job of keeping us on the straight and narrow. Treasurer Donna Smyth kept our books in great order and we thank her for her years of service to this club. It is most appreciated. Laura Vilness had two responsibilities, programs and *Pender Post*, which she did in great style and with much interest to our readers.

The vice-president and email coordinator, Karen Gagnier, kept us informed of all the upcoming events. It was a great year.

Our final muse for this season, from Laura (who, I might add, is cruising the Alaska Coast with hubby Brad):

"When you're in the flow, doing something you enjoy, time becomes irrelevant. You abandon schedules, appointments, and to-do lists. You immerse yourself in what you love: quilting, gardening, music, painting.... you slow down, breathe, create, and enjoy just being. May June flow for you."

We thank Laura for these thoughtful insights into the art of quilting and being in the moment whatever you are doing.

Karen Gagnier

Pender Photo Club

Photo Club at the Movies -- Inspired by the Incredible Pender Island Choir!

Seven people attended our evening of free-for-all with 51 images to love and behold.

Much like a photographer captures their best still image, cinematographers capture moving images. There are many examples of the relationship between cinematography and photography. I am going to mention seven films about photographers that have stunning cinematography as well, and connect them with our own members' photos.

Fur: An Imaginary Portrait of Diane Arbus (2006)

Based on a true story, the film shows Arbus's journey into the world of photography. Like all of us, we had to start somewhere and with photos of rock flowers, bark, and gold rush remnants, we got to see the incredible detail and imagination used to present these photos.

Life (2015)

A biopic of Life magazine photographer Dennis Stock. It looks at professionalism when photographing a subject.

Well, one highly innovative member supplied us with several photos of just this. A back of a man in conflict with a portrait; the picture told a story. The classic "cigarette photo" meaning a woman clearly enjoying herself with a cigarette in hand; The Dance....an amazing shot with amazing light and lines.

Everlasting Moments (2008)

A Swedish drama based on the true story of photographer Maria Larsson set in the 1900s, and how a gift of a camera can be life changing.

Gentlemen's Relish (2001)

A film that is bound to give you a laugh or two as you watch a photographer at work! It is a hilarious look at photography.

Another member's submissions were not hilarious, but jaw-dropping pictures of different areas of beautiful British Columbia. If you are a photographer, you must visit Finn's Slough in Richmond; it is full of history and unique chances

to photograph very interesting sites. Cache Creek also was on our journey with wonderful colour and textures. Teacup Rock on Langara Island stirred up fun comments and all the gentlemen at the meeting could swear they were there.

Harrison's Flowers (2000)

This film provides a great insight into the realities of being a war photographer in the early '90s.

Let's talk about Netherlands flowers though. One member fresh off a trip abroad caught photos of tulips, hyacinths, daffodils, and plenty of exquisite photos from Amsterdam and Belgium. Let's not forget those windmills in all their glory. Everyone was happy to have a little journey from Europe to enjoy.

Photograph (2019)

A light romantic film, with a struggling street photographer in Mumbai. It's a nice movie and a change to have a photographer as a protagonist in a rom-com.

Street photography was presented in fine style with a building in Mexico

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painted and bursting with design, an old car in Sidney profiled up against a shiny brand new pick-up truck and everyone giving great feedback as to how that vintage car could be photographed in the future.

Pecker (1998)

A film about getting your big break in the most unlikely situation. It shows how hard work and dedication will always pay off, though not always in the way you expect.

Well, hard work and dedication is what our last member displays time and time again. The photos that were presented had been edited to perfection with a tool called Topaz. An Afghan woman and child with such expression and detail that even the child's dirty feet were mentioned, a rare shot of an eagle and two thriving eaglets, sea lions, grizzly bear, Dall's (a kind of porpoise) and last but not least, a Puffin.

As the curtain comes down on our 2022/2023 season, all I have to say is we have quite the season of action, close-ups, master shots, point of view shots, camera angles, lighting, colour, editing,

and most of a real sense of comradery amongst our group. If you have been zooming in with us and want to celebrate June 6, we will be picnicking at Roesland around 5 pm.

That's a wrap!

Lori Ragan

PIJazz

PIJazz has been practising like mad as we gear up for participating in Tour des Isles. We'll be playing outdoors at the Community Hall at 2 pm on Sunday June 18. We're hoping to see you arrive with a comfortable lawn chair, maybe a blanket and pillow, and a bulging picnic basket as you settle in to listen to some good jazz. We'll be easy listening and for the more adventurous willing to dance on grass, you can even move to our groove.

Vicki Dutton



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Pender Solstice Theatre Society



This month we present our spring production:

Opening Night

A comedy by Norm Foster

Friday and Saturday, June 9 and 10, at 7 pm and Sunday, June 11 at 2 pm

To celebrate their 25th anniversary, Ruth Tisdale takes her husband, Jack, to see his first play. He'd rather be watching the World Series playoffs. The play's director is a nervous wreck as there's one calamity after another backstage, and his wife hits him with some life-changing news. Amidst the comic mayhem is a charming story about relationships.

Our talented cast of Jaime MacLean, Larry Colcy, Joe Montague, John Pender, Barb Pender, Gerry Moore, Graham Garlick, and newcomer Deanna Roozendaal have all been working hard to bring a little levity into our lives.

Over the years these Pender characters have taken on many theatrical roles. In addition to emceeing comedy nights and selling houses, Jaime has been a Kung Fu expert and a Women's Institute baker and pirate. Joe, who again has a strange accent, has been a belly dancer and a Spanish lothario. Larry has been a drunken pirate and a conniving lawyer. As well as serving up scrumptious meals at the Legion and emceeing countless events, John has been a radio gumshoe and a war hero with Solstice. Gerry Moore, who knows a thing or two about bodies, has been a dead one and the rear end of a camel. Luckily for his wife Helen, she was the front end. Graham was a cloud-bearing genie of epic proportions, and Barb has been in so many plays we can't count them. But rest assured she has danced, cried, and sung her way through most of them while committing more than a few crimes of the heart. Deanna, who is new to the madcap world of Solstice Theatre, can more than hold her own and is putting her professorial skills to good use.

The rehearsals have been positively riotous, and we trust the show will be too. Don't miss this fun-filled event.

Looking into the future, Solstice Theatre, under the able direction of Karen Parker, is organizing our Christmas panto, *Camelot*. We are looking forward to an extravaganza of lights, colour, kids, costumes, and music. It will be a treat for the whole family and one not to be missed.

If you are interested in community theatre, email us at pendersolstice@gmail.com

Evan Llewellyn

Ptarmigan Arts



We have lots to share with you this month, so without further ado:

Creators Roundtable

Join Alice Karolina for bi-weekly Creators Roundtables at the Ptarmigan Arts Gallery from 5-6 pm. Connect with other creators while discussing and sharing the artistic process. Each meeting is themed around a different aspect of the creative journey, be it the craft itself, the business of it, or the inevitable emotions that show up. The first roundtable will be held Tuesday, June 6 with a focus on wellbeing: How do we take care of ourselves in the midst of a creative project - and after? For more information and to RSVP, head to our website. \$5 donation suggested.

Lester Quitzau Trio

The Lester Quitzau Trio is coming to the Pender Community Hall on June 16! Come out to see Pender's own Juno award-winning Canadian roots music artist, joined by the amazing Damian Graham on drums and Scott White on bass, and with Peach & Quiet as special guests. If possible, this will be an outdoor concert and dance. Doors open at 6:30 pm, the show starts at 7 pm. Tickets are \$23/advanced, \$27/door, and free for youth 16 and under, available on our website or at Talisman Books.

Paul Chiyokten Wagner

On National Indigenous People's Day, Paul Chiyokten Wagner, a traditional Coast Salish storyteller and flutist, brings us on a journey to another world in traditional story, song, and flute music of his WSÁNEĆ heritage. Join us at the Community Hall on June 21

for this extraordinary event presented by the Pender Islands Conservancy and Ptarmigan Arts. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the show starts at 7 pm. Tickets \$20/ adult, 16 and under free, available on our website or at Talisman Books.

Camp Create

There are a few spaces left for our two weeks of Camp Create this summer at Hope Bay. The first week is for ages 6-9, running July 17-21 from 10 am-4 pm and the second week is for ages 10-12, running August 14-18. Campers will work with clay, paint, explore collage, and expand their artistic horizons with Ilse Philips in the morning, and then write music, jam with each other, and learn songs with Ben McConchie in the afternoon. The cost is \$210, which includes materials, and we offer a \$50 sibling discount. Subsidies are available; please contact us for more information. Register and get all the information on our website.

Mosaic Festival

We are so looking forward to August 4-6, when we will be hosting the Mosaic Festival at Hope Bay! This year we have an impressive lineup of live music, arts, and nature-based programming for the whole family. Weekend passes are still available and we are now offering evening tickets for individual nights. Our headlining artists include The Matinee, John Reischman & the Jaybirds, and Aerialists. If tickets are not in the budget this year, consider volunteering. Email intern@ptarmiganarts.org to get involved. Get the full schedule and buy tickets at themosaicfestival.com.

Weekly Community Gatherings

Every Friday from 12-1 pm we get together at the Community Hall for live music from local artists and homemade soup in partnership with the Community Hall, Ptarmigan Arts, and the SGI Neighbourhood House. This month we'll be hearing from Plumper Sound on June 2, Steph Jackson on June 9, Howard Southwell and Lawrence Mayer on June 16, Cork & Porcupine on June 23, and John Temple on June 30.

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The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts

The Chorus

Solo show by Joanna Rogers
May 31 to June 18

The Chorus consists of a series of weavings, each containing its own Morse code message. The Chorus provides a way of processing possible futures by translating Morse code from sound to visual representation. It allows us to see what we cannot hear.

Fluid

Group show with Diane MacDonald's photographs, Sandy Shreve's painting, Nancy Silo's ceramics, and Monica Bennett's felt art.
June 21 to July 9

As this group has been known to do in past shows, along with their main works each of the artists will have created a response piece of art. This year they will be responding to the word 'Movement'.

Summer Show

The summer show this year is *Island Vibes*, a theme to delight both islanders and visitors! If you are a Pender resident

artist, please check ptarmiganarts.org/gallery for information on submitting up to five pieces to this open call show curated by Monica Bennett. It will run from July 12 to Labour Day Monday, September 4. For more details please visit our website or follow us on Instagram: [@galleryathopebay](https://www.instagram.com/galleryathopebay).

And Now for the Tough News

After very careful review, the Ptarmigan Arts' board of directors has made the difficult decision to close the Gallery on September 4, 2023. We recognize that closing this space will be a loss. It is a loss that we feel as well. It has been a joy to showcase our island's talent and to serve as a focal point for the visual arts community. You can find more details on the decision and what we're planning next on our website. Thank you to everyone who supported The Gallery since 2019, especially our volunteers!

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

Alice Karolina

Three on the Tree Production Society



After the energy of the Lantern Festival in December, Three on the Tree has been quite quiet over the last few months.

The warm weather is bringing some creative energy in both planning for the year to come and a few youth workshops that we're excited about.

Right now, we're in the midst of planning for the winter months with both the Magic Lake Lantern Festival and workshops leading up to it. We're specifically focusing on the story and plans to build new costumes and puppets. If this is something that you're interested in volunteering to help with, we would love to hear from you. Honorariums are also available if you have a larger project in mind that you'd like to bring to us. We're also working on programming workshops that will lead up to the festival so if there are new artistic skills that you'd like us to investigate or you have the ability to teach, please reach out.

On that note, we're excited to sponsor a series of introductory pottery classes with Gillian Turner. She'll be working in the school with four classes and hopes to continue in the fall.

We're also excited to announce that this summer our Drama Camp for ages 7-12 will return! It will be happening at the Community Hall from July 31 to August 4, 9:30 am - 3pm. We'll be producing a small play from start to finish, so feel free to reach out if you have any young thespians who are

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*Alaia Hamer, Program
Coordinator and Liis Graham,
Youth Liaison*

The Return of ZOO-isLANDER

Come together for the return of ZOO-isLANDER, Pender Island's unique version of a fashion parade. We are back on the runway October 21 at the Community Hall, presented by Three on The Tree.

Have you been ZOO-isLANDER experienced? If so, join us again on the catwalk, front stage, backstage, or in a seat. Never heard of us? Past years' shows are on video, captured by various artists and many stunning photos sponsored by Dockside Realty.

Joining ZOO-isLANDER 2023, we urge you to return to our origins. This means: use what you've got and believe in magic. Fantastically, our eclectic and zany inaugural show came together in six weeks, without rehearsal and very few plans! The show was fortunately filmed by David Ohnona. Four shows followed 2018-2021, and Josephine Spaxman's clever short film opens the 2021 virtual ZOO-isLANDER Inside Out capturing it all in under five minutes! Watch these by going to YouTube and putting ZOO-isLANDER in the search bar, and catch the Spirit of the show!

Are you game? ZOO-isLANDER is all about dressing up for fun, exploration, and evolution. We need creators to make outfits and models to strut, slink, slog, or blob! Upcycle, recycle, show off your best suit, be avant-garde, or sport a wardrobe classic. Create a one-off, outrageous outfit. We also need volunteers to set up and take down and be technical.

Watch for future articles in *The Pender Post* over the summer and hold your horses - tickets will not be available until mid September. Meanwhile, stay tuned to our Instagram and Facebook feeds. It's always one kind of spectacle or another with ZOO-isLANDER.

Madelin Emery

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Coleman Rogers Memorial Bursary

Hello Everyone! Summer is upon us. I wanted to take a moment to encourage all of our Pender students who are graduating this June to complete an application form for the Coleman Rogers Memorial Bursary Fund. Each year we help at least three or four deserving candidates with financial support to help with their post secondary expenses. The students of Pender Island are so fortunate to have several choices to apply for funds.

Please get an application form from your school office or at the school here. If you are not able to do this, feel free to contact me directly at hopebay@shaw.ca.

When you have completed the application form including, most importantly, your transcript of marks, course of studies, and accompanying letters of support, you can leave them at the Realty Office in the Coleman

Rogers file there. If you would like to contribute to our bursary fund, please note that we are number 27 on the Spirit Board at Tru Value.

We look forward to seeing your applications and it is always a pleasure to read about the different courses of study young people choose.

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Epicentre

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The second summer camp, *Backcountry Camp: Stay Wild Child!*, runs from July 10-14. This camp is for older children, ages 10 to 15. Joel Michener will lead the kids in exploring our local areas while incorporating wilderness survival skills and bushcraft activities that include knot tying, weaving, and learning knife safety and responsibility while practising their whittling. The kids will also master their compass skills in a navigation scavenger hunt, filter and purify water sources while soaking friends during water games, build a shelter they'd be proud to sleep in out in the wild, identify plants and animals in a huge forest game, and learn to camp and care for the environment with their friends. So much outdoor fun!

The Epicentre's final summer camp, *Build a Zoo*, is for ages five and over and will be held from July 24-28. Karen Parker will guide each child in developing their very own zoo. The children will map their zoo area, build suitable habitats for individual animals, explore threatened species to create a conservation plan, learn appropriate habitats for different species, and consider how to generate income to care for the animals and staff. The week will finish with a party to celebrate the opening of everyone's zoos.

