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## FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Spring is a time of change and growth and, apparently, of sleet, hail, rain, sunshine, wind, and thunder, sometimes all on the same day! *The Pender Post* has also “weathered” a major change - Michel has finally been able to begin his retirement, after graciously postponing it to help us transition to a new production manager. Thank you, Michel, for your mentorship of Larry, and for all the help and advice you have given me. Enjoy finally having some free time.

So this issue marks a beginning with our new production manager, Larry Colcy, at the controls. Larry was a part-time Pender Islander in the '80s and '90s and moved here full-time four years ago. He is a writer, designer, and videographer and has many years experience producing print and online marketing materials. You may have seen him in a Solstice Theatre production or at The Pender Island Community Garden (his happy place!) or remember him as the host of the live-streamed Pender Pride Festival convoy several years ago. A fan of *The Pender Post* since the days when it was typed and run off on a Gestetner, he is very happy to be part of our team (although he says he's a little too old to commit to giving us 25 years as his predecessor, Michel Pelletier, did). We are so happy to welcome him.

Our AGM was held April 18. The executive, as listed on this page, remains the same for 2023 by acclamation. We are very happy to welcome two new members to the board, who answered our appeal in the last issue and on our Facebook page: Katharine Norman and Karen Hardie. They join us bringing many skills and lots of enthusiasm.

I'd like to draw your attention to the application for the Jean Bradley Scholastic gift, which we are proud to give each year in Jean's memory. If you or someone you know is pursuing a course of studies in a health-related field, please consider applying. See the information and application form on page 9.

Enjoy the vagaries of spring, and find courage in embracing change!

*Annie Smith*

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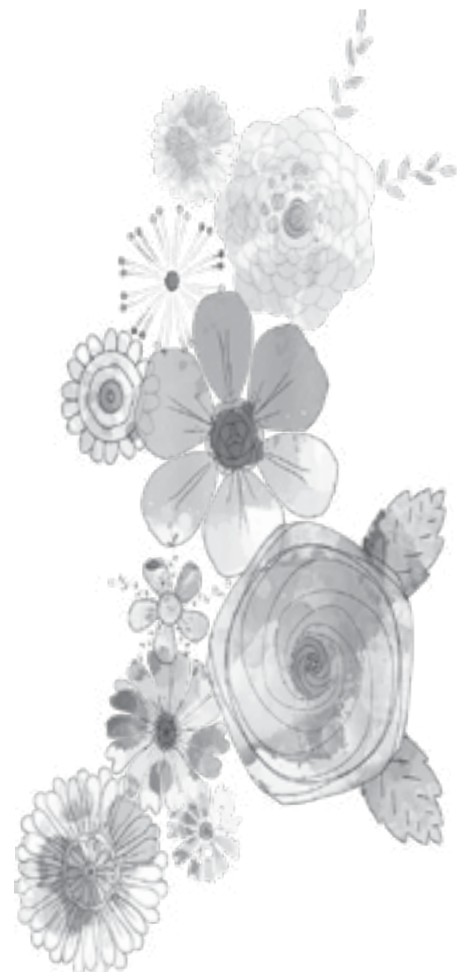
This month's cover photo is by Lynne Wallace. Read the story of these two baby Nuthatches on page 50 or on our website at [www.penderpost.org](http://www.penderpost.org).

## IN APPRECIATION

### Pender Islands Earth Day Beach and Roadside Clean-up

Big thanks to all the volunteers, organizations, and businesses that helped make the 2023 Earth Day Beach and Roadside Clean-up a success. It was a wonderful example of community stewardship and cooperation, resulting in cleaner, safer habitats for all the living things that call our islands and the Salish Sea home. Thank you, one and all.

*Elizabeth Miles, on behalf of the Pender Islands Conservancy Association*



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**Pender Island is Getting a New Licensed Child Care Facility**

Thanks to provincial and federal funding through the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund, the Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House Society (SGINH) has been awarded a grant of \$737,337.79 to renovate the Epicentre into a fully licensed Child Care Facility. It is expected that we will complete renovations for enrollment in January 2024.

Having said that, as we are all aware, living in a rural and remote location and with continued supply chain issues, we may not make that date, but that is our anticipated opening.

The SGINH embarked on this journey nearly 10 months ago. In conversation with Sarah Conley at Dragonfly and Karen Parker, early childhood educator, it was made very apparent that there is an acute need for another child care facility on Pender Island.

The SGINH has many people to thank for this amazing opportunity: the provincial Ministry of Education and Child Care and federal Ministry of Families, Children, and Social Development, through the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund for the grant to support our community and the families of Pender Island. I would also like to give a shout out to Sarah Conley at Dragonfly for meeting with me and suggesting that the SGINH work on this. It's amazing what one little coffee can do to spark the imagination....what if...?

To the team that is behind the grant application, thank you! Our community is an amazing place. In literally a matter of months we managed to make a solid application for funding. No small feat. Thanks to Andrew MacLean for creating detailed plans for the new space in weeks and for keeping us on track and on our toes and for continuing to do so; Paul Hamson, whose knowledge of building from foundation to roof and all aspects of the construction process has been invaluable and will continue to guide us; Murray Vasilev, and the Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association (PIRAHA), who managed to get both Andrew and Paul involved

and have and will continue to provide thoughtful guidance and counsel; Melody Pender, executive director of the SGINH; and the board of the SGINH who believed in the project and gave us the freedom to make this happen.

The newly renovated Epicentre will be able to accommodate up to 18 children, have two washrooms (one that is universal and will accommodate exceptional needs), a wheelchair accessible ramp, and more. I recognize that many people on Pender are desperate for child care. The SGINH is developing a waitlist policy and finalizing registration forms. All this will be made public in the next few months. Please be patient with us as we navigate this exciting endeavour.

Once again, many thanks to all those that made this happen, particularly the ChildCareBC New Spaces Fund. I will endeavor to include monthly updates in *The Pender Post* as we progress and on our website at [sginh.ca](http://sginh.ca) (Epicentre tab under programs).

*Michael Cowan, Managing Director, Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House Society*



**Great Expectations**

**CRD** There is the saying “if you lower your expectations, you’ll never be disappointed”. As a new CRD director for the Southern Gulf Islands (SGIs) I don’t ascribe to that, but I’m wondering if I should.

On February 10 the Premier of BC’s office announced:

*The Growing Communities Fund will provide a one-time total of \$1 billion in grants to all 188 of BC’s municipalities and regional districts, which they can use to address their community’s unique infrastructure and amenities demands - such as recreation facilities, parks and water-treatment plants, as well as other community infrastructure.*

Simplemath suggests that a billion dollars spread across the 5.4 million people in BC would be about \$185 per person and spread across the 6,100 residents of the SGIs would be well over a million dollars to apply to infrastructure. But the next announcement in March looked even better, as it acknowledged that low density rural areas are challenging to serve.

*For the Growing Communities Fund, 85% of the total funds are allocated to municipalities and 15% go to regional districts. The allocation generally follows the population split between incorporated (urban/suburban) and unincorporated (rural) areas of the province and provides a slight boost to address the increased costs of servicing rural growth areas as they are*



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constrained in their population base to raise servicing costs.

Soon thereafter, the CRD's municipalities and the Regional District are given \$100 million dollars, with \$88.5 million going to municipalities and \$11.5 million going to the regional districts. The hook was truly set, as there are 30,000 residents in the rural areas of the CRD, so \$383 per person - and a formula that biases funding towards high growth areas (the SGIs grew 27.7% between the 2016 and 2021 census). I'm having dreams of funding all sorts of critical infrastructure in the SGIs - housing, water, active transportation, etc.

Not so fast... further information was supplied to all regional districts on April 5 and published on the province's website. Here is what it said about "electoral districts" like the SGIs and why my dreams turned into a nightmare:

*Can the GCF funding be allocated to electoral areas based on the provincial formula used to determine the grant amounts for each regional district? No. The grant calculation for each regional district took into consideration a base amount and several other key variables. The GCF was intended to assist the board in addressing regional priorities for actual infrastructure and other eligible costs. It is not meant to be reallocated back to electoral areas based on the ministry allocation formula.*

Seriously? Do we believe that CRD will focus regional priorities on a few sparsely populated islands and the vast hinterlands of the Juan de Fuca electoral area?

Maybe. And this is the cool thing. The CRD directors representing the CRD municipalities acknowledged the inequity of the province's direction and the CRD Board indicates that they'll consider some of the rural projects as a regional priority. We also intend to question the minister as to the disconnect between the province's words giving extra support to rural areas, and then undermining that support in its directives. Hope springs eternal....

*Paul Brent, CRD Director  
 for the Southern Gulf Islands*

**CELEBRATION OF LIFE**

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We look forward to seeing you.

*Dorset and Mark*

**REMEMBERING**

**Karl Heinz Stittgen**

**1930 -2023**



On February 17, 2023, after 93 remarkable years, the creative life of Karl Heinz Stittgen came to a peaceful



end. Karl was a renowned and beloved jeweler, goldsmith, and architectural designer whose unique creations earned him a loyal following both locally and internationally.

Karl was born in Bad Durkheim, Germany, and emigrated to Canada in 1952 at the age of 21. Although trained as a watchmaker, his creative urge led him to try his hand at jewelry making, where he gained the confidence of a loyal clientele drawn to his discerning eye for design. His reputation soon spread globally, and he expanded with stores in Calgary, New York, and San Francisco.

Karl's loyal clients, recognizing his sense of style, taste, and precision, convinced him to design and furnish the unique homes of a very select few. Karl's first wife, Gabrielle Pontoppidan, whom he married in 1961, admired and supported these forays into new areas of creative work. Karl's second wife, Nora Sasaki, was a talented artist who complemented his vision and unique creative style. Together, they designed and built an exquisite architectural landmark home,

*Halcyon Days*, on Pender Island. The home reflected Karl's admiration for Frank Lloyd Wright in every detail. Both Karl and Nora took great delight in hosting many different creative people on the island and visitors from all over the world, entertaining them with a feast for all senses in their home. They were also renowned for their generosity towards the artistic community on Pender Island and beyond.

Well into his 80s, Karl began working in the new medium of ceramics. His studio was a place where he cultivated imagination and had the incredible self-assurance to traverse new and uncharted territory. To see his creations, free in form but precise in construction, was to be in the presence of genius.

Karl's childhood was difficult, bereft of encouragement to explore or parental affection and support. This may have forged Karl's inner strength and determination to become his own person, strong in creative conviction with the courage to try the unthinkable. How else would a person move from being a watchmaker to a celebrated

jeweler, to an architectural designer, and finally taking creativity literally back into his hands as an acclaimed ceramicist? Karl's creative trajectory was only possible because, as he often mentioned, he left Germany to live in Canada where he felt free to tread new terrain without formal training.

In September 2009, Karl received the BC Creative Achievement Award of Distinction in Vancouver. He was selected for his "profound and lasting impact on applied art and design in British Columbia" and for a "lifetime of creative vision and innovation." His designs were largely inspired by organic sculptural forms found in nature. His exquisite jewelry received much critical acclaim during what some have called the golden age of design in Vancouver.

Karl's health had been in steady decline for the past three years following a stroke. Most painful for him was the loss of his ability to create and complete his many unfinished pieces. Among the many people who took care of Karl until the very end was Karen McDiarmid, who knew him as a teenager.

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## Pender Post Jean Bradley Scholastic Gift Application

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**See over for Scholastic Gift application form.**

Fortunately, residing in Victoria, she visited him almost daily and was in close contact with those of us based either in Vancouver or on Pender Island. Her care and concern were exemplary.

Karl has left us with a legacy of deep appreciation for the beauty that surrounds us in many forms every day. Both Karl and Nora were outstanding figures on Pender Island and will be greatly missed. Memorial celebrations of his life will be held on Pender Island and in Vancouver.

*Kanya Adam*

## THE ARTS

### Pender Island Art Society



PIAS had a fantastic selection of art workshops this year.

In February we had Gillian Turner, a very talented potter on Pender, give us two sessions, one on creating with clay, where we were let loose under a watchful eye and instruction to create

a vessel. She took all our pieces home to fire.

Next was the session on glazing, adding and playing with colour. These pieces were fired again, and we were all very happy with the final results. This certainly wasn't anything like the Play-Doh ashtrays we made in kindergarten.

Margaret Alpen started us off in March with limited palette experimentation and painting in abstract. Sixteen of us learned the secret of creating straight lines and mixing colours. At the end of the session Audrey shared the "smoosh" technique.

*Sunrise and Sunset Effects in Watercolor and Acrylics* was our second March session led by Laura Dunsmuir and Laura Vilness. They both shared with us their techniques using these mediums.

In April we had Ron Underhill show us the value of values, teaching the group on using the gray scale and its usefulness in doing thumb sketches.

April 17, Pender's very own paper whisperer, Annie Smith, had us creating art with Japanese paper.

Our last workshop for the season will be held May 8. Margaret and Audrey will explain "smooshing" or "What to do with all that leftover paint on my palette?"

Consider joining Pender Island Art Society in the fall when we start up again. No art experience necessary. Or, drop in and check us out. We meet twice a month at the Anglican Church Hall. Drop in fee is \$5. Membership for the year is \$35.

Our *A Brush With Spring* art show will be held May 20, 10 am - 4 pm and May 21, 11 am - 3 pm. Be sure to visit; you may just find that perfect piece of art. If you have questions, want to sign up to join PIAS, or are an artist who would like to lead a Monday session starting in the fall, please contact us at [penderart@hotmail.com](mailto:penderart@hotmail.com).

Hope to see you at a future session.

*Audrey Stibbe*

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## PENDER POST / JEAN BRADLEY SCHOLASTIC GIFT APPLICATION

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

### Requirements for the Scholastic Gift

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

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

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

Please email Dianne at [dianneonpender22@gmail.com](mailto:dianneonpender22@gmail.com) to let us know that you have applied.

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

## Pender Island Celtic Music Society



The Pipe Band has been working on some new tunes for 2023 performances and is excited to play after a wet and sometimes snowy winter.

Our first performance will be on Saturday May 20 at 11:00 am at the Pender Island Community Hall.

It's the first Saturday for the Farmers' Market outside in full swing. So come out and enjoy the market and another great day on Pender.

Cheers,

*Larry Dempster, P.M.*

## Pender Island Community Choir

Come walk the red carpet and enjoy *Songs from the Movies*. Hum along as we sing some popular ones through the decades and enjoy a few new ones too. There will be a few surprises that will entertain and move you, and wait until you hear the small but oh-so-cute Youth Choir.

Joining us will be the Young Violins, who are simply amazing! Help them fundraise for their upcoming trip to the festival in Finland by supporting the concession stand at intermission. Concert dates are May 5, 6 (7:00 pm) and May 7 (2:00 pm). Tickets available at Talisman Books. This is one concert you won't want to miss!

As always, thank you to all the volunteers, musicians, technicians, board members, and our talented director, Sabrina Read, and accompanist, Eileen Deros, for

making it all possible. We hope to see you there.

Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and mothering people.

