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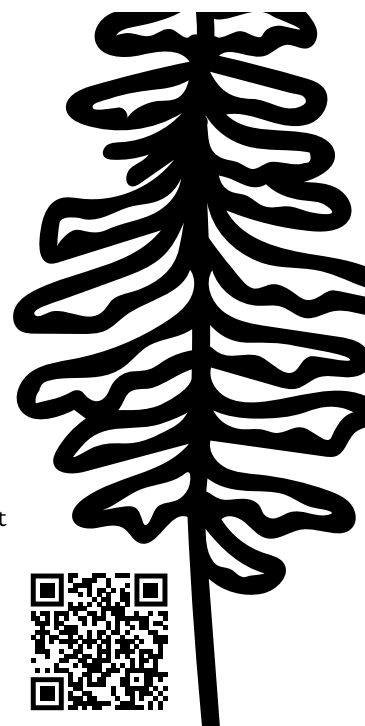
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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Summer is in full swing, and the perfect blue-sky days and hot sunny weather seem to be continuing in an unending chain. In the midst of festivals, art shows, summer camps, concerts, and gatherings of every kind, we try to push down feelings of unease and just enjoy each perfect day. But as the sunny days continue, and we find it more of a struggle to keep gardens watered, we can't deny that the drought is having an impact. We are used to water levels dropping with the influx of summer visitors, but it reminds us that the precious resources of our islands are finite, and they need care and good stewardship. Don't be afraid to educate your visitors about the situation and the need to be mindful when using water. Perhaps they could shower with a friend?

The Pender Post may seem a little thinner this month, as many island organizations take a summer break. However, there are many amazing events still to come, including the iconic Fall Fair; you can find information on most of them in these pages, along with opportunities to volunteer. We encourage you to participate and enjoy all the excitement of this Pender Island summer!

*Annie Smith*

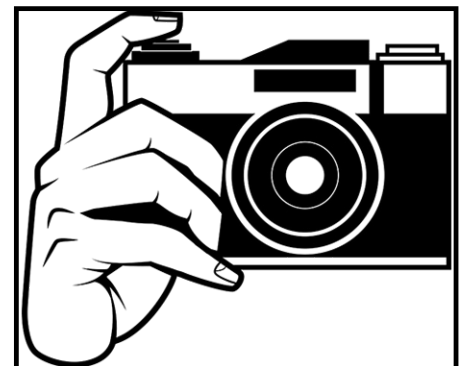
## COVER PHOTO

This month's cover photo was shot by Michelle Marsden at the 2013 Fall Fair. It shows the winning entry in the new *From Garden to Table* category introduced that year in honour of the late Tekla Deverell. For more from Michelle on this photo please see Cover Story, page 47.



An article submitted by the Pender Island Pride Society was inadvertently omitted from the print version of our August issue but it is on page 37 of this online version. It includes information on *Wildhood*, a queer Canadian romantic drama that will be screened at the Community Hall on August 16.

We sincerely apologize to the Pride Society for this error and wish them all the best for their fifth annual Pride Festival on August 20.



## September Cover Photo

**Pender shutterbugs are invited to submit photos for our September cover.**

If you have a photo showing Pender Island in all its autumn glory, please submit it to:

**[production@penderpost.org](mailto:production@penderpost.org)  
Deadline: August 11**

Photos should be high resolution with the main subject in the lower half.

*The Pender Post*

BACK TO THE FUTURE

# PENDER ISLAND FALL FAIR



## SATURDAY, AUG 26, 2023

10AM - 4PM FALL FAIR | 10:30AM PARADE | 5PM BBQ & MUSIC

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# The Fall Fair is Back – Back to the Future!

The theme for this year's Fall Fair is Back to the Future. If you could go back in time, what would you do to change the future?

For farmers, we might choose to hold on to methods that would conserve soil and water and limit the use of chemicals that could damage the environment and our health. We might add livestock which would enrich the soil or add more compost to our soil to enrich it. Today we would call that “regenerative agriculture”; back then it was just called “farming”.

So much has changed since our last Fall Fair in 2019. The theme of the fair that year was Resilience, and in the three years following we have had a pandemic, a heat dome, an atmospheric river, and ever climbing atmospheric carbon levels. We cancelled the Fall Fair for those three years, and as we start up this Fair, the theme of “Back to the Future” brings us back to thinking of how our past influences our future, but also how much we really need a good time to come together as a community for some fun after the past three years of uncertainty.

Since we can't really go back in time like Marty McFly, we could start working on the future now. Today will soon be the past, and tomorrow the future.

This year's fair will be a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together, with many community groups having displays of what they do, participating in the parade, helping out as volunteers or serving food and drinks. We will again start with a parade, and



after the fair will have our traditional beef barbecue.

The fair raffle supports the Neptune Grimmer - Ashton Ross Smith bursary.

Our very special guest of honour is Dianne Allison, who has been involved with the fair for many years as an organizer, participant and trophy winner, hard working volunteer and

Farmers' Institute board member. She is also known as a long-standing board member and chair of the Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association, has been actively involved with the Pender Post, and a great supporter of many island organizations.

We have local entertainment with the Highlanders and the Young Violins, plus magician Matty Mingles, and



Vancouver folk band The Staggers and Jags. And sheep shearing, because this is an agricultural fair, after all. Trained in Australia and New Zealand, Pieter DeMooy is one of Canada's top shearers and has competed several times in the World's Sheep Shearing Competition.

There will be farm displays, livestock, poultry as well as agricultural, food, and arts and crafts exhibits in the hall and tents. Everyone is encouraged to enter, and come to see what their friends and neighbours have been up to! Catalogues and forms are online at PIFI.ca and at the Farmers' Market and retail outlets on the island. BBQ tickets can be purchased at the Farmers' Market.

The Fair program will be available soon with parking details and the full schedule. We will again have admission by donation so everyone can attend. We are grateful for the individuals and businesses who have volunteered and donated to make this fair possible.

## History of the Pender Island Fall Fair

Pender Islands' first Fall Fair was held in 1932 when the population was about 400. The Fair had a budget of \$100

with 50 cents as the admission fee for a family. There were over 600 entries that year and prizes included 48 pounds of flour, a side of bacon, and a gallon of paint. Money prizes were generous at the time; one of the entrants reportedly took a vacation with his \$15 winnings!

In 1942 the Fair was discontinued, and operating monies invested in War Savings Certificates. It was revived in 1962 when a renewed interest emerged in returning to the land.

The Fair was held at various locations on the island through the years - at Port Washington Hall, Hope Bay Hall, the Pender Island School, and Earl Hasting's field next to the Driftwood Centre. Since 1998 the Fair has been located at the Community Hall.

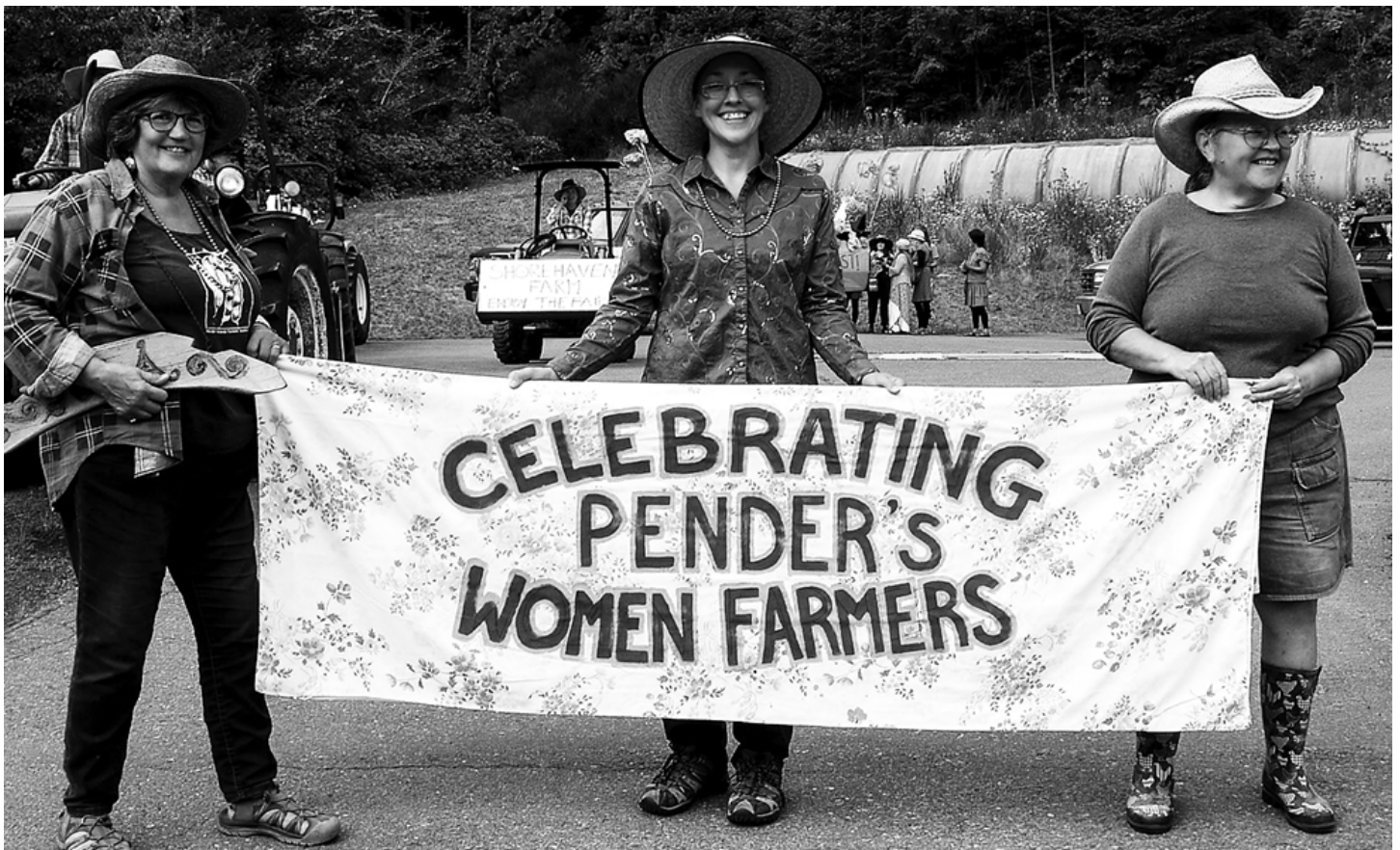
In 2020 the Fair was again cancelled, this time due to the pandemic, and restarted in 2023 to bring the Pender community together and reinvigorate the farming community.

Originally sponsored by the Farmers' Institute and Womens' Institute, recent fairs have been also supported by many individuals, island community groups, and businesses. The budget and entries

are greater, and attendance larger than the early years of the Fair. However, the Fall Fair still retains its rural atmosphere and will continue to be a good example of the community cooperation and enterprise first begun by our elders over 90 years ago.

*Barb Johnstone and  
Terry Shepherd*

*All Fall Fair photos, from  
2013, 2014, 2018 and 2019,  
by Davy Joel Rippner*









## Fall Fair - Back to the Future

### Schedule of Events

#### Wednesday, August 23

- 9 am Set-up begins, continues Thursday.  
Volunteers more than welcome.  
Free food and refreshments for volunteers.

#### Friday, August 25

- 3 - 6 pm Registration and entries dropped off at the Hall with exception of livestock. Please consult catalogue. Community groups can set up displays.

#### Saturday, August 26

- 7:30 - 9 am Livestock dropped off.  
Master of Ceremonies - Bruce McConchie
- 9:30 am Farmers' Market opens.
- 10 am Gates Open. BBQ Tickets on Sale at the Information Booth
- 10:30 am Parade to the Grounds (Judging of Parade at Stage)
- 11 am Opening Ceremony - Guest of Honour, Dianne Allison. Hall opens after judging is completed
- 11:10 am Pender Highlanders in front of Stage
- 11:30 am Denny Goertz and Pender Young Violins
- 12:15 pm Livestock Showcase - Show Ring
- 1 pm Sheep Shearing Demonstration Pieter DeMooy - Show Ring
- 1:30 am Magician - Matty Mingles
- 2:30 pm Live Music - Stage  
The Staggers and Jaggs
- 3:30 pm Berry Pie Contest  
Main stage area, next to Hall
- 3:45 pm Trophy Presentations, Door and Raffle Prize selections - Stage
- 4 pm Exhibits may be removed from the Hall and Tents
- 4:15 pm Live Music  
The Staggers and Jaggs
- 5 pm Barbecue, music continues

#### Sunday, August 27

- 9 am Take-down of Fair - volunteers more than welcome!
- 10 am Free Pancake breakfast for volunteers



## Art in the Wash

Art in the Wash, featuring unique sculptures by Colin Hamilton and Stan Oglov, will be held September 2 and 3 at 2204 Paisley Road, near Port Washington. The show will run each day from 11 am to 4 pm, with live music both days by Pender musicians Lester Quitzau and Matthew Hinton.

Colin's dramatic wooden sculptures and Stan's found metal objects pieces will again be featured in the orchard and studio. And this year they will be joined by Vancouver-based lace work artist Lenka Suchanek who has frequently created collaborative sculptures with Colin.

We would look forward to seeing you there, hanging out in the orchard and chilling to the music while enjoying the sculptures!

*Linda Oglov*

## Summer Earth Education Camp

### Wilderness Skills Day Camp

August 14 - 18, 10 am to 4 pm daily  
Children ages 6 to 12, \$250

The Gulf Islands Centre for Ecological Learning (GICEL) will once again be offering a Summer Earth Education Camp for Pender children as well as summer visitors.

The children will explore, learn and play together in the forests, freshwater and marine environments of the Pender Islands. Day Campers get hands-

on experiences in understanding ecosystems through multi-sensory explorations, learning about animal and bird communities and behaviour, gardening, composting, food chains, pyramids and webs, journaling, and self reflection. Specifically designed games reinforce the concepts, and activities have children learn by role playing as prey, predators, pollinators, salmon, and orcas ... to name a few.

Join our dynamic leaders and amazing youth mentors and explore the gifts of nature on the Pender Islands. Registration forms can be found at [www.gicel.ca/programs](http://www.gicel.ca/programs). For more information or to register email [pender@gicel.ca](mailto:pender@gicel.ca). If the cost poses a hardship, GICEL has limited funds for financial assistance.

## News about Sharon Jinkerson-Brass

In 1997, Sharon Jinkerson-Brass came to S,DA'YES (Pender Island) to live, along with her husband Victor and young son Solomon. Victor was a Tsimshian person from Hartley Bay, while Sharon's Indigenous roots were Anishinaabe, from the Key First Nation in Saskatchewan. Victor's legacy lives on here, through the totem poles that welcome people as they enter the Hall. He mentored and guided 200 women and children in our community to learn how to make tools and to carve the massive trees that were offered by settler families for the project. Victor was also a singer and storyteller. He and Sharon created Big Sky productions, expressing Indigenous world view and mythology through the arts.

Sadly, Victor died in 2010. Sharon's life was turned upside down and the next year, she made the decision to move away from Pender Island. She has spent the last decade working with women living in the downtown East Side, nurturing them through meals together, Indigenous ceremonies, and art initiatives. And Sharon's life has expanded from there, turning in new directions many of us could scarcely have imagined. Last June at the University of Saskatchewan Spring 2023 Convocation, Sharon was awarded an Honourary Doctor of Laws. Evidently, Sharon's many gifts have been discovered, and put to work! I thought that those folks on S,DA'YES (Pender) who knew her and Victor and Sol, would like to hear about this.