For more information, please see our advertisement on page 5, and visit our website at www.sginh.ca/programs/epicentre. More information can also

be found on our Facebook page, 'The Epicentre'.

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

If you would like to provide financial support for families requiring assistance to register their children in Epicentre programs, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Melody Pender.

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

Serena van Bakel

Gulf Islands Food Co-op



With the sun shining bright and the food growing season back in full swing, GIFC is excited to once again support local food growers by offering the GIFC Co-operative Produce Sales Table at the Pender Island Farmers' Market. From summer through autumn, our friends at the Pender Growers Collective host GIFC's weekly shared produce sales venue, allowing both backyard growers and small scale farmers to simply set their price, drop off their fresh produce, have it sold on their behalf to Saturday market consumers, and then return at the end of the market to collect their profits. If you are a grower interested in participating, please reach out to Nancy at info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org for more information. For more information see <https://gulfislandsfoodco-op.org>.

And please visit the Pender Seed Library, located in the children's section of the Pender Island Public Library, to select from the seasonally curated collection of local seeds ready for planting. Using the Pender Seed Library is simple, free-of-charge, and provides access to seeds to everyone on Pender Island, a

key component to building community food system resilience. The Pender Seed Library is also looking for volunteers who are interested in helping to continue bringing this regional seed stock to enthusiastic growers of all ages. Please contact Karin at penderseedlibrary@gmail.com for more information.

Thank you for continuing to support local food producers in the Gulf Islands, and I hope you enjoy the early (and delicious) bounty of the season!

Nancy Goodman, GIFC Project Coordinator

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If you or someone you know is living in a violent relationship, we can help by

providing phone or Zoom appointments with a member of our outreach, counselling, or sexual assault response teams. Here is a quick overview of our services and contacts:

For Women Experiencing Violence

Adult women who have been impacted by violence can access our free Outreach services. Outreach provides safety planning, risk management, advocacy, education, referrals, and transition planning. The Outreach team is a community partner with RISE Women's Legal Network and can provide excellent guidance through separation and custody. (Please note we are not lawyers and cannot give legal advice.) Call Tina or Moonie at 250-537-0717 or email outreach@iwav.org.

For Children, Youth, and Adult Women Affected by Violence

Violence can have life-long impacts. That's why we offer free counselling for children, youth, and adult women affected by intimate partner violence, regardless of when the violence happened - 50 years ago or just last week. Call Rebecca for women's counselling at 250-538-5568 (or email stv@iwav.org), or Paige for children's counselling at 250-538-5569 (or email peace@iwav.org).

For Sexual Assault Survivors

Emergency Support: Survivors aged 13+ years, of all genders, can receive crisis support. A member of our team can accompany them to the hospital to attend to their injuries and/or to

the RCMP to report the crime. It's the survivor's choice.

Counselling

When survivors are ready, they can attend one-on-one counselling sessions with either a female or male counsellor. Counselling is available to anyone aged 13+, even if the assault happened a long time ago. Call 250-931-7712 to reach our SAR Coordinator or email sarc@iwav.org.

For Women and Their Children Escaping Violence: Single women and women with dependent children needing to flee immediate violence may need an emergency transition house stay, where they will find safety, support, and resources. Women from the Southern Gulf Islands are welcome to call our crisis line to talk about their situation and see if coming to the transition house is the right option. Transition House stays are normally 30 days, depending on the circumstances. The Transition House crisis line is 250-537-0735 or 1-888-537-0735.

For Teams Seeking Education

Our staff is happy to provide training for groups who would like to learn about safe, supportive ways to respond to reports of domestic violence and sexual assault, or who would like help in developing policies around violence in the workplace. Please call Heather, Support Programs Manager, at 250-931-7748 or email programs@iwav.org to find out more. For more detailed info on all IWAV services, please visit iwav.org.

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North Pender Local Trust Committee

Thanks to all who attended - in person or virtually - the NPLTC meetings in April and May. Sorry if I have been slow in responding to things the last month or so and for a few missed posts. I was travelling for work, got the flu, and then had pneumonia...not a great few months...tired still but recovering. Thanks to all who helped out during that time.

Within the NPLTC work I have really enjoyed working with both Aaron Campbell and David Maude as well as our new planner Brad Smith. I also want to warmly welcome Fran Munro as our new note taker within the NPLTC.

As a group we are working towards more community conversations around topics such as housing, water, and forest management. In order to decide what,

if anything, needs to be done by the NPLTC, we have instigated a number of community information meetings. Our first this spring was well received and informative on all sides. I want to stress at this moment that the NPLTC is not considering bylaw options on any of these topics but is instead in a listening and learning stance in and with the community about what needs to be done. Please come and learn, share, listen to each other, and put into writing your own thoughts, and share with us at the following emails - please include all the Trustees on any of your communications so we can all consider your information in our decision making down the road.

- Aaron Campbell
acampbell@islandstrust.bc.ca
- David Maude
dmaude@islandstrust.bc.ca
- Deb Morrison
dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca
- Brad Smith
bsmith@islandstrust.bc.ca
- SouthInfo
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Our next community information meeting will be held Saturday, June 24 at 1:00 pm at the North Pender Island Community Hall. The purpose of this special meeting is to provide an opportunity for community members to engage collaboratively with the LTC to discuss groundwater and forestry management (1 - 2:15 pm) and housing (2:30 - 3:45 pm). Please come along and bring your thoughts to share in a respectful and productive conversation to help us all learn and consider options for our community. We particularly encourage folks in CRD roles (fire, parks, water, community management, hazard management, etc.), federal folks (national parks, etc), and provincial folks (MOTI, water, housing) to attend and have sent invitations to some key folks in these roles. Please get the word out and encourage attendance as we can all learn from each other. This is NOT meant to be an advocacy meeting for one position/opinion or another but a sharing of ideas, preferably with reference to resources we can all learn from. We are a ways from any kind of regulatory options if we decide to go that way on these topics. Look forward to hearing from everyone and learning together.

Deb Morrison

South Pender Local Trust Committee

It's been some time since our ceremony in November 2022, where the 26 Trustees were sworn in to the 2022-2025 term. I've spent my time since listening and learning as much as possible about the structure and functioning of the Islands Trust organization. My primary aim is to understand where and how I can best put my energy to accomplish my goals for this term. This learning process has taken much longer than I expected, and I'm not as clear on the lay of the land as I would like to be yet. As probably most of the readers have already concluded on their own, the Islands Trust is a very complex local governance organization. Here are some of my thoughts so far:

“The object of the Trust is to preserve and protect the Trust Area and its unique amenities and environment for the

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benefit of the residents of the Trust Area and of British Columbia generally.”

A preserve and protect mission is familiar to me as I’ve spent 32 years in the organic food and agriculture industry. On the surface it can seem pretty simple and straightforward, but when working with a wide stakeholder group (all of us living on or visiting the Gulf Islands), things can get more complicated. The interpretations and ideas of how to accomplish the vision can be widely diverse from person to person. An oversimplified description of the breadth of viewpoints ranges from:

- Protecting the environment trumps everything and everyone - solve issues through bylaws and enforcement.

to the other end of the spectrum where:

- Community and harmonious living are the paramount considerations.

I always attempt to approach everything with a balance, and I value the environment and the community equally. At the same time I don’t think it’s necessary to sacrifice one in order to achieve the other. In fact, I think the better we progress in both areas at the same time, the better we will be able to accomplish maintaining a healthy environment and community. Our community is where the will to protect the environment will come from, and my personal belief is that information, open discussion, and understanding will be vital for success in reaching the Trust objectives.

Some bylaws and enforcement should also support the community and the goals. Ideally both would go hand in hand in a balanced and respectful way that the community is behind. However, what I’ve observed is that we (as humans) tend to easily fall into the trap of externalizing challenges and creating camps of “us and them” which is pretty much the opposite of my vision.

Since being immersed in the Island Trust internal culture, I’ve asked myself: what are the things that have helped create an atmosphere of controversy and lack of trust (ironically)? Reading the Governance report commissioned by the Islands Trust in 2021 led me to

question if things really were as serious as the report claimed. Unfortunately I’ve only been able to confirm that the report seems to put its finger on systemic issues that are still very much alive. So, what are those systemic issues? That is the question that is on my mind.

Before I go any further I want to say that I believe that the trustees are generally well intentioned individuals that are putting their best foot forward. Intentional obstructionism does not seem to be the main issue at all. The Islands Trust staff are also committed and doing their best to maintain the organization and fulfill the mandate using the current structure.

What seems to be at the root is an institutional culture created by adversarial procedures. Some of these processes are basically dictated by provincial legislation and further entrenched by a number of procedural policies of the Trust. Never in my adult life have I experienced so many barriers to moving forward, and I feel that I’m constantly getting the message (institutionally) that I am not trusted.

Examples include:

- I’m prohibited from freely conversing with my fellow Local Trust Committee trustees about the issues we are addressing. Imagine trying to solve problems while prohibited from talking to the people who are in a position to make changes. It becomes an impossible exercise and can easily lead to distrust and suspicion. We are not trusted to be responsible adults able to discuss things openly and maintain integrity.
- Roberts Rules of Order, required to be followed in local meetings and at the larger Trust Council meetings, were first written in 1876 by a U.S. Army officer. Even though it has been updated many times since, it is still framed in a combative communications style. My opinion is that it is inappropriate for a local community to communicate through this filter. It probably isn’t making it any easier to attract younger

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generations to participate, and many of all ages find it difficult to engage in discussions where for instance speaking is limited to two minutes, you must wait to discuss topics until a motion has been made and seconded, you have to speak “for or against” the motions etc.

Further, Robert’s Rules adds a significant barrier to communicating with First Nations. Giving an Elder a time limit to speak is not signalling wanting to listen. First Nations cultures are based on listening and respect. They use tools like talking sticks, talking circles, and sitting in silence. Until we are willing to examine and adjust our western communication style, reconciliation may remain an elusive goal.

I will continue to put my best foot forward within the current structure, but I am aware that progress is limited by some of these issues. I am longing to just sit down and chat about what is important to folks on our island, without feeling like I’m breaking some “rule” or contravening some procedure.

Update

On Saturday June 3 at 1:00 pm at the #3 Firehall, a Special Meeting will be held to continue the process of selecting projects for the South Pender Local Trust Committee to work on for this year and next. You are invited to participate, and it is never too late to bring new ideas or help the LTC prioritize the projects. A list can be found at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/south-pender-ltc-regular-meeting-agenda-11> (see pages 25-27).

Included in the list of topics to address is the severe shortage of affordable housing for the employees and/or business owners of Pender service businesses like post office, medical centre, gas station, stores, farms, lodging, restaurants/cafés, construction/cleaning/repair services etc. Is this a topic you care about?

The Province of BC has taken some significant steps on this by declaring much more permissive zoning and dwelling approvals, and the implications of this within the Gulf Islands is still unknown. Is this an indication and form of permission to seriously delve into potential solutions to this problem?

Let your Local Trust Committee know your thoughts on this or any other project idea at SouthPenderIslandLocalTrustCommittee@islandstrust.bc.ca.

*Dag Falck,
South Pender Trustee*

Magic Lake Property Owners’ Society

Privateers Park Drainage Issues

The poor drainage area between the parking lot and the courts has dried up, likely for the summer. For next fall, a gravel walkway from the parking lot to the courts will be laid by volunteers.

MLPOS Cistern Rebate

There have been a number of cisterns successfully installed using this rebate program. Cisterns can help to future-proof for the predicted longer, drier summers. If this interests you, email notifymlpos@gmail.com for more information.

CRD Cistern Rebate

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

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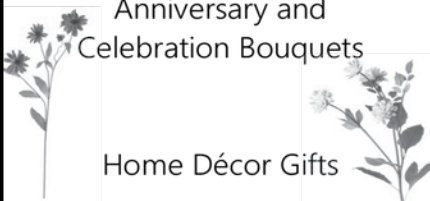
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The next MLPOS directors meeting - on the second Monday of the month - is Monday, June 12, 4 pm, outdoors (weather permitting) at the Thieves Bay Park or the Community Hall.

Mary Beth Rondeau, Secretary

Moving Around Pender (MAP)



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

Peter Easthope

Pender Island Child Care Society

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre



The last day of child care will be on Thursday,

June 29 as we take a break over the summer months and begin again fresh in September. We have learned so much alongside the children this year and we delighted in watching them grow, explore, and be curious about the world around them. The children learned about teamwork, problem solving, emotions, kindness, and sharing. They also formed new friendships and learned tools to help cooperate with others as well as regulate their emotions. We are grateful for our wonderful forest walks where children have hands-on experiences in nature and grow a deeper connection to the land and each other.

Dragonfly's Annual Family Picnic

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AGM

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on June 25 at 3:30 pm at Thieves Bay. Participation in our AGM ensures that we keep our status for funding that supports important programs such as Parents and Babes, Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast, HOP and Parent Education Courses. We hope to see all our membership there!

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast is held one Saturday per month from 9-11 at Dragonfly. Join Pamela Wadge and Chris Carrier on June 3 as they serve up a delicious homemade pancake breakfast complete with sausages, yogurt, fresh fruit, and maple syrup. This is a wonderful program for children and their dads, uncles, grandpas, or friends to come out for a free breakfast, socialize with other dads, play with their children and their children's friends, and give mom the morning off!

Parents and Babes

Parents and Babes is offered every Monday morning from 9-11:30 at Dragonfly. This is a free drop-in program for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and their children ages 0-5 years. Come out and enjoy healthy snacks, adult and children interactions, developmentally appropriate toys and books, and the adult and child book lending library. 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. 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.

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

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

Sarah Conley

Pender Island Community Service Society

Nu-To-Yu (NTY)



We are happy to announce Nu-To-Yu will continue its extended hours through the summer months. Fridays and Saturdays are buying days from 10 am to 4 pm. There is a 25 customer limit in the upstairs area at all times as NTY does not participate in the check-by-jowl shopping philosophy. When there is a lineup outside the store there is a 15-minute shopping time limit upstairs as a courtesy to those waiting outside. Masks are highly recommended but not mandatory at the time of writing. Children count as one person but babes in arms do not. When possible we replenish the upstairs shopping area prior to opening on Saturday.

Accepting donations on Saturdays from 11am to 2pm offers weekenders as well as full-time islanders the ability to shop and donate on the same day. But (there is always a but) we can not accept donations on Fridays as there will be no room for Saturday's donations. Donation days are Tuesdays and Thursdays 9 am to 12 pm sharp and Saturdays from 11 am to 2 pm, or until our shelves are full. Remember to bring Patience with you on Saturday please! Please do not overfill bags or boxes, which are limited to two bags or boxes per household per day. Large items such as chairs, tables, or rugs are accepted on Tuesday and Thursdays only. As we accept seasonal items seasonally, it is always helpful to phone 250-629-2070 prior to coming in with out-of-season items as well as large items such as furniture. Thanks go out to the donor of the veggie tin with loose change. The building fund is now \$15 richer. Thank you.

