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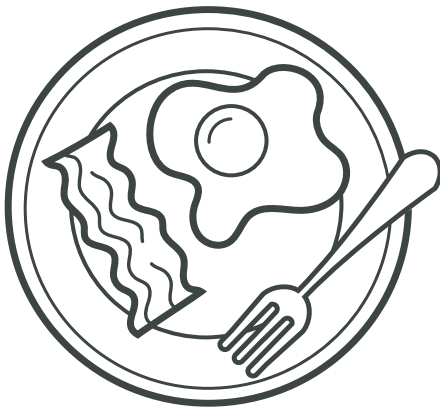
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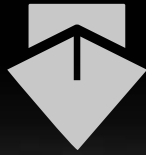


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FROM OUR PRESIDENT


As you read this month's issue of *The Pender Post*, (and as you are out-and-about in the community), you will observe that there is a surge of fund-raising going on by many of our non-profit organizations. The Nu-to-Yu building fund, the multi-use trail (MAP and PIPRC), the daycare, are important initiatives that will improve the quality of life on Pender Island.

The Pender Post doesn't fundraise, but we are a non-profit doing our best to provide a publication that is an important part of island life. Our goal is always to finish our fiscal year "in the black" if even just by a few dollars. Unfortunately, this year that isn't going to happen. The costs of printing and of mailing each month have steadily increased, and our income is not keeping up. So, some of our advertising rates have risen slightly (still the best deal for advertising one can find, pretty much anywhere), and our subscription rates and store-copy rates also will be going up at the end of the year.

We do have subscribers who do not live full-time on Pender, and I have been asked why their subscriptions cost more. It is because the copies we mail to Pender addresses go at "bulk mail" rates, but those sent to off-island addresses are much more expensive for us to mail.

If the price of the paper copy seems too high, consider getting an e-subscription and reading *The Pender Post* online. But for those of you, like me, who want *The Pender Post* in your hands, we sincerely hope you will understand our rate hike, and will feel that it is worth it.

Annie Smith



Nu-To-Yu Building Fund

60% of the \$1,250,000 required to build the new Nu-to-Yu facility at the Driftwood Centre has been raised. Government grants will provide some of the remainder but private donations are also requested.

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Heritage Golf Tournament September 23

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The golf tournament will have 9-hole or 18-hole play by teams of four. In addition to golf, a hamburger dinner (choice of meat) will be served at the Bistro at Port Browning Marina. The numbers for golf are 36, but with seating up to 50 in the Bistro.

Tickets for golf and the dinner are \$65 for 9 holes or \$70 for 18 holes. Tickets for just 9 holes of golf \$40 or just the dinner will be \$45 and for just 18 holes of golf \$45. Club members will pay \$20 (9 holes) or \$25 (18 holes) less for playing.

You do not have to be a keen golfer to participate; this event is fun golf and accommodates all levels of players. The Golf Club does have extra clubs for those who will need them at a cost.

Tickets for the tournament are available at the Golf Club Pro Shop or phoning: 250-629-6659 and leaving a message if needed.



More information is available in the Pender Islands Junior Sailing Association article in this issue.



BETTER THAN *you* FOUND IT

To regenerate the lands for generations to come, we call on all those who enjoy the Southern Gulf Islands—keep the waters calm, the grounds nurtured, and the ecosystems flourishing. Find an island pace & make memories without leaving a trace.

Our islands should be places where people live, work, play, learn, and visit. Where residents, businesses, and visitors have a shared responsibility for improving the environmental, economic, and social health of our communities. We're rethinking visitation in a way that harnesses local innovation and creative solutions that address our unique needs. Please learn more about us at sgitourismpartnership.ca or scan the QR code below.

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Visitors Encouraged to Minimize Impact by Acting "Island Style"

For those of us who live here, and for those who visit, we know that nature is the soul of the Southern Gulf Islands. Nature is an inspiration, a guide, a playground, a home, and a friend. As soon as you set foot in these island communities, you're connected to the natural vitality out of which our creativity, innovation, and eccentricity flows. It's what makes our archipelago the special place that it is. A place where celebration meets recognition, curiosity meets care, play meets politeness, and freedom meets integrity. It's a connection to living in harmonious tandem with these lands and waters, to giving back more than we take, and to leaving it all – Better Than You Found It. That's the new message being promoted this summer by the Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership, the community destination marketing organization (CDMO) for Salt Spring, Pender, Mayne, Galiano, and Saturna islands.