For an excellent article by Sarah MacDonald that will bring you up to date about Sharon, please go to:

[medicine.usask.ca/news/2023/leader-in-indigenizing-research-recognized-with-usask-honorary-degree.php](http://medicine.usask.ca/news/2023/leader-in-indigenizing-research-recognized-with-usask-honorary-degree.php)

For a moving video of the presentation of her doctorate degree followed by Sharon's poignant, powerful speech, please go to 37'00 minutes in this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xN3u-4JVMVI>

*Mary Reher*

## Second Call for Terry Fox Run Volunteers

Pender Islands' Terry Fox Run is scheduled for Sunday, September 17. We are still looking for a few volunteers to help out with manning a water station during the run, manning a donation table at the Driftwood prior to the run for a few hours on a Saturday, September 2 or 9, and gathering up course markings after the run. If you think you might be able to help out with these jobs please DM me on Facebook or email me at [yo\\_betty43@shaw.ca](mailto:yo_betty43@shaw.ca). Many hands make light work and every little bit helps. Remember to pre-register yourself for the run at [terryfox.org](http://terryfox.org).

*Cathy Nealy*



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## Police Reform



This summer I've been engaged in personal and academic inquiry. I'm examining leadership, values, and systems.

As an elected official, this is important work. We benefit from critically analyzing ourselves, the groups and teams we are affiliating with, and in service of our constituents, the systems that we create, maintain, and transform.

Nowhere on the Elections BC or political party application forms for becoming an MLA does it ask about previous experience in systems thinking. It's not a prerequisite, and yet it is the basis of our work.

However, unless there is an enlightened and clandestine conversation happening in some dark corner of the BC legislature that I am unaware of, there is no useful dialogue about how our political system affects the myriad of critical systems we are responsible for: housing, health, education, transportation, social services, public safety services, and so on.

Consider the fact that there are two applications, one to represent a political party, and another to Elections BC to be a candidate in an election. There are conflicting and competing values. The purpose of political parties and the purpose of being an MLA are misaligned. Parties pursue power for themselves while the legislative assembly needs to

govern for all.

The result of the misalignment is that politicians prioritize decisions that benefit the short-term well-being of their political party at the expense of the health of the systems that our constituents rely on.

In order to score the political points that are needed to win elections, parties are rewarded for isolating themselves from their colleagues and spending an incredible amount of energy on communicating how 'our' group is different from 'their' group, making the problem of systems change more difficult. A clear example of this dynamic is the Surrey policing debacle.

In April 2022, an all-party committee submitted a consensus report to the Minister of Public Safety, Mike Farnworth. I was on the committee and it represents some of the most collaborative work I have been a part of in my time as an MLA.

We listened to experts, investigated, deliberated, and debated. The committee recognized the challenge of the political system impeding progress on systems change in policing. We knew that reform would likely occur over numerous Parliaments, even multiple governments. We recommended the Minister maintain the momentum of our consensus effort by creating an oversight committee to work with the Minister (of the day) and the Ministry.

Minister Farnworth ignored that

recommendation. In the process he chose to sacrifice the success of the committee and good governance to score political points for his party.

Unfortunately for the Minister, the BC NDP, the City of Surrey, and the people of British Columbia, that has turned out to be a costly decision. Rather than having all political parties working together to reform policing in the province, Minister Farnworth made the issue political, and everybody is losing.

Leadership is the ability to align values and create a common purpose, even with the detractors. As politicians perpetuate a political system that mainly delivers personal and party benefits, it is the systems that serve the public that suffer. It is disappointing to once again see the status quo chosen over real and transformative change.

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



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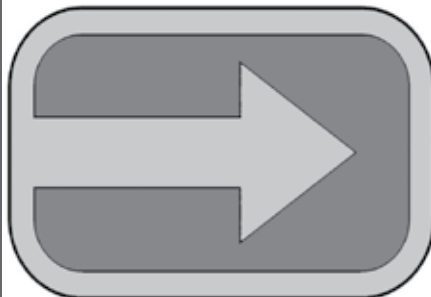
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After a long battle with COPD and cancer, Tracey quietly passed away on June 12, 2023. Tracey was raised in Ottawa, lived on Pender Island for several years, and then settled in Victoria. She loved the sun and spent many happy times on the beach in Mexico but her heart belonged to her fur babies, especially Bailey. Tracey will be laid to rest on Pender Island alongside her mom and dad. She will be greatly missed. Rest in peace my friend.

Norma Watt

Pender Island Celtic Music Society



The Highlanders Pipe Band arrives at the Driftwood for Canada Day celebrations.



The summer can be a busy time for the Celtic Music Society. While individual members may take on playing for a wedding or a funeral, or competing at a Highland Games (including our youngest piper going to the 2023 Worlds in Glasgow), the Pender Highlanders Pipe Band (and the drummers, too, of course) has four main events in this season: July 1 at the Driftwood, the Car Show in July, and both the Mayne Island and Pender Island Fall Fairs in August. Each performance rests on a foundation of practice time for both playing and

marching, and time spent warming up and getting properly tuned right before playing. It is great to be back to our regular schedule and playing for live audiences as we all emerge from Covid restrictions.

The Highlanders would like to thank the Legion volunteers and others who worked cooking hotdogs and serving beverages at the Car Show. Their work adds to the enjoyment of those who come to the show.

Caren Rennie

Call for Volunteers

The Pender Post Society is looking for new volunteer board members!

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The 2023/24 concert season begins a little earlier than usual but with a performance that will be very special. The Society is thrilled to present Pender's own Ben Litzcke conducting the Island Chamber Winds in a programme titled Excursions. This will take place at the Community Hall Saturday, August 19 at 2:30 pm.

Island Chamber Winds is a larger ensemble of wind and brass instruments consisting of ten musicians on oboe, flute, clarinet, French horn, and bassoon.

Ben invites: "Come explore music of the current century with us! This program will take you from the lighthearted to the serious and back again, with works from five different countries and spanning multiple styles.

Our feature work is Tetris by Israeli composer Lior Navok, which was inspired by the fast pace of life in New York City. We are also excited to premiere a work written especially for this concert, Circe by Toronto composer Aidan Taylor, about the sorceress of Greek legend.

A few short, fun works round out this varied program that showcases

and celebrates the talents of today's composers. There is truly something for everyone in this concert - if you don't think you like new music, let us prove you wrong."

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### Community Music: A Love Story

People will very occasionally tell me I have talent and, while it's a nice compliment, they are quite wrong. What I do have, and have had for a strikingly long time, is opportunity. Many of those opportunities have happened right here on Pender Island and have been provided by you. While PIJazz is on summer hiatus, let me say that my gratitude is almost beyond words.

It was you, the locals of S.DÁYES, who put up with my first fumbling attempts at playing music out in public, be it with Al and Di at Bob's Driftwood Café, or with John Gogo and others at Bedwell Harbour pub. It is you who support the choir, the pipe band, and PIJazz.

It is those stubborn organizations, as well as Three on the Tree, the Concert Society, all the open mics, the Violins, and the school music program, who have lifted far beyond their weight to make music utterly essential to the spirit of this beautiful place. All the individuals and venues that take a chance (and sometimes a loss) to make shows happen get my heartfelt thanks.

And none more so than Ptarmigan Arts, which Pat Smith wove together from shoestrings, bailing wire, and a bunch of work. Providing access and lowering barriers to the performing and visual arts for decades is a trick they continue to pull off, and their amazing staff and board just keep raising the bar. Much has changed, but their elemental tenacity remains.

So every time you go to a show, support a kid, book an artist, chair-dance at the Hall, or just enjoy the fact that this is who we are, thank you.

I will close by disagreeing with Leonard Bernstein, who once wrote:

"To achieve great things, two things are needed; a plan, and not quite enough time."

We've had many plans over the years and many yet to come, but we're in no hurry for the party to end.

Relax, we're on Pender time.

*Bryce Woolcombe,  
Music Director*



*Mosaic Festival August 4 - 6 at Hope Bay*



Summer is in full swing! Mosaic Festival is just a few days away and our very last show at the Gallery, *Island Vibes*, is pulling all the stops. And those are just two of many incredible events. It's going to be a bustling month of live music, arts and nature based activities, and community fun – We are excited to see you out and about.

### Mosaic Festival

Don't forget to buy your tickets to Mosaic Festival happening August 4 - 6 at Hope Bay. We have an incredible lineup of local musicians and those making the journey to Pender (check out the full weekend schedule and buy tickets at [themosaicfestival.com](http://themosaicfestival.com)). If you are coming from off-island we are excited to announce our partnership with AquaLink and Ohana Farms to create a Mosaic Package. \$189 gets you water taxi transport to and from Mosaic, two nights of camping at Ohana Farms, plus we have our Mosaic Shuttle run by Lightning Taxi to take you to and from the festival grounds. The Mosaic Package can be purchased at [aqualink.ca](http://aqualink.ca).

### Glazing Workshop

We have one spot left for our Glazing workshop with Ilse Phillips on August 14 from 6-9 pm at the Community Hall. This workshop is for anyone who has

taken one of Ilse's pottery courses and has some pieces they'd like to finish. All pieces will be bisque fired in Ilse's home kiln on August 12 and then glaze fired after the workshop. The final reveal will be on August 19 from 9:30-10:30 am at the Saturday Market at the Community Hall. The cost is \$60/person. If you want to snag the last spot, please register on our website.

### Camp Create

There are a few spaces left for our two weeks of Camp Create for ages 10-12, running August 14-18 at Hope Bay. Campers will work with clay, paint, explore collage, and expand their artistic horizons with Ilse Phillips 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.

### Fall Crawl - Register Now

Registration is open for the 6th annual Fall Crawl Studio Tour. If you are an artist on Pender who wants to showcase their creative space – sharing it with all the folks who journey across the island on a self-guided tour – we hope you sign up to be a part of this year's Fall Crawl. Fall Crawl is happening September 30





*Band Camp facilitators Adam Dobres, Dan Weeks, Sabrina Read and Sarah Smith*

and October 1. Registration costs \$25 per artist and includes a kick-off event. If you want to take part, please register on our website by August 15.

**Excursions Conducted by Ben Litzcke**

Come out on August 19 at 2:30 pm to the Pender Community Hall for a classical music event that you don't want to miss: Excursions conducted by Ben Litzcke, presented by Pender Island Concert Society and Island Chamber Winds. This concert will showcase a double wind quintet with the flute, oboe, clarinet, horn, and bassoon. The Excursions concert series will also be heading to Victoria on August 11 and Salt Spring on August 26. Find all the info and buy tickets on our website.

**Stoney Pocket Presents: Harry Manx**

On Sunday, August 20 at 7 pm join us at Stoney Pocket for a must-see outdoor concert. Harry Manx perfectly marries the tradition of the blues with the depth of classical Indian ragas. His unique sounds of the Mohan Veena, lap steel, harmonica, stomp box, and banjos paired with his warm vocals are bewitching and deliciously addictive to listen to. We're so lucky to have him on our very own Pender Island. Adult tickets cost \$40 and under 16 are free.

Please bring warm clothes and a blanket or folding chair to sit on for this evening concert. Get all the info and buy tickets on our website.

**Band Camp**

There are a couple of spots left for Band Camp running August 29 to September 1 from 9 am to 5 pm (9 am - 1 pm on September 1) at the Pender Community Hall. Join facilitators Sarah Smith, Adam Dobres, Sabrina Read and Dan Weeks for three and a half days of jamming, music mentorship and performances. Campers select their role as either bassplayer, guitarist, pianist, drummer or vocalist for the week. On the last day there will be a showcase at the Friday Community Gathering. Band Camp is open to all ages 12 and up (Adults, don't be shy to sign up.) and all skill levels of musicians – no previous experience required. The camp costs \$350/person, subsidies are available. A huge thank you to Barb Scanlan as well as David and Glynis Lumley for sponsoring campers this year. Register and get all the information on our website.

**Short Film Fest - Submissions Open**

We're back with the 2023 Pender Island Short Film Festival happening on Saturday, November 4. Submissions are now open, so if you have created

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a film or have an idea for a film in the back of your mind, this is your chance to showcase it. The submission deadline is October 15, films must be under 20 minutes in length and are open to all creators from the Southern Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland. All submissions can be sent to [penderfilmfest@gmail.com](mailto:penderfilmfest@gmail.com) for entry.

**Shred Kelly & Elliott BROOD**

Tickets are now available for an exciting co-headliner event on October 1. Shred Kelly & Elliott BROOD will be making a stop at Pender along their Great Divide Tour. Emerging from the majestic landscapes of the Canadian Rockies, Shred Kelly is a powerhouse band that seamlessly blends elements of alternative, folk, and rock music. Elliott BROOD is a Canadian three-piece, alternative country band formed in Toronto in 2002. For 20 years, the JUNO winners have journeyed through genres, history, stories and countless kms on the road. The band's style has been categorized as "death country", "frontier rock", or "revival music". Tickets cost \$35/adult and 12 and under are free. The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the

show will start at 7 pm downstairs at the Community Hall. It will be an energetic night, so we hope to see you there dancing and singing along! Tickets are available on our website.

**Bi-weekly Creators Roundtable**

Join Alice Karolina for bi-weekly Creators Roundtables on Tuesdays 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. For more information and to RSVP head to our website. \$5 donation suggested.

**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 Hazell Udy on August 4, Lonnie Glass on August 11, David Lumley on August 18 and Coyotes in the Meadow on August 25.

**The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts**

Our big –and last– summer show is now on! This year's theme is Island Vibes. With more than 35 artists represented, there are many beautiful works of art on display. Come visit the gallery and enjoy paintings, ceramics, fibre art, woodturning, photography, stained glass, and jewellery – all by local Pender artists. The gallery is open Tuesday to Sunday, 11 am to 3 pm. The show runs until Labour Day, Monday, September 4, which will be our last day at the Gallery. Join us for a wrap up event on Saturday, September 2 from 3-5 pm to close this beautiful chapter and celebrate what comes next. For more details please visit our website or follow us on Instagram: [@galleryathopebay](https://www.instagram.com/galleryathopebay).

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

*Alice Karolina,  
Creative Director*

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## Three on the Tree Production Society



*Al Blake, Madelin Emery & Angie Bowns at the Fall Fair*

### ZOO-isLANDER 2023 is on the Horizon!



#### Call for Creators

It's time to commit to the uniquely Pender fashion show. We are looking for creatives to craft, mould, paste, chop or assemble an outfit (or more) and for models to join in existing runways. Deadline to reach out is September 6. Let's get this show on the runway!

Team ZOO-isLANDER has commenced planning the runways. Will you join in? Don't be shy; this show is all about personal expression in a supportive enthusiastic environment! We encourage you to get in touch and here are three possible reasons: you have a design in mind or underway and want to create it for a runway; you have a desire to be in the show but are not sure how to participate; you want to help behind the scenes or with technical support (music, lighting, visuals).

Here is how to get and stay in touch:

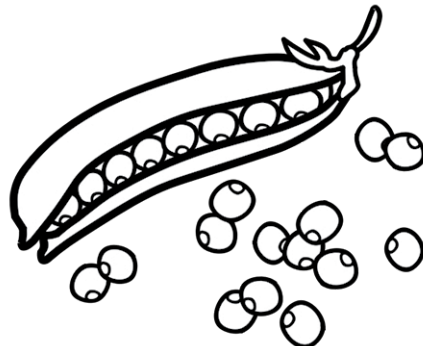
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## Epicentre

As we segue into mid summer, we wanted to provide an update on the renovations of the Epicentre and the path forward. The Southern Gulf Islands Neighborhood House (SGINH) is very aware of the acute shortage of childcare on the island, which is why we initiated this project to renovate the Epicentre, in the first place. We can't thank our renovation team enough for collaborating with us on this project and the Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association (PIRAHA) who lease us the land and the Epicentre building. Without them this project would not be a reality.

The good news is we passed our first inspection after receiving our licence three months ago and I am happy to report that the summer camps went really well. Other good news is that we are on schedule with the preparation for the renovations to begin mid-August. Our team has met and worked with surveyors and structural engineers, and plumbing plans are complete.