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June 11	10:45 am	Judith Neil	Worship and Memorial Service
June 18	10:45 am	John Wilton	Worship Service
June 25	10:45 am	Frank Strohschein	Worship Service

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June 23	9:30am	FRIDAY Mass in lieu of Sunday

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

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

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

June 5	7:00 pm	Feast of Nur (Light), via zoom
June 24	3:00 pm	Feast of Rahmat (Mercy)

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JUNE CALENDAR

	11:00 am	<i>The Chorus</i> , to 3 pm at The Gallery till June 18.....	20
1	Thurs	9:00 am Nu-To-Yu open for donations until 12 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays*	29
	10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to 3 pm*	47
	10:00 am	Library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to 3 pm*	45
	2:00 pm	Legion Euchre with Margaret Vergette, every Thursday to 4 pm*	50
	3:45 pm	Bushcraft Club to 5:15 pm (ages 5+), weekly at the Epicentre til June 29*	22
	7:30 pm	Alcoholics Anonymous, til 8:30 pm, also Sunday and Tuesday at 7:30 pm and Monday and Friday at 12 pm, Plum Tree Court*	
2	Fri	10:00 am Nu-To-Yu open Fridays and Saturdays until 4 pm*	29
	10:00 am	Food Bank open Fridays to 12 pm, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	
	10:00 am	Learning with Karen to 4 pm (ages 5+), weekly at the Epicentre til June 30*	22
	10:30 am	Community Cafe & Gathering, lunch & music by Plumper Sound, to 1 pm, Community Hall..	19, 47
	10:45 am	Activity: Make a Bead Suncatcher, to 12:15 pm, Community Hall	19
	5:00 pm	Legion Friday BBQ Dinner	50
3	Sat	9:00 am Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast, until 11am, Dragonfly Centre.....	29
	9:30 am	Farmers Market, to 1 pm, Community Hall*	37
	10:00 am	Community Café, to 1 pm, Community Hall*	47
	11:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations Saturdays, until 2 pm* (also Tues/Thurs, 9 am -12 pm).....	29
	1:00 pm	Pender Islands Museum open to 4 pm Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays*	42
	1:00 pm	South Pender Local Trust Committee Special Meeting, #3 Firehall	27
	1:15 pm	Moving Around Pender (MAP) first Saturday every month, Community Hall*	28
	2:30 pm	Pender Island Trust Protection Society, first Saturday every month, Community Hall*	
	4:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw (weekly)*.....	50
	5:00 pm	PI Conservancy 30th Anniversary Celebration, potluck and free concert by Sarah Smith	25, 35
4	Sun	5:00 pm Sunday Lounge for 14- 24s, to 9 pm, Community Hall	47
	7:00 pm	Speakeasy, Legion*	
5	Mon	9:00 am Parents and Babes until 11:30am (also on 12, 19, and 26), Dragonfly Centre	29
	3:00 pm	Caregiver Support Group, Community Hall*.....	39
	3:45 pm	Kids Club to 5:15 pm (ages 5+), weekly at the Epicentre til June 26*	22
6	Tues	10:00 am Computer Savvy Seniors, til noon, Plum Tree Court	5, 51
	5:00 pm	Photo Club year end picnic, Roesland.....	18
	3:45 pm	Theatre Club to 5:15 pm (ages 5+), weekly at the Epicentre til June 27*.....	22
	5:00 pm	Creators Roundtable to 6 pm. \$5 drop in, all creators welcome, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery	19
7	Wed	9:30 am HOP until 10:30am (also on 14, 21, and 28), school gym.....	29
	11:00 am	Taoist Tai Chi, to 12:30, Community Hall, call Kali at 629-3848 for details*	
	12:00 pm	Women's 12-Step Recovery Meeting, til 1 pm, Plum Tree Court*	
	1:30 pm	Carpet Bowling, to 3:30 pm, every Wednesday, Community Hall*.....	47
	3:00 pm	Food Only Market at the Barn behind Community Hall*.....	37
	3:45 pm	Science Club to 5:15 pm (ages 5+), weekly at the Epicentre til June 28*	22
	4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5 pm, \$5 drop in, all ages, abilities welcome, Community Hall	
	5:30 pm	Lions directors meeting at the Legion	41
8	Thurs	Naturalist Field Trip to Mayne Island: St. John's Point.....	35
	1:00 pm	55+ Activity Day – Mahjong, til 4:00, Plum Tree Court (also June 22).....	5, 50
9	Fri	10:30 am Community Cafe & Gathering, lunch & music by Steph Jackson, to 1 pm, Community Hall....	19, 47
	10:45 am	Activity: Make Fathers Day Cards, to 12:15 pm, Community Hall.....	19
	7:00 pm	Solstice Theatre presents <i>Opening Night</i> (also June 10 at 7 pm & June 11 at 2 pm).....	1, 19
10	Sat	11:30 am Workshop: Ethical Harvest and Propagation of Red Flowering Currant, to 2 pm	34
12	Mon	7:30 am Quilters Circle <i>Hands Across the Water</i> , St. Peter's Hall	16
	1:00 pm	55+ Cooking Class, til 1:00 pm, The HUB at Hope Bay.....	5, 50
	3:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission monthly meeting, Community Hall and via Zoom.....	44
	4:00 pm	MLPOS Directors Meeting, Thieves Bay Park	28

JUNE CALENDAR CONTINUED

16	Fri	10:30 am	Community Cafe and Gathering, lunch and music by Howard Southwell and Lawrence Mayer to 1 pm, Community Hall.....	19, 47
		10:45 am	Activity: Conservancy Fun, Orcas, to 12:15 pm, Community Hall	34
		5:00 pm	Legion Friday BBQ Dinner	50
		7:00 pm	Lester Quitzau Trio, Community Hall	19
17	Sat		Tour des Iles (to June 18)	
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Avatar (2009)</i> , Community Hall	46
18	Sun	2:00 pm	PIJazz Outdoor Concert, Community Hall.....	18
		5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14 – 24s, to 9 pm, Community Hall.....	39
19	Mon	3:00 pm	Caregiver Support Group, Community Hall*	
20	Tues	5:00 pm	Creators Roundtable to 6pm. \$5 drop in, all creators welcome, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery	19
21	Wed		<i>Fluid</i> at The Gallery, to July 9	20
		4:00 pm	Reconciliation Circle, Anglican Church hall	46
		7:00 pm	Paul Chiyokten Wagner, Coast Salish storyteller and flutist, Community Hall	19, 35
23	Fri	10:00 am	Museum open, Friday - Sunday and holiday Mondays, to 4:00 pm*	42
		10:30 am	Community Cafe & Gathering, lunch & music by Cork & Porcupine, to 1 pm, Community Hall	19, 47
		10:45 am	Activity: Make Slime, to 12:15 pm, Community Hall	19
		7:00 pm	Seminar: Orcas - Our Extraordinary Neighbours, Community Hall	34, 49
24	Sat	10:00 am	Legion General Member Meeting	50
		1:00 pm	NP Local Trust Committee Community Information Meeting, to 3:45, Community Hall.....	6, 24
		1:00 pm	Legion Bingo	50
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Avatar Way of Water</i> , Community Hall	46
25	Sun	11:00 am	Pride Brunch and Social Mixer, Seastar Winery	45
		2:00 pm	Dragonfly's Annual Potluck Picnic, to 3 pm, Thieves Bay	28
		3:00 pm	Pender Island Child Care Society AGM, Thieves Bay	29
		4:00 pm	Solstice Theatre AGM, Legion	19
		4:00 pm	Film: <i>DC League of Super-Pets</i> , Community Hall.....	46
27	Tues	12:00 pm	Pender Island Concert Society AGM, Community Hall.....	15
28	Wed	5:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 6pm. \$5 drop in, all ages and abilities welcome, Community Hall	
30	Fri	10:30 am	Community Cafe & Gathering, lunch & music by John Temple, to 1 pm, Community Hall	19, 47
		10:45 am	Activity: Make Bubble Tea, to 12:15 pm, Community Hall	19

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

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR JULY

1	Sat	11:00 am	Legion Canada Day Celebration. Driftwood Centre	11, 50
		12:30 pm	Legion children's activities with free hot dogs, pop and ice cream, Hope Bay Bible Camp	11, 50
		6:00 pm	Legion BBQ dinner, Legion	11, 50
3	Mon		Art Meets Science Camp, to July 7, Epicentre	5, 22
			Leaders in Training Camp, ages 12 to 18, to July 6, Community Hall	47
10	Mon		Back Country Camp, to August 14, Epicentre.....	5, 22
15	Sat		Art Off the Fence (also August 16)	
17	Mon	10:00 am	Ptarmigan Arts Camp Create, for ages 6-9 to 4 pm, Monday to Friday at Hope Bay	19
			Fashion Camp, ages 10 - 18, to July 21, Community Hall.....	47
22	Sat	10:00 am	Art in the Orchard, to 4 pm at Corbett House, 4309 Corbett Road	
24	Mon		Build a Zoo Camp, to August 28, Epicentre.....	5, 22
27	Thur	7:00 pm	Stoney Pocket Presents: Get Back Unplugged, 2200 Clam Bay Road	
31	Mon		Mixed Media Arts Camp, ages 12 to 18, to August 4, Community Hall.....	47
		9:30 am	Three on the Tree Drama Camp, ages 7-12, to August 4, to 3 pm, Community Hall	

Canada Day memorabilia and decorations are now out in the store. A(nother) reminder that applications for post-secondary grants need to be in by the end of this month. Go to www.nu-to-yu.com for more information. For goodness' sake, do not ask your mother/father to do it!

The current NTY building is one of three buildings that make up the Auchterlonie Centre. The other two are the Epicenter and the Library. These buildings are all managed by PIRAHA or Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association. A former school built in 1902, Nu-To-Yu has rented their building/thrift shop since 1983 with the original purpose being to raise money for a new health services clinic. Fast forward a few decades and the NTY with its merry band of exceptional volunteers now contributes financially to numerous community needs: grants for post-secondary students, equipment for the Recycling Centre, sound systems for Ptarmigan Arts and the Community Hall, Santa's Sac, RCMP Victim Services, and Young Violins to name a few. Your once-loved souvenirs from Italy, Malawi, and Parksville are now appreciated by armchair travellers. When purchased, estate jewelry and twice-read paperbacks result in dollars that in turn move lives forward, or bring hearing aids alive when attending community events. Thank you for your donations and purchases. We simply could not do it without you.

It has been decades since NTY fit into the current building. Sixteen years ago, Jim Petrie started the search for a new location; six plus years ago he was joined by Manfred Burandt. Paperwork bogged the men down unnecessarily until even the bureaucrats wanted to close the file. The new community building will be located near the Driftwood (behind the hardware store) on land kindly donated by Mr. D. Ray. With a larger footprint and with a level entry, the design will be simple yet classy, functional yet funky, and definitely not boring. More hard work is still needed to raise the rafters, a few more bureaucrats will need to be nudged, but it is a certainty now. Our next large fundraiser is a silent auction on Saturday August 5 on the Driftwood grass. Please join us there.

Daurel Minion

Pender Islands Conservancy

New Summer Staff



Conservancy staff Crystal Graham toasting everyone for the huge amount of broom removed



We would like to welcome Crystal Graham and Sarah DeVries to Pender Island and the Conservancy.

Crystal joins us this summer as the education and outreach interpreter and is working to complete a Bachelors of Science in Marine Biology and minor in Indigenous Studies at the University of Victoria. Originally from southern California, she has been living on Vancouver Island for three years now.

Sarah joins us as the Ecological Technician through the fall. Originally from Southern Ontario, Sarah moved to Victoria, BC two years ago, and has since fallen in love with the nature that the region has to offer. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Science and a Master of Science. During her Masters program, she studied genetic sources of variation in fireweed in the Kananaskis Valley.

You will see Crystal and Sarah out and about on the island bashing broom, monitoring birds, and at the market. Or swing by the Nature Centre; you may catch them there to say hi!

Conservancy Restoration Saturdays: Small Steps for Big Impacts

Thank you to all of you hardy Pender restoration volunteers who in the past few months have helped remove over 46 cubic metres of broom at Roesland, salvaged plants from both private property and at the DIP, helped move many steps closer to restoring the wetland area at Danny Martin Park, and much more. Your work has made a difference!

This project will be on hiatus for the summer, but we plan on being back at it in the fall. If you would like to be on the email list contact us at info@penderconservancy.org.

Workshop: Ethical Harvest and Propagation of Red Flowering Currant

With Elder Earl Claxton Jr, Karin Campbell and Madelin Emery
June 10, 11:30 am - 2 pm

Space limited and registration required.
\$20 per person.

We are grateful to be working with Earl, Karin, Madelin and the Truth and ReconciliAction group on this program. XETXÁTEN Earl Claxton Jr is a respected STÁ,UTW Elder, plant knowledge holder, and educator at PEPÁKEN HÁUTW Foundation, which “provides participatory education opportunities about traditional and healthy food systems to contribute to the restoration and revitalization of native ecosystems in the WSÁNEC homelands and to promote food security and indigenous food sovereignty in the WSÁNEC community and beyond.”

For more details and to register go to our website: penderconservancy.org.

Seminar: Orcas - Our Extraordinary Neighbours

June 23, 7:00 pm, Community Hall

For Orca Awareness Month, in collaboration with PenderPOD and Southern Gulf Islands Whale Sightings Network (SGIWSN), we have the pleasure of hearing Dr. Valeria Vergara and Dr. Lance Barrett-Lennard, co-directors of Raincoast's Cetacean Conservation Research Program, and Misty MacDuffee, Biologist and Wild Salmon Program Director at Raincoast,

sharing their knowledge and experiences in the field.

Paul Chiyokten Wagner

June 21, 7:00 pm, Community Hall

We have the pleasure of collaborating with Ptarmigan Arts on what will be a fantastic journey.

Paul Chiyokten Wagner is a traditional Coast Salish storyteller & flutist who will bring us on a journey to another world in the traditional story, song and flute music of his Coast Salish territory.

Check out the Ptarmigan article for more details. Tickets available at Talisman or on the Ptarmigan website. We can't wait!

Naturalist Field Trip to Mayne Island: St. John's Point

Thursday, June 8

What a wonderful opportunity to see the great work our neighbour Conservancy has done. We will be heading over on the early ferry to Mayne, meet Mayne Island Conservancy Biologist Rob Underhill at St. John's Point, and can be back on Pender for lunch. You really don't want to miss this chance!

To lessen impact and save on ferry costs, we will be carpooling over to Mayne Island. For further details, please register on our website.

4th Annual Ursula Poepel Broom Bash

Thank you for honouring Ursula's passion and perseverance! So many removed so much broom, transported so much broom and gave biodiversity a chance.

At the time of writing we are just winding up, but here are a couple of thrilling things that happened:

At our opening Broom Bash with Parks Canada at Roesland, we removed at least 46 cubic metres of broom. The wonderful Pender Island School's Grade 7, 8, and 9 removed at least 30 cubic metres of broom from George Hill, and that is not an easy feat.