*Terry Shepherd,  
Communications Liaison*

## Pender Island Quilters' Circle



We held our April quilting gathering on April 12 at our usual venue, the Anglican Church Hall. There were 15 members present. We started with an update on our plans for the *Hands Across the Water* event we're holding on June 12 on Pender Island. This is an annual gathering of five quilting guilds: Cowichan Valley, Mayne Island, Saturna Island, Galiano Island and Pender Island. It was on hold during COVID and resumed last year in Duncan (hosted by Cowichan Valley Quilters). They provided a lovely experience with good food, beautiful quilt displays, fabric and yarn vendors, and an opportunity to visit with other



*Martha Deme - Stashbuster Block*

quilting enthusiasts. The event rotates through the five guilds and we eagerly anticipate the annual event. It is Pender Island's turn this year and we are busy planning under our President's capable leadership, Heather Duncan, the planning committee, and the wonderful support of our members. The event will include a morning coffee, muffins, and an activity for early arrivals, a sharing of projects by all guilds, a lunch, fabric sales, and door prizes as well as time for conversation (quilters always have lots



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to share). We have accumulated prizes and gifts (all with a quilting theme) for all attendees. We are determined to be exemplary hosts for this event and ensure that all have a fun and convivial day focused on quilting, our shared passion for fiber arts.

The rest of the April meeting morning included sharing of quilt projects. The April theme was *A Spring Challenge* and the following projects were featured:

- Heather Duncan - spring flower pillow
  - Martha Deme - Stash Buster Challenge
  - Charlotte Edwards - three dimensional pillow featuring cats
  - Susan Dawson - bright and colourful quilted jacket
  - Eleanor - is hand sewing a spring quilt
  - Margaret Vergette - modeled a lovely spring jacket she made and was wearing
  - Karen Gagnier - worked on placemats to go with a spring table runner
- Our next meeting is May 8 at 9:30 am, Anglican Church Hall. We will finalize HAW plans for the June gathering.

**Quilter’s Philosophy**

I recently experienced an unsettling home renovation event that led to unexpected deconstruction. What seemed to be a simple project became a major undertaking. This occurs in quilting. We notice a flaw and do much unravelling to rectify it. This leads to more unravelling and before we know it we have a major repair job. The only remedy is patience, persistence, and positivity. Deconstruction leads to reconstruction and, hopefully, a satisfying and surprisingly better outcome.

*Laura Vilness  
(with help from Karen Gagnier)*

**Pender Photo Club**

Our April meeting was enjoyable and interesting in unexpected ways. Each of us derived a unique meaning from the assignment and interpreted it very differently. The assignment was to take six pictures of the same thing, trying to improve the result by taking a different point of view, cropping, editing, etc. One person started with a glass

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full of strawberry smoothie, making glorious abstract images of strawberry suds on glass, some reminiscent of a solar flare. Another photographer took documentary photographs of young participants in the Cadet Fire Camp showing dramatic images of fire and smoke, fire hoses, and helicopter rescue training, highlighting the intense determination and stamina of the youth cadets. There were photos of poppies in psychedelic mind-altering colours, of cliffhanger houses in Mexico along with a stunning sunset beach image. One photographer took amazing reflection photos in Vancouver - buildings reflected in buildings, buildings reflected in a mirrored bear sculpture, beautiful copper and blue sky images.

It's intriguing to see what different eyes see, and how that is translated through the camera. The subject for our May 2, 7 pm, meeting is "Personal Theme" - so

the choice is wide open. Contact Urs Boxler, [ursboxler@gmail.com](mailto:ursboxler@gmail.com), if you'd like to see what we're up to. You'll leave happily saturated!

*Diane MacDonald*



*Photo: Urs Boxler*



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## Spring Booster & Free Contraception

British Columbia will offer spring booster doses to older and immunocompromised adults at risk of severe outcomes from COVID-19 starting in April.

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

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

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

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## Pender Solstice Theatre Society



On June 9, 10 and 11 Solstice Theatre presents the comedy *Opening Night*.

Richard Hyde-Finch, the director of a new Canadian play, *Whisper on the Wind*, is nervous about opening night. Meanwhile, Richard's girlfriend, Cilla, is about to spring a secret on him. In addition, Ruth has dragged her reluctant husband, Jack, to see his first play when he'd rather be watching the seventh game of the World Series. Added to the mix are two has-been actors who seem to be vying for the same role, which neither is capable of. Then there is the ingenue, who may or may not remember her lines, and a waiter who will do just about anything to get a part.

We witness the backstage manoeuvrings and watch as *Whisper on the Wind* crashes spectacularly before our eyes.

*Opening Night* is written by Norm Foster, one of Canada's most successful and widely produced playwrights. And we have a talented cast with Larry Colcy playing Richard, Graham Garlick as Tom, Joe Montague as Clayton, Dr. Gerry Moore as Michael, Barb Pender and John Pender as Ruth and Jack, and Deana Roozendaal as Cilla.

Show times are Friday, June 9 and Saturday, June 10 at 7 pm with a matinee performance on Sunday, June 11 at 2 pm. All performances will be at the Community Hall and tickets will be available at Talisman Books.

*Evan Llewellyn*

## PIJazz

### Wanna Hire a Jazz Band?

PIJazz had an unusual night out in April when the whole band was hired to play at an island wedding.

Our Pender audiences normally meet us at an event - a concert or dance - put on by the band, usually in conjunction with a hosting organization such as the Community Hall, the Legion, or a more commercial venue.

A secondary and informal function of the band, though, is to facilitate musicians



*The front line at the Hope Bay wedding. L to R: Vicki (flute), Rob (trumpet), Kathy and Bryce (alto sax), Ladi and Manfred (tenor sax), and Joyce (baritone sax). Partly seen Dave (tuba), Dan (percussion) Randy (guitar). Not seen Dave (keyboard), John (bass guitar). Photo: D.A.E. Spalding*

looking for others who wish to play together. Over the years, members of the band have got together, often with other island (and sometimes off-island) musicians, to perform in other contexts. From solo performances at the Hall's Friday lunches, through small groups playing at churches, pubs, restaurants, and community gatherings, you will find PIJazz players sharing their music with the community at large.

Some groups play together over longer periods, as PITrad did before COVID, and Tim Johnson's quintets and other groups have more recently. Other groups are sometimes put together for specific occasions, rehearsing special material and presenting a single performance. Although I can't recall any christenings, I am among those who have played at a number of weddings, and a memorable funeral, at which the deceased got the New Orleans send-off he had wanted.

A couple associated with the Hope Bay Bible Camp has been attending some of our swing dances, no doubt encouraged by our guitarist, Randy, who is based at the camp. They decided they wanted the whole shebang to entertain at their wedding in April. The band gathered during dinner, and set up in the big hall while some tables were moved away to clear space for dancing. The keyboard was hauled over from the chapel, and friends from the wedding party provided

music for the couple's first dance. Then the band let rip with a range of swing tunes, varied by more sentimental ballads, and guests of all ages joined in the celebrations.

In the intermission I learned that the occasion had stirred nostalgic sentiments in at least two band members. In the early days of the band, maybe 15 years ago, long-standing members Bryce (then, and again now our leader) and Kathy (who has shifted her allegiance from clarinet to alto sax) had held some rehearsals in the camp buildings before most of the present members had made it into our ranks.

### Jazz in June

Before you read this we will have held another swing dance in the Hall. Then we will be busy working up new and old material for our traditional June concert, an annual tradition that we regrettably had to cancel during the pandemic.

So mark your diaries for PIJazz on Sunday June 18, at 2 pm, and start to gather your picnic gear ready for an outdoor treat. Watch for fuller details next month.

Meanwhile, you may want to look ahead to events coming up in your life, and see if one of them might be enlivened by a bit of jazz. We can offer anything from soloists, or small groups, to the whole darn crew.

*David Spalding*

## Ptarmigan Arts



Welcome to May in the Arts. We are very much looking forward to summer this month, with three annual favourites for all ages and artistic inclinations that you can register for in May. While the kids are enjoying their After School Music Mentorship, we are in the midst of planning the 4th annual Mosaic Festival held August 4 - 6 at Hope Bay. We hope you'll join us! Early Bird tickets go on sale May 1.

### Art in the Orchard

Art in the Orchard is happening on Saturday, July 22 at Corbett House. Registration is now open until June 15 for artists who are interested in having a table at one of the island's favourite summer art shows. The cost for the registry is \$30. We are looking for volunteers to help with setup, teardown, and parking. Please contact us if you would like to lend a hand to this wonderful community event. Email [alice@ptarmiganarts.org](mailto:alice@ptarmiganarts.org)

### Mosaic Festival

Mark your calendars for August 4 - 6 when we will be hosting the 4th annual Mosaic Arts & Culture Festival at Hope Bay. We're looking forward to a weekend of live music, arts workshops, nature-based programming, and more. Early Bird tickets go on sale on May 1, when we will also be announcing the headlining musicians. We are looking for a team of volunteers to help us make the weekend go smoothly. If you would like to give a few hours of your time in exchange for a weekend pass, we could use your help with merchandise and tickets, parking, artist hospitality, setup and teardown, and security. Email [alice@ptarmiganarts.org](mailto:alice@ptarmiganarts.org) to get involved.

### Camp Create

Camp Create is back this summer with two inspiring weeks of camp with our talented facilitators Ilse Phillips and Ben McConchie. There are still spaces left for both weeks of Camp Create: July 17 - 21 for ages 6 - 9, and August 14 - 18 for ages 10 - 12. It will run from 10 am - 4 pm at Hope Bay. Kids will enjoy art in the mornings with Ilse working on pottery, collage, painting, and more. After lunch they'll spend the afternoon

jamming, writing, and immersed in the world of music with Ben McConchie. On the last day there will be an art showcase and musical performance for parents and caregivers. 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.

### 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 Matthew Hinton on May 5, Caitlin Rae on May 12, Randy Lockhart on May 19, and Slo Cookin on May 26.

### The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts

The gallery will be closed the first week of May. May 10 - 28, we have a solo show by Kim Pollard Fine Art, *Of Time and Place: a kaleidoscope of new paintings inspired by days gone by*. Artist opening reception Saturday May

13, 1 - 5 pm. Artist in attendance May 20 and 27, 11 am - 3 pm.

Opening May 31, *The Chorus*, a solo show by Joanna Rogers, consists of a series of weavings, each containing its own Morse code message. These create an abstracted analytical engine, programmed to transform the past into the present, and to translate the future into cryptic Cassandrian prophecies. They are a visual representation of the chorus in a Greek tragedy, providing a repetitious running commentary on the fate of our endangered species and ultimately on ourselves. *The Chorus* provides a way of processing possible futures, by translating Morse code from sound to visual representation. It allows us to see what we cannot hear. For details on open calls this year, 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

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## Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council

### Pender Art on Display in Sidney

The Arts on the Islands Regional Exhibition is back for 2023 and has a new twist: a live art show at ArtSea Gallery in Sidney. Until May 11, visit the gallery to see a fine selection of work by 67 artists from the island communities of Pender, Mayne, Galiano, and Saturna. Whether you prefer realism or abstract, paintings or textiles, ceramics or wood sculpture, photography or printmaking, you'll find it and much more on display. In the words of one of the exhibition jurors, "Clearly, this part of the world is an inspiration to all who live here" and we know you'll be inspired by what you see.

If you can't visit the live show in Sidney, the online exhibition will be available to view until June 30 at [www.artsontheislands.org/2023](http://www.artsontheislands.org/2023). There's also a printed, full-colour exhibition catalogue available to purchase. ArtSea Gallery is in Tulista Park, 9565 Fifth St., Sidney.

Artworks by 20 Pender Island artists are included in this exhibition. We

hope you'll join us in celebrating the creativity that abounds on Pender and the other island communities in our region. To learn more about the Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council, visit [www.artsontheislands.org](http://www.artsontheislands.org).

*Deborah Strong, President*

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Community Support Programs

#### Maintain Your Independence (MYI)

Classes are \$45 for the eight sessions or \$7 to drop in (drop-ins, please register). Classes are at the Community Hall. If the cost poses a hardship, contact Community Support for assistance; many thanks to the CRD/Pender Parks and Recreation Commission for its financial support of the MYI programs. To register call 250-629-3346 or email [andrea@penderislandhealth.org](mailto:andrea@penderislandhealth.org).

#### Moderate Yoga with Krista Tuesdays, May 2 - June 20, 9:45 - 10:45 am

Improve your activity levels and build strength, balance, mobility, and range of motion in your joints and spine. The class

will include breath work, meditation, gentle stretching, a balancing sequence, and relaxation. Wear loose clothing and bring a yoga mat.

#### Yang Taiji (Tai Chi) with David Tuesdays, May 2 - June 20, 11 am - 12 pm

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

#### Chair Yoga with Erin - Tuesdays, May 2 - June 20, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

#### Gentle Walk with Andrea - Wednesdays Year-round, 10:00 - 11:00 am

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five. There's no cost to join; tea and treats will be available for a small cost or bring your own. Everyone welcome. Please bring good walking shoes and a hat or umbrella if it's wet.

**Moderate Yoga with Krista - Thursdays, May 4 - June 22, 9:45- 10:45 am**

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

**Chair Yoga with Erin - Thursdays, May 4 - June 22, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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

**Volunteer**

Are you interested in making the community a better place? Volunteering is a great way to make the community a better place to live, to grow into

your best self, to have a great time, and it's a proven way to improve your health. There are many, many different opportunities to be involved on Pender and it's an important part of our local culture.

Are you interested in helping animals, building up young people, getting to know some fascinating older people or helping support fun events? If you are interested in talking about how you might like to be involved, please leave a message for Andrea at 629-3346 or email [andrea@penderislandhealth.org](mailto:andrea@penderislandhealth.org).

**Better at Home Contractors Needed**

Better at Home Contractors provide a range of non-medical home support such as light housekeeping and yard work, home maintenance and repairs, caregiver relief, assistance with errands, transportation, shopping, and friendly visits.

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they can assist their clients in any way that seems mutually agreeable, with some limitations. Typically, clients request help with cleaning, yard work, recycling, basic house maintenance, and sometimes support of a person they provide care for, so they have time for some self-care.

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

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

*Andrea Mills, Community Support Programs Worker*

**Epicentre**

The Epicentre is offering a new program this spring. Bush Craft Club (a Sewing Club switch up) is offered on Thursdays after school. Do you want to learn or brush up on fire skills and safety, knot tying, sewing, weaving, whittling, shelter building,

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navigating, and more? Then Bush Craft Club is for you! Come join us for fun and skill building on Thursday afternoons.

Our other much-loved after-school spring programs include the playful Kids Club on Mondays, dramatic Theatre Club on Tuesdays, and the exploratory Science Club on Wednesdays. And then later, on Thursday evenings, our older kids gather for Youth Sewing and Crafts with a pizza dinner. On Fridays from 10 am to 4 pm, hands-on explorations continue using the Montessori method in our Learning with Karen program.