Our hope is still to be able to open and provide childcare for January 2024 providing we do not encounter any unforeseen circumstances. At that time, we are hoping to be able to offer multi-age childcare. Minimally this will enable us to offer spots for eight children up to the age of five, with three children between 18 months and 36 months old during the day, along with a more robust after school program that can accommodate between 12 and 15 children. If we can offer more space, we will, but there are several factors at play including licencing regulations, ratios of Early Childhood Educators to children, and the final renovation details to name a few.

We understand that families are anxious and concerned. We are asking for patience and understanding as we navigate the coming months. Please know that we are doing whatever we can to facilitate childcare on Pender Island and support as many families as we can.

In the meantime, please email us at [epicentre@sginh.ca](mailto:epicentre@sginh.ca) to add your

child(ren) to our waitlist. Also, if you have specific questions, please feel free to use that email to ask them. Our aim is to be as transparent and collaborative as possible.

To be as collaborative as possible we would like to create a Childcare Advisory Group to assist us in supporting the new childcare facility. If you would like to participate, please send us an email.

Finally, over the next six weeks you will see 50/50 tickets for sale at the Farmers' Market, the Driftwood Centre, at various businesses, and other events on the island. These tickets support the new childcare facility one hundred percent and provide funds that the renovation grant does not cover. Please buy some tickets and tell your friends. You could win up to \$10,000 depending on the number of tickets we sell.

*Michael Cowan*

## Gulf Islands Food Co-op



We are a fairly new non-profit group (started in 2017), supported by the CRD to try to find a way to connect food growers across all four Southern Gulf Islands, and develop a stronger local food system. As we all know, growing food on these dry rocky islands can be challenging, so finding ways to support each other, and connect with all the residents and visitors, is super important.

Here are some of the ways we have worked on creating more resilience in our community food system:

### Growing

We hosted a Soil Health education program last year to help growers on all four islands better understand and work with the soil ecosystem; we have initiated seed saving and cleaning workshops and access to equipment for growers in the fall; and supported the Seed Libraries – there is one on each island now.

### Sharing

We have some food processing equipment available for the island communities to borrow (pressure canner and dehydrator), and we've hosted



*Middle Earth Farm tour*

numerous food preservation workshops as well as Indigenous foods workshops led by WSÁNEĆ elders. Our website has many recordings of past workshops, and info on how to book equipment.

### Connecting

We collaborate with other related groups on the islands including Farmers' Institutes and Conservancies, and we developed a Food System Asset Map for the islands that has been useful to prioritize actions for increasing community food resilience.

### Current projects on Pender

Co-op Sales Table offers a place for any food growers to drop off their produce and have a host sell it on your behalf (you keep the profits). If you'd like to participate, please email Nancy at [info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org](mailto:info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org) to find out more.

We just kicked off a series of farm tours, specifically for food growers to connect with other food growers and learn from each other, and share ideas, experiences, and resources. If you are a food grower looking to connect with other growers, please email [info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org](mailto:info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org) for tour details. As a side note, Raven Rock Farm has tours available every week. See their website; it's a first-class operation and so much to learn from visiting there.

Thank you everyone for supporting local food systems in a myriad of ways, from growing in your own backyard, or canning your produce, to buying from local growers and processors. Every little thing helps.

*Roz Kempe, President*



# Islands Trust

## North Pender Local Trust Committee



Hope everyone's summer is going well. Sorry to have missed the Pender Post last month but here are a few updates for the remainder of the summer and going into the fall.

### LTC and TC Meetings

There will be no North Pender Local Trust Committee meeting in August, and the next one will be September 29 from 10 - 3 at the Anglican Hall. Details for the meeting and an agenda when it is available can be found here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/north-pender-ltc-regular-meeting-14>. General information for all North Pender Local Trust Committee work can be found here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/location/north-pender>.

The next Trust Council will be held September 26 - 28, here on the Pender Islands at the Community Hall. When details for the meeting become available, the information will be posted here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/executive-committee-35-2-3-2-2-3>. Delegations need to be submitted three weeks in advance: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/delegation-application-form>. Please be sure to submit delegations as per the application, given the opportunity you have to speak to the broader council right here at home.

### Fire and Water

With the coming of the dry season we're all thinking about two things: fire and water. Pender Island Fire and

Rescue provide links to Regulations and Education on fire safety and prevention here: <https://www.penderfire.org/index.php?page=prevention>. The CRD provides some very useful ideas on how to conserve water for households and businesses here: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/drinking-water/water-conservation>. Please be aware that in our efforts at land use planning we are constantly thinking about how to ensure a safe and water self-sufficient community; however, your actions matter. Please conserve water during the remainder of the summer and practise fire safety in all you do. We all are responsible for the sustainability and safety of our community and its resources.

### Personal Note

As some of you know, I have had dual life challenges this year. First I have been ill twice this spring with respiratory issues which put me in bed - me, who is always full of abundant energy! I know these illnesses have caused communication challenges and I'm working to resolve those as I come out of my latest bout of coughing and sleeping excessively. Sorry for any challenges this has caused for you.

Secondly, many of you have reached out in curiosity and concern about the recent sale of our house. This is a longer tale than I care to share publicly as I am actually a pretty private person, but I will provide the short version to ensure accuracy in the narrative that is going around. This past year my brother has come to live with us and given that I work from home, it is causing some challenges with family harmony. This is a permanent situation so we collectively

decided to find an acreage where we could have a small house and cottage to be close - as is currently needed - and yet have our needed privacy and work spaces. We have looked across Pender, talked with land owners, and have not been able to find anything here. As such we started looking on Salt Spring as this was the next possible island given all our constraints. We have found a place in the Long Harbour area and will be moving as of September 1.

I am still able to be a North Pender Trustee while living off-island; I have verified this with the Islands Trust. It is my intent, at least in the short term, to continue to serve our community. Please reach out respectfully to me if you have thoughts or questions about this. I am really sad about this move as we built our home here to be our forever space, nonetheless life sometimes has different things in mind. I love our community but family comes first in my life and I will make the adjustments needed to ensure those I love are able to be where they need to be.

Thanks to all for understanding this issue and ensuring that the accurate message gets transmitted across the community. Please do not ask me about this in person as I am still highly emotional about the change and find it pretty exhausting explaining it again and again. I have been fielding texts, conversations, or calls about this a few times a day since folks saw the real estate sign. Please also remember that I choose to serve our community not for my own benefit but because I was asked, and asked a second time. I will continue to do so as long as I feel I am effective at representing your concerns.

I will be over to Pender regularly and will let folks know when I'm coming, through the Post a month in advance or on the Facebook Forum if it is past the Post deadline. My phone works, as does my email, so please continue to reach out to me that way and coordinate meetings and conversations. I greatly appreciate the great proactive work of so many in our community to find collective and shared solutions for the issues we are facing.

*Deb Morrison, Trustee*  
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## Magic Lake Property Owners' Society

### Summer Water Conservation

Magic Lake Estates is now in Stage 2 water conservation and with the forecast for more summer weather, it is likely to go to Stage 3 soon. Check the Notice Sign at the Magic Lake Fire Hall for the current water conservation stage.

What can you do for water activities through the summer?

For descriptions of water restrictions for these stages see: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/docs/default-source/water-pdf/faqs-for-by-law-4492-%28june-2023%29.pdf?> Or search 'CRD Magic Lake Estates Water System Description' then see the link for the most up-to-date Alerts and Notices.

### Cistern Rebates

Cisterns can help to future-proof for the predicted longer, drier summers. Email [notifymlpos@gmail.com](mailto:notifymlpos@gmail.com) for more information. 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>

For more on what the Magic Lake Property Owners' Society does for, and with, the residents of Pender Island, have a look at our website: [www.magiclake.ca](http://www.magiclake.ca) or contact [notifymlpos@gmail.com](mailto:notifymlpos@gmail.com)

The next MLPOS directors meeting - on the second Monday of the month - is Monday, September 11, 4 pm outdoors (weather permitting) at the Thieves Bay Park. If needed, the meeting will be indoors at the Community Hall.

*Mary Beth Rondeau, Secretary*

## Moving Around Pender



### Sharing Island Roads

With the curvy, hilly, and narrow roads, getting past cyclists can be an annoying challenge. Here are some techniques.

If you are a cyclist:

- If travelling in a group, ride single file and spread out. Passing one is safer and easier than passing a flock. Ideally, space out at several vehicle lengths.
- Whenever sightlines permit a vehicle to pass safely, stay as far right as possible. When passing is not safe and/or the road surface at the edge is unsuitable, then "take the lane" ... but recognize this will impede traffic and move back to the right hand side at the earliest opportunity.
- Passing you is extra difficult for a truck and a truck towing a trailer poses extra risk. A cyclist can be safer and make it easier for a driver by pulling off, if possible, or dismounting at the roadside.

If you are a driver:

- The delay is usually only a few seconds - avoid passing on a curve!
- Opinions vary about using the horn to alert a cyclist. The horn is always appropriate to warn of a dangerous situation. To alert a cyclist of your intention to pass, best to sound the horn briefly and from several car lengths back to avoid a startled cyclist losing control.

Our meetings are first Saturday of the month at the Hall, 10 am.

*Peter Easthope with Niall P., Shelagh R., Lisa B. and Peter P.*

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



The store will be closed on Saturday August 5 for the annual silent auction. Why?

All the Nu-Tu-Yu elders will be busy helping out at the auction which starts at 11 am at the Driftwood. Just look for the large tents on the grass. More than 300 items have been donated by community members and everything is up for bid. As in previous years there is no online or advance bidding. The bidding closes at 3 pm and prizes are available for pick up immediately afterwards. Prizes not picked up by 4 pm will go to the next highest bidder. We are unable to hold items for you. Payment is by cash, e-transfer, debit, or credit. All proceeds go to the building fund. Thank you again for your donations. Please remember not to bid on the item you donated. Feigning a "seniors' moment" seems to have been used a bit too often and your relationship does not need the stress.

An information table will be set up on August 5 to explain the whats and why nots of Nu-To-Yu's new community building and the building fund. Yes, we need more mula. Inflation is a builder's nemesis these days. Talk to a Nu-To-Yu volunteer about the build, the fund, and what you would like to contribute. You can recognize the NTY volunteers amidst the crowds not by our gray hair (or lack of hair), but by the smell of Tiger Balm permeating the air as you draw near, our exhausted gaze, and our fixed smiles. Dentures and implants will have never been so clean. If all that fails, we will have volunteer name tags.

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Eagle-eyed Penderites attending the auction only need to look closer to the ground to see the building site for their newest community building. Located near the Driftwood hardware store, the new building will be an estimated 6000 square feet in size, which is of course larger than our current building. On one level with a zero level entry, we plan for a very large overhang to keep dry those enthusiastic souls who line up at 9 am for a 10 am opening. The move will also free up the current building for other community groups, so let the competition begin for our vacated "4 walls".

August is a great month to shop for school clothing. It is also time to start thinking about grant applications which need to be fully completed and received by the third Friday in September. Go to [www.nu-to-yu.com](http://www.nu-to-yu.com) for application forms.

Donation days remain Tuesday and Thursdays 9 am to 12 pm. Two boxes or bags per household per day. Saturdays donation hours are from 11 am to 2 pm. Please do not overstuff your bags and please, do not dump and run. The store is open for purchasing on Friday and Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm. Bring your own bag, and coins or small denomination bills for purchasing. Do not go home empty handed!

*Daurel Minion*



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## Pender Islands Conservancy



### Family Events in August

#### Tiny Creatures: Surprises in the Light Trap

Every Thursday, 9 am  
at Hope Bay

You are welcome to join in on our light trap monitoring at Hope Bay dock. We never know what will be there. Will it be the Dungeness babies we seek or an amazing pipefish or a trap full of worms? You never know until you open it up!

#### Conservancy 4 Kids Nature Pop-up

Every Friday from 1-3 pm

We are expanding on last year's pop-ups and going to different locations sharing nature activities and crafts this summer. For details go to our website [penderconservancy.org](http://penderconservancy.org).

#### Nature Conservancy of Canada's Big Backyard BioBlitz

August 3 - 7

Join thousands of newbies and seasoned BioBlitzers across the country in the Nature Conservancy of Canada's Big Backyard BioBlitz. It's a great way to get closer to nature - and contribute to the protection of the species you love. All you need is a smartphone, tablet, or digital camera. Just snap photos of plants, animals, insects, and other creatures wherever you happen to be. Then share your observations to help scientists take stock of local biodiversity, track rare species, and fight invasive ones. Register at <https://natureconservancy.ca>.

Not sure about how to use the iNaturalist app for the BioBlitz? Come learn iNaturalist at our Nature pop-up on Friday, August 4 (location TBC).

We are thrilled to be joining in on so many great community events in August!

We will be joining Ptarmigan's Mosaic Festival on Saturday night, August 5 at 10 pm (after the music), with the popular Bioluminescence by the Bay program. Explore some of the coolest critters in our waters.

Stop by the Nature Centre on August 5 and 6 and try our Nature Scavenger Hunt. You never know what you will find at Hope Bay.

We are looking forward to joining Pender Pride on Sunday, August 20, creating some rainbow bees.

Last, but not least, we are thrilled that the Fall Fair is back and look forward to participating and seeing you there.

### Night Magic!

#### Bats by the beach, the Magic Lake version

Thursday, August 10 from 8 - 9 pm

What bats live at Magic Lake? How can we tell what kind of bats they are? Join biologist Dan Baxter and special guest, Susan Dulc, at Magic Lake Park (by the boats) to learn a little bit more about these amazing night neighbours.

Susan Dulc is a practicing biologist with a B.Sc. from the University of Victoria. She draws on her experience with a diversity of wildlife species, working as a biologist for both private and public sector clients. More recently Susan has increased emphasis on study of bats in BC and is undertaking her masters research on bats at Thompson Rivers University ([auroraecological.com](http://auroraecological.com)).

Limited parking so please carpool, walk or bike to Magic Lake for the event. Bring a flashlight and wear appropriate clothing for the weather.

### Plant Walk with Elder Earl Claxton Jr

10:30 am on Friday, August 11  
at KELÁ\_EKE Kingfisher Forest.

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

We are grateful to be working with Earl 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

## Pender Islands Conservancy (continued)

in the WSÁNEĆ homelands and to promote food security and indigenous food sovereignty in the WSÁNEĆ community and beyond.”

For more details and to register go to [penderconservancy.org](http://penderconservancy.org).

### Raincoast Conservation Foundation Big Tree Blitz

Sunday, August 13 from 10:30 am - 2 pm

Come out and nominate trees to the Pender Islands Big Tree Registry!

Gather at the Pender Islands Community Hall (4418 Bedwell Harbour Road) parking lot at 10:30 am. Attendees will be separated into three teams before heading off to different sites (we encourage carpooling).

Each team will identify and measure as many trees as possible before reconvening at Hope Bay to debrief, share snacks, and win prizes. Teams will be guided by knowledgeable volunteers and/or Raincoast staff and tools will be provided. We encourage people to register in advance at [www.raincoast.org/big-tree](http://www.raincoast.org/big-tree).

### It's Tansy Time

If we do a little work now, we can save ourselves a lot of work in the future.

Tansy Ragwort (*Jacobaea Vulgaris*) is an invasive plant from northern Europe. It can be identified by its bright yellow, daisy-like flowers arranged in dense, flat-topped clusters atop purplish stems.

Why is it a problem? It grows extremely well in disturbed areas and pastures. Seeds are easily transported to new locations by the wind. A single plant can produce 150,000 seeds that can survive in the soil for up to 15 years. As an invasive plant, it can easily outcompete native wildflowers that are necessary food sources for native pollinators. All parts of the plant are highly toxic and can pose a health risk to livestock that graze on it.