Thank you to all of you who helped at the organized events or tackled your own property, or worked with neighbours to help clear your neighbourhood. Thanks to all of the volunteers who offered their time and trucks to transport the massive amounts removed under the exceptional



Teacher Cheryl Boland joined the broom removal with the grades 7-9 Pender Island School classes at George Hill.

coordinator Bruce McConchie. We can't do this without you!!

30th Anniversary Celebration

June 3, 5:00 pm, Community Hall

In celebration of 30 years of incorporation, and for the recent successful conservation purchases of KELÁ EKE Kingfisher Forest and S, DÁYES Flycatcher Forest, we will be hosting a community potluck, AGM and celebration with a free concert by Sarah Smith at 7 on June 3. We will start at 5 pm with a potluck and memories. Bring something to share and if you can, bring your own plates and utensils. This will be followed by a quick AGM, then upstairs for the amazing music of Sarah Smith. No need to get a ticket for the potluck, but due to capacity you will need tickets for the concert, available online on our website or at the Nature Centre. They are going fast!

Barn Swallow Monitoring Program

Barn swallows build cup-shaped nests made from mud pellets collected from wetlands. They can make over 1000 trips to collect mud for a single nest! Barn swallows build their nests under the eaves of barns and other structures, in cliff crevices, and caves. They are long-distance migrants, flying from

their North American breeding grounds to wintering areas in Central and South America. Among aerial insectivores, barn swallows are the fastest declining species. Declines are not well understood, however suggested reasons include declines in insect populations, habitat loss, stresses in their overwintering grounds, and the destruction of barns and other nesting structures. In the last 30 years, barn swallows have declined 2.9% annually, jumping to 7.6% annually in the last decade. How can you help? Install wooden shelves under your eaves to encourage nesting (a ledge can be installed under the nest to catch droppings). Leave old nests in place as barn swallows often return to the same nest annually. Protect existing wetland habitat and go pesticide free. Volunteer for our barn swallow nest monitoring program! Contact biologist@penderconservancy.org for more information.

Sue Kronen, Education and Outreach Coordinator

Earth Day Beach and Roadside Clean Up 2023

Congratulations to all the fabulous folks who roamed the shores and roadsides of Pender over the past several weeks removing garbage and litter, thereby

reducing debris in the Salish Sea! Thank you to the great team of Pender Conservancy volunteers who helped at the drop-off site on Earth Day, by assisting others in getting their collected debris to the drop-off site and into the bins, who prepared and served food, played music, directed traffic, sorted recycling, checked people in, and so much more.

Many thanks to all the people who started cleaning their beaches and roadsides weeks ago, so that more of the debris that washed up on the shores of Pender during the winter storms was gathered up before it could get washed back to sea.

Twenty-six of the beaches on North and South Pender were reported cleaned, plus many of the parks, trails, and ocean accesses, as well as most of the major roadsides. Many beaches, shorelines, and roadsides, especially on South Pender, were cleaned weeks ago, and the cleaners took care of the disposal of their collected debris themselves. We had 70 volunteers sign in, plus 14 people helped at the drop-off site. In all, at least 100 people participated in this year's event. There were displays and

live music at the drop-off site as well as lunch, treats and coffee, and prize draws.

We had the support of community businesses and organizations including The Pender Island Walking Group, The Green Angels, Pender Island Recycling, Slow Coast Coffee, Pender Island Pharmacy, Pender Island Disposal Services, Talisman Books, Southridge Farms Country Store, Pender Island Building Supplies, Pender Chocolates, the Medicine Beach Liquor Store, RCSAR Marine Search and Rescue, the Pender Island Power Squadron, Pender Ocean Defenders (POD), Parks Canada, BC Coastal Cleanup and the Pender Island School.

We had less garbage go into the bins this year. Michelle Marsden, a helpful Al Blake from the Recycling Depot, and a team of volunteers sorted through everything to make sure anything that could be reused or recycled did not go into the landfill.

Elizabeth Miles

Pender Island Emergency Program



The CRD has created a Household Evacuation Guide with individual versions specific to each of the six Southern Gulf Islands.

The Pender guide includes a map of the island showing possible Assembly Areas (the school and the Community Hall), and Reception Centres (Community Hall and Legion). If an evacuation were necessary, you would be told which location to go to. Don't automatically assume it's the one closest to your home; it totally depends on what the emergency is and where it's located. The map also shows tsunami hazard zones. Our overall risk of a tsunami on Pender is low, but to better understand the tsunami hazard risk where you live, work and frequent, go to this CRD link for more information: crd.bc.ca/prepare-yourself/hazards-in-our-region/tsunami.

How would you be notified of an evacuation or tsunami alert? There would be a message sent out on PANS, the Public Alert Notification System. (If you haven't signed up for PANS yet, this is a great time to do it. Go to crd.bc.ca/pans to register for this free service.) The island's Neighbourhood Program might also assist in getting information to residents through the telephone trees that have been set up in Pender's 85 designated neighbourhoods. Do you know who your neighbourhood contact is? Neighbourhood Coordinator Jenny Cromarty can help you - call her at 629-9989.

The guide has a page where you can create your household's Emergency Plan. There is an Evacuation Checklist, as well as a list of the six main messages you may hear in an emergency. It also includes links to many useful sites: you can find out what to do in an evacuation, recommended grab-and-go bag and






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emergency kit supplies, and how to get more information about the Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program.

The Pender Island Household Evacuation Guide is available for download - type Household Evacuation Pender Island into your browser to find the link. If you are unable to download it, a very limited number of printed copies is available at the CRC office during their office hours Monday, Wednesday, and Friday.

Our current hot, dry weather means that fire season has started a bit earlier than usual and outdoor burning may now be banned during the summer months. Contact Pender Island Fire Rescue for the most up-to-date information. The CRD has produced two very informative webinars: Southern Gulf Islands on Fire (2023), and Living With Fire in the Southern Gulf Islands (2022). Google the titles to find the YouTube links. It's well worth checking them out so that you are prepared, not scared.

Joy Thierry Llewellyn & Liz Gowen, Pender Island Emergency Community Co-ordinators

Pender Island Farmers' Institute



Farmers' Market is in full swing this month, with the Saturday Market from 9:30 am to 1 pm at the Community Hall, and the Wednesday Food-Only Market from 3-6 at the barn behind the Community Hall. Both markets are members of BC Farmers' Markets and are participants in the BC Farmers' Markets Nutrition Coupon Program. Our community partners in the program are the Child Care Society (Dragonfly Daycare), the Pender Island Food Bank, and the SGI Neighbourhood House. The program is open to low-income seniors, families, and pregnant women. Please contact one of these partner organizations if you would like to apply. The coupons are redeemable at any BC Farmers' Market, including ours on Pender.

The market has local fresh food in-season, as well as local arts, fabric items,

leather items such as sandals, wood crafts, and more. There are coffee and treats, so stay and meet your neighbours and friends. The market has been operating each summer since 1978.

To participate as a vendor or for more information, contact penderislandmarket@gmail.com or the website www.pifi.ca, or call the market manager Donald Isaac Grimmer at 250-222-0421. We also have a Facebook page.

Barbara Johnstone

Blast off for the Fall Fair!



This year's theme is 'Back To The Future'. Set the date: August 26. We appreciate volunteers to help in many areas - please contact Barb or Isaac at penderislandmarket@gmail.com if you can assist. It's always been a community effort to showcase the work and creativity of our local growers, craftspeople, animal husbandry, bakers, preservers, and artists of all ages. We encourage entries! Check out the upcoming catalogue which will feature all the categories. Conveners listed will be happy to answer questions and guide you about your entry. This is the biggest celebration of the year so be part of the fun!

More information and an online catalogue will be posted at www.pifi.ca, or check out our Facebook page.

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Pender Island Ferry Advisory Committee

After a brief hiatus, a new committee has been formed and we would like to extend our thanks to the previous committee members, Roy Moore, Dale Henning and Joanne Enns, for their past service and their advice and guidance as we navigate our way into this new role.

Our SGI Ferry Advisory Committee is made up of representatives from Galiano, Mayne, Pender and Saturna. If you have issues you want to bring forward to BC Ferries' attention, call BCF Customer Care at 1.888.223.3779 or comment on BCF's Facebook page [Facebook.com/BCFerries](https://www.facebook.com/BCFerries). You can also reach BCF through their website at <https://www.bcferries.com/contact-us> or their Twitter account @BCFerries, or email engagement@bcferries.com.

Feel free to copy your Pender Islands FAC reps Fiona Poole, Jane Dix and David Wright at poolefiona12@gmail.com, JaneonPender88@gmail.com, and summerlawns@shaw.ca if you want to keep us in the loop too.

Our Facebook page is being kept updated with the latest news and developments with BC Ferries. Please consider joining the group. We welcome questions and comments sent directly to us by email, and we will do our best to respond in a timely manner.

As many of you will be aware, BC Ferries has recently launched a new app which some feel is much more user friendly than the previous website. All schedules until March 31, 2024, are available online now.



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Two of our members were able to attend the Spring Meeting in Sidney where we were pleased to meet BCF staff and our fellow committee members from Galiano, Saturna, and Mayne Islands. Here are some of the highlights (thanks to Diana King from Mayne Island FAC).

BC Ferries (BCF) Staffing Issues

Through an extensive recruitment campaign launched several months ago, BCF has hired more than 100 licensed marine officers currently undergoing training and certification requirements and expected to be working in June. Recruitment of licensed officers continues. BCF has also hired 500 staff for the coming summer season, introduced incentives, guaranteed hours for new employees, and increased its training budget.

Late Weekday Morning Sailings to Swartz Bay via Otter Bay

Anyone travelling to Pender will be routed on the 11:35 am sailing originating from Tsawwassen. The earlier 11:15 ferry to Swartz Bay via Pender is reserved for traffic bound for Swartz Bay. This will alleviate some of the congestion at the Village Bay terminal when three ferries are vying for two berth spaces.

Foot Passenger Accommodations at Tsawwassen Terminal

There are no plans to upgrade the trailer at Berth 2, but BCF will investigate increased seating and attempt to improve the space.

Procedures for Mobility-challenged Passengers

Loading crews have been reminded to make every effort to ensure mobility-challenged passengers are parked according to their needs. If there are several passengers who need parking close to an elevator or washroom, it's not always possible to accommodate everyone. But if you do run into a problem, please let us know so we can follow up with BCF, or email engagement@bcferries.com. When you arrive at the terminal, don't forget to tell the booth ticket agent that you need special placement on the ferry.

Service Notices

The timing of Service Notice (SN) releases continues to be a problem. Until

issues are resolved, we recommend you check Ferry Tracking <https://www.bcferries.com/current-conditions/vessel-tracking-positions> and Current Conditions by Route <https://www.bcferries.com/current-conditions> for the real time status of sailings and vessel positions.

Heavy Commercial Traffic Demands

A significant increase in major construction projects on all our islands has resulted in heavy commercial ferry traffic, especially on the 10:10 am sailing leaving Swartz Bay. BCF is working with the CRD and Ministry of Transport and Infrastructure around commercial traffic demand and timing of increased volumes.

Inter-Island Through Fares via Swartz Bay

There is no process in place to accommodate this currently, but BCF is looking at how it could be introduced.

In the fall, BC Ferries will be sending a team to Pender to host a community drop in. This is part of an outreach to all the Southern Gulf Islands which began this spring. The BC Ferries team of community relations and ferry terminal staff will have information boards, and there will be an opportunity to chat with its members and provide them with feedback. There is no plan for a formal presentation. We will post more information about location and date as it becomes available.

Fiona Poole

Pender Island Fire Rescue



As of May 17, PIFR members have responded to 85 emergency calls.

June is shaping up to be a hot dry month. As of May 18, the province implemented an open burning ban ahead of our bylaw shutdown that starts July 1. I understand this may be frustrating for some residents if they didn't have a chance to burn their yard waste. Remember that through the fire smart principles, it is safer to have dry fine fuels collected into piles vs scattered throughout the property, so keep your piles covered and be ready for the fall.

Today I would like to talk about keeping safe while having fun in the sun, as I know we have all been waiting for this beautiful weather to show up. BBQ safety is a common question we receive while doing public education. At the beginning of the season, it is a good idea to inspect all the components of the BBQ such as the tank, hoses, regulator, piezo igniter, and structural elements, ensuring there are no leaks on connections using a soapy bubble test. Before you light up the BBQ, make sure to place the grill well away from anything that could burn including deck railings, furniture, awnings, or vegetation. Once it's time to light the BBQ, have your ignition source ready to go. A long-neck BBQ lighter is recommended over matches if you don't have a piezo igniter. Never leave the lid down while igniting and if it doesn't ignite right away, turn off the gas and wait five minutes before you try again. Keeping a water spray bottle can help with flare-ups while grilling, and always have a fire extinguisher nearby. Remember to call 911 if you can't get the fire out.

Heat-related injuries of course become more prevalent during the summer. Keeping hydrated should be a priority and water is your best friend. Sports drinks with electrolytes will also help replenish salt and minerals that you have to sweat out, and the more you sweat the more you need to drink. On hot days stay cool indoors or in the shade the best you can. Keeping damp towels in the freezer that can be wrapped around your neck can be a great relief. Pace yourself and cut down on exercise during the heat if you are not already accustomed to that. Lastly, don't leave children or pets in cars. Even with windows cracked open, temperatures inside the vehicle skyrocket to dangerous levels very quickly.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone to be mindful of the increased foot and bike traffic our island is already seeing this summer. Our roads are narrow and twisty with blind corners that are dangerous at the best of times. Take a breath, slow down, and wait to pass until you have a clear view and know it is safe to do so since we all share the road.

Captain Jon Grelik, PIFR Fire Prevention Team

Pender Island Health Care Society



Speaker Series Well-attended

In March and April, the Health Care Society organized the first of two well-attended talks in a four-part Speaker Series entitled *Here's to Your Good Health*, hosted with the Pender Library.

The first talk featured Dr Peter Paré who shared his in-depth knowledge of the role of the human genome as a predictor of health. The second presentation with Dr Greg Bondy was all about Type 2 diabetes. He outlined major strides helping patients manage their condition and significantly reduce the risk of heart attack or stroke.

In case you missed either event, you can view the video recording of the presentations on the Health Centre website at <https://penderislandhealth.org/speakers>.

The speaker series continues this fall. We'll keep you posted on the interesting topics ahead.

New Caregiver Support Group

Hats off to family caregivers who recently started up a support group! Their get-togethers focus on sharing and mutual support as participants cope with the special challenges of caregiving.

The Health Care Society heard about this effort and is pleased to be a sponsor. The Society will ensure that medical and health professionals know about the group so they can refer caregivers to the group for support and resources. The group meets every other Monday at the Community Hall at 3 pm. The dates this month are June 5 and 19.

All are welcome; there is no registration and no charge to join. For more info, please call Elizabeth Miles at the Health Centre at (250) 539-0905.

Volunteer Income Tax Prep

The income tax preparation program completed 26 returns for low-income, older adults on Pender. This will be the last year that the Society hosts this program because our volunteer tax

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Thank you to everyone who helped make the 2023 Broom Bash a great success!