An appeal to the basic moral sense in all of us, Better Than You Found It is a call to act "island style," to leave a positive impact on these places we call home, whether it's for a weekend or a lifetime. It encourages people to see through different eyes, redefine priorities

and purpose, and to adopt an island perspective. Because island life isn't simply a downsized version of mainland life, it's a different mindset: an attitude shaped by limited resources, slower movement, and an acute awareness of the dynamic interconnection between people and the natural world. Thinking and acting like an islander means being aware, everyday, of our impact on and our place within our ecosystem and our communities.

How is the Tourism Partnership asking people to leave it Better Than You Found It? To start, Be Prepared – manage expectations about being on an island and become aware of changing conditions throughout the year. Plan ahead and give yourself extra time. When you're here, Be Respectful – tread lightly both environmentally and socially, be good guests and neighbours to visitors, residents, and wildlife. Remember to always Be Safe, for yourself and for your community – understand fire restrictions and water conservation and take care to share the road. And finally, Leave Enriched – tune into the felt sense of connection and responsibility for the care of these islands, embrace slowing down and aligning with island values.

Newly released advertisements that will run for the duration of the busy season highlight things like bringing in drinking water in the summer; packing out all garbage and recycling; staying on designated crosswalks, paths, and trails; allowing space for motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians alike; leashing pets and keeping distance from wildlife; shopping and eating locally; and being patient.

At the same time, Better Than You Found It is a message that moves people towards understanding and participating in regenerative travel. It seeks to influence how we flow to and through the islands in a way that minimizes the negative effects on our communities and maximizes opportunities from which we can all benefit.

The broad focus for the Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership, regenerative travel combines human wellbeing with the wellbeing of the entire ecosystem. It's not just about doing less harm, but also restoring the harm that our system has already caused the local economy and the environment. It's a model born out of the belief that a visitor economy can and should have a direct benefit to local residents and communities, not only to businesses,

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but also to social life, culture, and the environment in a way that improves the experience here for everyone. The vision is that regenerative travel creates a net-positive benefit that improves quality of life.

In other words, this is the beginning of a stewardship approach. It's an invitation to join in a shared understanding of the common good, a launch pad for collaborative co-creation, and a vision for an inclusive, equitable, and resilient future. Be part of a solution to restore, protect, and revitalize the Southern Gulf Islands. Take up the call. Whether you're a visitor, a resident, a second-homeowner, a business owner, or a seasonal employee, whether you're a born-and-raised islander, a recent city escapee, or a coastal retiree, you have both the power and the privilege to keep our islands special now and for years to come. How will you help to leave it Better Than You Found It?

Jamie Sterling, Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership

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Al Bloomenthal

On July 19, a farewell reception for Al Bloomenthal was held at the Pender Community Hall. A large number of Al's friends and family members gathered to thank him for his long-term commitment to the betterment of Pender Island.

Al and his wife, Clarice, first holidayed on Pender in the 1970s while living in Calgary and bought property in 1976 at the foot of Bridges Road. Al joined the Pender Golf Club and was a member for over 40 years. Following retirement in 2004, Al and Clarice tore down the cottage on the property and had Nichol Brothers barge a large house from Victoria to Bridges Road which became their palace on Pender, where they lived happily together until Clarice's untimely death last year. Together they carved out a full life on Pender serving the community in multiple ways.

Al didn't just play golf; he went out of his way to actively serve on boards such as the Health Clinic and the Community Hall. For many years he delivered for the Meals on Wheels program and worked tirelessly in trying to encourage the development of low-cost housing for seniors. As a retired lawyer he spent hundreds of hours freely assisting various individuals as well as the First Nations community with legal guidance. Over the course of his close to 50-year relationship with Pender Island, Al made many friends and left an indelible mark that will be missed but remembered by all who had the good fortune to cross his path.

Al has moved to Amica Beechwood Village in Sidney, BC, and would be happy should any of his friends wish to contact him there. He has an active desire for coffee and cookies.

Mel McDonald

South Pender Growers' and Makers' Market

If you haven't already marked this on your calendar then it's not too late to do so – The South Pender Growers' & Makers' Market is coming up soon on Sunday, September 3, from 12:00 - 3:00 pm. Held outside on the grounds of the Church of the Good Shepherd on South Pender, this is a fun, low key market which mostly showcases some creative talent on South Pender including vegetables, fruits, preserves, bread, snacks, fabrics, art, and much more.

We are very pleased to have the Happy Monk who will be providing special breads for sale, Robert Dill with some flower and vegetable seeds, Mira's shibori, tie dyed scarves and eco flags, Jem's jewelry and fabric creations, Kathleen's vintage and gently used clothing and various other items. Also, in the food department, Ginny says, "Yes! There will be tarts." These are the very tasty and amazing gluten-free tarts she has created. Patrick Smith will be sweetening the atmosphere with his music skills. Games are set to be around back of the church, including hula hoops, bean bag toss and musical chairs. Come and check out the Lucky Star origami table – a simple paper folding technique which captures wishes, dreams, and blessings for both young and young at heart.