### How you can help

Removal of this plant once it is well-established is extremely difficult. Hand pulling is only effective for small infestations. If we remove small patches



*Learning outside at the Conservancy's Nature Journaling Workshop at Roesland*

*Image: Crystal Graham*

now in our yards, it will save a lot of work in the future. It can be removed only if you are able to remove the entire root system - new growth is stimulated by mowing, grazing, or poor hand removal. Minimize soil disturbance in affected areas and re-vegetate as soon as possible. When plants are cut post flowering, all plant parts, including flower heads, should be bagged and disposed of at Hartland.

### Kelp Survey Project

Kelp forests are a fascinating and crucial feature of the ecosystem of the Salish Sea, providing food and shelter for an incredible variety of marine creatures, and acting as very significant carbon sinks to help offset the effects of climate change. Unfortunately, there are concerns that the kelp forests along the Pacific Northwest coasts are in decline.

This will be the eighth year that Pender Conservancy volunteers will be out on the water during the lowest tides of August taking surveys of the kelp forests around Pender. Rob Underhill



*Elder Earl Claxton Jr at the Conservancy's Ethical Harvest and propagation workshop. Image: Crystal Graham*

from the Mayne Island Conservancy is coordinating the project for the Southern Gulf Islands.

Please contact Elizabeth at [president@penderconservancy.org](mailto:president@penderconservancy.org) for more info.

*Sue Kronen, Education and Outreach Coordinator*



## Pender Island Fire Rescue



As of July 18, PIFR members have responded to 136 emergency calls.

July was a hot and dry month, and August is looking to continue that trend. The wildfire risk has moved to "Extreme" Please visit our website [www.penderfire.org](http://www.penderfire.org) to learn more about restrictions for high-risk activities.

In our last Post article, I told you all about the Terra Tamer wheel, and a couple of weeks later PIFR was dispatched out to the Oaks Bluff trail to extricate a patient with a potentially broken leg. The Terra Tamer was a huge success and a great benefit to the team and patient for this rescue.

### Pet Safety

This month I want to talk about pet fire/life safety. The National Fire Protection Association estimates nearly 750 house fires are accidentally started by pets annually.

Pets are curious and may bump into, turn on, or knock over cooking equipment. Keep pets away from stoves and countertops. Some pets are chewers so make sure to check electrical cords and replace any damaged items. Battery-powered LED candles are becoming more and more popular and provide a safe alternative to the original. When using a propane fireplace in your yard, ensure pets stay at least three feet away from the device. Remember, the lava rock stones can stay hot for hours after the fire is out.

Make sure pets are included in your family's emergency plan. During an emergency, you and your pets may be on your own for several days, and your pets will be relying on you to help them through it. Preparing for your pets is just as important as preparing for the human members in your home. Just like you have already packed a grab-and-go kit for yourself, a kit for your pets is necessary. Items to include are leash and collar, food and water for three to seven days, collapsible food/water dish, treats, medications and basic pet first aid kit, copy of vaccination records,

photos for identification, poop bags, and a familiar toy. Keep all these items in a waterproof bag along with your kit.

Ensure a neighbor knows your pet plan, and where your grab-and-go bag is stored in case you are not home during an emergency. Prepared BC provides a great document online that you can use as a template to create your emergency pet plan.

Just a reminder our Fire Prevention Team is at the Saturday Farmers' Market. Come say hello, practice stop drop and roll, plus you can pick up a free reusable fire safety bag for your market shopping adventures.

*Captain Jon Grelik*

## Pender Island Food Bank Society

Hello everyone, from the volunteers at the Pender Island Food Bank.

Many of our clients often express their gratitude as they make use of the Food Bank. Some weeks ago I had an opportunity to take a few moments to speak with several of our food bank clients, with their permission, asking them to express in their own words what the food bank meant for them and what they particularly appreciated. Several people shared that for them the food bank being available to supplement their weekly groceries means being able to plan and prepare nutritious meals for themselves and their families for either the whole week or at least most of the week; one person shared that some weeks it literally means the difference of not going hungry by the end of the week; many of the clients I spoke to said the availability and reliability of the food bank provides them with some peace of mind in that aspect of their lives knowing that we are there to fill in the gaps, sometimes significant gaps, in their grocery needs each week. Some of the things our clients appreciate most are being able to choose for themselves the food items that they can make the most use of for their needs in the coming week, the variety and the choices available from all food groups, fresh vegetables and fruit (especially at this time of year), homemade frozen soup, and friendly non-judgmental volunteers.

Life circumstances for our clients vary greatly, as do their ages; some have a need to use the food bank occasionally while others supplement their grocery needs through the food bank weekly, but what they all have in common is a very real need for assistance, at least some of the time, in providing nutritious meals for themselves and their loved ones. The expression and feeling of gratitude from each of these people could not be mistaken, a couple of them being close to tears as they spoke. Of course we all know the purpose the food bank serves, but to hear from the people I spoke with what the food bank has meant and means for each of them was truly touching. The morning left me feeling very quiet and humbled and grateful that we have many people in our community who care so much on so many levels about their neighbours; we, at the Pender Island Food Bank, appreciate and thank you for all the various ways in which you contribute to making sure the Pender Island Food Bank is well stocked each week for our clients. Thank you to the clients who took the time to share their experiences with me.

### Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program

I am happy to share that The Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program (FMNCP) has once again been well received by our clients. This program is and has been funded by the Ministry of Health for several years now. Clients, should they wish to participate, receive coupons from June until October of each year for use at any participating BC Farmers' Markets for the purchase of fresh vegetables, fruit, herbs, nuts, eggs, dairy, meat and fish; our Pender Island farmers/gardeners are reimbursed for the full value of the coupons. These coupons are given out by Pender Island Food Bank to people registered as clients of our local food bank. The Pender Health Care Centre and Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre also carry the coupons. There is still time to request and make use of these coupons for this year. There is also a Wednesday, Farmers only market during the summer from 3 - 6 pm to take advantage of; much less busy than Saturdays and lots of great produce!



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The Pender Island Food Bank is located up the little hill, at the back of the Anglican Parish Hall. We continue to be open to serve our clients each week on Fridays from 10 am - 12 noon. COVID-19 practices still in place are the plexi-glass divider and one client at a time in the food bank. Hand sanitizer is still available as are face masks, the use of which are now voluntary.

This is my last Pender Post article as I am taking my life in a new direction and have been and will continue to focus much of my time, attention, and energy towards that. I have truly enjoyed working at the food bank and then writing the Pender Post articles. Thank you for reading them. My years at the Food Bank have been very gratifying. I also feel the need to thank the Pender Post crew for being so patient with me as I have often come close to deadline; isn't that when we do our best work, under pressure!

Please, as always, keep safe and healthy this month.

*Teresa Young*

## Pender Island Health Care Society



### Annual General Meeting

On Monday, September 25 the Society will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) to present audited financial statements to members. As well, new or returning directors will be nominated for election. There will be the opportunity to ask questions and you must be a member prior to the AGM to attend the meeting.

To become a member, please go to our website <https://penderislandhealth.org/society> and scroll down to find the membership application form.

### Grant for IT Upgrades

The Health Care Society has been awarded \$95,000 to upgrade its telecommunications and information technology (IT) infrastructure from the Federal Community Services Recovery Fund. This fund was designed to help charities and non-profits as they adapt to the long-term impacts of the pandemic.

When the pandemic curtailed in-person access to the Health Centre, we relied on virtual communication with our patients and clients as never before. The use of the phone and electronic means of communications like Facetime and Zoom increased dramatically, putting a strain on our outdated IT and telecommunications infrastructure.

The funding will allow the Health Centre to do a detailed needs assessment, upgrade hardware and software, and train staff and board members on new systems.

This project should correct the substantial deficiencies and vulnerability of the Health Centre's IT and telecommunications systems that came to light during the pandemic. Modernized and robust infrastructure will allow more effective, secure, and private use of services such as Tele-health and other electronic communications to better meet the health and wellness needs of the community.

*Continued following Calendar*



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**Draw will be held September 6, 2023 at 12pm 4605 Bedwell Harbour Rd, Pender Island**

**Health Services**

**Medical Emergency 911**

**Medical Clinic 629-3233**

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

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

**Audiologist, Donna Stewart** ..... 778-426-4876

**Better at Home Program** ..... 629-3346

**Chiropractor, Dr. Penny Paterson** ..... 629-9918

**Community Nurses** ..... 629-3242

Carmel Kozac and Miranda MacKenzie

**Community Support Worker/Volunteer** .... 629-3346

**Crisis and Mental Health Counsellors**

Shellyse Szakacs ..... 250-538-8711

Ulla Rembe ..... 250-539-0325

**Family Advancement Counsellors** ..... 250-222-0025

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

**Lab Services** ..... 629-3233

**Massage Therapy, Tru Hartwood** ..... 250-889-3923

Taylor Watson ..... taylorwatson.ca

**Public Health Nurse, Immunization, Prenatal Education**

Julie Duhamel ..... 250-544-2400 or 539-3099

**Pharmacy**

**Pharmacist, Christine Swan** ..... 629-6555

**Other Licensed Health Care Professionals**

**Physiotherapy, Mieke Truijen** 629-9910

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

**Help Lines**

**Healthlink BC** ..... Dial 811

Nurses 24/7, Pharmacists 5 - 8 pm, Dieticians 9 am - 5 pm

**Problem Gambling Help Line** 1-888-795-6111

**211** - Free multi-lingual information/referral to wide range of community/social/government services Dial 211

**24 Hour Crisis Help Lines**

**A.A. (24 hour help line)** ..... 250-383-7744

**Islanders Working Against Violence (IWAV)**

Free, confidential support ..... 1-250-537-0735

Toll-free ..... 877-435-7544

**Kids' Help Phone** ..... 310-1234

Text ..... 686868

Chat ..... [www.kidshelpphone.ca](http://www.kidshelpphone.ca)

**Mental Health Distress Line**

Support/Information ..... 310-6789

Suicide Prevention Helpline ..... 1-800-784-2433

Vancouver Island Crisis Line ..... 1-888-494-3888

Text ..... 250-800-3806

Chat (Adults) ..... [ww.CrisisCentreChat.ca](http://ww.CrisisCentreChat.ca)

Chat (Youth) ..... [www.YouthinBC.com](http://www.YouthinBC.com)

**Ministry of Children and Family Development**

MCFD ..... 800-663-9122

Victim Link ..... 1-800-563-0808

**Community Support Numbers**

**Capital Regional District (CRD)**

Director SGI, Paul Brent ..... 604-760-9975

Building Inspector ..... 629-3424

SGI Harbours, Ben Mabblerley ..... [benmabb@telus.net](mailto:benmabb@telus.net)

Bylaw/Animal Control complaints ..... 1-800-665-7899

Magic Lake Water & Sewer General .. 1-800-663-4425

Magic Lake Water & Sewer Emergencies ..... 1-855-822-4426

**Emergency Hydro** ..... 1-888-769-3766

**Fire Rescue (Emergencies)** ..... **911**

**Duty Officer is available 24/7** ..... 1-888-574-1959

**Non-Emergency - Hall #1 and Admin** ..... 629-3321

**Burning Permits - online** ..... [www.penderfire.ca](http://www.penderfire.ca)

or at Fire Hall #1, 4423 Bedwell Harbour Road

**Hall/Meeting Room Bookings**

Anglican Parish Hall .... [rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca](mailto:rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca)

School Community Room ..... 629-3711

Health Care Centre ..... 629-3326

Legion Hall ..... [bookings239.rcl@gmail.com](mailto:bookings239.rcl@gmail.com)

Pender Island Community Hall ..... 629-3669

Plum Tree Court ..... [plumtreecourt@gmail.com](mailto:plumtreecourt@gmail.com)

**Home Support Services**

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

**Islands Trust: Victoria** ..... 1-800-663-7867

NP, Deb Morrison ..... [dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca)

NP, Aaron Campbell ..... [acampbell@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:acampbell@islandstrust.bc.ca)

SP, Dag Falck ..... [dfalck@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:dfalck@islandstrust.bc.ca)

SP, Kristina Evans ..... [kevans@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:kevans@islandstrust.bc.ca)

**Member of the Legislative Assembly**

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

**Member of Parliament**

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

**Pender Island Emergency Program**

Emergency Coordinator ..... 250-589-3001

ESS ..... 250-792-0880

**Pender Island Public Cemetery** ..... 629-6625

**Pender Island Veterinary Clinic** ..... 629-9909

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

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

**Crimestoppers** ..... 1-800-665-TIPS (8477)

**Victim Services** ..... 629-6531

**Rescue**

Marine & Aircraft distress ..... 1-800-567-5111

*Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC)*

Search and Rescue (Land) Emergency ..... 911

**School Trustee, Greg Lucas** ..... [glucas@sd64.org](mailto:glucas@sd64.org)



**Anglican Church of Canada**

Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands • 4703 Canal Road

August 6	10:00 am	St. Peter's Church	Morning Prayer
August 13	No Service		
August 20	10:00 am	St. Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist
August 26	10:00 am	St Peter's Hall	Circle Service

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

Church Office: 629-3634 Parish e-mail: [admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca](mailto:admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca)

Bookings for the Parish Hall: [rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca](mailto:rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca)

**Pender Island Community Church (PICC)**

4405 Bedwell Harbour Road - We are a non-denominational church, all are welcome!

Please visit our website ([www.picchurch.ca](http://www.picchurch.ca))

August 6	10:45 am	Dan Glover	Communion
August 13	10:45 am	Pastor John Wilton	Worship Service
August 20	10:45 am	Rev. Stephen Bell	Worship Service
		Mustard Seed Street Church	
August 27	10:45 am	Alan Hood	Worship Service
		Wycliffe Bible Translators	

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

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

4705 Buccaneers Road

August 6	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
August 11	9:30 am	Friday Mass in lieu of Sunday
August 20	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
August 25	9:30 am	Friday Mass in lieu of Sunday

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

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

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

August 1	7:00 pm	Feast of Kamal (Perfection), via Zoom
August 20	7:00 pm	Feast of Asma (Names), via zoom

We have established a weekly Zoom devotional meeting Thursday evenings, inviting people of all faiths to participate. For a Zoom link to this and other events, please email [bevpedenpender@gmail.com](mailto:bevpedenpender@gmail.com) or call 250-412-2524 or visit [bahai.org](http://bahai.org) for more information.