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 You sweated...a lot!
 You helped make a difference!

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preparer, Ian Robertson, is “retiring”. A big thank-you to Ian for his skill and dedication over the past 6+ years.

Possible alternatives for host organizations are being explored, and the Society will provide support and referrals as available for the 2023 tax year.

Summer Clinic Demands

As the population swells with regular part-timers and visitors, there are greater demands on the Medical Clinic. (While most people refer to the Health Centre as “the clinic”, the actual Medical Clinic is made up of the doctors, nurse practitioner, and support staff. Island Health funds and hires the physicians and nurse practitioner.)

Most people coming to Pender tend to be familiar with urban family practices, walk-in clinics, hospital emergency rooms, and even community health centres. The Pender Island Medical Clinic is none of these, but functions to some degree as all of them. This is because the clinic is in a designated remote rural area. Some services exceed that of a typical urban family practice, and some are offered to people who are not part of the clinic’s patient roster. As well, the medical practitioners handle basic emergency situations.

The responsibility of the practitioners is to:

- provide primary care medical services to the residents of the Pender Islands, i.e., to act as a family practice
- provide after-hours coverage to Pender, Mayne, and Galiano Islands. This is shared with practitioners from Mayne and Galiano who give services via telephone consultations and
- deal with emergency cases as they present.

The last two responsibilities are not required of family practitioners in an urban setting.

“To deal with emergency cases as they present” is when the medical clinic takes on some of the functions of a walk-in clinic or an emergency room. The urgent

treatment room at the Health Centre is equipped to provide first-response care and stabilization for transport to a higher level of treatment.

Pender’s permanent population is about 2,800, and not every resident has a family practitioner here. On long weekends and during the summer, the population on Pender may exceed 7,500. Visitors and residents alike can experience urgent medical events that bring them to the clinic. Those with major issues will be seen by one of the practitioners, but visitors and non-registered patients with less urgent issues will often continue to be required to leave the island to get treatment.

We know this is not a message you may want to hear but is something to be aware of for yourself as a resident or as you plan to welcome summer guests.

Seeking All Health Care Professionals

Are you a registered nurse with rural or first call experience? Any Nurse Practitioners on Pender that we’re not aware of? Any registered lab technicians or registered social workers? Other health care professionals? If so, we ask you to get in touch in confidence with Executive Director Marion Alksne at (250) 629-3326 or by email at info@penderislandhealth.org. As the Health Care Society thinks about the future of health care on Pender, we realize it would be helpful to know which health professionals are on island even if they’re not currently working at the Health Centre. This is important for future planning, especially if expanded funding becomes available.

No positions are open at this time, but it’s good to know who might be available if the right opportunity comes along. We believe this would be a benefit for both the Health Care Society and health professionals who may wish to work close to home.

*Simone Marler for the
Communications Committee*

Pender Island Housing Society



It was 36 years ago that the Pender Island Seniors Housing Society negotiated a contract with BC Housing to build and manage the six-unit complex at Plumtree Court. These heavily subsidized units have provided safe and low rent housing for Pender Island seniors ever since, with very little turnover. But this year, that contract expired and the current Pender Island Housing Society has been fortunate to be able to negotiate a five-year extension - until March 2028. This new, extended contract, however, stipulates that each vacated unit must now be provided at “affordable market rent” going forward, and BC Housing will not provide rent subsidies for any new tenancies.

So, what is “affordable market rent”? Affordability needs to be considered from several angles: a tenant may consider rent affordable if the cost leaves sufficient funds at the end of each month for all other necessary living expenses; a commercial landlord might consider affordability in terms of positive cash flow, future real estate appreciation, and rate of return on capital employed; and a non-profit Housing Society, such as ours, dedicated to providing affordable housing in the community, must look at balancing expenses with income.

Our new contract with BC Housing, and the requirement that all vacant units be offered at market rent, challenges PIHS’s purpose and mission and leads us into uncharted waters: we must somehow adjust our operating platform from providing deeply discounted rent, subsidized by BCH, to ensuring our cash flow from rental income covers all costs.

One of the Plumtree units has recently become vacant and we are offering it for rent under this new operating reality. We have debated affordability; we have projected forward based on all units eventually becoming “market rate”; and we find ourselves - as the saying goes - between a rock and a hard place.

Despite these operating challenges, we continue to work on our planned expansion of Plumtree Court. The site

is zoned for four additional duplex units, which will not have any age constraints attached. We have secured a hydrogeologist report and are moving forward with plans for the new units. We have modelled the expansion using estimated building costs and “market rent” to determine viability. In the simplest terms, the new building capital costs cannot be supported solely by “market rent” without non-market financing and/or rent subsidies.

We remain hopeful that our Society can overcome the sunseting of the BCH contract, find cost-effective ways to build and finance additional units, and move forward to provide much-needed rental housing on Pender. Whether this is ultimately “affordable” will be in the eyes of the beholder!

As always, we are most grateful for the donations we continue to receive from your choice of # 31 on the Spirit Board at Tru Value.

Anyone wishing to be on a waiting list for one of the Plumtree Court units in the future, should visit our website at <https://www.penderhousing.ca>.

*Patricia Callendar, PIHS
Communications*

Pender Island Lions Club



Gracious me, it has been such a vibrant and exciting year for our Lions Club that I'm not sure where to begin.

A resounding welcome to our new members: Annette, Shirley, Russ, Diane, Ellen, and Eric. So glad to have you with us.

Congratulations to Shinta Kikuchi who has been awarded our Cunliffe Student Bursary this year. Shinta has been accepted into the University of Victoria School of Business which we understand is quite the feat. Regarding bursaries, previous recipients of the Cunliffe Bursary are welcome to apply each subsequent year that they continue in their chosen studies. Drop us a line at penderislions@gmail.com.

June 30 marks the retirement of our long-standing president, Dave Dryer. Dave has held the post of President

from 2015 to 2020 and again from 2021 to present. He joined the Pender Islands Lions Club in 1996 and has held every post on the executive in that time. Such commitment, loyalty, and generosity are seldom seen! Dave will continue as a director for the club and as coordinator for the Pender Islands Telephone Book. He hands the reins of president over to Annette Cyr under whose leadership our members will continue to raise funds for our community.

We are proud that the Lions Club continues to invest heavily in our local community. Recent donations at the Pender Islands Medical Clinic alone have included a blanket warmer for the emergency room, a new weigh scale, wheelchair, blood pressure monitors and stands, and a new dispenser for cryotherapy. Just another example of how your valued donations benefit your community.

Our final meeting for our 2022/2023 year will take place at the Legion on June 7 at 5:30 pm. Although this may be our last meeting before our summer break, we will continue behind the scenes working on a new Map Sign Board on Otter Bay



Retiring president, Dave Dryer

Road and various fund-raising events throughout our community.

Pender Islands Lions Club - We Serve.

Happy and safe summer everyone!

*Gail Standing-Forsyth,
Treasurer*

Pender Island Junior Sailing Courses 2023

CANSail Level 1 & 2 Courses
will be offered July 10 - 14 & 24 - 28,
July 31 – August 4 and August 14 – 18.
Students must be 9 years or older.

CanSail Level 3 & 4 Courses
will be offered July 31 – August 4 and
August 14 – 18 for students who are
12 years or older and have Level 2.
This course may also be offered July 24 – 28.

The cost of all courses is \$225, paid at registration.
Adults may register.

The registration process is now online.
For details and more information, such as our
refund policy, go to penderislandjuniorsailing.com
and see our article in this issue.

General enquiries can be sent to infopijsa@shaw.ca

Pender Island Museum Society



The museum is pleased to offer extended summer hours as of June 23 when we'll be open

Friday to Sunday plus Holiday Mondays from 10 am - 4 pm. At the end of June, we welcome our summer museum assistant, Claire Kozak. She is majoring in History at Simon Fraser University, and we're thrilled to have an island student onboard to learn what it takes to run a small museum.

Museum visitors also rely on the wonderful presence of volunteer hosts to create a memorable island experience. Are you interested in volunteering at our great little museum and sharing the stories that connect past and present? If so, we'd love to hear from you. Orientation and training materials are provided with an expectation that you'll volunteer for three or four 3-hour shifts on weekends from Easter to Thanksgiving. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Ilse Phillips at iphillips@outlook.com for more information.

And now, the continuation of the George Logan story from last month.

George and Addie Logan

George and Addie Logan lived on Pender their entire lives. They operated several businesses, built a house, raised their son, and grew vegetables, fruit, and flowers. This hard-working couple contributed a great deal to our early Pender community.

Addie Amies

Addie's mother and father, Captain Benjamin and Annie Amies, moved to Pender from Victoria in 1919. They bought 60 acres along Otter Bay Road (roughly along either side of the current Niagara Road). Their original house still stands off Otter Bay Road. Captain Amies, a deep-sea captain who travelled to and from Japan, was away for long stretches of time, leaving Annie to look after the farm and raise their five children. Addie, born in 1915, was the eldest. Jack, Alex, Norris, and Bob, the infamous Amies boys(!), were born between 1916 and 1921. Mrs.



Painting of George and Addie by James Nesbitt from a photograph taken shortly after they were married.

Amies was known for her kindness and generosity. It was said that anyone who spent a night at the Amies' left with a pat of butter or a few eggs.

When Addie was young, she would swim from Niagara Beach to Roesland to buy candy. Workers at the saltery observed these swims and built her a rowboat. No more long-distance swimming! She would also stand on the beach and yell a 'yoo-hoo' to her pal, Frank Symes.

Marriage

Addie Amies and George Logan knew each other their entire lives. George was keen to start a romantic relationship, but Addie's four brothers did not approve of the match and would chase him away

when he came to call. Opportunity knocked when the Amies boys went to war. George and Addie were married in Port Washington in 1940. (George had tried to 'join up' but was rejected on medical grounds.) The newly married couple purchased five acres of waterfront land along Grimmer Bay and proceeded to build a home.

A Life of Enterprise and Community Service

"Errands of mercy too numerous to mention, and far beyond the call of duty. When there was trouble or illness Addie was the first one there. She inherited her mother's generosity."

Taxi/Freight

George and Addie started their taxi and freight service in 1944. At that time there were few cars and trucks on Pender. The roads were rough: narrow and graveled with potholes and fallen trees. Deer and livestock grazed on and beside them.

The CPR serviced Pender via Hope Bay and Port Washington four days per week. George and Addie met every boat. They delivered residents to and from the wharves; visitors to the many summer resorts on Pender; and freight to the saltery in Otter Bay, the reduction plant in Shingle Bay, and to private homes. They also picked up and delivered groceries and other goods from Corbett Store in Hope Bay and Bridges Store in Port Washington. George never recorded pickups or deliveries in a notebook, it was all by memory. In fact, the one time he did use a notebook, he forgot a delivery.

The taxi service kept Addie and George busy all hours of day and night. 'South Pender people,' Addie said one very late night while waiting for the CPR boat to arrive, 'tell me to drop them off at the big tree, and then they get out with their bags and bundles and disappear into the bush.'

The Pender roads were hard on the Logan taxis and trucks. In 1970, Addie recounted their many vehicles, 'The first, a 1930 Overland, came from Sidney on a seiner that served the saltery. Following the Overland, came two Chevs, an Oldsmobile, two Dodges, a Chev, a Rambler, a Ford and six trucks. We didn't have new cars until 1947 and 1949, both Dodges. It was nothing to have 9000 miles on the odometer.'

George started mail delivery in 1948. It was his job to carry the incoming and outgoing mail from the post offices to the dock. (That year saw the start of the first rural mail route, delivered by JS Stiggins.) Before the bridge joined the Penders in 1955, George took the mailbags, twice per week, from Hope Bay or Port Washington to Port Browning where he met South Pender postmaster John Freeman, waiting in his launch, ready to take them through the canal to the South Pender post office. George continued to transport mail for the next 40 years, until his retirement in 1987.

Pender's First Lumber Yard

In 1944, George started bringing in building supplies to Pender. This first lumber yard was located on their property in Port Washington. Always keen to take advantage of a deal, George would buy materials that could not be loaded on the train out of Esquimalt. Cedar shiplap for \$15 per 1,000 board feet was one memorable transaction. George did not send out invoices in a timely manner. In one case, he supplied all the building materials for Vern Roddick's new house on South Pender. After one and half years, and still no invoice, Vern finally invited George over to see the new house. At which time George brought the invoice.

Payment Came in Many Forms

Currently on display at the museum is a sofa taken as payment by George and Addie. In this case, Major Guy Bower purchased the sofa for his home, Beautyrest, on MacKinnon Road. Unfortunately, Major Bower experienced financial issues and was forced to sell his home and contents. He owed money to Logan's taxi and freight company and the sofa was provided in lieu of payment.

Early Custodians of the Land

George and Addie were both keen gardeners: he, vegetables and she, flowers. Addie was concerned about the well-being of the birds and bees and planted numerous bushes and flowers. In fact, she sometimes went places where she shouldn't and took cuttings of things she shouldn't! Her garden, 80 years later, is a testament to her work and is alive with blooms, bees, and birds.

Sandy Auchterlonie

Farm Fresh Free Range

Eggs

Apple Juice

Walnuts

Shepherd's Croft Farm

2234 Port Washington Road

629-6644



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Community Justice

You Are Invited

Come Experience the Circle Process of Communicating

Learn about our upcoming Free Training

June 03 - Pender Island Farmers Market

Learn how to listen and be heard and feel more comfortable in challenging conversations.

SGI Community Justice Program

email:cjp@sginh.ca

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission



Spring is in full swing and that means a lot of activity in our parks, on our trails, and at commission meetings. Many thanks to the grades 7-9 classes at Pender Island School, the Pender Island Conservancy, the Green Angels and all the volunteers who helped during the 4th Annual Ursula Poepel Broom Bash at George Hill Park last month.

Boats at Magic Lake

The commission would also like to thank outgoing commissioner Larry Colcy for getting the ball rolling on the Magic Lake Park boat cleanup. The area looks great! Unclaimed boats will be moved to off-site storage in early June and can be claimed by contacting us via email. If you are keeping a boat at the park, please make sure to mark it clearly with your name and phone number and keep it within the designated storage area between the signs.

Dogs and Pender Parks

With the dog days of summer just around the corner, the commission continues to hear the need for a dog park solution for dogs and their people. There is no easy answer and it won't happen overnight. In the meantime, we are proposing to change the existing parks bylaws from requiring "dogs on leash" to requiring "dogs under control." This will bring us in line with other CRD jurisdictions and still needs to go to the CRD board for approval. Stay tuned for more information on this once the change comes into effect.

Mortimer Spit

The road into Mortimer Spit has gotten extremely rough due to vehicle traffic, weather, and tidal influences. Grading of the road to access the spit requires a provincial permit and consultation with First Nations. CRD staff are looking into the matter, but it is unlikely that we will get a permit in time for this year's summer season. If you use a vehicle to access the spit, please drive carefully and keep within the existing access



Bashing broom at George Hill Park

road to limit impacts to the surrounding environment. While we all love and value Mortimer Spit for its many recreation opportunities, conservation is also important.