For more information, please visit our website at [www.sginh.ca/programs/epicentre/](http://www.sginh.ca/programs/epicentre/). More information also can be found on our 'The Epicentre' Facebook page.

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

financial support, contact Melody at [mpender@sginh.ca](mailto:mpender@sginh.ca).

If you would like to provide financial support for families requiring assistance to register their children in Epicentre programs, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Melody Pender at [mpender@sginh.ca](mailto:mpender@sginh.ca).

### Tru Value Spirit Board Donations Still Needed

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

*Serena van Bakel*

### Magic Lake Property Owners' Society

#### Spring Upgrades to the Tennis/ Pickleball Courts

The much needed new equipment has been ordered and the cracks in the courts will be patched. Thanks to the volunteers for getting all this going!

### Privateers Park Drainage Issues and Parking

The area beside the tennis/pickleball courts has drainage problems through most of the year. The geotechnical engineer's report will be provided before requests for quotes for the project.

And a reminder that the parking lot is intended for park users.

### MLPOS Cistern Rebate

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

### CRD Cistern Rebate

And 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 us at [notifymlpos@gmail.com](mailto:notifymlpos@gmail.com).



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The next MLPOS Directors meeting, on the second Monday of the month, is Monday, May 8, 4 pm at the Community Hall Lounge/Cafe.

*Mary Beth Rondeau, Secretary*

## Pender Island Child Care Society

### Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre



*Children are great imitators. So give them something great to imitate.* Anonymous

#### AGM

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

#### Book Bags

Children develop as readers by listening to books, reading and describing the pictures, using memory to read, and following along the text with fingers and

then turning the page. You are welcome to sign out baby board books, picture books, felt stories, or parent resources. Thanks to the Times Colonist Literacy Society and Talisman Books for their generous contributions to support our library.

#### Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast

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

#### Parents and Babes

Parents and Babes is offered every Monday morning from 9 - 11:30 am at Dragonfly (we are closed May 22). This is a free drop-in program for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and their children ages 0-5 years. Come out and enjoy healthy snacks, adult and children interactions, developmentally appropriate toys and books, and the

adult and child book lending library. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and the Pender Island Child Care Society, this program is free.

#### Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP)

HOP is every Wednesday in the gym from 9:30-10:30. Come on out and join Rowie as she sets up obstacle courses, tumbling mats, a toddler ball pit, bean bag toss, trikes, and plasma cars. HOP is designed for parents, grandparents, and caregivers to engage in physical activities and support children ages 1-5 years with gross motor skills. Stay until noon and join Jenny in the Strong Start room. Thanks to the Pender Island School and the CRD, this program is free.

#### Dragonfly Website

Check out our website for more information about our programs, helpful parent blogs, and recipes. [www.dragonflycentre.ca](http://www.dragonflycentre.ca).

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

*Sarah Conley*



# MAY

## Pender Island Seniors Activities

### Cooking Class

\*registration required

May 8th

11:00 am – 1:00 pm  
The HUB at Hope Bay

### Activity Day Mahjong

May 11th & 25th

1:00 pm – 4:00 pm  
5719 Canal Rd  
Plum Tree Court

### Japanese Garden

\*registration required

May 18th

9 am – 2 pm  
Transportation provided

### Bird Watching

With John Peetsma

May 16th

9am -10:30 am  
Conservancy Hut

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Visit our website [www.sginh.ca](http://www.sginh.ca)

## Pender Island Community Service Society

### Nu-To-Yu (NTY)



The coins jingled on arrival. It is not only Santa that plays a tune after all. The Nu-To-Yu thanks the gentleman who brought in his loose change - coins collected over years, tossed into a bowl rather than wearing a hole in his pocket. Once rolled and deposited, more than sixty dollars was added to the building fund! That is a lot of coins to save and we appreciate every one. It also turns out older fingers can roll coins better than they can pull weeds. Certainly is more motivating.

Can something be folklore and then become a reality? What is just over an acre in size and takes 16 years to acquire? NTY has acquired title to a property next to the Driftwood and a heartwarming hug, a very big thank you to Manfred B. and Jim P. for their many years of work to give Nu-To-Yu a new home. Thanks go out to Driftwood's Mr. Davey Ray for gifting NTY the land

on which to build the new community building. Now on with the build. On with the gossip of what it will look like. On with the opinions of who could have done it better, quicker, and more cheaply. Gotta love it. Who says there is nothing to talk about on Pender? This will keep the mouths and ears busy for two years. We may have to extend the hours at the coffee shops. Perhaps we can start a "Building Fund coffee" with 25 cents of each cup going to the NTY?

April 15 marked the start of Saturday openings at Nu-To-Yu. Store hours remain unchanged at 10 am - 4 pm for both Friday and Saturday. Donation days are now Tuesday and Thursday 9 am to 12 pm and Saturday 11 am until 2 pm. Furniture, larger bulky items are only accepted on Tuesday and Thursday as only one sorter/receiver is available to take your donation on Saturdays. We are not Tim Hortons, do not dash and run before the donation is checked. The volunteer is also covering sales in the downstairs area so bring Patience on a leash. You know what she looks like: kind, understanding and, of course,

patient. Do not let her get away from you if there is a bit of a line up.

As of May 1 facial masks are no longer mandatory to enter the NTY. We continue to highly recommend the use of facial masks as the store is small and the volunteers not so youthful. I speak for myself of course. Oh, what is with the not sanitizing of hands? There is a black line on the hand sanitizer bottle and the level has not shifted in months. What is with that? Do we need to check your nails as well? Pony up and sanitize your hands when entering please. We will continue to limit the number of customers in the upstairs area of the store. Line ups are more common in the morning however we know you have Patience with you.....

Just a reminder only guide dogs are permitted inside the store. Children should remain close to their supervisor. Please do not open the plastic bags that are stapled shut. These bags are see-through for a reason and we know you can figure it out.

A final reminder that potential post-secondary students should be applying for their bursaries. For bursary criteria please go to our website at [www.nu-to-yu.com](http://www.nu-to-yu.com).

Our Silent Auction will be held on August 5 this year. Please plan to attend. All proceeds go to the new building fund.

*Daurel Minion*

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## Pender Islands Conservancy

### Conservancy Restoration Saturdays from 1 pm - 3 pm

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Thank you to the hardy Pender restoration volunteers and the UVic Ecological Restoration Club (ERC), who helped Parks Canada and the Conservancy salvage plants at the DIP. We had an amazing opportunity to visit this unbelievably beautiful spot and salvage many plants before the work begins on the new road. Salvaged plants, mainly Sword Ferns, were made available for free at the Nature Centre.

In May, we will be removing Broom in different areas. Locations will be announced on the website or let us know if you would like to be on the email list at [info@penderconservancy.org](mailto:info@penderconservancy.org).

Again, thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have been supporting this work!

## UVic Ecological Restoration Club (ERC)



*This is the 2nd year the UVic Ecological Restoration Club(ERC) has come to support the work of the Conservancy and PIPRC in removing invasives at the Disc Park. Thank you ERC! Photo: Erin O'Brien*

The ERC crew came over to assist us with restoration work on Pender for two days. They came down to help not only with the plant salvage at the DIP, but for the second year tackled the daphne at the Golf Island Disc Park. We thank them and look forward to their return next year!

## Conservancy for Kids (C4K) At the Community Hall's Friday Fun Drop

May 19, 10:45 - noon

Let's make decorative Scotch Broom medallions! Invasive Scotch Broom - oh me, oh my. It grows and grows, not hard to deny. But don't you fret, don't you pout, we'll turn it into something, no need to doubt. From gathered branches, tall and round, we'll make medallions created to astound.

### May Seminar: Fall in Love with Your Tiny Neighbours! (Or Despise Them Less) with Dr. Cara Gibson

Friday, May 12, 7 pm, at the Community Hall.

Suggested donation: \$10

Our well-being is tied to the health of our environment, yet we often look past the ways that ecosystems achieve balance. This talk will introduce our planet's original inhabitants and their key roles in pollination, decomposition, and pest regulation. Join Cara for a spectacular visual journey through insect evolution, diversity, and ecosystem services. We'll



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finish with an exchange of practical tips that bolster the good work of Earth's essential and beautiful biodiversity.

Cara has a BSc (Biology, Honours, Univ. of Toronto) and a Master's and PhD (Entomology, Univ. of Arizona). She taught in higher education for 20+ years and her background spans biodiversity monitoring, science research and management, instructional design, fundraising, community organising, and scientific illustration. Cara became the Executive Director of Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary (Lekwungen territory, Victoria, BC) in 2020. She feels honoured to be helping to protect the Nature Sanctuary's rare and threatened species, steward and restore its ecosystems, and grow its communities of practice and education.

### **Naturalist Field Walk at George Hill: Bugs, Birds and Botany**

**Saturday, May 13, 9:30 am,  
George Hill (Upper Terrace)**

Join our own Dr. Erin O'Brien and Dr. Cara Gibson of the Swan Lake Christmas Hill Nature Sanctuary. Please register on the website.

Contact us at [info@penderconservancy.org](mailto:info@penderconservancy.org) for more information or if you are interested in volunteering to lead a walk. Thank you to Madelin Emery who led the great walk on Found Road Trail in April.

### **4th Annual Ursula Poepel Broom Bash May 7 - 20**

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

Remove that Broom on your own property, ideally once it starts to bloom. Help your neighbour! If you have room, stash it in a corner on your property where it will decay.

If you have a lot of Broom, you can bring it down to our drop-off site between May 7 - 20 only. The drop off site is at Danny Martin Park parking lot (off Buccaneers) on North Pender. Please ensure that you only leave broom plants with no seeds.

If you do not have a way to get your Broom to the drop off sites, please contact

us at [info@penderconservancy.org](mailto:info@penderconservancy.org). Our wonderful transport coordinator will arrange pick up between May 10 - 20. Donations are welcome for this service.

### **Please Be Aware While Bashing...**

Birds are nesting! If you hear or see an agitated bird, give that location a wide buffer zone.

### **Opening Broom Bash at Roesland with Parks Canada Sunday, May 7, 11 am - 3 pm**

Join us and Parks Canada for the opening Broom Bash and visit the Pender Islands Museum with their special display for Ursula from 1 - 4 pm.

### **Bird Walk**

**Tuesday, May 16, 9 - 10:30 am**

John Peetsma with the Pender Islands Conservancy joins the SGI Neighbourhood House's 55+ program.

John Peetsma is coordinator for Pender's Christmas Bird Count and a passionate birder. Join him at the Community Hall, by the Conservancy hut (wooden shelter with the picnic table) for an exploration of birds that could be in your backyard. Bring binoculars if you have them. We

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# ARTS on the Islands 2023



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## REGIONAL ART EXHIBITION

**April 28-May 11, 2023**

Opening Reception: Sat, Apr 29, 2-4pm

**ArtSea Gallery** 9565 Fifth St, Sidney

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will be outside, so dress for the weather and be prepared to walk short distances.

### Fermenting Made Simple

The Conservancy and Pender Earth present a Sustainable at Home Workshop with Emillie Parrish Saturday, May 27, 2 pm at the Community Hall. Cost \$25. Limited space. Registration is at [penderconservancy.org/events](http://penderconservancy.org/events).

Fermented foods are full of flavour, good for you, and help your move towards zero-waste. Emillie Parrish is a freelance writer, blogger ([www.fermentingforfoodies.com](http://www.fermentingforfoodies.com)), and author of *Fermenting Made Simple*, a cookbook that celebrates the simplicity and flavours of fermentation. We are grateful that she will be sharing her knowledge with Pender.

### Annual Native Plant Sale

**Saturdays, 11 am - 3 pm,  
at the Nature Centre**

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

### Celebration

**Saturday, June 3 at the Community Hall**

In celebration of 30 years of the Conservancy's incorporation, and for the successful purchases of KELÁ EKE Kingfisher Forest and S,DÁYES Flycatcher Forest with Raincoast Conservation, we will be hosting a community celebration and potluck,

with a performance by Sarah Smith on June 3. Stand by for details on the website: [penderconservancy.org](http://penderconservancy.org).

*Sue Kronen*

### Pender Island Emergency Program



### Emergency Preparedness Week May 7-13, 2023

Are you prepared? By definition, emergencies happen when we don't expect them and often when families are not together. Suddenly, you need to think about your kids at school or vulnerable elderly parents. If phones don't work, or some neighbourhoods aren't accessible, what will you do?

Emergency Preparedness Week is an annual event held during the first full week of May and is an opportunity for us to take concrete actions to protect ourselves and our families. Start by making an emergency plan. It will take you about 20 minutes using an online tool, which you can then print out. Before beginning, you will need to think about such things as:

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Remember, emergencies can happen at any time. Depending on the severity, your household could be on its own for several days or even weeks while first responders help those who need it most. While many of us are prepared, provincial surveys have shown that most aren't. If you are part of the latter group, make a commitment today to get prepared by creating an emergency plan, assembling a grab-and-go bag, and storing sufficient food, water, and other supplies to be self-sufficient for up to two weeks. It can make a world of difference.

Know the risks, make a plan, and get an emergency kit. Go to this link to get started: <https://www.getprepared.gc.ca>.

Taking action so that you, your family, and your community are prepared for emergencies means that hardships may

be lessened or avoided, leading to a better response and faster recovery. And don't forget to check out the Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program Facebook page regularly for ongoing information on emergency preparedness and other news.

Are you interested in volunteering for the Emergency Program on your island? Email [sgiepc@crd.bc.ca](mailto:sgiepc@crd.bc.ca).

*Brigitte Prochaska, SGI Emergency Program Coordinator*

## Pender Island Farmers' Institute



The Pender Islands Farmers' Market will begin its season on May 20, the May long weekend, 9:30 am - 1 pm at the Community Hall. Folks who would like to be vendors are encouraged to contact

market manager Donald Isaac Grimmer at [penderislandmarket@gmail.com](mailto:penderislandmarket@gmail.com) for any questions, and to submit the applications that are available at

[www.PIFI.ca](http://www.PIFI.ca) or at the real estate office. We would also like to encourage musicians at the market, as well as community groups that would like to promote their organization or events. The market began in 1978 and is a wonderful place to have a coffee or lunch, and pick up fresh produce, eggs, meat, or baked goods. Many artisans also attend, with a variety of items ranging from sandals, to wood bowls and pens, fabric baskets, and children's clothes. Everything is made, baked, or grown on Pender Island. We are proud members of the BC Association of Farmers' Markets. In June, we will also begin the Wednesday Food-Only Market and the Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program for low income seniors, families and pregnant women. Vendors will be notified by email of a vendor's meeting in early May.

Seedy Saturday in March was well attended. Many thanks to Southridge for their financial support and ongoing support of the farm community.

The Pender Islands Fall Fair theme is "Back to the Future" and will be August 26 at the Community Hall after a three-year pandemic break. Convenors and organizers are beginning their work, and we are looking for volunteers to help in many areas - set-up, take-down, food vendors, games organizers, and more. We gratefully acknowledge the financial support of the Province of British Columbia grant from the BC Fairs, Festivals and Events Fund for \$3,800. Please contact Barb or Isaac at [penderislandmarket@gmail.com](mailto:penderislandmarket@gmail.com) if you would like to be involved or have a great idea for the fair. The fair started in 1932 and has always been a fun end of the summer season, as well as an agricultural fair that reflects our community.