**Common Table Fellowship in Christ**

Meets every Sunday upstairs at the Community Hall

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

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

## AUGUST CALENDAR

1	Tues	9:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations until 12 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays*	22
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to 3 pm (closed August 26)*	40
		10:00 am	Bike shop open at Recycling Depot, to 3 pm	40
		10:00 am	Library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to 3 pm*	38
		11:00 am	Island Vibes curated by Monica Bennett until September 4 at Ptarmigan Arts Gallery*	18
		2:00 pm	Taste of the Middle East with Mohammed, to 4 pm, Community Hall	39
		5:00 pm	Creators Roundtable, to 6 pm, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery (also Aug. 15, 29)*	18
2	Wed	1:30 pm	Carpet Bowling, to 3:30 pm, every Wednesday, Community Hall*	39
		3:00 pm	Food Only Market at the Barn behind Community Hall*	
			Youth Photography and Design Club, Hope Bay Gallery	45
3	Thur	9:00 am	Tiny Creatures: Surprises in the Light Trap, Hope Bay*	23
4	Fri	10:00 am	Food Bank open Fridays to 12 pm, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	25
		10:00 am	Museum open, Friday - Sunday and holiday Mondays, to 4:00 pm*	34
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open Fridays and Saturdays until 4 pm*	22
		10:30 am	Community Café to 1 pm, Community Hall*	18, 39
		10:45 am	Activity: Outdoor Games to 12:15 pm, Community Hall*	39
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering, Lunch to 1:00 pm, music by Hazel Udy, Community Hall*	18, 39
		1:00 pm	Conservatory Pop-ups, various locations*	23
		5:00 pm	Legion Friday BBQ Dinner	43
		5:30 pm	Mosaic Arts & Culture Festival, also Sat. Aug. 5 and Sun. Aug. 6, 1 pm, Hope Bay	16
5	Sat		Nu-To-Yu closed for Silent Auction	22
		9:30 am	Farmers Market, to 1 pm, Community Hall*	
		10:00 am	Community Café, to 1 pm, Community Hall*	
		10:00 am	Moving Around Pender (MAP) first Saturday every month, Community Hall*	22
		4:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw (weekly)*	43
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Jaws</i> , Community Hall	39
		10:00 pm	PI Conservancy Bioluminescence at Mosaic Festival, after the music	23
6	Sun	6:30 pm	Monopoly Night for 14-24s, to 9 pm, Community Hall	
7	Mon	10:00 am	Kids Day Camp, ages 6-12, to 4 pm, until August 11, Community Hall	39
9	Wed	1:00 pm	Art as a Tool for Healing, Pender Islands Health Centre meeting room	33
10	Thur	2:00 pm	Legion Euchre with Margaret Vergette, every Thursday to 4 pm*	
		8:00 pm	Night Magic: Bats by the Lake, to 9:00 pm, Magic Lake Park	23
11	Fri	10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open Fridays and Saturdays until 4 pm*	22
		10:30 am	Community Cafe & Gathering, lunch, music by Lonnie Glass, to 1 pm, Community Hall	18, 39
		10:30 am	Plant Walk with Earl Claxton Jr., KELÁ_EKE Kingfisher Forest	23
12	Sat	10:00 am	Community Café, to 1 pm, Community Hall	
		11:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations, to 2:00 pm*	23
		2:30 pm	Pender Island Trust Protection Society, first Saturday every month, Community Hall*	
13	Sun	10:30 am	Big Tree Blitz, to 2:00 pm, Community Hall	24
		5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14 - 24s to 9 pm, Community Hall	39
		7:00 pm	Speakeasy, Legion*	
		7:00 pm	Jeopardy Night for 14 - 24's, Community Hall	39
14	Mon	10:00 am	Wilderness Skills Day Camp, ages 6-12, to 4 pm, until August 18	11
		10:00 am	Camp Create for ages 10-12 to 4pm, Monday to Friday until August 18, at Hope Bay	16
		1:00 pm	Carpet Bowling Social, Community Hall	39
		3:00 pm	Caregiver Support Group, Community Hall*	33
		3:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission monthly meeting, Community Hall and via Zoom	36



## AUGUST CALENDAR CONTINUED

14	Mon	6:00 pm	Glazing Workshop with Ilse Phillips to 9pm at the Community Hall .....	16
15	Tues	10:00 am	Computer Savvy Seniors, til noon, Plum Tree Court .....	45
		5:00 pm	Creators Roundtable to 6:30 pm, also August 29, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery .....	18
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Back to the Future</i> , Community Hall .....	39
			Fall Crawl Studio Tour (Sep 31 & Oct 1) artists' registration deadline.....	17
16	Wed	11:00 am	Taoist Tai Chi, to 12:30, Community Hall, call Kali at 629-3848 for details*	
		4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5 pm, \$5 drop in, all ages, abilities welcome, Community Hall	
		11:00 am	Island Vibes, Ptarmigan Gallery, to 3 pm, until September 7.....	18
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Wildhood</i> (2021).....	39
			Youth Photography and Design Club, Hope Bay Gallery .....	45
18	Fri	12:00 pm	Community Gathering, Lunch to 1:00 pm, music by David Lumley, Community Hall* .....	18, 39
		5:00 pm	Legion Friday BBQ Dinner .....	43
19	Sat	2:30 pm	Island Chamber Winds conducted by Ben Litzcke, Community Hall.....	15, 17
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Matinee</i> (1993).....	39
20	Sun	1:00 pm	Pender Pride Parade, Library to Community Hall (marshalling at 12:30 pm) .....	back cover
		1:30 pm	Pender Pride Festival, Community Hall Grounds .....	back cover
		11:30 am	South Pender Historical Society AGM, Church of the Good Shepherd on South Pender.....	46
		7:00 pm	Stoney Pocket Presents: Harry Manx to 9 pm, 2200 Clam Bay Rd .....	17
22	Tue	9:00 am	Band Camp, to 5 pm, Community Hall .....	17
		10:00 am	Fall Fair Camp - Ages 10 -18, to 4 pm, until Aug. 26 Community Hall .....	39
23	Wed	9:00 am	Fall Fair set-up, continues Thursday.....	10
25	Fri	10:30 am	Community Cafe & Gathering, lunch, music by Coyotes in the Meadow, to 1 pm, Community Hall....	18, 39
		3:00 pm	Fall Fair entries drop-off (except livestock), to 6:00 pm .....	10
26	Sat	7:30 am	Fall Fair livestock drop-off, to 9:00 am .....	10
		9:30 am	Fall Fair gates open.....	6, 7, 10
		10:30 am	Fall Fair parade .....	10
27	Sun	9:00 am	Fall Fair take-down.....	10
		5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14-24s to 9 pm, Community Hall .....	39
		7:00 pm	Stoney Pocket Presents: Harry Manx to 9 pm, 2200 Clam Bay Rd .....	17
		7:00 pm	Film Night (14-24s only) .....	39
28	Mon	3:00 pm	Caregiver Support Group, Community Hall* .....	33
29	Tues	9:00 am	Band Camp, to 5 pm, until September 1, Community Hall.....	17
		5:00 pm	Creators Roundtable to 6:30 pm, also August 29, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery .....	18

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

## ADVANCE NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER

2	Sat	11:00 am	Art in the Wash, sculpture and music, 2204 Paisley Road, to 4 pm. (also Sept. 3).....	11
		3:00 pm	Gallery Wrap Up to 5 pm, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery .....	18
3	Sun	12:00 pm	South Pender Growers & Makers, to 3:00 pm, Church of the Good Shepherd .....	35, 46
			Legion Pig & Lamb BBQ .....	43
4	Mon	11:00 am	Island Vibes until 3 pm at Ptarmigan Arts Gallery – last day of the gallery .....	18
8	Fri	5:00 pm	Outhouse Fest to Sun Sept 10, 11 am at Ohana Farms	
11	Mon	4:00 pm	MLPOS Directors Meeting, Thieves Bay Park* .....	22
17	Sun		Terry Fox Run.....	11
26			Islands Trust Council, to September 29, Community Hall.....	21
29	Fri	10:00 am	North Pender Local Trust Committee, to 3:00 pm, Anglican Parish Hall .....	21
30	Sat	11:00 am	Fall Crawl Studio Tour, to Sunday October 1.....	16



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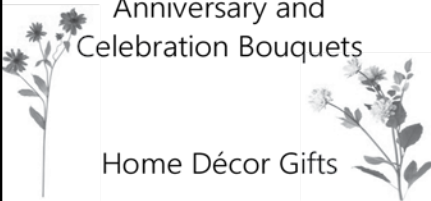


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### Family Caregiver Support Group

This group's get-togethers focus on sharing and mutual support as participants cope with the special challenges of caregiving for loved ones. Meetings are held every other Monday at the Community Hall coffee room. This month's meetings are August 14 and 28, 3 - 4:30 pm.

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.

### Art as a Tool for Healing

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

There is no charge for the class, but please register by calling Elizabeth Miles at 250-539-0905. If you have taken this course before, please feel free to sign up again, as we will be using some different exercises and techniques. Wednesday, August 9, 1 pm at the Pender Islands Health Centre meeting room.

Elizabeth Miles MSc. CCC. worked for 25 years as a registered psychologist in women's health and in private practice in Alberta before moving to Pender Island. She is a counsellor with the Pender Island Health Clinic, and has a special interest in mindfulness and health, the emotional impact of chronic illness, and positive psychology.

### Community Health Team

Last month we recognized the significant contribution that the medical clinic team makes to the well-being of Pender residents and visitors. This month, we highlight the Community Health Support Team, which is made up of Registered Nurses (RNs), Licensed Practical Nurses (LPNs), and Community Health Workers (CHWs). This team, although being Island Health employees, operates out of the Pender



*Front Row (l-r): Lisa Jones, RN for Mayne & Pender; Lorraine Hughes, CHW. Back row (l-r): Miranda MacKenzie, RN for Pender & Saturna; Rachel Marticotte, CHW; Ruthie Fehr, LPN, Home Support Supervisor; Carmel Kozak, RN for Pender*

Island Health Centre and provides community support on Pender as well as on Mayne and Saturna.

The RNs and LPNs provide clients with direct nursing care, education, a listening ear, and a role in finding critical resources and/or arranging for practical assistance. Community Health Workers deliver this final piece of support so that a person can bathe safely, receive their prepackaged meds regularly, or have a "well-being" visit. As providers of such personalized care, these professionals experience all aspects of life, always with the goal that people remain in their homes safely.

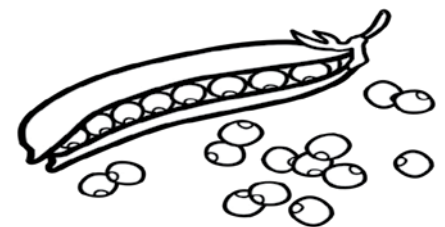
This vital service is part of a continuum of care between physicians and the nurse practitioner, in consultation with the client, their family, and the Community Health Support Team. This team has supported as many as 72 families in one month.

In July, Miranda MacKenzie celebrated 8 years as a Community Health Nurse on Pender and speaks passionately about the relationships that the team forms with families. She respects

the resilience of individuals and how consistently neighbours step in to provide meaningful support.

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*Urs Boxler for the  
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*Herb, Arthur and Winifred Spalding, 1928 'Our hearts were young and free*



Summer hours at the museum continue until the September long weekend, Friday to Sunday from 10 am until 4 pm.

David Spalding was a chronicler of the Spalding family. His book, *Put That Damned Old Mattock Away*, written from his grandfather, Arthur Spalding's journals, is a must read for anyone interested in Pender history. David also wrote biographies of his parents, Herbert and Winifred. Condensing David's 15 pages into 1,300 words has been a challenge! Many thanks to the Spalding family for their assistance.

### Herbert Spalding

Herbert (Herb) Spalding was born on March 20, 1899, in Victoria. After three girls, he was the boy that Arthur and Liliias Spalding had hoped for; the son that would someday take over the family farm.

Arthur did not consider formal education mandatory for any of his children, but he did want his son to receive something more than lessons at home. Herb's time at the University School in Victoria was short - three and a half years - and not happy as he was behind academically, and he missed his family.

Herb was only 15 years old when the first World War broke out. Nevertheless, he tried to enlist, as he felt it was the

'right thing to do'. Fortunately he was turned away. He reapplied when he turned 18 and reached the Front in France by late October 1918, where he saw limited action. While overseas, Herb wrote to his parents about the farm and his longing to be home, but also of his interest in logging. Upon his return he was often away working, although he did spend his winters on the farm.

### Winifred Bellhouse

Winifred Bellhouse was born in 1901 in Marringhurst, England, one of seven children of J. Wortley and Lillian Bellhouse. The family moved to Galiano when Winifred was six. She attended Victoria High School where she won the award for the top scholastic student when she was 15 years old. After high school Winifred trained and worked as a nurse.

### Herb Meets Winifred

In 1925, after taking his ailing father on a holiday, Herb and Arthur stopped in at Galiano, where Herb met and fell in love with Winifred. "It happened to be haying time and when dad went out to the hay field he saw a beautiful young woman, a pitchfork in her hand, her hair all around her face, on top of a wagon loaded with hay." The young couple were married in June 1926 in the Anglican Church on Mayne Island. The reception was on Galiano at the Bellhouse house.

### Early Life on South Pender

Prior to his wedding, Herb began construction of a log house on the same bench where Arthur and Liliias' house stood (near the current Liliias Spalding Park on Castle Road.) Winifred quickly realized that being so close to her in-laws "might not be such a good idea". To appease his wife, Herb moved the partially constructed house and the remaining logs - by oxen - down the bank to the valley. The home was completed in February 1927 and Winifred gave birth shortly thereafter. Unfortunately, there were complications, and the baby did not survive. The death of their baby, living too close to her in-laws, and a lack of money - the farm could not generate enough income to support two families - had created discord in their marriage. Winifred left the island for a nursing position at Rock Bay, north of Campbell River in October 1927. Herb followed in November and quickly found work logging. They were able to save money and returned to South Pender in the summer of 1928. Following their return, Herb helped on the farm, but his heart was in logging. He harvested cedar poles at Little Bay with his brother-in-law, Tommy Walker, and with Claude Connery, fir and cedar sawlogs in Spalding Valley, fir pilings at Little Bay, and cedar poles anywhere they could find them.

Life on South Pender continued: Winifred gave birth to David in 1930 and Jon in 1933. Arthur died in 1932. For four years after Arthur's death, Herb put effort into farming, but "by 1936, the economic depression and the difficulties inherent on the farm - my dad's dislike of farming, my mother's impatience with the Spalding family (and theirs with mother) and the ever-present shortage of money convinced dad and mother that they could no longer continue the pretense of farming."

### Logging and War Years

Herb, Winifred, David, and Jon left South Pender, living in numerous logging camps and communities on Vancouver Island (with return trips to South Pender to log and recuperate). Money was tight due to a lack of work and owners unable

to pay their workers; Winifred also worked. The outbreak of WW2 created employment opportunities for Herb, and in 1940 - at the age of 39 - he signed up. As Winifred recalled, "I was given \$75 per month; real wealth." Unfortunately, Herb's health declined, and he was discharged from the army in 1943. The family returned to South Pender - to the Parkyn house at the end of Gowland Point Road - where Herb rested, fished, and spent time with his family.

Between 1944 and 1948, Winifred, David, and Jon settled in Duncan. Winifred found work to help pay for special schooling and costs associated with Jon's medical issues. She resigned when Jon had an epileptic seizure.

**Permanent Return to South Pender**

Herb and Winifred returned to South Pender in 1950. Herb worked with Hubert de Burgh, who was logging in the Spalding Valley. He earned enough money to build the 'new' house. He also traded a section of fir logs for a small mill plus a 1930 Buick sedan which eventually provided the engine for the mill. Construction of the house, with logs cut from small Douglas fir, squared on three sides and the round side facing outwards, proceeded slowly. Herb, Winifred, and Jon finally moved into a not quite finished house in May 1952.

The ensuing years - 26 for Herb who died in 1976 and 39 for Winifred who left Little Bay in 1989 - were probably the best years they spent together. Money was no longer a constant concern with pensions and income from the sawmill and odd jobs. Together they built a productive garden and orchard and Herb fished and hunted. Winifred was active in the Church of the Good Shepherd. She also swam most days in the Salish Sea. Herb was involved with community affairs. He played a key role in getting the bridge between the two islands constructed and lobbied BC Hydro to provide power to South Pender. (Local people volunteered and supplied the poles and cleared right of ways.) Herb was also a member of the Chamber of Commerce, chairman of the Pender Island Rod and Gun Club,

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*Herb and Winifred outside their house, South Pender, early 1950s*

and an active member of the Pender Island Royal Canadian Legion. Herb's collection of Indigenous artifacts - arrowheads, chisels, spearheads, bone implements, stone bowls, stone grinding tools, beads, baskets, and decorative items - was renowned, and was donated to the Royal BC Museum after his death.

Herb is remembered as a sociable, hospitable man who loved to swap stories. Guests were always welcome at his house. "His own special recipe for clam chowder will not be forgotten." Herb was an old-time logger who had hand-logged, horse logged, and yarded with steam, gas, and diesel donkeys. His friend, Kelly Irving, noted, "Herb never closed a big deal or made a fast buck in his life, but he did cut and yard an awful lot of timber."