Multi-use Trails

The commission has been working hard on a project to build Pender's first multi-use trail along the roadside between Danny Martin Ballpark and the Pender Island School. We will be launching an information campaign and raising funds starting this summer, with construction scheduled to commence in the fall. Stay tuned for more details.

Design engineering is near completion. We will be launching an information campaign in June and July, as well as working with the CRD and the community to identify funding sources. Construction will begin once all permits, registrations, and funding has been secured. The timing of this is, unfortunately, unpredictable. Stay tuned for more details.

A delegation from Moving Around Pender (MAP) made a presentation to the commission in May seeking feedback and support for another roadside trail

between the ferry terminal and the Amies Road turnoff. The commission was supportive of the concept and MAP will continue to pursue this project.

Recreation Grants

The commission administers CRD Recreation funding for Pender Island. The 2023 budget is \$62,141. The deadline to apply for funding for recreation programs and events is June 30, 2023. You can find the application form on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca/pender-recreation

No Smoking in Parks

We had our first heat wave in May and there is now a fire ban in effect on the island. That makes it a good time to remind everyone that smoking is not permitted in our community parks or on our trails.

If you see anything that needs attention while you are out and about, please notify us by email at penderparks@crd.bc.ca.

Sandra Tretick

Pender Island Pride Society



As we make plans for PRIDE 2023 it's impressive that Pender Islanders have turned out to support the event since 2019 even with COVID hanging over us. This year, we will gather on Sunday, August 20 at the library for a short parade to the Community Hall departing at 1 pm. Food and entertainment will happen at the Hall.

Some participants have been invited already, but if you would like to join in the parade, please check Pender Pride's brand-new website at www.penderislandpride.com or our Facebook page for instructions. Feel free to give John Cowan a call at 629-6075 and I will put you in touch with the right organizing person.

Of course, there will be side events related to PRIDE. First up, there will be a Pride Brunch + social mixer on Sunday June 25, hosted at Sea Star Winery, food by Truss Farm Food. Come at 11 am for brunch and stay for an afternoon of visiting and meeting new friends. We are planning some entertainment and a raffle/bingo fundraiser as well.

Next up will be a PRIDE golf event on Saturday or Sunday July 22 or 23. This will be an afternoon event followed by dinner. You will need to sign up in advance at the Golf Shop. Actual skill at golf is not a requirement for this event. Exact date will be clarified shortly.

We will also be hosting one or more film nights at the Community Hall in July. There is so much good film material out there it won't be difficult to pick some excellent stuff to show.

I always like to recommend the online *It Gets Better Project*, the Canadian or U.S. editions. There are literally thousands of videos posted by the famous and the not-so-famous, telling us their coming out stories. Some are heart wrenching, but the reminder to you is that it does indeed get better. Daniel Levy of *Schitt's Creek* fame appears in a wonderful parody on YouTube: *It Gets Better – SNL*.

If you would like to volunteer some time to help out on or before August 20, please give us a call. We are also looking for financial sponsors for prizes for both the golf event and the raffle.

PRIDE on Pender Island is more than just an event celebrating diversity. It's about celebrating our community and the wonderful individuals who make it. It's a reminder of the progress made in recognizing the equality and human experience of us all. We do not take this progress for granted. PRIDE is also about remembering and honouring those who have gone before us.

John Cowan

Pender Island Public Library



June is National Indigenous History Month in Canada, an opportunity to learn about the unique cultures, traditions, and experiences of First Nations, Inuit and Métis. It's a time to honour the stories, achievements, and resilience of Indigenous peoples, who have lived on S, DAYES / Pender Islands since time immemorial and whose presence continues to impact the evolving region we live in. The best way to gain a deeper understanding of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis experiences is through their own voices. Enjoy Indigenous storytelling by picking up a book from the library, attending a show, watching a movie, or listening to music from Indigenous artists. Visit the library website for online resources about Indigenous peoples including First Peoples Map of BC and A Guide to the Pronunciation of Indigenous Communities and Organizations in BC, including our SENĆOŦEN language of local WSÁNEĆ people. HÍSWŪKE / Thank you.

Programs

Art in the Library features artist Malcolm Armstrong throughout May and June. Malcolm's speciality is marine artwork, with hours of research behind his oil paintings of ships and the sea. We have free art exhibit space available for local artists in 2023 - contact us for exhibition details.

Garden Project

The library has new pedestrian pathways leading to the front door, to allow safe walkways away from the road. Thank you to Sergio Pacione, stonemason, for his wonderful work on the paths. We enjoyed his smile and dedicated work ethic every day. The delivery of new garden soil is delayed until fall, followed by planting of native plant seeds (xeriscaping and deer resistant).

Painting of Library Building

After more than 25 years, the library will receive a new coat of paint, featuring a new colour scheme. We wish to highlight the detailed style of the building, as designed by local architect John Roberts. Thank you to PIRAHA for providing funds from reserves allocated to the maintenance of the library building. Work will continue through June and July. Please be cautious near painting areas.

New Books

Adult Fiction

Simple Lies (David Baldacci), *Red Team Blues* (Cory Doctorow), *The Perfumist of Paris* (Alka Joshi), *The Mostly True Story of Tanner and Louise* (Colleen Oakley), *Run Rose Run* (Dolly Parton), *Loyalty* (Lisa Scottoline)

Adult Mystery

Her Deadly Game (Robert Dugoni), *Shadow of Death* (Heather Graham), *The Last Remains* (Elly Griffiths), *Who Cries for the Lost* (C.S. Harris), *The Way of the Bear* (Anne Hillerman), *So Shall You Reap* (Donna Leon), *The Only Survivors* (Megan Miranda)

Adult Non-fiction

Against the Seas (Mary Soderstrom), *Snorkelling Adventures Around Vancouver Island* (Sara Ellison), *Overreach* (Owen Matthews)

Local authors

White Heart Elegies (Zoë Landale)

Youth

Bibi's Got Game (Bianca Andreescu), *Super Family!* (Cale Atkinson), *I Can, Too!* (Karen Autio), *City Day* (Glenn Brucker), *Flock* (Sara Cassidy), *A Magical Sturgeon* (Joseph Dandurand), *Hermit Hill* (Mike Deas), *Wednesday*

Wilson Fixes All Your Problems (Bree Galbraith), *Tank & Fizz* (Liam O'Donnell).

Library hours: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 10 am - 3 pm, located at 4407 Bedwell Harbour Rd. Need help with your cell phone, tablet, or laptop? Stop by, call us, or email the Library HelpDesk at 250-629-3722; libraryhelpdesk@crd.bc.ca.

Carmen Oleskevich, Library Director

Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

On May 10, the Pender Reconciliation Circle was privileged to have Lillian Underwood of KAIROS Canada and her daughter come and facilitate a Blanket Exercise. Lillian explained that the purpose of the Blanket Exercise is not to make people feel shame or guilt, but rather to build understanding of our shared history as Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples in Canada by walking through pre-contact, treaty-making, colonization, and resistance. We begin with blankets covering the floor, and everyone is actively involved as they step onto blankets that represent the land, and into the role of First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples. As we progress through the post-contact period, blankets get smaller and smaller, and more and more people disappear. By engaging on both an emotional and intellectual level, the Blanket Exercise effectively educates and increases empathy. We may know the history, but learning about it from a First Nations perspective, in an interactive and visual way, is very powerful.

The second part of the Blanket Exercise involves coming back to the circle and sharing the thoughts and emotions that this experience evokes. Every participant can share if they so choose, without pressure or interruptions. It, too, is a very powerful experience.

We are so grateful to have hosted and experienced this event, and appreciate everyone who came to participate.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, June 21 from 4-6pm at the Anglican Church hall. It takes place on National



The Blanket Exercise begins

Indigenous Peoples' Day – a good day to come together. If you would like more information about our circle, or would like to be put on our email list, please contact me at annie-smith@shaw.ca

Annie Smith

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association



We are delighted to have Madeleine Muir back as one of our summer staff to help bring the community amazing summer programs and activities. We are still looking for another youth staff, 15 - 30 years, who is interested in working with children and youth in camps, or supporting youth volunteers, or helping create food programs. If you know of a young person who may be interested, ask them to look at the job descriptions here <https://penderislands.org/opportunities/employment> or stop by the Hall to chat with Andrea.

If you would like to make a donation to the Community Hall, we are able to accept e-transfers 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

\$5 - \$10 (sliding scale)

Avatar (2009)

Saturday, June 17, 7:15 pm

Ex-Marine Jake Sully finds himself thrust into hostilities on an alien planet filled with exotic life forms. As an Avatar, a human mind in an alien body, he finds himself torn between two worlds, in a desperate fight for his own survival and that of the indigenous people. 2h 42 min \$5 - \$10

Avatar Way of Water

Saturday, June 24, 7:15 pm

Jake Sully and Ney'tiri have formed a family and are doing everything to stay together. However, they must leave their home and explore the regions of Pandora. When an ancient threat resurfaces, Jake must fight a difficult war against the humans. 3hr 12 min

DC League of Super-Pets

Sunday, June 25, 4:00 pm

Krypto the Super-Dog and Superman are inseparable best friends, sharing the same superpowers and fighting crime in Metropolis side by side. When Superman and the rest of the Justice League are kidnapped, Krypto must convince a rag-tag shelter pack - Ace the hound, PB the potbellied pig, Merton the turtle, and Chip the squirrel - to master their own newfound powers and help him rescue the superheroes. 1hr 45 min .

Sunday Lounge for 14 -24 years

June 4 and 18, 5 - 9 pm, drop-in

A space for young adults 14 - 24

Each week there will be a zero-proof bar, music, crafts, snacks, board games, chill zone, and space for whatever you like. This is 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.

Carpet Bowling

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

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

Community Gathering Lunch

Fridays 10:30 am - 1 pm

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

Friday Fun

Every Friday, come and join our youth leaders from 10:45 am - 12:00 pm as they lead fun activities. All ages are welcome, older adults are particularly encouraged as a fun way to get to meet children and youth of the community. Activity is by donation.

June 2 - Make a Bead Suncatcher

June 9 - Fathers Day Card Making

June 16 - Conservancy Fun

June 23 - Make Slime

June 30 - Make Bubble Tea

Summer Camps

We are still putting together our line-up of summer camp programs. All of the following camps are to be confirmed but the final details will probably be put together by the time you receive your Pender Post. Confirmed camps can be found at www.penderislands.org/registrations.

Leaders in Training Camp

July 3 - 6, Ages 12 to 18

Are you looking to gain experience in leadership and working with children?

This camp helps you learn the skills to be prepared to become a leader. Join this fantastic group and learn to organize, run, and assist with summer camp programs, ensuring everyone has a fun, engaging, and active summer!

Fashion Camp

July 17 - 21, Ages 10 to 18

Does your young person love fashion? If so, they'll love our fun summer youth fashion camp overseen by a fashion entrepreneur. Design. Sew. Create.

Mixed Media Arts Camp

July 31 - Aug. 4, Ages 12 to 18

This camp is a full day of art-making activities for young artists. From portrait painting to comic book creating, there's something for all artsy young people.

Kids Day Camp

August 7 - 11, Ages 6 to 12

Endless fun for kids 6 to 12 years! Spend your summer with us as we connect with old friends and make new ones, explore our island surroundings, get creative with crafts, play fun games, and try out interesting activities.

Fall Fair Camp

August 22 - 26, Ages 10 to 18

The Fall Fair started in 1932 and is normally one of the biggest and most popular annual events on Pender Island. It seems like the whole community comes together to make it happen so it's a great place to learn how a big event is created and get hands-on experience in the most interesting and fun aspects. This leadership camp is a great way to build skills, have fun, and be a community hero!

For more information about the Summer Camps, go to www.penderislands.org/registrations or call 629-3669 or email bookings@penderislands.org.

Film Volunteers

Are you a cinophile? We need people to help take entry donations and help clean-up after movies. If we have enough help, we even put on a popcorn stand! 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



Summer Hours

Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, FRIDAYS, and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm

That's right - the depot is open on Fridays from 10 am to 3 pm starting in June. Fridays are typically slow as people adjust to the additional day so if you like recycling in relative peace and quiet, come on a Friday!

Summer is here and with summer comes wasps. Rinse all beverage containers to keep the wasps at bay and help keep everyone safe.

Remember to secure loads when bringing recycling to the depot in a pick up truck. Depot visitors have mentioned seeing recycling flying out of trucks and into the ditches when it is not secured.

Try pre-sorting your recycling into the following categories to save time at the depot: cardboard, paper, plastic containers, plastic bags, styrofoam, cartons and cups, metal packaging, and refundables. Then you can empty pre-sorted bags quickly into the appropriate collection container.

Due to rising labour and transportation expenses, the backhaul costs have increased from \$140 and \$160 per load to North and South Pender to \$160 and \$180 respectively. We thank you for your continued support.

Did you know that many older thermostats have mercury switches in them, which can pollute the air, water, and soil if they go to the landfill? A single thermostat contains up to 10 grams of mercury - enough to cause some serious pollution. Make sure that you manage old thermostats responsibly by recycling them free of charge at the depot.

Many of you have renewed your memberships online or at the depot and for that we thank you. Membership renewals are voluntary, are tax deductible, and are an important source of funding for reuse and reduce initiatives.

Niki Roberts

Pender Organic Community Garden Society

Vacancy

One of our members is no longer able to maintain her plot so we have an immediate vacancy. If you would like to join us, please contact Larry Colcy, larrycolcy@outlook.com for details.

Tomatoes

If you haven't made the mistake of planting your tomatoes in early May (like me!), early June is a very good time. Don't worry if your new plant is 'leggy' (having a straggly stem with long spaces between the leaf nodes). Tomatoes will sprout roots from the stem, so you can bury the plant up to the main leaf branch. To do this you may need to dig quite a deep hole with your trowel. Throw in a tablespoon of bone meal or tomato food and spread it around the bottom of the hole. Clip off the lower leaves first rather than burying them.

Prepare a large, strong supporting structure. This is especially needed for 'indeterminate' tomatoes which grow large. My friend uses metal fencing material with 4-inch squares (designed for farms) and bends it into cylinders which are four feet high when stood upright on the ground. Beats those tomato hoops, which are rather frail and tend to topple over or distort. Of course, some cherry tomatoes such as *Tumbler* are small enough to grow in a large hanging basket!

Tomatoes and potatoes are both in the *Solanum* genus, but unlike potatoes, which require a slightly acidic soil, tomatoes like it a wee bit limey. Add

some lime (either plain agricultural calcium carbonate, or dolomite lime) to raise the pH. The main advantage is that lime should prevent 'blossom end rot' later in the season.

Whether you prune your tomatoes severely or not at all is up to you and the strength of the support. I don't prune, but my wife does. Her plants look tidier, but I think I get more fruit!

Most important - keep your tomatoes well-watered through the summer heat, or their skin may crack.