*Barbara Johnstone*

## Pender Island Fire Rescue



As of April 14, PIFR members have responded to 67 emergency calls.

I would like to start by reminding the community that Thursday, May 11, at 7 pm the Pender Island Fire Protection Society will be holding its annual general meeting at the Pender

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Island Community Hall. Memberships are \$2 annually and run with the calendar year. You can register and pay at the door at the May 11 AGM. Membership in the society is open to all persons who domicile and/or own property on North or South Pender Island.

I am very pleased to announce this past month PIFR hosted a live fire training event that was joined by Mayne Island Fire Rescue. This training is the final step our 2022 recruits were required to complete to receive their Hot Zone Interior Operations Qualifications. This comprehensive training involved three full days of dynamic evolutions, combining all the skills they acquired through the past 14 months, plus teamwork working with our mutual aid partner. I am personally extremely proud of our four recruits: Firefighters Etienne Bourigault, Stephen Frank, Chris Hall, and Chris Martin. These members answered the call and have completed some of the most challenging training available and we are honoured to have them on our team.

Recently, while doing some community engagement here on the island, our fire

prevention team ran into a situation we, unfortunately, encounter far too often. On our way to the resident's property, the civic address was not visible from the road. In this situation, it only caused our team a few minutes of driving back and forth before finding the correct driveway. Unfortunately, in our line of work, the drive to your residence may be a battle against the clock. Imagine we are responding to a witnessed cardiac arrest or a family member choking. Every minute you wait will feel like an eternity and the stress it puts on emergency services trying to locate a poorly or completely unmarked address sign is a gut-wrenching feeling knowing that it is delaying our potentially life-saving interventions.

In past *Pender Post* articles, I have spoken about updating your civic address to an approved high visibility marker. These standardized address markers are blue backgrounds with white reflective numbers. They are easy to install and available locally through Alea Design on Mayne Island ([www.aleaprint.com](http://www.aleaprint.com)). I can't stress how important this small

but often overlooked detail can be in the event of an emergency.

Please remember, smoke detectors save lives! If you have not yet changed the batteries in your smoke detectors with the recent time change, now is a perfect time,

*Captain Jon Grelik,  
PIFR Fire Prevention Team*

## **Pender Island Food Bank Society**

**H**ello everyone, from the volunteers at the Pender Island Food Bank.

We have experienced, over the past weeks, increasing numbers of new clients, particularly families, requesting a helping hand in supplementing weekly groceries. These are people who do not want to use the food bank and are often embarrassed to say they need help, but the high cost of groceries, along with the rising cost of pretty much everything else, is catching up with more people as time carries on. There is no need for anyone to feel embarrassed in requesting some community kindness,

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

There are no open positions for directors at this AGM.

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

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understanding, and help during a challenging time.

We are very grateful for the generosity local residents have shown in supporting Pender Island Food Bank throughout the years in various ways: the 1% donation to #9, Pender Island Food Bank, on the Tru Value Spirit Board; cheques and e-transfers for various amounts with receipts being provided for dollar amounts of \$25.00 and over; donations of non-perishable food items put into the donation box at Tru Value; donations of beautiful fresh garden produce by gardeners happy to share their bounty. The 1% donation to the Pender Island Food Bank via the Tru Value Spirit Board is a vital method of supporting Pender Island Food Bank as we help our clients supplement their weekly groceries; from it we are able to shop locally for most of our weekly needs. We thank you again, Pender Island and friends of Pender Island, for consistently stepping up to help us provide a helping hand to those in need.

We are happy to once again be part of the Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program (FMNCP). This program is funded by the Ministry of Health and now serves over 65 communities and reaches more than 400 households in BC. 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 and gardeners are reimbursed for the full value of the coupons. The Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon project began as a pilot project in 2007 for pregnant women only, and in 2012 it was extended to families

**Farm Fresh Free Range**  
**Eggs**  
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with children and then later also came to include seniors. 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 and Family Resource Centre also carry the coupons.

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.

Although some practices have been relaxed in the larger world, COVID-19 practices remain in place at the Pender Island Food Bank to protect both our volunteers and clients. These practices include one client at a time in the Food Bank, plexi-glass divider, face mask wearing, and use of hand sanitizer. A face mask will be provided to you in the event you have forgotten to bring yours.

Please keep safe and healthy as you enjoy the fresh air and the feel and smell of spring in the air.

*Teresa Young*

## **Pender Island Health Care Society**

### **PIHCS**

#### **Change Is in the Air**



This year, the Pender Island Health Care Society is wrestling with some tough challenges: supporting the search for a new doctor after Dr. Moore's retirement last year, ongoing efforts to upgrade our 42-year-old facility, and finding a new Executive Director of the Society to fill a large hole that will be left when Marion Alksne retires at the end of this year.

#### **Ways to Resolve Doctor Shortage**

There is a shortage of family doctors across this country. So, no surprise, Island Health, the employer, has yet to find another physician to live and work on Pender. Doesn't mean anyone in the Society has thrown up their hands and stopped trying to find solutions. The Society's board of directors recently established a permanent Health Services Committee, with a mandate to pursue all avenues to help resolve the issue.



Pender Island Art Society  
Presents~

# *"A Brush With Spring"*

*May 20, 10-4*

*May 21, 11-3*

*Pender Island Community Hall*



Art by Kim van Steenberg

Come, visit the  
spring exhibit of  
art, displayed by  
the Pender Island  
Art Society.

The committee continues to advocate strongly for a replacement physician, while assisting Island Health with recruitment wherever possible. At the same time, they are exploring additional roles within the medical clinic which would support the practitioners with patient care.

Make no mistake, this process is neither easy nor quick. The committee appreciates the commitment of the medical clinic staff and the patience of the wider community as we work through the solutions. Thank you!

### Executive Director Search

Advertising for a new Executive Director began in early April with adverts going out to a variety of employment services.

As in the past, we ask the Pender community to help us find a great candidate. A reminder that the job is part time (now 0.75FTE), pays well, and plays an important, respected role in providing the health and wellness services we all rely on as a community. In a nutshell, the Executive Director is responsible for day-to-day Health

Centre operations, manages a team of employees and contractors, and advocates for healthcare needs.

If someone you know has the right mix of training, skills, and experience, and either lives on Pender or would be willing to move here, please encourage their interest. For a full job description and information about the Health Centre and Society, go to <https://penderislandhealth.org/edsearch>.

### Facility Upgrades

Given that our well-used Health Centre is hitting what might be described as middle age, not surprisingly some things need replacing. The most noticeable, and not glamorous, is the septic field. Anyone who has dealt with a septic system knows that it is a very expensive proposition. We are happy to report that, with generous financial support from an anonymous donor and the availability of local contractors, the septic system is undergoing a complete overhaul, with the added capability of biohazard treatment. Equally important is the work going on to improve perimeter drainage.

Whenever aging infrastructure is tackled, it also must be brought up to current standards. The Society has initiated work to improve accessibility for those with mobility challenges. We're starting with the west entrance door, hallway, and bathroom. Architectural design work is being finalized and construction is scheduled to start as soon as the building permits are in place.

This project would not have been possible without a Federal Government grant, so special thanks goes to the Society's fundraising efforts over the past two years. The hope is to also pave the west side parking lot, funds permitting. This is only half of the accessibility upgrading that is needed.

Which brings us to the ongoing need for community donations. We hear some people say that all our financial needs must be met because "you're getting money from the tax rolls". But tax roll funding may only be used for operating costs, which like everything are being increased by inflation. Tax roll funds can't be used to fund capital

## 2023/24 Recreation Funding Available

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

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

Find application forms and detailed program requirements online at:

[www.crd.bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/recreation-facilities/piprc-recreation](http://www.crd.bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/recreation-facilities/piprc-recreation)



Important Dates:

**June 30, 2023**

September 2023

Application Deadline

Fund Distribution

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**Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission**  
[penderparks@crd.bc.ca](mailto:penderparks@crd.bc.ca)

projects such as accessibility and drainage upgrades, or the septic field replacement. That's where the Society relies on grants and donations. And why we're so grateful to those of you who continue to make donations, large and small, to support the Health Centre. Keep it up - it matters!

*Urs Boxler for the  
Communications Committee*

## Pender Island Museum Society



The following is part one of a two-part article on George and Addie Logan of Port Washington. The first focuses mainly on George.

### George and Addie Logan

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



*George Logan driving Jack Falkner's car, circa 1930*

### George's Family on Pender

George's grandmother, Mrs. Agnes Logan, married John MacKinnon - her third husband - and moved to Pender in 1912 to her new husband's home, the 'Tower House' on MacKinnon Road. George's father, George Logan

Sr., married Emily Bellamy in 1905 in England. The young couple also moved to Pender in 1912. Together George and Emily raised five children: Hilda, Grosvenor, George (b. 1910), Horace, and Ivy. The family lived in the yellow

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**Pender Island Chamber of Commerce is seeking a Chamber Manager who is an innovative thinker, understands existing and emerging business needs, and is adept at building and nurturing strategic partnerships to support a diverse community.**

### Responsibilities:

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**For the full job description refer to the job board at [www.sgicommunityresources.ca/jobs/](http://www.sgicommunityresources.ca/jobs/) or contact [info@penderislandchamber.com](mailto:info@penderislandchamber.com)**

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Carmel Kozac and Miranda MacKenzie

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

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

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School Community Room .....629-3711

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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)

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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**

<b>May 7</b>	10:00 am	St Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist
<b>May 14</b>	10:00 am	St Peter's Church	Morning Prayer
<b>May 21</b>	10:00 am	St Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist
<b>May 28</b>	10:00 am	St Peter's Hall	Circle Service (Advent 1)

**Church Office:** 629-3634

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

**Parish E-mail:** [admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca](mailto:admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca)

**Pender Island Community Church (PICC) ([www.picchurch.ca](http://www.picchurch.ca))**

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

<b>May 7</b>	10:45 am	Dan Glover	Communion
<b>May 14</b>	10:45 am	George Hodgson	Worship Service
<b>May 21</b>	10:45 am	Frank Strohschein	Worship Service
<b>May 28</b>	10:45 am	Christian Girard	Worship Service (Pentecost)

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

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

**4705 Buccaneers Road**

**The Liturgical Season of Easter**

<b>May 7</b>	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
<b>May 12</b>	9:30 am	Friday Mass in lieu of Sunday
<b>May 21</b>	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
<b>May 26</b>	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 Group of Pender Island and Southern Gulf Islands (<https://bahaisofpender.org>)**

<b>May 2</b>	7:00 pm	Twelfth Day of Rivan, via Zoom
<b>May 17</b>	7:00 pm	Feast of 'Asamat (Grandeur), via Zoom
<b>May 24</b>	11:00 pm	Celebration of Declaration of the Bab, via Zoom
<b>May 29</b>	3:00 am	Commemoration of the Ascension of Baha'u'llah, 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**

<b>Sundays</b>	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).

## MAY CALENDAR

1	Mon	9:00 am	Parents and Babes to 11:30 am (also May 8, 15 and 29), Dragonfly Centre* .....	19
		9:30 am	Let's Go Walking, Mondays and Fridays, call Carol at 629-9959 or Ann at 629-3099 for location	
		3:45 pm	Kids Club (ages 5+) to 5:15 pm, weekly until June 26 (no class May 22), Epicentre* .....	18
2	Tue	9:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations until 12 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays* .....	20
		9:45 am	MYI: Moderate Yoga with Krista to 10:45 am, Community Hall* .....	16
		10:00 am	Library open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays until 3 pm* .....	35
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to 3 pm* .....	39
		10:00 am	Bike tune ups, sales, repairs on the first Tuesday of the month to 3 pm, Recycling Bike Shop*.....	39
		11:00 am	MYI: Gentle Chair Yoga with Erin to 12 pm, Community Hall*.....	16
		11:00 am	MYI: Tai Chi with David to 12 pm, Community Hall*.....	16
		3:45 pm	Theatre Club (ages 5+) to 5:15 pm, weekly until June 27, Epicentre* .....	18
		7:00 pm	Photo Club meets, via Zoom .....	13
		7:30 pm	Badminton to 9:30 pm, contact 629-6830 or 629-3375, School Gym*	
3	Wed	9:30 am	HOP until 10:30 am (also May 10, 17, 24 and 31), School Gym*.....	19
		10:00 am	MYI: Gentle Walk with Andrea to 11 am, Community Hall* .....	16, 39
		11:00 am	Taoist Tai Chi, to 12:30, Community Hall, call Kali at 629-3848 for details*	
		1:30 pm	Carpet Bowling to 3:30 pm, Community Hall*.....	38
		2:00 pm	Socrates Cafe with John Gowan every Wednesday to 4 pm, Legion*	
		3:45 pm	Science Club (ages 5+) to 5:15 pm, weekly until June 28, Epicentre* .....	18
		4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5 pm, \$5 drop in, all ages, abilities welcome, Community Hall*	
4	Thu	9:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations until 12 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays* .....	20
		9:45 am	MYI Moderate Yoga with Krista, to 10:45 am, Community Hall* .....	17
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to 3 pm* .....	39
		10:00 am	Library is open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday to 3 pm* .....	35
		11:00 am	MYI Gentle Chair Yoga with Erin to 12 pm, Community Hall* .....	17
		2:00 pm	Legion Euchre with Margaret Vergette to 4 pm every Thursday, Legion*.....	42
		3:45 pm	Bush Craft Club (ages 5+) to 5:15 pm, weekly until June 29, Epicentre* .....	17
		5:30 pm	Youth Sewing & Crafts (grades 6+) to 7 pm, weekly until June 29, Epicentre*.....	18
5	Fri	9:30 am	Let's Go Walking, Mondays and Fridays, call Carol at 629-9959 or Ann at 629-3099 for location*	
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open Fridays and Saturdays until 4 pm* .....	20
		10:00 am	Food Bank open Fridays to 12 pm, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall* .....	26
		10:00 am	Tech Table to 12:30 pm, Community Hall*.....	38
		10:30 am	Community Cafe and Gathering, lunch and music by Matthew Hinton to 1 pm, Community Hall... 15,	38
		10:00 am	Learning with Karen (ages 5+) to 4 pm, weekly until June 30 (except May 26), Epicentre* .....	18
		10:45 am	Activity: Maraca Making to 12:15 pm, Community Hall .....	39
		5:30 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner* .....	42
		7:00 pm	Community Choir: Songs from the Movies (also May 6, 7 pm and May 7, 2 pm), Community Hall ..	11
6	Sat	10:00 am	Community Cafe to 1 pm, Community Hall* .....	39
		10:00 am	Saturday Market, to 1 pm, (also May 13), Community Hall* .....	39
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday to 3 pm* .....	39
		11:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations Saturdays, until 2 pm* .....	20
		1:00 pm	PI Conservancy Weekly Restoration: 1-3pm. Location TBA* .....	21
		1:15 pm	Moving Around Pender (MAP) first Saturday every month, Community Hall*	
		2:30 pm	Pender Island Trust Protection Society, first Saturday every month, Community Hall lounge*.....	40
		4:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw every Saturday*.....	42
		1:00 pm	Pender Islands Museum open to 4 pm Saturdays, Sundays and holiday Mondays* .....	29
7	Sun		Emergency Preparedness Week, until May 13.....	23
		10:00 am	Badminton, to 12 pm, contact 629-6830 or 629-3375, School Gym*	
		11:00 am	Broom Bash Opener at Roesland, 11 am -3 pm, Conservancy with Parks Canada.....	17, 22
		5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14 – 24s, to 9 pm, Community Hall.....	38
		7:00 pm	Speakeasy (words to inspire: tree, word, hope, sacrifice), Legion*	