Winifred is remembered by her grandchildren as a devout Christian and a 'force of nature' who kept busy with her kitchen, her garden, and the Church of the Good Shepherd. "She was liable to involve anyone who came to visit in

10-minute man hours to bring kelp for the compost, weed, fetch firewood, and pick berries."

In her will, Winifred bequeathed the lych gate to the church, which was designed by John Robert and built by Steve Wright, from lumber milled by David Spalding. Her ashes are buried in the memorial garden at the church; Herb's ashes were spread on the water off Monarch Head, Saturna.

*Sandy Auchterlonie*

## **Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission**



We'd like to welcome Richard Sullivan as the newest volunteer member of the Parks and Recreation Commission. There is one more vacancy and we are currently accepting nominations. If you are interested, please drop us an email.

We're in the peak of the summer season and it has been a long, dry summer already. Please be extremely careful when you are out in our parks, on trails,

or using any of our ocean accesses. Remember, smoking and fires are prohibited year round, but are even more dangerous at this time of year.

We rely on you to let us know about blocked trails, damaged or deteriorating benches or tables, facilities that need attention, and other issues in our parks. Please pick up garbage if you can and send us an email if you spot any other concerns while you're out and about ([penderparks@crd.bc.ca](mailto:penderparks@crd.bc.ca)).

### **The Schooner Way - School Trail**

We held an open house on July 13 at the Driftwood to begin community engagement on the proposed multi-use trail to provide a safe corridor for cyclists and pedestrians between Danny Martin Ballpark and Medicine Beach, the medical clinic, and the school. We had a great turnout and there were lots of questions and positive and constructive feedback. One person called it the "best idea ever" and another encouraged us to build it "before I die!"

The total cost for the 1.7 km trail is estimated at \$1.5 - \$2 million. While much of this is expected to be covered by active transportation grants and gas tax revenue, we will also need to raise about \$500,000 from the community. Stay tuned for more updates about this in the coming months as we launch our fundraising efforts. If all goes well, construction could begin next year.

For more information on this project see <http://www.crd.bc.ca/schoonerwaytrail>.

### **Park Restoration**

Some of you may have noticed a flurry of activity in our community parks from last fall until early spring when commissioners joined forces with members of the Pender Island Conservancy and a whole bunch of volunteers to plant dozens of sapling cedars and native shrubs while removing competing invasive species such as Himalayan blackberry, broom, and daphne.

As a new tree-planting commissioner, this got me thinking about trees and the abundance of essential services they provide.

Like mothers, I suspect most of us tend to take trees for granted and use their services without much thought - such as sitting under their shade to enjoy



a picnic, using their wood to build a house, or keeping ourselves warm in the winter.

## Healthy Forests Reduce Wildfire Risk

Besides acting as the lungs of the earth by providing oxygen and removing and storing the greenhouse gas carbon dioxide, healthy forests play another critical role in our drought-ridden summers. They also reduce the risk of wildfires, as I learned recently from studies carried out by Transition Salt Spring.

Healthy forests are recognizable by their complex native understory of fire-resistant species such as salal, Oregon grape, ferns, and huckleberry, which protect tree roots from the sun and cool the soil; the leafy canopies of the trees reduce evaporation from the soil, lowering the air temperature; large moss-covered logs, woody debris, and rich organic matter act like a sponge, absorbing water to hold it in the soil and groundwater aquifers, preventing runoff and floods, thereby increasing the amount of water available during our increasingly severe and frequent summer droughts and heat domes. This ability of healthy, intact forests to cool the air and store water, acts as a natural firebreak.

On the other hand, fragmented, disturbed forests are easily overrun by invasive species such as broom, gorse and ivy – which are all known fire accelerants - and prevent the recovery of the fire-resistant native vegetation. In addition, if there is loss of forest cover and the cooling understory, the resulting compacted earth is unable to store water effectively.

We can all do our bit to reduce the risk of fire by preserving our forest cover, replacing invasive species with native ones, and keeping the area around our homes free of combustible material, such as burn piles, slash, and fallen leaves. A wildfire sprinkler kit can be purchased as an added precaution (see [waspwildfire.ca](http://waspwildfire.ca)). Just don't turn on the tap until a fire is imminent, as it is crucial to preserve your water for when you really need it!

*Lisa Baile, Commissioner*



## Parade and Festival

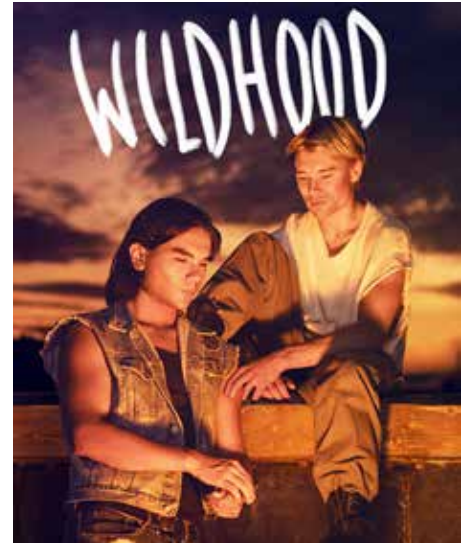
August is Pride month on Pender. Pender Pride 2023 will have everyone gather on Sunday, August 20 at the library for a short parade to the Community Hall. The parade departs at 1 pm so participants must be there at least half-an-hour early for marshalling. Remember there will be lots of food and entertainment through the afternoon at the Hall. Everyone is welcome, keeping in mind this is a fun event.

Check out our new website at [penderislandpride.com](http://penderislandpride.com) or our Facebook page for current information on events.

## Pride Films

We hope some of you were able to attend the screening on July 25th of the film *Pride*. We've found another significant film for you that will screen Wednesday, August 16 at 7:15 pm at the Community Hall. This is a film about two-spirited people and will also be of interest to all those involved in or following Truth and Reconciliation news and events.

The film *Wildhood* is set in a rural Nova Scotia trailer park. This Canadian production introduces us to two-spirit youth in Mi'kmaq culture. The character Link lives with his toxic father and younger half brother, Travis. When Link discovers his mother could still be alive, it lights a flame as the siblings embark on a quest for a better life. On the road, they meet Pasmay, a pow wow dancer drawn to Link. As the boys journey across Mi'kma'ki, Link finds community, identity and love in the land where he belongs.



"This movie is one extraordinary ride. And despite the hard issues presented, it is wholesome and leaves us feeling great."

"A queer Canadian romantic drama -- believable, heart-tugging, well-scripted and performed, sad and bittersweet, a perfectly lovely road movie and a screen win for indigenous representation." Peter Canavese - Celluloid Dreams

This 2021 film had ten wins and sixteen nominations at Canadian and international film festivals, including the Canadian Screen Awards (nominated for Best Picture), TIFF, the Palm Springs International Film Festival, and the Seattle and Cleveland International film festivals amongst others.

Hope to see you at film night and on the big day itself!

*John Cowan,  
Pender Island Pride Society*



## Pender Island Public Library

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### Programs

The BC Kids Summer Reading Club, for kids ages four years and up, is in full swing. Join us this summer to “Journey Through Time!” by picking up a free reading kit at the library: stickers, bookmarks, a reading record booklet, and your own medal. Visit the library this summer to keep up those reading skills.

### Adopt-A-Library Grant

The Library was so pleased to receive an Adopt-A-Library Grant from BC and Yukon Books Prizes. This grant was made possible by a group of Pender Island residents: Maria Tippett, Kogila Adam-Moodley, and Heribert Adam. We were able to order \$500 worth of prize winning books for adults and youth. The BC and Yukon Book Prizes celebrate the achievements of BC and Yukon writers, illustrators, and publishers. Visit their website to view the excellent titles available.

### BC Library Trustees Association

Congratulations to our Board Trustee Dianne Wilson for receiving the BC Library Trustee Excellence Award at their AGM 2023. Dianne has been a Trustee for eight consecutive years and has volunteered on several teams and committees. The BCLTA represents Board members around the province, providing training and support for public library governance.

### Boating Safety

Summertime is boating time! Check out our display of books and magazines on boating adventures, routes, and family trips. Pick up a free Safe Boating Guide for pleasure craft, and for kids: Boat Safety with Pukta, activity sheets, and stickers. Thank you to William Bennick, Boating Safety Officer, Transport Canada, for the free materials.

### Art in the Library

Paintings on display by Kim Pollard and Margaret Alpen feature the calm and natural beauty of our local scenery. Don't miss this colourful and inspiring exhibit, July-August 2023.

### Painting of Library Building

Thanks to all for the positive feedback on the new paint: “fresh, bold, uplifting, rejuvenating, rich, and beautification”. The colour is “Juniper Berry”, selected with a professional colour consultant. Thank you to Walter Adolf for the careful painting during the hot summer weather.

### New Books

#### Adult Fiction

The Wind Knows My Name (Isabel Allende), To the Forest (Anaïs Barbeau-Lavalette), The First Ladies (Marie Benedict), The 9th Man (Steve Berry), Leaving Wisdom (Sharon Butala), Lady Tan's Circle of Women (Lisa See)

#### Adult Mystery and Sci-Fi

Central Park West (James Comey), Hiss Me Deadly (Miranda James), The Survivor (Iris Johansen), A Botanist's Guide to Flowers and Fatality (Kate Khavari), Moon of the Crusted Snow (W. Rice)

#### Adult Non-Fiction

Sensitive (Jenn Granneman), Tracking Giants (Amanda Lewis), The Complete Guide to Sleep Care (Kiki Ely), Unlock your Menopause Type (Heather Hirsch), Pageboy (Elliot Page), Unbroken (Angela Sterritt);

#### Youth

Wings, Waves, & Webs (Robin Mitchell Cranfield), The Princess in Black and the Prince in Pink (Shannon Hale), Women in Engineering (Mary Wissinger)

#### Local Authors

Travels (Steve Dunsmuir)

### Library Hours

Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am - 3 pm; closed August 1 and 26. Stop by for free wi-fi or a public computer.

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*Carmen Oleskevich, Director*

## Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

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The Reconciliation Circle takes a break during the summer months, but will resume meetings beginning the third Wednesday in September, from 4 - 6 pm, at the Anglican church hall. In the meantime, as you enjoy the beauty of S,DÁYES (Pender Island), please take time to ponder that we walk, play, and work on land that was occupied for centuries before us - the unceded traditional territories of the WSÁNEĆ First Nation. May we treat it with respect and gratitude.

As well, if you would like to do some summer reading, we have an extensive list of books and other resources. The library and Talisman also have extensive collections of books by First Nations authors, and other resources to help us as we do our best to journey towards reconciliation.

*Annie Smith*

## Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association (PIRAHA)



We had a great time at the 3rd Annual Car Boot Sale! The tacos were delicious, the music was fun, and there were loads of child and adult vendors. This year the Hall brought in about \$2,500 from the delicious food sales, vendors, and generous community donations. The funds will go towards helping keep the Community Hall open and providing great activities and programs for the community.

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

### Films

#### **JAWS (1975)**

Saturday, August 5, 7:15 pm

When a young woman is killed by a shark while swimming near the New England tourist town of Amity Island, police chief Martin Brody wants to close the beaches, but mayor Larry Vaughn overrules him, fearing that the loss of tourist revenue will cripple the town. Ichthyologist Matt Hooper and grizzled ship captain Quint offer to help Brody capture the killer beast, and the trio engage in an epic battle of man vs. nature. 2 hr 4 min, \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

#### **Back to the Future (1985)**

Tuesday, August 15, 7:15 pm

Small-town teen Marty McFly is thrown back into the '50s when an experiment by his eccentric scientist friend Doc Brown goes awry. Traveling through time in a modified DeLorean car, Marty encounters young versions of his parents, and must make sure that they fall in love or he'll cease to exist. Even more dauntingly, Marty has to return to his own time and save the life of Doc Brown. 1 hr 56 min, \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

#### **Wildhood (2021)**

Wednesday, August 16, 7:15 pm

In a rural Nova Scotia trailer park, Link lives with his toxic father and younger half brother, Travis. When

Link discovers his mother could still be alive, it lights a flame as the siblings embark on a quest for a better life. On the road, they meet Pasmay, a pow wow dancer drawn to Link. As the boys journey across Mi'kma'ki, Link finds community, identity, and love in the land where he belongs. 1 hr 48 min, \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

#### **Matinee (1993)**

Saturday, August 19, 7:15 pm

In October 1962, the Cuban Missile Crisis occurs and the menace of nuclear war looms over America. Low-budget filmmaker Lawrence Woolsey is debuting his new film "Mant!" and thinks the prevailing mood of fear surrounding the premiere is perfect to stir up some excitement. A group of local teenagers prepare for the film's opening night, experiencing small crises of their own. 1 hr 39 min, \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

### Special Activities

#### **Taste of the Middle East with Mohammed**

August 1 at 2 pm

Learn how to make the famous Kunafa dessert coupled with warm and delicious Karak spiced tea. Mohammed, originally from Palestine, is one of the Community Halls summer staff and has offered to teach people how to make these delicious traditional Middle Eastern, sweet treats. Spaces are limited. Sliding scale, \$15 - \$25. To register call 250-629-3669 or online at [www.penderislands.org/registrations/](http://www.penderislands.org/registrations/)

#### **Carpet Bowling**

August 14 at 1 pm

Join our summer student Liam for Carpet Bowling and a visit. Follow up from your delicious Monday 55+ Lunch with a chance to visit and play together. Have some fun and get out of the sun. We will have a break for drinks and treats midway through. Drop-in, by donation.

#### **Sunday Lounge for 14 - 24 years**

July 30, August 13 and 27, 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.

#### **Bubble Tea Workshop**

July 30, 7 pm

Learn to make this tasty bubbly drink. Supplies provided. Free.

#### **Jeopardy Night**

August 13, 7 pm

How well do you know Pender Island? Show off your knowledge in a Pender-themed game of Jeopardy. Come with friends to compete against them or form a team. Drop-in. Free.

#### **Film Night (14 - 24 years only)**

August 27, 7 pm

The film will be decided by the group from among a few options. Drop-in. Free

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](mailto:youth@sginh.ca)

#### **Community Gathering Lunch**

Fridays, 10:45 am - 1 pm

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

#### **Friday Fun**

Every Friday come and join our youth leaders from 10:45 - 12:00 as they lead fun activities. All ages are welcome; older adults are particularly encouraged as a fun way to get to meet children and youth of the community. Activity is by donation. This month we will have a variety of outdoor games each week.

#### **Summer Camps**

##### **Kids Day Camp**

August 7 - 11

Endless fun for kids 6 to 12 years! Connect with old friends and make new ones, explore our island surroundings, get creative with crafts, play fun games and try out amazing activities! \$225

##### **Fall Fair Leadership Camp**

August 22 - 26

The Fall Fair started in 1932 and is one of the 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. Ages 10 - 12 \$150, 13 - 18 \$50.

If the cost for any camp is a challenge, please let us know, we don't want to leave anyone behind. For more information about the Summer Camps, go to [www.penderislands.org/registrations](http://www.penderislands.org/registrations), call 250-629-3669 or email [bookings@penderislands.org](mailto:bookings@penderislands.org)

### Film Volunteers

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

*Andrea Mills & George Fowlie*

## Pender Island Recycling Society



The recycling depot will be CLOSED on Saturday, August 26. Staff will be supporting the Zero Waste initiative at the Fall Fair.

To reduce waste at the Fair, two stations that accept recycling, compost, and garbage will be located on the fairgrounds. To avoid single use plastic, there will also be drinking water stations where you can refill your water bottle or use the cups provided to grab yourself a drink. And food vendors will have delicious offerings served on compostable dinnerware.