Garlic

Looking at the other end of June, garlic should be nearing harvest, depending on how hot and dry the month has been. In a good year garlic is harvested by the end of June here in south-coastal BC. In the interior it may be ready a couple of weeks earlier. In cool, wet summers I have waited until mid-July or later to dig up my garlic crop. The usual rule for when to dig it up is when the lower one-third or one half of the leaves have died. Loosen the soil around each plant before digging it out with a trowel. If you pull it out by its stem, you may lose some of the paper-thin skin around the head. This will make the head look ragged (not good for giving or selling), and it won't store as long.

The perennial question is what to do about the scapes? The scape is the curly stem with a swollen point that appears in late May or early June. We are talking about hard-neck garlic here - no problem for soft-necks, which generally have no scape. If you leave the plant entirely alone until August or later, the curls will unravel and the stem will stand bolt upright, like a spear (The word 'garlic' actually means 'spear leek' in Old

English). The received wisdom is that since you want as big a head as possible to harvest from the earth, you should cut the scapes off so that for the remainder of June the plant will pour its energy into making a bigger head in the ground. And you can eat the scapes! Look up some recipes online. Cut the scape off just above the top leaves so that there is no remaining scape stem easily visible. This looks tidier. If you forget to do this and leave the scape, the worst they say can happen is that your head will be one eighth to one quarter smaller than it would have been - but it may store longer, which is another theory!

Thanks!

Finally... big thanks to Good As Wood for delivering a load of wood chips for the paths throughout the garden. We really appreciate this donation!

Michael Plumb

PenderPOD



This is not a story about whales but it is a story about taking care of the ocean, which is after all what POD (Pender Ocean Defenders) is all about. And it's not a story really, it's a saga.

It's about an abandoned cement dock that showed up in Starvation Bay, which is the eastern shoreline of North Pender, in Trincomali. My partner John and I spotted it about six years ago while doing beach cleanup at Pender Conservancy's Earth Day event. It was a horrifying sight. The whole underbelly of the dock was unwrapped Styrofoam. Foam chips were strewn up and down the beach, for at least 200 yards in each direction. Beyond our capacity. We reported it



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to the trusty folks at the Conservancy desk back at Earth Day control central. And so it started.....here's what has happened since.

Elizabeth Miles of Pender Conservancy, who describes Styrofoam bits as mermaids' tears, asked the CRD road crew for help. They said they couldn't take care of it because it is not their jurisdiction, nor could they get their vehicles anywhere near it. However, apparently it is also not the responsibility of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans because it's not exactly in the ocean. Elizabeth then contacted the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure... again, not their bailiwick. The SARS (Search and Rescue) people were informed. They took a look and reported it was too heavy for their craft to get off the beach. A couple of other boat owners were approached and they said the same thing. Next John Roe, founder of the Dead Boat Disposal Society of BC, got involved but wasn't at that time able to provide the wherewithal. The abandoned dock was abandoned all over again. It sits there today, mermaid tears into the sea. The edges have floated away but the bulk of its underside is still Styrofoam continuing to weep its plastic.

And there are more recent examples of this dangerous practice. A few months ago, a dock was towed to Mortimer Spit, where it was dismantled and carted off, leaving a mess of polystyrene which was soon carried by the tide around the spit and beyond. The spill response people, Transport Canada, DFO, and RCMP were notified and only the RCMP responded. A Facebook call to the community resulted in about 30 Pender volunteers who arrived to clean up what could be collected.

Styrofoam is actually a brand name for expanded polystyrene. Solid polystyrene is a rigid and clear plastic. To make Styrofoam, liquid polystyrene is blown into foam before it hardens. As of 2021, 762,732,605 pounds of plastic pollution were located in the world's oceans. Of the five massive marine patches, one in particular, known as the Great Pacific Garbage Patch, covers 20 million square kilometers of water. Canada is 9.9 million square kilometres. Over 1 million marine organisms die each year due to plastic pollution in the ocean. Sea creatures who eat plastic, usually mistaking it for fish eggs, often starve because it prevents them from properly swallowing food. Think about a wad of Styrofoam stuck in your gullet.

Michelle Marsden, who founded the B.C. Coastal Cleanup campaign in 1988, ran our island beach cleanup for about 23 years before handing it over to Pender Conservancy. After spending years navigating government channels, she has found the only way to get things done, like this recent example, is to clean it up ourselves. Michelle says this is a job that involves breaking up the dock with extreme care and lugging it bit by bit to the roadside for disposal. It's about timing, tides, skill, tools and VOLUNTEERS. This kind of job has been successfully completed previously on Pender, at Stanley Point. Michelle is optimistic she can access clean up funds for disposal.

Summer tides will be best for this project. We Penderites might be powerless to deal with the Great Pacific Garbage Patch but together we can tackle the Starvation Bay Cement and Styrofoam Disaster. Stay tuned, dear readers... let's get this job DONE!

Upcoming Events

Mark your calendars: June 8 is World Ocean day and on June 23, there will be a seminar at the Hall featuring three venerable Raincoast Conservationists: Misty MacDuffee, Lance Barrett-Lennard and Valeria Vergara. (See more details in The Conservancy's ad). And beyond! July 14 is World Orca Day. There will be a celebration at Thieves Bay. Check July's Pender Post for details. Website: www.PenderPOD.ca

Mary Anne Pare

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 239

Legion  I've been on Pender Island for a long time, and I've seen

a lot of people come and go over the years - either of their own choosing, or kicking and screaming against the powers that want to separate them from family and home. I've seen it so many times that you'd think I'd be hardened against the pain that comes with watching someone you care for battle on bravely, praying for that miracle, only to finally succumb to their inevitable demise. This scenario happens everyday to countless people around the globe, but that fact does not make it any easier when it happens in your own little world.

We lost an integral part of the Legion family in May with the passing of Linda Swanson. I have known the Swansons for over 35 years. Linda and her husband, Jim, have been good friends for the last 20. Fourteen years ago they shared Melody and my wedding day with us. Over the years we have had many good times together but, in reality, we have not been as close a friend as some others may have been. So why does this passing seem so very sad? Linda was not young, but she played much younger. She was a person who was indeed young at heart, with a twinkle in her eye and a ready laugh. She understood my sarcasm was meant with love, not malice, (something not all pick up on) and she gave back as much as she took. I just felt comfortable with her, as did so many others. Even near the end her mind was as sharp as a tack and her laugh and need for a hug and maybe a kiss were always on the ready. At the Legion she volunteered countless hours to help out in the kitchen or provide food for one function or another. Meat draws will never be the same! (How much is the 50/50 tonight, Linda?)

Linda was blessed in real life to have a loving family and another huge family of friends who wish they could have had her a wee bit longer. Her final legacy in life is something that we all strive for but all do not achieve, and that is that she made you feel better by simply just being there. All of us at the

Legion offer Jim and the whole family our deepest condolences. There will be a Celebration of Life September 2 at the Legion. Mark your calendar now - it's going to be a full house!

In somewhat related news, we also bid a last farewell on May 13 to another Legion stalwart, Fran Rose, who passed away last October. She was a long time Legionnaire and wife of Life Member Bob Rose. The Legion Honour guard was well represented (something I said?), and with plenty of family and friends in attendance it made for a special day at the cemetery and back at the Legion. On that day, Bob decided to donate Fran's piano/organ to the Legion. For this, we thank you Bob, and for the many other things you have done to assist our Legion over the years. Now we have to get rid of the old piano! If you are interested please call Jean Deschenes at 250-216-4456 and it's all yours. We might even help you move it!

For the first time since COVID, the Legion will be presenting a Canada Day celebration July 1 at the Driftwood Centre. There will be entertainment, free cake, and a short speech to celebrate our being Canadian. There will also be games and hot dogs for the kids at Hope Bay Bible Camp. A good day to be had by all. There may even be a steak barbecue, so stay tuned for that announcement.

Our Friday night BBQs (bi-weekly) will begin June 2.

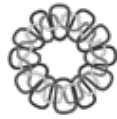
Speaking of Opening Night... nice segue, eh! Solstice Theatre will be presenting their first actual play since 2019 on June 9, 10, and 11 at the Community Hall. *Opening Night* by Norm Foster is a very funny play about a play within a play and actually has a couple of our long time Legion members in the star-studded cast! So, get your tickets early, at Talisman, and enjoy a fun night out.

Meat draws continue every Saturday at 4 pm. Member general meeting is June 24 at 10 am, followed by Bingo at 1 pm. General meetings and bingo will take a break for the summer and return in September. Go to our website for updates, www.penderislandrc1239.com.

We are thankful for your continued support of your Legion.

John Pender

SGI Community Resource Centre



As the vibrant colors of spring slowly fade away, making way for the warmer embrace of summer, anticipation fills the air. With longer days and sun-kissed skies, the season beckons us to shed our winter layers and embrace the outdoors. Amidst the excitement of this new season, we want to remind you of the various services and opportunities that are available, ensuring a prosperous and fulfilling summer.

Employment Services

WorkBC services are available to all unemployed or precariously employed BC citizens legally eligible to work in BC. Work with a client advisor to develop an action plan and explore the latest in job search skills. If needed, explore Wage Subsidy or Occupational Skills Training with your advisor. There is no EI attachment required for these services. Self Employment service requires an EI eligibility attachment at some point in the previous five years. Residents of the Southern Gulf Islands can register online by going to apply.workbc.ca (choose Sidney as your location). Contact us for registration support.

Housing NOW

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This program of the SGICRC is a resource centre for local businesses and organizations. Its purpose is to foster, promote, and support economic development initiatives and to create a solid foundation with priorities for a resilient local economy by helping businesses flourish. Its physical and online presence will help the SGICRC

build a community economy that "fits" the SGIs.

Our final business survey report is now available on our website: www.sgicommunityresources.ca.

As we embark on the journey into summer, let us remember that this season is not only about basking in the warmth of the sun but also about embracing opportunities and connecting with our community. Whether you're seeking employment, looking for housing solutions, or striving to develop your business, these services are here to ensure that you can thrive in the months ahead. So, step forward with enthusiasm and let the summer breeze carry you towards a brighter and more prosperous future.

Melody Pender

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Activity Day - Mahjong

June 8 and 22 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm
Plum Tree Court

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Beginners and experienced players.

Cooking Class

June 12, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm
The HUB at Hope Bay

- Vegetarian/vegan essentials
- How to make velouté, a base recipe for soups and sauces
- Secrets to Hummus

Cost: \$10/person

Pender Island Computer Savvy Seniors

June 6 10:00 am – noon
Plum Tree Court

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The Southern Gulf Island Community Justice Program (SGI CJP)

We will be at the Farmers' Market Saturday June 3. Come find us and see how a Peace Circle works or even join in! We want to hear what the different communities want to talk about. We'll also be there to tell you about free training in Restorative Justice and Peace Circle facilitation. Hopefully, we'll have our brand-new red tent set up and even if we don't, we'll be hard to miss! More information on dates and location to come. In the meantime, please check us out at: <https://sginh.ca/programs/cjp>, like us on Facebook to see what's happening or let us invite you to sit in on our monthly meeting. Drop us an email at cjp@sginh.ca and we'll send you information or meet you for a coffee.

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During May we re-started the Martin Tilley Grade 9 Boating Program with significant support from the Pender Island Elementary/Secondary School as well as RCMSAR, RCMP, and our BC Ambulance Service. A big thank you to all of you who offer and provide these essential services on Pender Island and make this course possible.

The Grade 9 Boating Program provides students with the skills to safely enjoy recreational activities on the water and to write the exam for their Pleasure Craft Operators Card. They learn navigational skills, how to operate a vessel safely, how to recognize and treat persons suffering from shock and hypothermia, and how to respond in a marine emergency.

Also, a special thank you to the crew of the historic sailing vessel SV Providence. This was a serendipitous event as the vessel happened to be dockside at the same time as our demonstrations were taking place. They provided our students with a chance to tour the boat and learn how to handle ropes safely when raising a sail.

Who knows, maybe one day one of these students will come to your aid on the water either as a member of one of the island rescue organizations or as a knowledgeable boater!



We are now moving into summer mode and winding down our activities for the months of June, July, and August to allow our members some well deserved time on the water. We will have a booth open at the Pender Island Fall Fair towards the end of August and as always you can contact us through the CPS web page at cps-ecp.ca. Check out the web site as it provides a lot of new information as well as on-line courses and seminars covering a broad range of boating related topics.

Thanks for reading and stay safe on the water.

*David Kirsop, Commander-
Pender Island CPS Squadron*

Pender Island Garden Club



June is a special 'members only' meeting where we are going on a Magical Garden Tour followed by tea. This event is a perk of becoming a garden club member. We are then taking a break until September when we will start our monthly meetings again. We are always open to ideas for speakers or topics so please contact any of the board members with your suggestions.



Photo: Vivian Mitchell

On April 29 we had a very successful Plant Sale, raising over \$1300 to put towards programs and speakers for our club in the future.

Wishing all a bountiful summer garden!

Kathy MacLachlan

Pender Island Golf Club



What a month May has been. We have seen an unprecedented amount of grass growth as there has been unseasonable warmth after a relatively short period of rain. It has been wonderful weather for grass, daisies, and caterpillars. However, as there is little to no rain forecast over the next couple of weeks (as of this writing), the Superintendent and the volunteers will be able to get ahead of the grass-growing curve.

Speaking of volunteers, we continue to have a good crew that comes out every Monday morning to assist with course maintenance. The reward for their services is a cup of coffee and homemade cookies generously provided by members of the Ladies League. Continued thanks to those who thanklessly (except for the cookies) provide their time.

The men's and ladies' leagues are well attended on the regular Tuesday and Thursday golf days. The early year tournaments are also underway. This is a great time to take out a membership for two reasons. First, there is currently a membership sale taking place. Secondly, as it is still early in the year, there is plenty of time to use your membership to full advantage. New members are always welcome. To find out more information, please call the golf shop at 629-6650 or Ian Pirie at 629-6083. They will be more than happy to provide you with details.

Don't forget that the golf shop has golf clothing and logoed products such as insulated water bottles as well as golf balls, tees, etc. Visit at any time during golf shop hours.

If you have not done so, you must come and experience Gwailo. They call themselves "The most flavorful experience to be had on Pender Island." Personally, I don't think that goes far enough. If you haven't experienced the Wednesday Wings you're missing out. As well, the popular Pescelino Pizza is also serving delicious pizza for on-site or take-out dining on the weekends.

For those interested in taking a golf lesson, Edd Boudreau has changed his

upcoming lesson day from May 31 to Wednesday, June 7. Edd's golf lesson schedule is available on the Club website at www.penderislandgolf.com.

I would like to celebrate the return of the Bambrick tournament. The Bambrick tournament is an inter-island match play competition amongst the Gulf Island (and sometimes Saanich) golf clubs. The tournament has been in hiatus during the Covid-19 years, but due to the hard work of a few dedicated individuals from the various clubs, it was able to come together again this year. The clubs involved in this year's tournament were: Pender Island Golf Club, Salt Spring Island Golf Club, and Galiano Golf Course. The match occurred over three weeks, once at each course with eight players from each team. The total points are accumulated over the three games and a winner declared. With 3,888 points available over the three games (9 points per hole allocated according to score), Salt Spring Island was declared the winner with 1444 points in the overall championship. Pender was second at 1320 points and Galiano third with 1125 points. For team net scores, Salt Spring also bested Pender by 28 shots over 432 holes played. This event could probably be called more of a "grudge" match than a competition. A good time was had by all and each club provided hospitality on their appointed day. I will quote Danny Martin who kept us abreast of the scores: "A golfing day with such fun camaraderie makes the Bambrick such a great event. And the expression 'Just wait till next year' applies."