## MAY CALENDAR CONTINUED

8	Mon	11:00 am	55+ Workshop: Cooking Class, HUB at Hope Bay, to 1:00 pm.....	19, 43
		1:00 pm	PIAS Workshop: Smooshing, to 3:30 pm, Anglican Church Hall.....	10
		9:30 am	Pender Island Quilters' Circle, to noon, St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall .....	12
		3:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Community Hall and via Zoom* .....	35
		4:00 pm	Magic Lake Property Owners Society Directors Meeting, Community Hall.....	18
9	Tue	7:30 pm	Badminton to 9:30 pm, contact 629-6830 or 629-3375, School Gym*	
10	Wed	4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5 pm, \$5 drop in and March 15, all ages and abilities welcome, Community Hall* Reconciliation Circle Special Event, details TBA.....	36
11	Thu	1:00 pm	55+ Workshop: Activity Day – Mahjong to 4 pm (also May 25), Plum Tree Court .....	19, 43
		1:00 pm	Garden Club to 3 pm, speaker Adam Miller.....	44
		7:00 pm	Pender Island Fire Protection Society AGM, Community Hall .....	24, 25
12	Fri	10:30 am	Community Cafe and Gathering, lunch and music by Caitlin Rae to 1 pm, Community Hall ....	15, 38
		11:00 am	Pender Island Otters Swim Club, summer session, Panorama Recreation Centre* .....	46
		10:45 am	Activity: Tasty Birds Nests to 12:15 pm, Community Hall.....	39
		7:00 pm	PI Conservancy Seminar with Dr. Cara Gibson at the Hall.....	21
			Clanna Morgan Concert, Legion .....	42
13	Sat	9:30 am	PI Conservancy Naturalist Walk: Dr. Cara Gibson and Dr. Erin O'Brien.....	22
		1:00 pm	Kim Pollard solo exhibition opening, until 5:00, Gallery at Hope Bay .....	3, 15
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Aftersun</i> , Community Hall .....	38
16	Tue	11:00 am	Computer Savvy Seniors, until noon, Community Hall .....	43
		9:00 am	Bird Watching Walk, until 10:30, Conservancy Hut at Community Hall.....	22, 43
18	Thur	9:00 am	Japanese Garden , lunch and speaker, until 2:00 pm, Mayne Island Community Hall .....	19, 43
19	Fri	10:30 am	Community Cafe and Gathering, lunch and music by Randy Lockhart to 1 pm, Community Hall....	15, 38
		10:45 am	Conservancy for Kids (C4K): Scotch Broom Medallion Craft, Community Hall .....	21, 39
		5:30 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner* .....	42
20	Sat	9:30 am	Farmers Market opens, to 1 pm (also May 27).....	24
		10:00 am	PIAS Brush with Spring, Community Hall (also Sun. May 21, 11 am - 3 pm).....	10, 27
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Living</i> , Community Hall .....	38
21	Sun	5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14 – 24s Meet at the Community Hall.....	14, 38
25	Thurs		Pender Classic Disc Golf Tournament, Disc Park, until May 28.....	44
26	Fri	10:30 am	Community Cafe and Gathering, lunch and music by Slo Cookin to 1 pm, Community Hall ....	15, 38
		10:45 am	Activity: Ping Pong Fun to 12:00 pm, Community Hall.....	39
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Pinocchio (2022)</i> , Community Hall .....	38
27	Sat	10:00 am	Legion General Member Meeting .....	42
		1:00 pm	Legion Bingo .....	42
		2:00 pm	PI Conservancy+Pender Earth: Fermentation Workshop with Emillie Parrish.....	23
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Pender Votes - Oscar Favourite</i> , Community Hall.....	38
28	Sun	4:30 pm	Film: <i>Puss in Boots: The Last Wish</i> , Community Hall .....	38
31	Wed		<i>The Chorus</i> , a solo show by Joanna Rogers, Ptarmigan Art Gallery.....	15

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

## ADVANCE NOTICES FOR JUNE

3	Sat	9:00 am	Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast until 11am, Dragonfly Centre .....	19
		5:00 pm	PI Conservancy Potluck and Celebration with Sarah Smith (time TBC).....	23
	Fri	7:00 pm	Solstice Theatre presents Opening Night, also June 10 at 7 pm and June 11 at 2 pm.....	14
17	Sat		Tour des Iles (to June 18).....	3
18	Sun	2:00 pm	PI Jazz Outdoor Concert, Community Hall.....	14
23	Fri	7:00 pm	Orca Awareness Month Speakers.....	41
24	Sat	7:15 pm	Film: <i>Avatar Way of Water</i> , Community Hall.....	38
25	Sun	3:00 pm	Pender Island Child Care Society AGM, Thieves Bay.....	19

cottage at the corner of Otter Bay and Port Washington roads (now known as Emily's Cottage). Unfortunately, George Sr. died at a young age (in 1920). Shortly after George Sr.'s death, Emily opened and operated Grosvenor House, Pender Island's first hotel. It was located adjacent to the Port Washington wharf. Emily sold the hotel in the mid-1930s, and it later burned to the ground under new owners, Mr. and Mrs. Ackerman.

### **A Great Sportsman**

Both George and his sister, Hilda, were excellent athletes; they played tennis and badminton. Their names grace early tennis trophies (currently on display at the museum). George also loved to hunt and fish. He hunted in what is now the Magic Lake area and fished, by rowboat, in Active Pass.

### **Early Memories of George Logan**

Dill (Nora) Clague was a young girl when she first met George. Many years later, after George died, she wrote about her early memories of him:

*It was the early 1930s, George was a young man probably nearing 20, when he first became my friend for life. Each morning when I was five, George would arrive at my house to pick up the fresh bottled milk that my mother had ready for delivery around Port Washington and over to Otter Bay. I would sit out on the stone pile at the roadside and chat with George as he came and went. Then one magic day he asked if I wanted to come for the delivery ride.*

*For more than two years before I started school, I was his regular passenger, except for those disappointing Mondays and Thursdays when he met the CPR boats at Hope Bay.*

*I learned how important it was to be George's friend. He knew the people and places on Pender better than anyone. I learned when to get out and walk around and when to stay put; when to be introduced and when to stay out of the way. We were allowed into the gardens and beaches of Waterlea, Major Boyer showed us his cement swimming pool, the rose garden, and Lord Frontenac's medicine spoon in a glass case. We saw the seiners and the scows of herring at the Saltery, the Towerhouse, and Mrs. Symes' dogwood tree. At James Point*

*we saw Mr. McKinnon's wood carvings. There were always new things and places and people to talk about. People said George was always running, he'd slow down to talk to me.*

*After work he ran again at sports. Tennis in summer and badminton in winter. On the tennis court he was, for years, unbeatable. His name was engraved on the tennis cup season after season. He played with ease and grace and great natural skill. I believe George played the game of life with those same qualities and endless cheerfulness.*

*I was lucky to have been one of George's earliest delivery companions but the list of others who later shadowed his footsteps is very long. It was his time that was his gift to us. Even when I would return to Pender years later, I would envy each new young passenger who occupied the passenger seat.*

*Each one of us who was privileged to ride with George understood that he found life too interesting to waste and that is why he always had to hurry.*

*Sandy Auchterlonie*

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



I want to begin by recognizing Commissioner Barry Mathias for his years of service to Parks and Recreation. As a key player in MAP, Barry has helped push Parks along the path toward more trails. Recently, Barry led our efforts on invasive control and tree planting, which are still in their infancy. A serious person with a good sense of humour, Barry's counsel will be missed at our board. And, with his departure, we are looking for a new Commissioner (see advertisement on next page).

### **Boats at Magic Lake**

If you drive by Magic Lake Park you will notice 20+ boats lined up by the road. Some are dilapidated and others appear to have been abandoned. They will be removed after May 31 if they are not claimed by their rightful owners, named, and placed neatly with the other boats in the designated area. We are also adding new signage spelling out a few

simple rules to allow on-site storage to continue.

### **Dogs Run Free**

Dogs have, once again, topped the Parks and Rec agenda. It seems clear that there is a need for a dog park on Pender Island. It is also clear that almost anywhere a dog park is considered, the neighbours will be opposed. A new location is proving difficult to find, and it is very costly. It will take time.

There once was a dog park. It was a central place in Magic Lake where little dogs went early in the morning, departing before the big dogs came later. It was largely managed by the dogs' people, but there were some traffic and noise issues which spawned complaints. Then Parks and Rec made the decision to close the park without providing an alternative off-leash park for dogs to take their people for a romp.

With the dog park gone there were quite a few sad puppies. Soon their people decided that something needed to be done for the dogs and their humans' mental health. Soon a few dogs, with their people, congregated at Thieves Bay for social time. The dogs were happy. Their people were happy. But some of the dogs were a little too rambunctious and would rush off to say hi to other dogs also taking their people for walks. This scared some people. So, back to Parks and Rec to enforce the "on leash" rule.

Let's keep this simple. Dogs need a place to run off leash. Parks and Rec's responsibility is to provide areas where people can recreate, and this includes opportunities for their dogs. We don't have such a place on Pender today. Parks and Rec is considering the following options:

- Reopening the old dog park until a new location is secured and established.
- Amending the parks bylaw requiring that dogs be "on leash" to be "under control."
- Doing nothing.

Every time someone mentions that perhaps, just maybe, we could re-open the old dog park until a new location is found, we immediately get letters and emails from those opposed.

We have parks already, and they are intended to be multi-use and, hopefully, accessible to as many people as possible. Our existing bylaw says dogs must be on a leash, but how can this be effectively enforced if many people fail to comply? We could hire bylaw enforcement and go round fining people for not using leashes. How will this go over in the community?

Interestingly, Salt Spring, Juan de Fuca, Galiano, and Saturna all require that dogs be “under control” and not necessarily on a leash at all times. Mayne requires dogs on-leash in some parks. Changing the bylaw seems like a reasonable way to proceed. However, it still requires that dogs train their people to behave properly.

Doing nothing seems wrong. Dogs want to be off leash. People need to control their dogs whether on or off leash.

Parks will be discussing amending the bylaw at the next meeting on May 8. We will also be discussing how to kickstart work to find a new dog park, including identifying a champion to lead the charge. And, I am quite sure there will be a motion to reopen the old dog park.

I have been told that there was considerable unhappiness and hard feelings in the community over the dog park and its closure. People on both sides felt abused and accused. We need to be able to discuss this, and other community issues, without attacking each other. And, if we can figure out how to do this, we will be ready for the Cat Coalition that has begun caterwauling about wanting their own cat park.

*George Leroux,  
Commission Chair*

### **Pender Island Public Library**







HÍSKWE SIÁM, thank you, to the WSÁNEĆ elders, teachers, and apprentices who spent the morning with us sharing their history of language suppression and revitalization at a workshop on April 19. We learned about the rich culture of the WSÁNEĆ people, who have lived and cared for the Salish Sea for millennia and continue to do so today. A group of over 30 eager participants learned an introduction to

the SENĆOFEN language including place names and welcoming phrases, taught with humour and the connection of words to the natural environment. It was a wonderful, meaningful workshop, and the partners (WSÁNEĆ School Board, Pender Island Library, Community Resource Centre, and Reconciliation Circle) hope to offer more language workshops in the future.

We enjoyed the second speaker in our *Here's to Your Health!* series produced with our partner, the Pender Island Health Care Society. *Healthy Living with Type 2 Diabetes* with Dr. Greg Bondy taught everyone something new about this pervasive condition.

Art in the Library is featuring artist Malcolm Armstrong throughout May and June. Malcolm's speciality is marine artwork, with hours of research behind his oil paintings of ships and the sea. We have art exhibit space available for local artists in 2023 - contact us for exhibition details. In May, come see our book displays celebrating Asian History month, with fun activity sheets in the kids' section.

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## Garden Project

The library's Garden Project will see paving stones and steps installed on the new pedestrian pathways leading to the front door, to allow safe walkways away from the road. The delivery of new garden soil is arriving soon, followed by planting of native plant seeds (xeriscaping and deer resistant). Your donation to this Garden Project is much appreciated and can be made by cheque or online at [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org). Tax receipts will be issued.

## Book Donations

We received several lovely book donations this month: thank you to Jan Ede for a variety of interesting art books. Families and young kids will be excited by Karena Holtz's donation of beautiful, brand new children's picture books. Thank-you, Karena, for thinking of the library for your huge donation of high quality, colourful Canadian picture books.

## New Books

### Youth

*My Name is Saajin Singh* (Kuljinder Kaur Brar), *Dog Man: Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea* (Dav Pilkey), *Bee & Flea and the Compost Caper* (Anna Humphrey), *Abalone Woman* (Teoni Spathelfer), *Hurry, Little Tortoise, Time for School!* (Carrie Finison)

### Adult Non-Fiction

*The Movement Miracle: the Essentrics Stretch Program* (Miranda Esmonde-White), *Running With Purpose* (Jim Weber), *The Art & Science of Geometric Origami* (Jun Maekawa)

### Adult Fiction

*My Heart Will Find You* (Jude Deveraux), *Snow Road Station* (Elizabeth Hay), *Hang the Moon* (Jeannette Walls), *The Enigma of Garlic* (Alexander McCall Smith)

### Adult Mystery and Sci-Fi

*The Dead of Winter* (Stuart MacBride), *48 Clues Into the Disappearance of My Sister* (Joyce Carol Oates), *The White Lady* (Jacqueline Winspear), *Dark Angel* (John Sandford), *Camp Zero* (Michelle Min Sterling).

**Library hours:** Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 am - 3 pm at 4407 Bedwell Harbour Rd.

Need help with downloading apps? Stop by, call us at 250-620-3722, or email the Library HelpDesk at [libraryhelpdesk@crd.bc.ca](mailto:libraryhelpdesk@crd.bc.ca)

*Carmen Oleskevich, Library Director*

## Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

This month's report comes with the help of Sandra Johnson:

Our Truth and Reconciliation Circle was fortunate to have the opportunity to hear from Dr. Sarah Dickson-Hoyle about her experience as a settler/scholar working with the Secwépemc First Nation, conducting action research and advocacy work to support Indigenous leadership in wildfire management and eco-cultural restoration. The idea of the 'walking on two legs' approach, embracing both the scientific world and Indigenous land-based knowledge, seemed integral to their success.