At the last Fall Fair, which was in 2019, due to the cooperative efforts of food vendors, Island Savings (water stations), the Pender Island Farmers' Institute, and fairgoers, PIRS collected far more recycling and compost than garbage. It's pretty inspiring to think of an event of this size striving for zero waste.

Have you thought about entering a recycled creation in the Fall Fair?



*Recycling team at the Fall Fair*

There are two entry classes - Child (12 and under) and Adult (13+) - and there are cash prizes. Submit your recycled creations to inspire others and share your ideas. For large repurposed items or installations that are not suitable for entry at the fair, such as a roof made of scrap metal, or refinished furniture or flooring, please email PIRS a photograph and we will display it at our exhibition tent. Check out the Fair catalogue on the Pender Island Farmers' Institute website for more information.

Be sure to check out the PIRS exhibition tent, which will showcase the entries in the Recycled creation category, and offer recycling and composting information. You can also make T-shirt bags, which are a useful alternative to plastic shopping bags.

Bike mechanic Laurie will be at the depot on Tuesday, August 1 between 10 am - 3 pm to service or repair your bike, or help find a suitable new-to-you bike. They are at the depot only once per month so don't miss this opportunity.

With the warm weather, the wasps are

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out. Although the number of wasps at the depot can sometimes be disconcerting, recyclers are rarely stung. The wasps are there for the food and drink, so we ask that you clean containers thoroughly, especially drink containers. If you are allergic to wasp stings, let us know and we can assist you with your recycling.

Do you know that we accept used motor oil, oil filters, used antifreeze, and empty oil and antifreeze containers at the depot? The empty oil and antifreeze containers must be the original containers and not a repurposed container such as a detergent jug. If you would like to recycle any of these items, please reverse into the scrap metal parking and ask a staff person for assistance. There is no charge for drop off.

House paint is not considered hazardous waste and can be brought to the depot. It must be in the original container, non-leaking, and with the label still attached, and be for residential use only. See staff for assistance with paint drop off.

We do not take propane tanks but they are accepted at Fire Hall No. 1 for a small fee.

Living on a small island means that accessing safe disposal options for some household hazardous waste - such as paint thinner, butane, and pesticides - requires commitment. Most of these items can be taken to the Hartland Landfill, just outside of Victoria, where they are accepted free of charge. Hartland is a 25-minute drive from the ferry terminal and is well worth a visit. Keep a tote for storage and transportation in your garage or crawlspace and make the trip when you have collected several

items. It will be well worth your time and will keep hazardous waste from leaching out of the landfill and into the groundwater. Do your part.

Do you have other items that we don't take and that you are unsure how and where to recycle? The CRD offers a great recycling encyclopedia that will help you find the closest recycling options for things such as textiles and toilets. Visit [www.crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/recycle/myrecyclopedia](http://www.crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/recycle/myrecyclopedia) to find out more. Or google "myrecyclopedia" and their website will be one of the first listed.

You can renew your voluntary membership at any time by sending an e-transfer to [penderislandrecycling@gmail.com](mailto:penderislandrecycling@gmail.com) (include your mailing address and we will mail you a tax receipt); at the depot; or online at [penderislandrecycling.com](http://penderislandrecycling.com). A charitable tax receipt will be issued. Membership revenue helps fund the Freestore, the Bike Shop, the non-program plastic initiative, depot and equipment maintenance, recycling education, and so much more. We are so grateful for your continued support.

*Niki Roberts*

## Pender Organic Community Garden Society



My four-year journey of gardening has been an interesting one. When I first got my community garden plot in early 2020,

I was super excited and had no idea what I was doing - and then came the COVID lockdown. The garden was my sanctuary and YouTube became my best friend. My plot was slightly disheveled and needed much attention. So I weeded, hoed, raked, shoveled, planted, and watered. But I realize now, the best thing I did was to haul those loads of free sheep manure from Karl and dig it into my plot. That year, it was a forest of food. I picked, pickled, canned, blanched, froze, dehydrated - and ate awesome fresh food. I wish I had paid more attention to my parents so that I didn't have to learn all this stuff myself.



I try to plant something new each year so 2021 became the year of the beets and carrots - really amazing rainbow carrots. Winter stews were full of my carrots, beets, potatoes, parsnips and turnips. Then 2022, the year of the fractured upper right arm. Humiliating to see how much I could not do and how non-ambidextrous I am. I only planted half the garden but by fall the arm was healing and I planted my first fall garden with brussels sprouts, cauliflower, and

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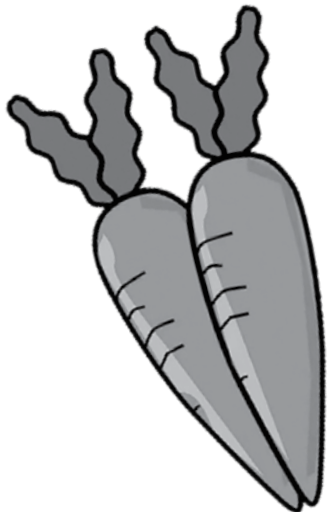
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more beets. I totally ignored the garden in late September and October when the rains started and one day I walked in the gate and the cauliflower was huge - at least ten inches across and the sprouts were two feet high. So at least there was some success.

Now to 2023. I realize the garden is all about the manure. Life is busier and I had a slower start after my trip to New Zealand. I have not paid as much attention to my soil, and it shows. My zucchini is slower growing and you can tell the soil is not as healthy. The great success has been the peas, both snap and flowering ones, which I failed at the previous three years because of the birds. This year, I started them at home and transplanted them when they were too big for the birds to love. They are so big they are pulling over the wire trellis and the sweet peas are prolific and fragrant. For the first time, I am also staggering my plantings so that I harvest food longer into the fall. I'm not much of a foodie but have found I love my beet salads of all kinds so more of them is a must. Lots of good potatoes, cucumbers, turnips, beans, tomatoes, radishes, sweet potatoes, carrots, peppers, squash, onions are all growing, so lots to do. And of course the manure, I'm on it...

*Terry Shepherd, Plot #1*



## PenderPOD



*Mary Anne Paré and Dave Lumley*



It has been an exciting month for PenderPOD and our marine members of Orca J pod as well.

Together with PICA we hosted an exceptional evening talk at the Hall with fish and whale experts from RainCoast Conservation Foundation: Misty MacDuffee, Valeria Vergara and Lance Barrett-Lennard. One image that stays in this writer's mind is the photo of a regular sized Chinook from the 1920s compared to a typical skinny one in 2020. Imagine if our diet was cut by a third!

POD celebrated World Orca month by co-sponsoring Orca events with PICA and Parks Canada at Hope Bay and Thieves Bay. On World Orca Day, July 14, banners and tents were set up on the breakwater and music flowed from Slow Coast Coffee Sunday Jam Group for three hours. A highlight was David Lumley's Orca Song, honouring J 35, Tahlequah's Tour of Grief. There

were educational materials for families and poems by Ada Petrie, 12 years old, her grandmother Monica Petrie, Mary Anne Paré, and Gregory Nicholls. PODsters were also joined by several Pender Island members of the Southern Gulf Islands Whale Sighting Network (SGIWSN) who talked about citizen science with visitors.

However, the great news this month is the birth of two new Orca calves in L pod - L126 and L127, one male and one female. The calves won't be named until after their first year because of low survival rates due to adverse environmental conditions such as lack of Chinook, ocean noise, and chemical pollution. The Centre for Whale Research, based in the San Juan Islands, reports that L126 was the first calf born to Joy (L119) and L127 was the third calf born to Calypso (L 94). May they find enough Chinook this year.

The other good news is that J 59 has survived the first year of life and was named "Sxwyeqo'lh" by the Samish



## Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 239



*Lisa Baile and her favourite Orca*

which means in English “Reason for Hope Child”.

There is however some very worrying news as scientists are reporting gray skin lesions on our Orca relatives. In a study analyzing 18,000 photographs of 141 Orca from 2004 on, researchers have noted disturbing skin lesions manifested as gray blotches in 99% of the whales. At this stage it is not clear but this could indicate an impaired immune system.

To end with some good news, we have observed that most boaters in the Oak Bluff sanctuary zone (ISZ), now in its fourth year, have started to respect the protective boundaries, proving that humans CAN do the right thing when we are educated!

*John Allan*



*Kit and Ada Petrie looking at POD and Pender community art*

**Legion** Why is it that the older I get, the faster the days and months speed by? When we are young and there is so much future ahead to be lived and enjoyed, we never think about that time in the oh so distant future, when one day the majority of our days left will be but a reflection in the rear-view mirror.

As I sit here on another scorching hot summer day and think about the sad state of our planet, my thoughts go back to all the good friends I have seen come and go over the years at our Legion. People who, during their time, contributed so much to making the Legion such an integral part of our community. I remember so many of them as the vibrant, happy, dedicated people they were and how much they enjoyed being a part of our branch and the comradeship of their Legion family. We still have some dedicated members here at Branch 239 who really care and want to see the Legion continue to contribute to a better life here on Pender, but it's not the same as it was 20 years ago, or even 10 years ago. Most of the old-time veterans have passed on and I worry about the future of the Legion and how we can carry on without people coming forward to assume leadership positions on our Executive. Our current president, Jean Deschenes, will be stepping down at the end of 2023. It has been an interesting period (to say the least) during her reign, unlike anything any past president could have experienced. Just two months into her first term we were hit with COVID-19 and some major changes had to be made just to survive. With restrictions on indoor dining coming into effect, the introduction of our patio was imperative to our success. The next major step was to go to about 95 percent volunteer bartending. This alone has saved us many thousands of dollars. It's always easy to say you want volunteer bartenders but getting people to actually come on board as a bartender is another thing, so subsequently Jean and Lisa Christensen have carried the lion's share of that position. A couple of people step up to help in that regard but overall it has been nearly all Jean and Lisa! I help

with what I can but they don't want me anywhere near those odd little computer things.

We need some fresh faces to join our team. A couple of people from the Executive are also leaving, so if you want to help us out for a good cause (be it president or executive at large) please contact me at 250-629-6051 or Jean 250-216-4456 and let's talk. We won't leave you in the lurch. I know there will be a learning curve, but with Jean's experience and my knowledge of all things Legion (I was also president for four years) I'm sure we can make a leader out of someone.

Warmest thank you to all the volunteers who helped make a busy July a success for your Legion. Canada Day - John Pender, Lisa Christensen, Dean Harris, Jean Deschenes, Ken Pelley, Colin Denton, Colin Brown, Charles Baker, Dave & Tania Schissler, Ian Pirie, Wendy Gardner, Gillian Turner, Shane Greenall (BBQ steak chef extraordinaire), Jamie Graham, Pamella Smith, Carol Tonnellier, Art Van Vliet, Diane Cuthbert, and Audrey Stibbe. Highlander Pipe Band Car Show BBQ - Tom Wyborn, Natasia Ilkiw, Art Van Vliet, and Charles Baker. Art off the Fence BBQ - John Pender, Lisa Christensen, Dean Harris, Jean Deschenes, and John Maxwell. Our entertaining Meat Draw hosts - Greg Forsyth, Jenn Laidlaw, Tom Wyborn, Natasia Ilkiw, John & Melody Pender, Diane Cuthbert, Jamie Graham, and Teresa Dyck. Friday BBQ crew - John Pender, Pamella Smith, Diane Cuthbert, Lisa Christensen, Art Van Vliet, Audrey Stibbe, Catherine Dawson, Teresa Dyck, Dave Hargreaves, and Jean Deschenes. Many repeat names for all venues. Please consider lightening the volunteer load and join the volunteers to support your Legion.

Meat Draws are every Saturday starting at 4:00. Friday BBQ dinners will be August 4 and 18. Annual Pig & Lamb BBQ dinner will be September 3. Reservations are required for all BBQ dinners.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and let's not let the Legion be yet one more fond memory of the past.

*John Pender*

## Outer Gulf Islands RCMP



First off, I'd like to thank Annie with The Pender Post for asking us to join in and contribute to the Post again.

So, let's introduce ourselves.

I'll start with myself, Constable Simon Bentley. I have had the pleasure of serving the Outer Gulf Islands since July of 2021. Yes, I arrived during COVID. Wasn't that a lot of fun. I have over sixteen years of service with the RCMP, working all over British Columbia.

Detachment Commander Sergeant Lee Dyson joined the Outer Gulf Islands Detachment in November of 2022. Sergeant Dyson joined us from the Pacific Regional Training Centre where he was the Traffic Training Coordinator. He comes to the detachment with more than twenty years of service. Sergeant Dyson has already started to get out there and meet the community, as some of you already know, and has already begun developing a community plan to address some of the concerns that have been voiced by community leaders. So, stay tuned as these begin to be rolled out.

Constable Taekema joined us from Bella Bella in October of 2022. Constable Taekema brings with him ten years of service, all within small communities. While in Bella Bella he took on the role of Indigenous Police Services. Currently Constable Taekema is taking some time away as he and his wife welcomed their first child in April.

Constable De Waal joined us from Telegraph Creek in November of 2022 and brings with him over five years of service. Constable De Waal is joined by his family here on Pender Island and is looking forward to his time here in the Southern Gulf Islands.

Constable Nickle joined us from Haida Gwaii in November of 2022. He brings with him over ten years service. Joined by his family, Constable Nickle is looking forward to his time here in the Southern Gulf Islands.

## Food for Thought

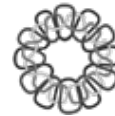
A little reminder to residents: check your civic address. While our mapping is usually correct, in the event there's an issue we can use Google Maps as a backup, but this could slow down the first responder's response time. We are asking property owners to ensure they have a clearly visible street address sign, so all emergency services are able to locate them quickly.

We have been receiving calls of trucks being driven with passengers (children) sitting in the box of the truck. This is not only dangerous but illegal and can result in extensive fines. Having said the legal part, let's look at the horrible outcome if something were to happen. You don't need me to tell you.

Finally, as we move into the summer tourist season, a friendly reminder to put on your seatbelt, put down the phone, and focus on the roads.

*Constable Simon Bentley,  
Outer Gulf Island RCMP  
and Victim Services*

## SGI Community Resource Centre



Mid-summer is a time when the islands come alive, teeming with visitors and residents alike, and we invite you to be a part of the conversation that shapes the future of this remarkable region.

## Employment Services

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## SGI Neighbourhood House

### Housing NOW

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### Vitality Business Centre

The Vitality Business Centre, a program of the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre, is a dedicated resource for local businesses and organizations. It aims to foster, promote, and support regenerative local economic initiatives, providing a solid foundation for a resilient local economy. The centre, both physically and online, serves as a hub for businesses to flourish and build a community economy that truly fits the Southern Gulf Islands.

This summer, let us come together to shape the future of the Southern Gulf Islands. Check out our Visitor and Resident Survey online at our website <http://www.sgicommunityresources.ca/visitor-survey>. Your input, engagement, and support are essential to preserving the natural beauty, vibrant culture, and strong community ties that make this region truly special.

*Stefanny Lowey*



Summer brings excitement to the Southern Gulf Islands community with new updates and opportunities for connection, learning, and inspiration. Here are the latest highlights:

### Epicentre

Construction for the new Day Care Centre is scheduled for fall. To fund a portion of the costs, a 50/50 draw will take place on September 6. Tickets can be purchased until the draw date. For more details, visit our social media or contact Cathie at (250) 629-3665.

### Computer Savvy Seniors

Need help with digital skills? Our program assists seniors with tasks like file organization, printing emails, working with PDFs, and navigating social media platforms. Whether you're experienced or new to the online world, our team is here to support you. Reach us at [fiftyfiveplus@sginh.ca](mailto:fiftyfiveplus@sginh.ca) or call (250) 629-3665.