I would like to highlight the work of our Golf Captain, Wayne Wright (along with those from Salt Spring and Galiano), in the effort required to manage the logistics of three games in three locations with a changing complement of players. As to the competitors, I would like to thank Danny Martin, Laurie Auchterlonie, Tom Wyborn, Carl Miller, Ken Pelley, Paul Stephenson, Frank Deme, Shane Greenall, Rick Cunningham, and Ralph Keefer for their commitment and participation in this event. A special thanks also goes to Paul Stephenson for ferrying the Pender competitors to Salt Spring and Galiano in his boat. It was a special treat.

Upcoming Tournaments and Events

- Men's Day
Thursday, June 1, 9 am
- Ladies' Day
Tuesday, June 6, 9 am
- Men's Day
Thursday, June 8, 9 am
- Don Cameron Wide-Wide Open
Tournament
Friday, June 9, 9 am
- Don Cameron Wide-Wide Open
Tournament
Saturday, June 10, 9 am
- Ladies' Day
Tuesday, June 13, 9 am
- Men's Corbett-Bowerman Club
Championship (Round One)
Tuesday, June 13, 2 pm
- Men's Corbett-Bowerman Club
Championship (Round Two)
Thursday, June 15, 9 am
- Mixed Fun Night and Dinner
Friday, June 16, 4 pm
- Beaver Cruising Group Tournament
Saturday, June 17
- Men's Corbett-Bowerman Club
Championship (Round Three)
Sunday, June 18, 9 am
- Ladies' Day
Tuesday, Jun 20, 9 am
- Men's Day
Thursday, June 22, 9 am
- Ladies' Day
Tuesday, June 27, 9 am
- Men's over 70 Tournament
Thursday, June 29, 9 am

It is good sportsmanship not to pick up lost balls while they are still rolling.


-Mark Twain

Frank Deme, President

Pender Island Junior Sailing Association



Photo: Michelle Marsden

 PIJSA will have two instructors for four weeks of courses this summer and possibly another instructor for one or two weeks which will allow for more Cansail Level 1 and 2 students. PIJSA will offer five-day CanSail Level 1 and 2 courses the weeks of July 10-24, July 24-28, July 31-August 4 and August 14-18. Students need to be at least 9y at the start of the course and be able to swim with the aid of a PFD. Students must complete a capsizing practice on day two in order to remain in the course. They will be in the water.

CanSail level 3 and 4 courses, (5 days M-F) will be offered for the weeks of July 31-August 4 and August 14-18. Students must be 12y of age and have completed most of CanSail Level 2.

Adults may register for all the courses, but should be aware that some agility is required in small dinghies. Students can register for courses even if they already have the level if they want extra sailing time. The cost of all courses is \$225.

Registration and payment are by the Checklick online system found on the PIJSA web site penderislandjuniorsailing.com. PIJSA refund policy is that cancellation refunds prior to the course will only be

offered if another student can be found. Refunds will be about \$30 less because of external fees that are not refunded. No refunds are offered once each course has started.

Courses, M-F, are 9 am to about 3:30 pm with a lunch break. PIJSA provides a BBQ lunch on Friday to which family members etc. are invited. The Level 1 & 2 courses use Pirate class boats with 3 students per boat, or 2 adult students per boat with up to 18 students/course. The Level 3 & 4 courses use single-handed Laser 1s and Bytes, and the 2-person Laser 2s with up to 10 students/course. The boats sail from Hamilton Beach, Browning Harbour. It will be busy! Parent volunteers will be appreciated.

PIJSA receives financial support from Pender Island Yacht Club, CRD Parks and Recreation, and the Tru Value Spirit Board (#21). Port Browning Marina and Pub provides the land for our site and sponsors the annual Hackers Golf Tournament in September which is a major fund-raising event. The Legion has sponsored training of one of our current instructors and a current “in-training” instructor.

Bruce Waygood

Pender Island Otters Swim Club



While it hasn't happened yet as I write this report, I am hopeful there will have been some Otters attending the first swim meet of the summer at Duncan on the May 27-28 weekend. I know I have to be there, as I volunteered to take on the job of Regional Secretary for our Region, of which we Otters are a member club, and we have our first in-person meeting on the Sunday of the meet.

At our practices, things have been going along ‘swimmingly’ and we are thrilled to announce we have hired another coach to help cover the Otter Pups over the summer. Jeremy Ellis is “one of our own” in that he has been swimming with the club since he was either 9 or 10, and is now 18. He was an enthusiastic member of the “coach-in-training” program we ran in 2019, and then unfortunately of course we had the COVID years, but

he has continued to swim with the club as we maintained safe social distancing when the Panorama pool opened again, and has been interested in gaining more coaching training and experience in the past year.

Our Head Coach Kurtis Scriba will be overseeing his mentorship now, and Jeremy has already been working with the Otter Pups on a voluntary basis for the past six months with our Otter Pups Coach Hannah Stang. Jeremy has eight years of experience in attending swim meets, so will be a wonderful help to our novice swimmers attending their first meets this summer. He has always displayed a conscientious and courteous manner with adults and youngsters alike, and the Otter Pups who have had him help coach in our spring sessions really like him.

Other news is that there are three more swim meets coming up in June: June 17-18 at Memorial Pool in Courtney, hosted by the Comox Valley Blue Devils; June 24-25 at Commonwealth Pool, Victoria hosted by the Sidney Piranhas; and June 30 - July 2 at the Nanaimo Bowen Park Pool hosted by the Nanaimo White Rapids. So there are a few to choose from, with one being ‘local’ for us!

We are not the only club in our region that has no choice but to take ferries to get to any swim meets this summer. Our region extends from us Gulf Islanders to Powell River.

Lastly, if anyone is still interested in joining the club to swim over the summer, our second half of summer registration starts at the end of June and covers July 4 - August 15, Tuesdays and Fridays from 11 am - 1 pm at Panorama Pool. Registration information can be found on our webpage at www.penderislandotters.webs.com or contact us by email at penderottersswimclub@gmail.com.

See you in the water!

Helen Lemon-Moore, President

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS FOR APRIL

	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	13.0	5.5	9.2	24 on 29th	3 on 16th,17th,19th	47.6		47.6
Normal	14.5	5.5	10.0	27.5 in 2016	-1.0 in 2002	51.9		51.9

Following a comparatively dry March, we experienced April showers nearly every day, but no heavy rain. We even had snow on two days, in the form of ice pellets. This was only the third time in thirty-six years that we have had April snow on Pender Island. Environment Canada queried my report of ice pellets, because they said ice pellets only occur when the temperature is at or below zero and I reported +3°C and +1°C minimum on the two occasions. It was definitely ice pellets which are very small pellets of ice and not hail. We had a thunderstorm very close to us in the early morning during the first week of April. Thunderstorms are unusual on Pender Island at any time of the year. We had more precipitation in April than in March 2023, but slightly less than the average total precipitation for April. So far, this year we have had less than average rainfall every month,

In meteorology, “normal” is a word used to mean average over a number of years. To get an average, all readings are either more than or less than the average and it is incorrect to describe an average reading as normal, but we do that anyway. Weather, even without help from Climate Change, is changeable, daily, weekly, monthly and yearly. In fact, there is no such thing as normal weather.

The average April precipitation is 52 mm and precipitation has varied randomly above and below this quantity without any trend up or down. April weather is always unsettled and unpredictable as it is a transitional period between winter and summer. April temperature has rarely dropped to zero. When the temperature reached 24°C on the penultimate day of the month, I thought “summer is here”, but the next day it rained and the maximum temperature was only 14°C. We had lots of bees in March, but I saw very few bees in April until the last week of the month and my mason bees seem to have disappeared. Some plants are progressing later than

usual, including pears, apricots, and raspberries. Vegetables are doing well. Even the grass has been growing slower than usual, but it sped up towards the end of April.

June is here and it is definitely summer. June has the distinction of having reached the highest temperature that I have ever recorded on Pender Island, namely 39.5°C in June 2021. June is our third driest month after July and August. The lowest June precipitation I have recorded was 5.0 mm in 2015.

June 21 is the Summer Solstice when the sun is as far north as it comes; therefore it is the longest day of the year and for the next six months the days get shorter and the nights get longer. For some strange reason the Summer Solstice is sometimes described as the first day of summer. Years ago June 21 was called midsummer day. June 24 and July 5th have also been called midsummer day.

A word about global warming. As I explained in my article a few months ago, this is caused primarily by fossil fuel gases being discharged into the atmosphere and the excessive buildup of these gases reduces the normal cooling that takes place in our lower atmosphere. The most noticeable effect of global warming is in the arctic and we see many examples of receding glaciers and melting sea ice. A more recent problem has come to light. The permafrost is gradually melting, and this is disrupting the surface of the ground and is discharging greenhouse gases into the air, and therefore is increasing the warming effect which had caused the melting. Pender Island weather statistics don't yet show any trend identified as caused by global warming. Our climate is a wet winter and a warm dry summer.

In June there is no public holiday in BC, but don't forget Father's Day on June 18.

Malcolm Armstrong

COVER STORY

This month's cover photo was taken by nature photographer Myles Clarke. Myles discovered this abandoned seal pup while looking for shorebirds to photograph. He reported the pup to Island Wildlife Natural Care Centre on Salt Spring Island which took it into their care. She became known as Water Silk. When she was ready to return to the wild, she was released into Burrard Inlet. Happy to be back in the ocean, she immediately swam away. A few minutes later, however, she returned to the shore to say good-bye to her rescuers. Looking into those big brown eyes for the last time was a very emotional moment, to say the least, for everyone involved in nursing her back to health.

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NUMBERS PUZZLE MCA #31 BY MALCOLM ARMSTRONG

This puzzle is fairly hard to solve. My solution was different from the original, but this is not unusual. To solve the puzzle you must put a number 1 - 9 in each of the empty boxes, but no more than one number, 1 - 9 in each row, each vertical column and each block of four squares. I have spoken to quite a number of people about these puzzles and I appreciate the feedback. No doubt some of you will find this puzzle difficult and some will find it easy. I will be interested to hear your views on the puzzle. (malcolmarmstrong@shaw.ca).

Malcolm Armstrong

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The new Legion Hall was dedicated at a ceremony led by Major-General George R. Peakes VC who gave the opening speech. A lunch and one drink could be had for \$2.50. The ceremony was held on June 23 but no further details were provided.

The inauguration of the Voluntary Fire Brigade, however, filled an 8½ x 11 inch page and usurped the memoirs of Nep Grimmer, so I will continue with those next month. The ceremony was held on May 5 but was reported in the June issue of *The Pender Post*. Wally Cunliffe was master of ceremonies while speakers included Chief Dan Smith of Salt Spring Island Fire Department and Hugh Curtis MLA (Saanich and The Gulf Islands). The Ladies Auxiliary provided what is described as a huge spread after first battling a blaze in the range that Chief Dan Smith extinguished before any damage was done. Then the fire siren was sounded and the new fire truck rolled majestically out of the hall to answer its first fire - one that was set so members could show their skill and the new truck. One of the highlights of the day was when Wally Cunliffe announced that with the addition of a fire department everyone's fire insurance would now

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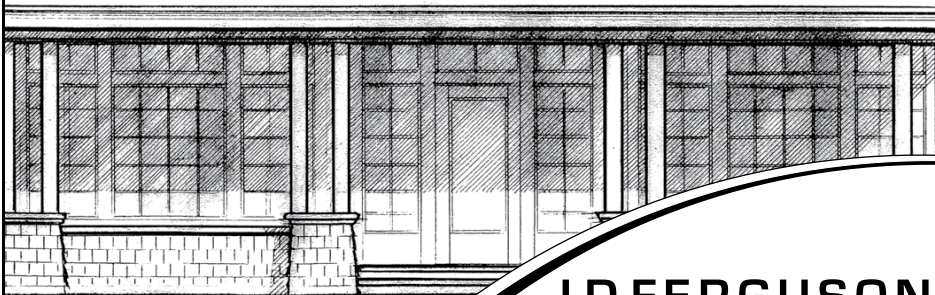
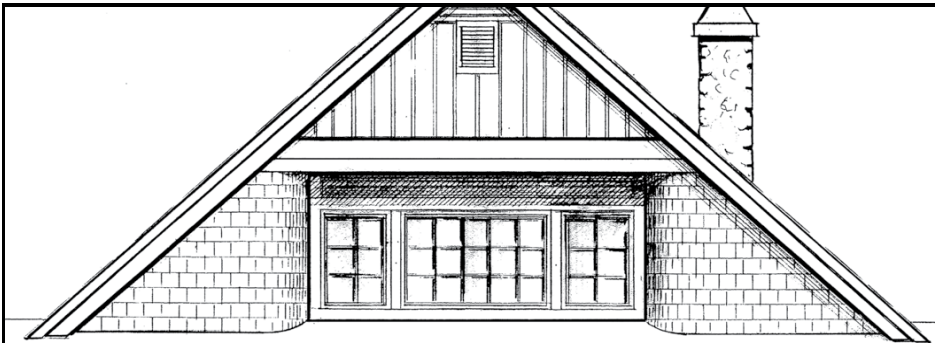


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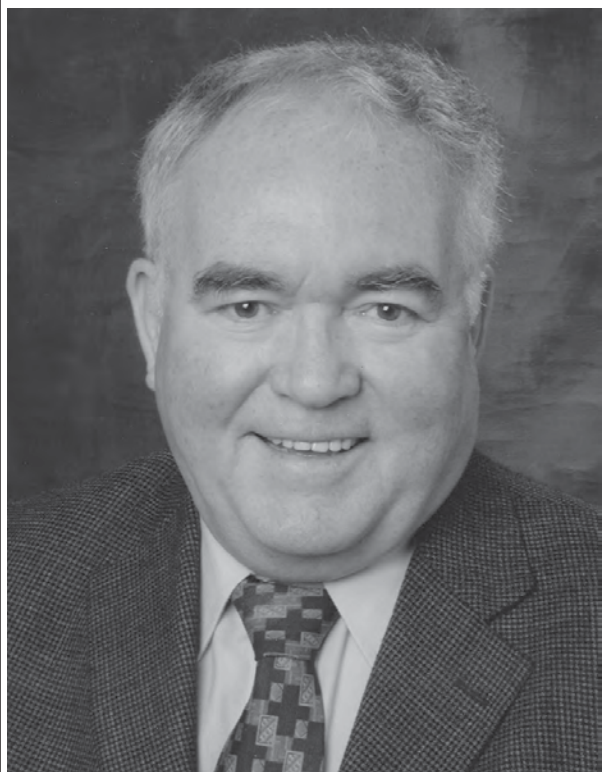




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