Sarah shared a powerful video with strong images that was also very inspirational, especially in regards to the relationships she developed while working so closely with the stewards of the land. Some of the clarifying questions were insightful in themselves.

We used a beautiful feather as we shared in Circle to reflect on what we had heard. Highlights were the Responsibility of Reciprocity and the importance of interconnectivity.

If you want to contribute to a Reconciliation to support the 'Tmicw' school bus project, which gives elders and students a way to visit their land, all donations are appreciated. You can e-transfer Sarah at [s.dicksonhoyle@gmail.com](mailto:s.dicksonhoyle@gmail.com).

Earlier in the day, many of our Circle members attended the workshop at the library, experiencing an introduction to the SENCOTEN language, including the history of the language and its suppression, and how the language is being revitalized through the efforts of WSÁNEĆ elders and teachers. Many thanks to the elders, teachers, and

apprentices who shared their knowledge with our community. Honouring the history and the language, and being open to trying and practicing the SENCOTEN words that were learned, can help us to make our WSÁNEĆ neighbours comfortable on this, their homeland, S,DÁYES. For after all, we acknowledge that for thousands of years the WSÁNEĆ peoples have walked gently on the unceded lands where we now live and play. Let us build a new relationship with the first peoples; one based in honour and respect.

Our May gathering will be on May 10, which will be a special event. More information will be forthcoming.

*Annie Smith*

## Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

### PIRAHA



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

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

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

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### Notice of Vacancy: Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

The Capital Regional District (CRD) invites applications from those interested in sitting on the Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PIPRC).

The PIPRC is a group of volunteer Commissioners, with delegated authority to manage Pender Islands community parks of the Capital Regional District (CRD), and also allocation of some Recreation funding. PIPRC meetings occur monthly and are open to the public to attend.

Volunteers attend the monthly meeting, participate in the governance of the Parks and Trails, work on committee projects, and serve as park ambassadors in the community.

**How to Apply:** Please email [penderparks@crd.bc.ca](mailto:penderparks@crd.bc.ca) with your expression of interest and why you would make a great commissioner.

**Deadline: May 31, 2023**



Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission  
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### **Aftersun**

Saturday, May 13, 7:15 pm

Twenty years after their last holiday at a fading vacation resort, Sophie reflects on the rare time spent with her loving and idealistic father Calum. At 11-years-old, as the world of adolescence creeps into Sophie's view, Calum struggles under the weight of life outside of fatherhood. Sophie's recollections become a powerful and heartrending portrait of their relationship, as she tries to reconcile the father she knew with the man she didn't.

### **Living**

Saturday, May 20, 7:15 pm

Overwhelmed at work and lonely at home, a civil servant's life takes a heartbreaking turn when a medical diagnosis tells him his time is short. Influenced by a local decadent and a vibrant woman, he continues to search for meaning until a simple revelation gives him a purpose to create a legacy for the next generation.

### **Pinocchio**

Friday, May 26, 7:15 pm

A father's wish magically brings a wooden boy to life in Italy, giving him a

chance to care for the child. However, the two of them have to struggle to find a place for themselves as Italy becomes embroiled in fascism.

### **Pender Votes - Oscar Favourite** Saturday, May 27, 7:15 pm

Pender Votes - Vote for your favourite Oscar film (or one you would like a second chance to see). The winner will be reshowed on Saturday May 27! To vote, go to the Community Hall Facebook page.

### **Puss in Boots: The Last Wish**

Sunday, May 28, 4:30 pm

Puss in Boots discovers that his passion for adventure has taken its toll when he learns that he has burnt through eight of his nine lives. Puss sets out on an epic journey to find the mythical Last Wish and restore his nine lives.

In order to be able to show films, the Community Hall has to have a public viewing license. Our license allows us to show lots of different films, but sometimes it can take a while for new films to be put on the license. *Avatar: The Way of Water* is one of the films that has been taking its time in being

released, however we finally have a date we are able to show it!

### **Avatar: The Way of Water**

Saturday June 24, 7:15 pm

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

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

May 7 and 21, 5 - 9 pm, drop-in

A space for young adults 14 - 24; each week there will be a zero-proof bar, music, craft table, snacks, board games, chill zone, and space for whatever you like. This is a regular 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)

### **Carpet Bowling**

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Carpet Bowling offers mild to moderate exercise, a bit of friendly competition, and great fun. No special clothing is needed except clean flat-soled shoes. Australian rules Carpet Bowling is held weekly on Wednesday from 1:30 - 3:30 pm, September to June. Recommended drop in is \$2.

### **Community Gathering Lunch**

Fridays, 10:30 am - 1 pm

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### 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:

### Maraca Making - May 5

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo by making musical maracas to play mariachi music! All ages, by donation.

### Crispy Rice Bird's Nests - May 12

Make and eat delicious bird's nest treats. All ages, by donation.

### Conservancy Fun - May 19

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

### Ping Pong Fun - May 26

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

### Weekly Activities

#### Walking Group

Wednesdays, 10 - 11:30 am

#### Carpet Bowling

Wednesdays, 1:30 - 3:30 am

#### Community Gathering

Fridays 10 am - 1 pm

#### Community Café

Fridays, 10:30 am - 1 pm

#### Friday Fun

10:45 am - 12:15 pm

#### Lunch

12 - 1 pm

#### Community Café

Saturdays, 10 am - 1 pm

#### Saturday Market

Saturdays, 10 am - 1 pm

#### Film Volunteers

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

*Andrea Mills & George Fowlie*

## Pender Island Recycling Society



May is Tire Month at the depot. The cost is \$3 per vehicle tire if it is off rim or \$8 for on-rim tires. Bike tires can be recycled for free. Please call ahead if you plan to bring in more than four at a time.

PIRS thanks the CRD heartily for a Rethink Waste grant for our dish loan program and bike shop.

Our dishes are available to rent by donation anytime that we are open. Come by and check it out, and keep us in mind the next time that you are hosting a gathering or event. Our bike shop is open on the first Tuesday of the month from 10 am to 3 pm.

We gratefully accept donations for the Reshop and Freestore anytime that we are open. Please see a staff person before dropping anything off. Items should be clean and in good condition. We cannot accept textiles, consumables (e.g., shampoo, cleaning products), or particle board.

This is a great time of year to find plastic plant pots outside the FreeStore for reuse. If you have plant pots to donate, make sure the pots aren't cracked and stack them neatly in the designated area outside of the Freestore. If you have plastic plant pots that are broken, they can be recycled with plastic containers as long as they are clean.

If possible, pre-sort your recycling at home into the following categories: glass, paper, cardboard, flexible plastics, plastic containers, styrofoam, cartons and cups, tin cans, and refundables. It makes it easier to recycle when you're at the depot!

If you have mobility challenges, we can help you with your recycling. Just ask a staff person for assistance.

We share our entrance driveway with two other properties. Watch for outgoing traffic from our neighbour's driveway when pulling into the depot. At fifteen minutes prior to opening, the depot gates are opened so that you can pull up our driveway and avoid blocking the neighbour's entrances.

*Niki Roberts*



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## Pender Island Trust Protection Society



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A huge Douglas Fir tree stands overlooking the ocean and high up in the branches is a magnificent eagle's nest weighing over 900 kilos, home to a pair of resident bald eagles. They mated for life and have lived on this property for twenty-five years, adding to their nest each year. They will leave for a few months in the fall to congregate with hundreds of other eagles as they fish for spawning salmon in the streams of Coastal British Columbia.

On Pender Island, eagles nest in sturdy trees near the ocean where there is a good food source. Their diet consists mostly of fish, waterfowl, and sea birds. They also eat small mammals and carrion. They are prodigious scavengers. The nest tree can be alive or dead, coniferous or deciduous, but it must have branches strong enough to hold their massive nests and be approachable from several directions to compensate for shifting air currents. They also need trees nearby as a buffer from winds, a place to perch while looking for food and watching the chicks, for eaglets to fledge, and for general cover and protection from predators.

During the breeding season it's important not to disturb the area around the nest tree. Sites that are damaged or disturbed by blasting, tree removal, and other construction projects during the critical nesting period, January 15 to August 30, may be abandoned. Loss of nesting habitat is considered the major cause of eagle population decline in BC.

Under the BC Wildlife Act, the nests of eagle, osprey, peregrine falcon, and great blue heron are granted year-

round protection. Unfortunately, the surrounding areas are not protected. In 2007, North Pender Island adopted Raptor Development Permit Area Seven into the Official Community Plan to protect a 30 to 50 metre radius around eagle, osprey, hawk, falcon, and great blue heron nests. Consult a registered biologist and the North Pender OCP to determine whether any proposed activity might adversely affect nesting birds.

Next time you see a large Douglas Fir, look up, see if you can find a bald eagle nest!

PITPS meets the first Saturday of each month in the lounge at the Community Hall at 2:30 pm. All welcome.

*Eroca Dancer*

## Pender Organic Community Garden Society

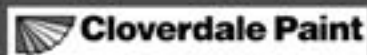


For most gardeners, this is a time of hope and anticipation. The daffodils have faded along the island's slopes and roadsides, alders and maple trees are turning bright green with new leaves, and salmonberry thickets blossom with the promise of berries to come. Gardeners who have been making plot maps and searching out preferred seeds during the dark days of winter are eager to get to work. One by one, we return to our Community Garden plots with a mixture of anticipation and uncertainty. We delight in meeting this year's lambs as we pass by the fields and sheep sheds. We are glad to see that the irrigation pond is full following the showery weather of March and April. But spring has come late again this year, and most gardens have been too soggy to work the soil until recently, so there is much to do before planting. Over-wintered vegetables are harvested to make room for new crops. Bags of compost, manure

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and mulch are piled next to the paths, and we begin the process of weeding, digging, forking, raking and amending the soil following our preferred practices. Conversations among fellow gardeners turn to topics such as “Wow... your garlic is looking good,” “Where did you find that straw?” or “Did you know that Raven Rock farm stand has veggie starts to sell now?” We wonder when the soil will be warm enough to plant out the seedlings that are getting leggy under the grow lights at home, and what varieties of tomatoes are best suited to the intense heat we expect in the coming summer. Climate change has brought greater awareness of the need to adjust our gardening approaches to uncertain seasonal moisture and temperature variations. We are fortunate to learn from one another as we work side-by-side in our individual spaces. This is one the greatest benefits of our wonderful Community Organic Garden, and we are grateful to our host, farmer Karl Hamson.

*Patricia Holborn*

## PenderPOD

### Nature's Way



I, along with my partner who is a volunteer with the Southern Gulf Islands Whale

Sighting Network, witnessed a large Stellar Sea Lion breaking the surface of the water in a battle with a giant Pacific octopus. This was an experience we won't soon forget. Although it was difficult to watch, as time went on it became obvious the octopus was on the losing end. No matter how heartbreaking this was I had to remind myself this was nature's way.

One week later we were excited to see a pod of five Biggs Killer Whales slowly making their way west towards our point. The family, including a young calf, were playfully interacting, slapping their flukes, and circling amongst themselves as if they were just enjoying a day of leisure. As the pod slowly moved closer to our point we noticed there was more going on than just our observation of a Biggs family outing. What appeared to be a round

object bobbing around the killer whales was in fact the head of a large Stellar sea lion. Without getting into the gory details, we were particularly fascinated watching their hunting tactics, teaching the young calf how to hunt, and the celebration afterwards.

I can't help thinking that perhaps this was the same sea lion we saw a week prior. I'm still in awe and grateful we were in the right place at the right time to see and experience these two amazing events right before our eyes.

### Other News

On April 2, members of J Pod were observed on a close pass by Thieves Bay. It is suspected that they have been in the Salish Sea from mid February until they were observed on April 8 meeting up with members of L Pod in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. On April 16th, J Pod made another pass by North Pender. Although they were spread out, a few matrilines were spotted closer to shore. The Humpbacks are starting to make their way into the Salish Sea. If you are out on the water, remember they can surface anywhere, so “If you see a blow, go slow.”

June is Orca Awareness Month and we've put together a few special events. Want to learn more about the Orcas that inhabit our local waters? Join us at the Community Hall with the Pender Island Conservancy and the Southern Gulf Island Whale Sighting Network on Friday, June 23, at 7 pm. Dr. Lance Barrett-Lennard, Misty MacDuffee, and Dr. Valeria Vergara will be speaking. Parks Canada will also have an orca activity at the Nature Centre on July 2. More details to follow.

At the time of this submission, we are still waiting to hear from the DFO about the 2023 measures for the protection of the Southern Resident Killer Whales. The announcement should be made soon about the Interim Sanctuary Zones and Fishing regulations.

*David Durant*

## Royal Canadian Legion

### Branch 239



Last month I joked about snow on April 1 - well, I wasn't far wrong! Here we are in the third week of April and we're still waking up to temps just above freezing. Hey, come on, I'm almost out of dry firewood!

This month I want to talk about Honour Guards and Legion apparel - I know, a real attention grabber. So, if you're still reading, please bear with me as I explain the importance of these two interrelated topics to the history of our Legion.

For many years, whenever a veteran or a long serving member of the Legion passed away, the remaining veterans would honour him or her with a special service at the cemetery, or occasionally at a spot that was very special to the deceased. Nearly 20 years ago Doug Pirie, a good friend and service officer at that time, organized a piper and a large contingency of Legion veterans to honour my dad down at Brooks Point. Seeing all his old comrades lined up with the piper playing on the rocky outcropping made a lasting impact on me that I will never forget. Over the ensuing years, I have been involved in a countless number of these ceremonies (it must be over 100) and I never cease to be moved by the pageantry and the effect it has on the family of the deceased. Many people have commented afterwards that this simple ceremony has moved them emotionally, and also brought some closure and peace to their time of mourning.



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The service is simple and can be expanded or diminished, according to the families' wishes - religious or non-denominational, either way, it is still very moving. Padre Walter Donald has often said that it has been one of his greatest honours as a minister to be involved in these ceremonies.

We are now in danger of seeing this Honour Guard ceremony disappear. As more and more veterans pass on, there are fewer and fewer members who are willing to step up and carry the torch into the future... and that brings us to the Legion uniform. We now have about 200 members, and maybe ten of them who have uniforms and are willing to wear them on those special occasions like Remembrance Day, parades, and memorials. I have worn mine now with much honour for a couple of decades. When I represented the Legion at Peter Campbell's memorial this past fall, it just wouldn't have been the same without the uniform. The Legion has changed a lot in the last few years and some members would just like to be a part of the Legion and help out, without being part of the pageantry. That's fine;

we appreciate all that you can give, be it a little or a lot. I'm not a veteran (those two years in Sea Cadets don't really count) but I can still get spruced up on occasion and honour the memory of a friend or even a stranger. It is a good feeling indeed. We have some uniforms hanging in the foyer of the Legion you can try on. If they don't fit, please talk to me and we can order from Command. Also, often Legionnaires' uniforms end up at Value Village. Hopefully there are at least a couple of men or women who feel like I do about this, and will help keep our Honour Guard on parade.