### The Southern Gulf Island Community Justice Program

Introducing "The Travelling Red Tent!" This interactive tent, funded by a grant from the BC Civil Forfeiture Program, is visiting Pender and Galiano islands to engage in important conversations. Join us to discuss hot topics and participate in Peace Circle processes. Share your thoughts by visiting the Red Tent or emailing [cjp@sginh.ca](mailto:cjp@sginh.ca). Visit our webpage at <https://sginh.ca> for more information.

### Pender Island 55+ Volunteers

We're seeking individuals aged 55+ with special talents or skills to share with our vibrant senior community. Whether you're an artist, chef, or bookbinding expert, join us in fostering a stronger sense of community. Limited remuneration may be available. Contact us at [fiftyfiveplus@sginh.ca](mailto:fiftyfiveplus@sginh.ca) or call (250) 629-3665.

### Youth Programs

Calling all young artists of Pender! Submit your art, photography, music, literature, and more for inclusion in the upcoming SGI Magazine. We also need volunteers to join our

magazine publication team. For more information, contact Maddi at [Maddi-youthnh@sginh.ca](mailto:Maddi-youthnh@sginh.ca).

### Photography and Design Club

Interested in a creative career? Sponsored by Ptarmigan Arts, this club offers young people a space to explore the creative industry. The club will be held at Hope Bay Gallery on August 2 and 16, with potential continuation into the fall. Contact Maddi at [Maddi-youthnh@sginh.ca](mailto:Maddi-youthnh@sginh.ca) for details.

### Meals on Wheels

The program is back! Meals prepared by staff and volunteers at the Community Hall will be delivered by volunteer drivers. Sign up on our website at <https://sginh.ca/programs/food-security/>.

We are also actively seeking additional funding to provide more coupon availability for the Farmers Market Nutrition Coupon Program. Stay updated on our website [sginh.ca/programs/food-security/](https://sginh.ca/programs/food-security/) or contact Cathie at (250) 629-3665.

Let's embrace this summer by engaging, learning, and inspiring each other within the Southern Gulf Islands community.

*Stefanny Lowey*

### South Pender Historical Society

Kudos, again, to Susan Taylor, Frank Ducote and others for such a delightful experience at Art Off the Fence on the grounds of the Church of the Good Shepherd on July 15 and 16. The show was well attended as well as greatly appreciated by those who came to enjoy the displays by various artists and the general ambience of the event. How could anyone not be excited and happy wandering about outdoors on a beautiful sunny day admiring the beautiful artworks? Add a little music, friends and neighbours and, when we left, we all felt nourished by the experience. We are grateful to all those who helped to prepare for the event, including mowing, raking, weed eating, and general cleanup of the grounds. Also, a big thank you to the artists for all their efforts - this wouldn't have happened without you!

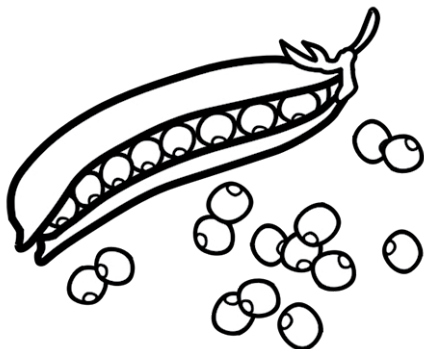


And...there is more to come. The SPHS will be hosting its annual AGM on Sunday August 20 at 11:30 am, also at the Church of the Good Shepherd on South Pender. This is a special opportunity to learn more about our islands with entertaining talks: Frank Trice will speak on Gerald Richardson as one of the pioneer shepherds on South Pender; Robert Dill will share a story on the Spirits of Greenburn Lake from his memoires 50 Years on Pender; Patricia Callendar will share a little about Ellen Willingham as a modern-day Pender shepherd who cared for her flock, and we will all share a poem that one of Arthur Spalding's work hands wrote about his time on Pender, which really encompasses the feeling of that era.

Please note that only members are allowed to vote at the AGM meeting. If you are interested in becoming a member you may purchase a lifetime membership for \$10. Memberships and publications will be available at the AGM, as well as at our next exciting event which will be our annual Growers' and Makers' Market on Sunday September 3 from noon to 3 pm in the grounds of the Church of the Good Shepherd. There will be displays by local gardeners, artists and hobbyists, along with a sale of new and gently used items plus a fundraising table for the SPHS. As is our tradition, great food, music and games are also planned for this event.

Please contact me, Karen Mani Lang, at [jewel@penderling.com](mailto:jewel@penderling.com), if you have something you'd like to display or sell, and/or if you have some time to volunteer to help out with the event. Watch for more information on the Pender Online Market and in next month's Pender Post.

*Mani Lang, Secretary*



## RECREATION AND LEISURE

### Pender Island Golf Club



The course is settling into the last part of the dog days of summer now. Golfers are setting personal records for distance off the tees as the heat-hardened fairways allow the ball to skip along happily towards the green. Gone are the thousands of spring flowers that had an uncanny knack of hiding every colour of golf ball. The many geese and their offspring are now replaced with regular visits of a herd of sheep happily grazing on the remaining grass. Our course superintendent is regularly doing a rain dance to help him keep the greens green. With August arriving the Juniors' program wound up its season with a junior/adult tournament where the juniors showed off their developing skills. Nineteen young golfers have been gathering on Monday afternoons since May under the watchful eye of Dana

McConchie and her volunteer member helpers.

For the members it's been a busy summer of competitions so far and with a few more tournaments scheduled, the cry of "fore" will be echoing across the fairways for a while yet.

We have welcomed a number of new members this year and are planning another membership drive this fall. Our board has also started to address the need for a good practice area.

If you haven't experienced the ultimate joy of sinking a long putt or making that shot that puts you up there with the "masters", then you are missing out on a great opportunity. Check out <https://penderislandgolf.ca> or stop by the pro shop. Remember that Wednesdays are always "two for one" green fee days.

Your ever hopeful "duffer",

*Bruce McConchie*

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## Pender Island Otters Swim Club



August already! Where did the summer go? While weekends in July have seen some Otters competing in several swim meets, we are still holding our practices at Panorama Pool Tuesdays and Fridays up until August 15. Provincial Finals are that next weekend, August 17 - 20, so that will mark the end of the Summer Swim Club Competition season. We have our Vancouver Island Region Finals on August 4 - 6 at the Duncan Aquatic Centre. Then, the BCSSA Provincial Finals will be held at the Nanaimo Aquatic Center, so for once in quite a few years, we as a region do not have to travel over to the mainland. Our coaches and swimmers will then get a well deserved break until the fall season starts up on October 6. Announcements for fall registration opening will be in the September Pender Post, and reminders sent out to our current members at that time too. So, while this report is a bit short, things are still going full steam in the pool for a few more weeks. Happy remainder of summer to everyone.

*Helen Lemon-Moore, President*

## COVER STORY



In 2013, the Fall Fair theme was **I**From the Garden to the Table. A new category of the same name was introduced with a freshly made trophy in honour of the late Tekla Deverell, my very-missed garden companion, mentor, and friend. Tekla was Pender's gardening guru, widely known for her famous garlic braids and incredible flowers that she sold at the Farmers' Market for decades. She was a passionate advocate for organic growing and revolutionized the way we approached the land to nurture our veggie patches.

The photo I took (with a Nikon SLR) was of the first prize entry in the new Garden to the Table category, won by Mary Reher and Andy Nowak (Black Rabbit Farm). This category required a presentation gathered and or created from the garden to be prepared for a dinner for two. All the components in this entry (including the recipe) were stunning and worthy of the blue ribbon and trophy.

Such exhibits are a feast for your eyes, too. The showcase of talents, skills, creativity, and knowledge by Pender Islanders are the highlight at our Fall Fair, a yearly event that shows our pride and the hard work that goes into exhibiting. Participating by entering, volunteering, or attending the Fall Fair is a tradition not to be missed.

After entering my first Fall Fair in 1989, I was hooked. I love the blue ribbons and immensely enjoy seeing the work of all the exhibitors in every category.

*Michelle Marsden*





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Pender's most (un)wanted invasive species

## Tansy Ragwort

A little work now goes a long way for the future!

### What is it?

Tansy Ragwort (*Jacobaea vulgaris*) is an invasive plant from northern Europe. It can be identified by its bright yellow, daisy-like flowers arranged in dense, flat-topped clusters atop purplish stems.



### Why is it a problem?

It grows extremely well in disturbed areas and pastures. Seeds are easily transported to new locations by the wind. A single plant can produce 150,000 seeds that can survive in the soil for up to 15 years! As an invasive plant, it can easily outcompete native wildflowers that are necessary food sources for native pollinators. All parts of the plant are highly toxic and can pose a health risk to livestock that graze on it.

### How you can help!

Removal of this plant once it is well-established is extremely difficult. If we remove small patches now in our yards, it will save a lot of work in the future. It can be removed by hand pulling only if you are able to **remove the entire root system** - new growth is stimulated by mowing, grazing, or poor hand removal. When flowering, all plant parts, should be bagged and disposed of at Hartland.

For more information, please download the Tansy Ragwort factsheet from <https://bcinvasives.ca/invasives/tansy-ragwort/> or email [info@penderconservancy.org](mailto:info@penderconservancy.org)

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August 1973

While going through the 1973 Pender Post, the first article to catch my attention was an article by Wee Wullie lamenting that there was water, water everywhere but not a drop to drink. This August was the driest summer in British Columbia since 1902. Pender gardens and crops were withering from lack of water. Mulching was highly recommended in spring or fall to minimize water loss during the summer. It appears that climate change was on the horizon a long while before we became aware of it.

The second annual Salmon BBQ sponsored by the Hall Committee was to be held August 11 at Thieves Bay. A beer garden was to be added this year but ticket prices were not yet established.

The actual BBQ tickets were \$2.50 for adults and \$1.25 for children.

A kite flying contest was to be held by the Lions Club for children under 15 on August 25. There were to be prizes for best flying kite and best decorated kite and the contest was divided between boys and girls. First prize in each section was \$5 and the second \$2.50.

August 25 also brought us to the Fall Fair where people were encouraged to enter their crafts, flowers, and produce in the different categories. A. Ross-Smith, the Chairman of the Show Committee, encouraged everyone to enter items and not be intimidated by thinking theirs could not be good enough. He wrote, "The intent is to have fun and who cares who wins."

For those who enjoy Nep Grimmer's memories, there were none in this issue so we will wait and see what September brings.

*Val Butcher*



*Fall fair regular, Ewa Jaros, and Dave Howe, former CRD Director for the SGI, at the 2013 Fall Fair*



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	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
<b>Magic Lake</b>	22.6	10.8	16.7	27.0 on 12th	8.0 on 18th	13.6		13.6
<b>Normal</b>	22.0	10.6	16.1	39.5 in 2021	6.0 in 20001& 2002	31.6		31.6

June is our third driest month and, on average, our third warmest month. It is also the month that has the record for the highest temperature I have ever recorded on Pender Island, namely 39.5°C in June 2021. The Summer Solstice occurred on June 21. That was the day when the sun was as far north as it comes. In August, the sun is setting about half an hour sooner and the days will continue to get shorter until the next Winter Solstice.

Over the last 36 years, Pender Island precipitation in June has varied from a low of 4.8 mm in 1987 to a high of 66 mm in 2020 (in June of 2022 we had 40 mm). There has been no trend of precipitation either increasing or decreasing. The average precipitation for June is 32 mm and I was pleased for our garden that there was 19.5 mm of rain on Pender in the first ten days of June 2023. For the rest of the month there was almost zero rain even though rain was forecast occasionally. We actually got only a few drops, so the total precipitation for June was less than average.

I was away fishing early in the month in an area that usually has too much rain, but in five days fishing we had only about half an hour of rain, no strong winds, and a lot of sunshine. Even though the temperature did not get above 12°C the fishing was very good.

Early in the month we had a temperature of 31°C and then 27°C. After that, the maximum daily temperature was very pleasant but not particularly high; however the average maximum and minimum daily temperatures were both slightly above average.

By the end of the month the tent

caterpillars had finally dispersed, but there were dozens of cocoons which were best destroyed, otherwise there will be hundreds of caterpillars next year.

Now August is here, the last month of summer and usually a month with reliable summer weather and no extremes. Precipitation has varied from zero in 2022 to an extreme 92 mm in 1991. In 36 years there have been only two years when we had more than 50 mm of rain in August and there has been no trend showing an increase or decrease in

August precipitation. August is our most popular holiday month and it is a month of high or extreme danger from forest and grass fires. The ban on outdoor fires continues for at least two months.

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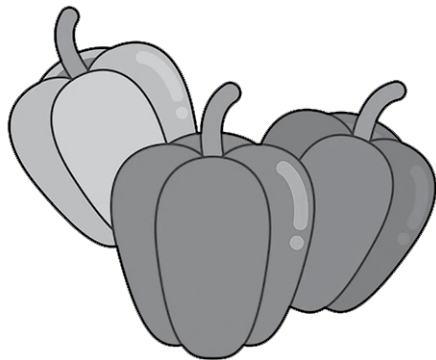


**NUMBERS PUZZLE MCA #33 BY MALCOLM ARMSTRONG**

This puzzle is, I believe, the easiest to solve that I have produced. My solution was slightly different from the original so, as usual, there is more than one correct solution. Towards the end of solving this puzzle I had to make choices and look ahead to see if they would work out right (a bit like chess).

The puzzle starts off with 27 numbers and to solve it you must put a number 1 – 9 in each of the remaining 64 empty squares, but no more than one number 1- 9 in every row, every vertical column and every block of nine small squares.

*Malcolm Armstrong*



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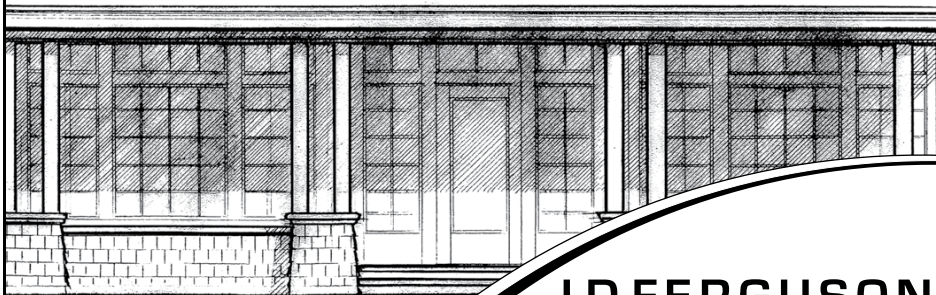
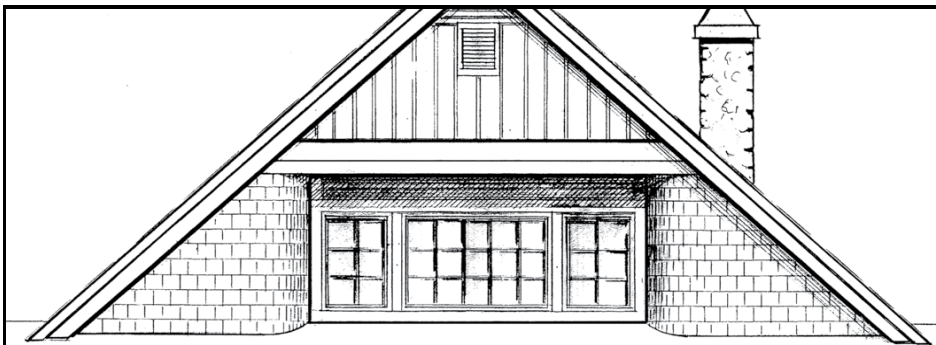
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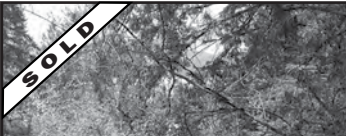


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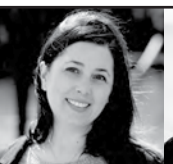
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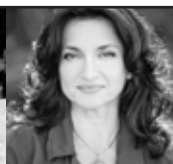
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