Our next Honour Guard will be for Fran Rose on Saturday, May 13. Maybe we'll see you there!

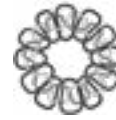
Friday dinners are May 5 and May 19, cooks and menus to be announced. Let us know if you would like to cook with lots of help from our crew. Clanna Morna returns on May 12 for a music concert. See [www.clannamorna.ca](http://www.clannamorna.ca). Meat draws continue every Saturday with lots of fun and prizes, and the building fund draw is getting larger! Saturday, May 27 is our General Member meeting at 10 am. Please join us, have your say, and

support your Legion. Bingo follows at 1 pm - the jackpot is growing!

For updates, calendar of activities, and more information, please go to our website: [www.penderislandrc1239.com](http://www.penderislandrc1239.com)

*John Pender*

## SGI Community Resource Centre



As we welcome the arrival of spring and bid farewell to a long, cold winter, let's look ahead to a season of sunshine and warmth. With longer days and milder weather on the horizon, it's time to start planning for outdoor activities and summer adventures!

**SGI Sustainable Funding Initiative**  
We have wrapped up a second year of successful programming! If you aren't already familiar with our program, our objective is to support SGI non-profits in their grant and capacity-building needs. We send out grant newsletters, offer direct grant support - such as interpreting eligibility criteria or proofreading draft applications - and host workshops, like last month's Succession Planning session with Pender facilitator Alison Brewin. Learn more about our program and what it can do for your non-profit at [www.sgicomunityresources.ca/non-profit-support/](http://www.sgicomunityresources.ca/non-profit-support/)

### Housing NOW

For many homeowners and property owners of the Southern Gulf Islands, cost can be a factor when it comes to creating a rental opportunity. Luckily, the province of BC has announced an exciting new housing incentive pilot project, beginning in spring of 2024. The program offers a forgivable loan for 50% of the cost of renovations, up to a maximum of \$40,000 over five years. This is great news for those looking to create affordable rental units and increase the supply of rental housing in our communities.

Interested in learning more about this program? Sign up for email updates on the BC Housing website at [www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/secondary-suites](http://www.bchousing.org/housing-assistance/secondary-suites).






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## Vitality Business Centre

In other news, the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre has released a detailed survey of small businesses and organizations on Mayne, Pender, Galiano, and Saturna. The survey provides valuable insights into the business demographic and identifies areas for improvement for the SGICRC and local governments.

Local businesses are generally optimistic about the future, but challenges remain. Employers view the broader labour pool as a weakness, and the lack of housing and transportation on the islands are identified as significant drawbacks. More than half of respondents also feel that local governments could do more to assist small businesses and improve information sharing.

The SGICRC is committed to working with local businesses to improve the economic environment on each island, using the survey results as feedback. Our local businesses are essential components of our communities, and we are grateful for their efforts, strengths, resilience, and innovation as residents, tourists, and visitors alike. For more information on the business survey report and the work of the SGICRC, visit [www.sgicommunityresources.ca](http://www.sgicommunityresources.ca).

Let's greet spring with optimism and excitement!

*Melody Pender*

## SGI Neighbourhood House



### May 55+ Workshops

For more information and to register contact [ldavenport@sginh.ca](mailto:ldavenport@sginh.ca), 250-629-3665.

### Activity Day - Mahjong

May 11 and 25, 1 pm - 4 pm  
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Come by for coffee, tea, and conversation and a fun game of Mahjong.

### Cooking Class

May 8, 11 am - 1 pm  
The HUB at Hope Bay

- Vegetarian/vegan essentials
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- Secrets to hummus

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## Bird Watching Walk

Tuesday, May 16, 9 am -10:30 am

With John Peetsma with the Pender Islands Conservancy

Penderite John Peetsma is coordinator for Pender's Christmas Bird Count and a passionate birder.

Meet at the Conservancy Hut next to the parking lot (wooden shelter with the picnic table) at the Community Hall. Bring binoculars if you have them. We will be outside so dress for the weather. Be prepared to walk short distances. Free. Please register in advance.

## Japanese Garden - Mayne Island

May 18, 9 am - 2 pm

Includes lunch and speaker at Mayne Island Community Centre. Transportation provided.

## Computer Savvy Seniors: Problem Solving and Computer Organization

May 16, 1 am - noon

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## SGI Community Justice and You

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We look forward to meeting you!

*Michael Cowan, Managing Director, Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House*

## RECREATION AND LEISURE

### Pender Classic Disc Golf Tournament 2023



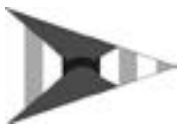
Mark your calendars! This year's Pender Classic Disc Golf Tournament is scheduled for May 25 - 28

at the Disc Park. This annual tournament draws up to 300 players from Canada and the US. The disc park and surrounding area will be very busy so if you were planning on playing recreationally during this time, please keep this in mind and allow tournament participants to play through. For more information please check out the website at [www.discgolfisland.com](http://www.discgolfisland.com).

*Cathy Nealy*

### Canadian Power and Sail

#### Pender Island Squadron



May 30 marks our year end. Over the past year we have increased our membership from 28 to 36 active members! Congratulations to Kori Power, our membership officer, for his efforts in reaching this significant achievement. Of particular note are the four members from Salt Spring Island who have joined our squadron. This builds on our goal of 2022 to build our membership and the effectiveness of using online communications to broaden our outreach and service the Southern Gulf Islands.

Membership is more than just numbers. By increasing our membership we

increase our collective knowledge, talent, and human capacity to broaden both our geographic outreach and the courses we offer.

Thirteen students successfully completed our Maritime Radio Course over the past year. This is a significant increase from the five students in 2022. Students were located on Salt Spring, Galiano, Mayne, and Saturna islands as well as Pender Island.

We also provided courses for Boat and Engine Maintenance and Marine Electrical Systems with a total of eight participants ranging from local, to Holberg BC, to Thunder Bay ON.

We renewed our stock of squadron burgees and have remaining stock available at the Driftwood Pharmacy for purchase by our members. Let's make the effort and commitment to have our presence noted by the appearance of our burgee on local docks. I encourage our members to display the burgee on their boats year round.

We continue to actively participate in Safe Boating Week with our booth and presentations at the Driftwood Mall. This is our opportunity to interact with non-members and introduce them to Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons and our focus on education in support of safety on the water. Special thanks to Helen Lemon-Moore who has created the many informative and educational displays at the mall for this event.

May 15 to 22 is Safe Boating Week and we will continue to encourage all boaters to take appropriate actions and equip their vessels to provide their guests and family with an enjoyable and safe experience when out on the water.

The Marti Tilley Grade 8 Boating Program has been re-started at our local school and is now known as the Marti Tilley Grade 9 Program. We anticipate that approximately 20 students will participate this year.

Nationally, Canadian Power and Sail Squadron has expanded its online offering of courses and seminars. Many now reflect the fact that electronic charting and navigation has become the dominant standard within the marine industry. The Hydrographic Service has moved away from printed charts and so

have we. In the coming year we will look towards the offering of new courses and seminars to allow our members to upgrade and enhance their skills with the courses and seminars now on offer.

Our squadron has room to grow across a broad spectrum of ages - from the computer savvy to the experienced mariners. Older members offer experience to our younger recruits and our younger recruits bring new energy and learning techniques to our membership.

Our goals for the coming year will be to:

- continue to increase our membership
- continue to offer the Maritime Radio Course as a standing offer
- standing offer similar to Maritime Radio
- host at least one event on a neighbouring island in collaboration with our SGI membership, and
- continue offering courses and seminars of interest to our membership.

If you would like to join our squadron then contact me at [davidkirsop@yahoo.ca](mailto:davidkirsop@yahoo.ca)

Thanks for reading and stay safe on the water.

*David Kirsop, Commander-Pender Island CPS Squadron*

### Pender Island Garden Club



In 2020 another gardener moved to the island. Adam Miller decided to move to Pender with his wife Maria in search of a life closer to nature. Adam, a Red Seal Certified Horticulturist, has owned and operated a gardening company in Victoria since 2013 and has taught at the Pacific Horticulture College since 2018. We asked him if he would do a presentation on invasive plants for us and he is happy to do so. He will be covering many of the common and emerging invasive plants we all deal with, different strategies to combat them, and a discussion on some of the controversies surrounding the subject. He was due to take part in the Gardeners Question Time session last year but couldn't make it due to COVID and will save some time at the end to take questions on any subject.

The Pender Island Garden Club meets on the second Thursday of every month at 1 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. Adam Miller will be giving us his presentation on *Invasive Plants* on May 11. Non-members are welcome for a drop-in fee of \$5.

*Kathy MacLachlan*

## Pender Island Golf Club



Spring is back, and with it, a super deal to join us as a member. Take advantage of big discounts or try a Trial membership in 2023. Read on for more information!

Labelled a “hidden gem” by the *Victoria Times Colonist*, our course has provided golfers a fun and challenging venue for over 75 years, and it has never looked better! The trees and bushes have been pruned, the fairways and tees are mowed, and the greens are in excellent condition, all due to the hard work of course superintendent Patrick Deme, our only full-time employee, and a dedicated group of volunteers.

Residents and visitors from all over the world played the course almost 2,000 times in 2022, and the feedback received was overwhelmingly positive. We have groups and individuals who come back year after year. One large family group from Victoria has been coming for 50 years! Their only regret - they missed out in 2020 due to COVID!

We are a not-for-profit society. Greens fees, rentals and shop sales bring in almost half of the revenue required to maintain the course. However, the financial backbone of the club, providing continuity from year to year, is the membership.

So, we are having a huge membership sale with discounted initiation fees and dues. Not ready to commit? We are also offering a Trial membership - golf all you want in 2023 and apply the fee to your initiation in 2024. Details are on our website ([penderislandgolf.ca](http://penderislandgolf.ca)), at the Golf Shop, by calling 250-629-6659 or by emailing [pigolf@shaw.ca](mailto:pigolf@shaw.ca).

### Why become a member?

Regular membership allows you to play unlimited golf every week of the year

(the course is open and playable most of the winter as well) for less than \$20 per week. Play with your own social group or join other members for Ladies’ and Men’s days and for special social events.

Feel up to being a little more competitive? There are numerous fun competitions throughout the summer season (April to October).

As part of club membership, you are automatically a member of Golf Canada. That allows you to build and maintain a handicap recognized anywhere in the world and provides you with insurance to cover accidents and damage to, or theft of, clubs. Yes! If you hit the windshield of that car driving past the course, you are probably covered! And finally, you are eligible for numerous corporate discounts.

### Are you a beginner or need to fix that rotten slice?

This is a great course to learn on! Our visiting professional, Edd Boudreau, can offer a wide range of coaching services, private and group lessons with state-of-the-art video analysis, for a small fee.

If you wish to rent a power cart or buy merchandise, you will receive a 20% discount as a member. Bring your friends to play with you and they will

receive 20% off their green fees.

As you are not paying green fees every time, you may choose to play as many holes as you have time for. The course is well set up to play nine or even a shorter circuit of six holes. No extra charge!

Members may rent heated club storage for a small fee. We have space available for both gas and electric carts, although the space is limited, and we occasionally have a waiting list.

Finally, your membership gives you the right to voice your opinions and be a part of shaping the club’s next 75 years as a Pender Island treasure.

*Ian Pirie*

## Pender Island Junior Sailing Association

At the time of writing, we don’t know for certain the availability of one of our Level 1 and 2 instructors, which means the Checkclick on-line registration system will initially limit registrations to lower numbers in some of the courses until we have more information.

However, it is not all bad news. We have an instructor for CanSail Level 3 and 4 courses for the first time in some years. Her name is Sydney Rosler and she has

## Pender Island Junior Sailing Courses 2023

### CANSail Level 1 & 2 Courses

will be offered July 10 - 14 & 24 - 28,  
July 31 – August 4 and August 14 – 18.

Students must be 9 years or older.

### CanSail Level 3 & 4 Courses

will be offered July 31 – August 4 and  
August 14 – 18 for students who are  
12 years or older and have Level 2.

This course may also be offered July 24 – 28.

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

Adults may register.

Registration for students returning from 2022 and other household members will start May 1, and for others May 15, at 8 am on both days. The process is now online; for details and more information, such as our refund policy, go to [penderislandjuniorsailing.com](http://penderislandjuniorsailing.com) and see our article in this issue.

General enquiries can be sent to [infopijsa@shaw.ca](mailto:infopijsa@shaw.ca)

instructed at the Surrey Yacht Club. The courses (five days, Monday to Friday) will be offered at least for the weeks of July 31 - August 4 and August 14 - 18. Students must be 12 years of age and have completed most of CanSail Level 2. Depending on instructor availability at Level 1 and 2 courses, a Level 3 and 4 course may be offered July 24 - 28.

We will offer five-day CanSail Level 1 and 2 courses the weeks of July 10 - 24, July 24 - 28, July 31 - August 4 and August 14 - 18. Students need to be at least 9 years old at the start of the course and be able to swim with the aid of a PFD. Students must complete a capsizing practice on day two in order to remain in the course. They will be in the water.

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

Registration starts May 1 at 8 am Pacific Time for returning students and other household members. Others may register starting on May 15. Registration and payment are by the Checkclick online system found on our website: [penderislandjuniorsailing.com](http://penderislandjuniorsailing.com). Our refund policy is that cancellation refunds prior to the course will only be offered if another student can be found. Refunds will be about \$30 less because of external fees that are not refunded. No refunds are offered once each course has started.

Courses, Monday to Friday, are 9:00 am to about 3:30 pm with a lunch break. We provide a barbeque lunch on Friday to which family members etc. are invited. The Level 1 & 2 courses use Pirate class boats with three students per boat, or two adult students per boat with up to 18 students per course. The Level 3 & 4 courses use single-handed Laser 1s and Bytes, and the two-person Laser 2s with up to 10 students per course. The boats sail from Hamilton Beach, Browning Harbour. It will be busy! Parent volunteers will be appreciated.

If you go by our site at Hamilton Beach, you will see some significant improvements including more space, a new location for the boat cradle, and a

new chain-link fence with a gate. We thank Big Dig'em for donating machine time and Dave Harrison for donating the recycled chain-link fencing.

John Ackermans, who has been an active Board member for many years, has decided to step down and the Board thanks him for all these years of service. John will complete the registration process this year. Fortunately, Nigel Watson has joined the Board, bringing his sailing knowledge and his younger level of energy. Other Board members are Manfred Burandt, Carolyn Cartwright, Tom Caston, Lisa Christensen, Allyson Coffey, Dave Harrison, Peter Hinton, Stephen Lofts, Rick Mudie, Herman Nievaart, Fiona Percy, Bob Vergette, Bruce Waygood, and Don Williams.

Pender Island Junior Sailing receives financial support from Pender Island Yacht Club, CRD Parks and Recreation, and the Tru-Valu Spirit Board (#21). Port Browning Marina and Pub provides the land for our site and sponsors the annual Hackers Golf Tournament in September which is a major fundraising event.

*Bruce Waygood*

## Pender Island Otters Swim Club



Hurrah, it's May, which means that it is the start of the summer season for the Pender Island Otters Swim Club, and also the start of the swim meet season for Summer Swim Clubs in B.C. We Otters are part of the Vancouver Island Region and there are, for the first time since COVID hit, a full rota of swim meets up and down the island for any interested Otters to participate in. But first, our summer season opens on May 5, and runs through to August 15. As in years past, we are offering a few options for our swim families to choose from, depending on how packed their summer is already starting to be. First, there is the full summer option, which is May to August, and registration fee is \$120 for individual membership/first family member, \$60 for second and third family members, and fourth family member free. Option 2 is a chance to sign up for just May/June or July/August for half the price of the full summer (for each

half that is). Folks can still sign up for the remaining part of the summer if they change their minds, as registration for July/August will stay open until the first week of July. Returning swimmers will have already got reminders and links to registration, but for those new to the club, please go to our webpage at [www.penderislandotters.webs.com](http://www.penderislandotters.webs.com) and follow the link to summer registration.

Any questions can be sent to our club email address at [penderottersswimclub@gmail.com](mailto:penderottersswimclub@gmail.com) or to our new Registrar, Jackie Peterson, at [penderottersregistrar@gmail.com](mailto:penderottersregistrar@gmail.com).

Yes, we are swimming at the Panorama Pool on Fridays for May and June, 11 am - 2 pm, but in July and August we have a second day to add to our swim practice schedule, on Tuesdays, 11 am - 1:00 pm. Other news is that there is a swim meet coming up on May 27 and 28 hosted by the Cowichan Valley Breakers at the Duncan Aquatic Centre. The meet package information will be passed on to our members as soon as it is sent out. Hope to see lots of returning faces in the water to join in summer swimming fun!

*Helen Lemon-Moore, President*

## PENDER POST PAST



### May 1973

There was an article about the history of our Legion Branch and how the Legion building came to be and I found it very interesting. In 1950, Jim Newman, a veteran and Legion member, built himself a little house on McKinnon Road. Unfortunately the house burned down and Mr. Newman could not afford to rebuild, so the Legion members set about to help him. When he died four years later, Mr. Newman left his house and an acre of land to Branch 239 of the Legion. After removing the interior walls the Legion began holding its monthly meetings in the house but, as the Legion grew, it became apparent that the little house required enlargement. Members and friends contributed what they could afford in money or labour

to enlarge the house and the work was expected to be finished that summer.

Also in the month of May 1973 there was a ceremony to inaugurate the North Pender Volunteer Fire Department, a service we are extremely lucky to have on our island.

Nep Grimmer continued his remembrances of life at The Ontario Agricultural College as a first year student. A highlight was a visit to the MacDonald Hall, a nursing school in the grounds of the College. About 100 boys from the Agricultural College attended and were carefully watched by the Nursing sisters of the Hall. Each boy was given a card with ten spaces on it and was invited to find ten young ladies to sign their card and have a walk and talk while music was played. These young ladies were allowed out two nights a week and had to be back at the Hall by 10 pm. Nep reported that, although some of the boys dated some of the girls, he was not aware of any matches being made. He promised to continue his story next month so stay tuned.

*Val Butcher*

## OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Beach Watch

#### Polystyrene Foam

The winter tides and storms have again brought in an abundance of debris to our local beaches. Many beach-goers have particularly noticed the incredible amounts of Styrofoam littering our shores. These polystyrene pieces are harmful in the marine environment, breaking down further by wave action and lodging in the foreshore vegetation and blending with the beach substrate.

This scourge is a pain to clean up! The process of picking up the micro bits is a slow and tedious one. A number of inventive individuals have modified leaf blowers and vacuums to use suction to get the persistent stuff off the shoreline, with some more elaborate machines that rake and sieve sand to clean up oil blobs along with the polystyrene, but it is a daunting task, expensive and time-consuming.

The main culprit is dock foam degradation. Presently, the use of Styrofoam to keep docks afloat is prohibited for new construction and repairs unless the foam is encapsulated.

Styrofoam (polystyrene) has been breaking up in our oceans for decades and unfortunately killing wildlife as it goes. Birds mistake it for food, ingest it, feel satiated and eventually die of hunger- one deceased Laysan Albatross chick's stomach contained hundreds of small pieces of plastics (foam and hard bits).

#### Driftwood

Foreshore wood collection less than three metres in length is allowable for personal use only (not sold or traded) that is beach worn and is not on Crown Foreshore land or adjacent to Ecological Reserves, Federal, Provincial, Regional or Municipal Parks, Foreshore Leases, Private Land or First Nations Reserves. It seems we all collect a souvenir from the beach but remember driftwood protects berms and has a role in the natural environment. For timber floating

or beached, a permit must be acquired to harvest driftwood more than three metres in length.

#### Did you know?

Driftwood is covered in salt and burning it releases sodium and chlorine ions. The chlorine ions can lead to formation of toxic compounds such as dioxins and furans (carcinogens). Burning salty driftwood also corrodes your stove.

#### Earth Day

Thanks to all of the volunteers who participated in the April 22 Beach Cleanup - as always, a successful multi-shoreline cleanup effort! If you have questions about beach finds, please contact me for assistance (629-8377).

*Michelle Marsden*

*BC Coastal Cleanup Campaign*



Thank you to everyone who helped  
make the  
**2023 Earth Day**  
**Beach & Roadside Clean Up**  
a great success!



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## BC NDP are investing a lot of money in fulfilling a 2017 housing promise and not being driven by data



The housing crisis has been growing since before the 2017 election.

In 2018 and 2019, as part of their 30-point plan, the BC NDP tightened rules on reno/demo-victions, capped rent increases, introduced the speculation and vacancy tax, and the multi-billion dollar Housing Hub.

Following that the BC NDP required local governments to keep an updated housing needs assessment, then last fall they introduced the Housing Supply Act, which gives the provincial government additional powers to ensure local governments are making decisions to create supply to meet the housing demand. This fall we are expecting legislation that overrides local zoning bylaws -- effectively turning single family zones into multi-family zones.

Recently, I had an hour in budget estimates with Housing Minister Ravi Kahlon. I asked Minister Kahlon how many housing units existed in the province. I noted that the province has been collecting data and should have a sense of the profile of our housing stock across the province. I was shocked to learn that the minister did not have access to those numbers.

The focus is on increasing supply, Minister Kahlon noted that the Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation

estimates British Columbia needs 570,000 units by 2030. It is important that we add supply; we don't have enough homes, and we need more. But the type of supply is important, to understand what type of supply to build and where to build it, we need clear data about our existing housing stock.

As I drilled further into the issue, I was hoping to gain confidence that the decisions about supplying the demand are driven by a clear understanding of the current housing stock. Unfortunately, it appears the BC NDP government is just counting units. The Homes for People plan announced in early April outlines plenty of actions, many of which are greatly needed, but the plan is clearly not data driven.

For context, the plan's baseline is 114,000 new housing units. That was the BC NDP election promise in the 2017. It is unclear what that number was originally based on, and it is doubtful that the number is still relevant.

We often hear rhetoric such as "the government has doubled the number of units" but they never offer the full context. For example, what if we were only previously delivering 10% of what was needed?

Minister Kahlon noted that the proposals considered by local governments come from developers and are driven by the real estate market. He highlighted the many factors out of the control of the

provincial government such as inflation and migration/immigration.

I don't doubt Minister Kahlon when he assured me the real estate market will provide housing for a portion of the needs. However, as we know there will be parts of the housing continuum that will be overlooked by the market because it's not economically profitable to build. This is where public investments are critically needed to fill in the gaps.

In 2018 the BC NDP invested \$7 billion in housing. In Budget 2023, they added \$4 billion more and if given the chance that will grow to \$12 billion over ten years. That is a lot of money, so I was looking for the confidence that our government was making data-informed decisions.

It is disappointing that the government is trying to solve the housing crisis with a communications document founded on a 6-year-old election promise, and without data to back it up.

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

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# HAVE YOUR SAY



*Proposed Bylaws 223, 224 and 229*  
**North Pender Island Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Review Project**  
**COMMUNITY INFORMATION MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
**NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE**

The North Pender Land Use Bylaw (LUB) Review Project consists of three proposed bylaws:

- Bylaw No. 223 - The proposed Official Community Plan (OCP) amendment Bylaw No. 223 would support and enable the amendments found in the Land Use Bylaw in Bylaw No. 229.
- Bylaw No. 224 - Proposed Bylaw No. 224, if adopted, will replace the Land Use Bylaw (LUB) No. 103. Bylaw No. 224 includes technical amendments, new bylaw formatting, and numerous other bylaw amendments with the purpose to support policies in the OCP.
- Bylaw No. 229 - Proposed Bylaw No. 229 includes amendments to the Land Use Bylaw that require enabling policies in the OCP. These include rezoning site specific properties and includes maximum floor area regulations for dwellings.

How do I get more information?

Copies of the proposed bylaws, the Public Hearing Binder and other information on the project is available on the [North Pender Island Current Project webpage](#) and, at the Islands Trust office at 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8 from the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding statutory holidays, after April 28, 2023.

A Community Information Meeting (CIM) will be held prior to the Public Hearing and will provide the opportunity for members of the public to ask questions about the proposed bylaw amendments. The Public Hearing will occur in person per the details on this notice.

### Submissions

Prior to the Public Hearing: Written submissions will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., May 12, 2023, by Email: [vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca](mailto:vicphsub@islandstrust.bc.ca) or Mail or Drop Off: Islands Trust, 200-1627 Fort Street, Victoria, BC, V8R 1H8

At the Public Hearing: Only written submissions presented at the Public Hearing will be accepted until the close of the Public Hearing. Written comments made in response to this notice will be available for public review.



Community Information  
Meeting and Public  
Hearing  
Saturday, May 13, 2023  
at 1:00 p.m. (in person)



St. Peter's Anglican  
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Who should attend?  
Anyone affected by  
the proposed bylaws.



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## WEATHER OBSERVATIONS FOR MARCH

	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
<b>Magic Lake</b>	11.8	3.5	7.6	17.0 on 29th	1.0 on 4th	33.2	0.0	33.2
<b>Normal</b>	15.0	4.0	9.5	21.5 in 2016	-4.5 in 2009	76.1	1.5	77.6

March is the first month of spring. In some parts of Canada it is still undeniably winter, but our winter is over.

I have no complaints about the weather in March 2023. Our temperatures were a little below average, but always above zero and there was no snow. Precipitation was less than half the average for March and this was one of the driest Marches in 36 years, but 33.2 mm was not a record low.

This winter was comparatively mild and dry and all of the last nine months, except December, had less than average precipitation.

In spite of the low rainfall in March, there were the usual familiar signs of spring. The swallows returned on schedule about the time of the Spring Equinox. Fruit trees were blossoming and I am happy to report that my apricot tree survived the winter and is blossoming nicely, and so are the peach trees. Other trees and plants are showing signs of new life. There were a lot of bees active in March and I released my mason bees in the hope that they would find plenty of pollen.

Now, as you read this it is May, which can be thought of as the last month of spring or the first month of summer. We usually have some days in May when the temperature is in the mid or high twenties and the lake is warm enough for swimming. Average precipitation in May is about 40 mm and we very seldom have a May which is very wet or very dry.

We have never had snow in May, but in the year 2000 the temperature got down to 0°C and in 2002 the low was -2.0°C. At the other end of the scale, we have had a maximum May temperature of 29°C on several occasions.

We have a long weekend holiday in May, which has changed names several times.



May 24 was once Empire Day, whether it was a Monday or not. It was also the date when my sea-going apprenticeship ended (many years ago). The day was renamed Commonwealth Day. There is still a Commonwealth Day but the date has been changed. The holiday in May is now called Victoria Day and it is always a Monday.

Birds are still nesting and raising their young, so be careful not to disturb them when you are “tidying up” your property. The ground nesting birds are particularly vulnerable. Some years ago there were lots of ground nesting quail and even a few pheasants, but they have all gone.

*Malcolm Armstrong*



The Pender Post - May 2023

## COVER STORY

Whether it feels like it or not, spring has arrived on Pender Island!

How else can you explain the two little Nuthatches, baby Emma (left) and her baby brother Noah (right) on our May Pender Post cover? Hold it, maybe it is Noah on the left and Emma on the right. OK. I have no idea which is which, but baby Nuthatches, like daffodils, certainly are a promising sign of spring.

These two apparently almost helpless tiny critters were at the stage in their development where they were barely capable of even short flights. Momma was hopping with them through the pine branches, and eventually delivered them to photographer Lynn Wallace’s deck rail while Lynn looked on. Lynn does not think Momma was aware of her sitting nearby.

These tiny fluff balls, their feet not even visible, have a long way to go before they can achieve any confidence in the air. After settling them on the rail, she must have whispered, “Now stay put!” Dutifully, they did stay put, still huddling together for warmth just as they had in the nest.

Eventually Momma Nuthatch returned with a few small bugs for them to sample. Soon after, she encouraged them to hop into some nearby fir branches to find their own bugs, which they did ... interspersing their hopping with frantic little attempts at flight.

Lynn described the event as “one of my favourite moments captured”. Thanks to Lynn and her Nikon D-850, her photo combined with her narrative is also “one of our favourite moments captured.”

I thanked her for her special story. I have used her own words frequently in this story because they carried a ring of wonder echoing the event she shared with her little fluff ball friends.

*Mike Wiley*

**Rules and Tips**

When I first tried to solve this puzzle I found it very difficult, so I increased the number of numbers from 28 to 30. This made the puzzle very easy to solve and I think some readers may find it too easy. In my spare time, I am currently working my way through a book of Sudoku puzzles and some of them have as few as 23 numbers to begin with; they are very hard. My puzzles are created by me and I never know how difficult they will be.

To solve the puzzle you must enter a number 1 - 9 in each of the empty 61 squares, but there must be no more than one number 1 – 9 in each row, each vertical column and each box of nine squares. When I solved it, my solution was different from the original so there are at least two correct results.

*Malcolm Armstrong*

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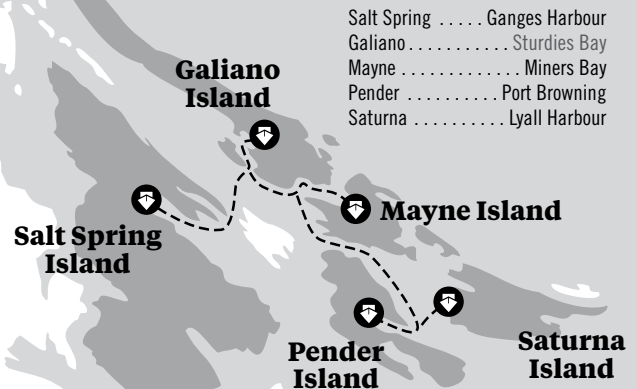


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