A mix of new and gently used items will be available at the fundraising table for the South Pender Historical Society whose mandate it is to care for and protect the Church of the Good Shepherd as an historical site. If you have some items to sell or donate, please come early to give us/you time to set up and find some parking (it's a little limited out front).

We are so very grateful to Robert Dill who has given much time and effort to preparing, organizing, and working on the prophet's chamber, along with help from Bert Hol, Sandy Auchterlonie, and a few others. The new outside paint job looks fantastic. So, we invite you to fill your car up with people and make the journey to visit us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Mani Lang

This year's Terry Fox Run on Pender Island will be held on Sunday, September 17 beginning at 10 am. Start and finish point for this event is at the Community Hall. Registration begins at 9 am or you can register ahead of time at www.terryfox.org (Pender Island) to start your fundraising and get involved in some fun challenges right away. Mark your calendars so you can plan to attend this worthwhile annual event. We're still looking for a few volunteers to help out. Call Cathy at 6538 if you think you're able to help in some way. It's good karma!

Cathy Nealy



Junior Sailing Association class

Photo: Michelle Marsden



Three on the Tree's summer Theatre Camp

Design for Debate



The lack of dialogue about the design of our democratic debate says a lot about the health of our democracy.

Every two election cycles a commission is created to review electoral areas. The latest commission finished their review, and the legislature passed a law that created six new seats. Now we are spending \$300,000 to add six new desks in the main Chamber to accommodate them.

I am a member of the legislative management committee that is shoehorning six more desks into the Chamber that is already full – full of desks. I've witnessed the discussion play out over the past few months.

The Chamber is where the discussion, debates, and dialogue about the most important decisions in the province happen. The layout of the room influences the decision-making and quality of governance in our province.

Instead of taking time to have dialogue about the values and vision we share about our democracy the discussion is harried, narrow, and limited, informed by expediency, and perpetuating the status quo.

The fragmented and divided political system elevates the power dynamics of competing interests and conflict, over good dialogue. This serves partisanship and sacrifices good governance.

Organizations are their relationships. Building trust requires time and proximity. So sitting with MLAs who have different opinions and ideas is valuable in increasing understanding, compassion, and empathy. Our fractured, divided organization is partly the result of MLAs only sitting with their team.

Traditionally, government and opposition sit on opposite sides of the Chamber, two sword lengths away from each other. Conflict is designed in our political system, and our room reflects

it, even long after the last sword left the Chamber.

How we respond to the lack of space for MLAs to comfortably govern the province is an indication of the maturity of our governance system. A lack of planning and thoughtful dialogue means we rely on processes that reinforce the status quo.

Our legislative chamber is designed for desks, not humans, and definitely not people with a range of accessibility needs. What if more than 10 people in a wheelchair ever get elected at the same time? We will scramble to accommodate it, but we certainly won't plan for it.

For those of us who spend hours each day in the Chamber on house duty maintaining quorum, the desks are necessary to be able to do our work. While hybrid desk/bench configurations were proposed, they just as quickly were cast aside.

We deserve a brave governing body that is not afraid of the much deeper conversation about our values and the outcomes we want.

The design of our Chamber perpetuates conflict and division at a time when we desperately need collaboration and empathy. We need power politics to give way to mature governance.

The noble cause of preserving two-sword lengths separation because that is what our ancestors did, ignores the fact that our ancestors created a layout that worked for their time, when sword swinging was a real danger. I put my sword away a long time ago and can't remember the last time I was challenged to a sword fight. Why can't we be more like our ancestors? Why can't we design a room layout that is conducive to producing the type of governance we need today and for our future?

Adam Olsen, MLA for Saanich North and the Islands

Turning the Tide on Affordable Housing

CRD If you're a regular reader of *The Pender Post*, you'll see a consistent theme in the articles submitted by your CRD Director and the Alternate Director, Rob Fenton. The articles are all about housing – attainable, affordable, accessible, or alternate. We have many pressures on our islands, so perhaps it doesn't seem appropriate that there is a heavy focus on one area. But we believe that if we can turn the tide on housing, specifically affordable housing, we can turn the tide on the other huge issues we face, such as ensuring we have the human resources to run health clinics, businesses, schools, daycare centres, and more.

The housing crisis is particularly acute on our islands. Five decades of Islands Trust's focus on low-density, single-family homes to maintain rural character hasn't helped. Neither did the recent COVID-related influx of permanent residents, as they capitalized on the shift to work-from-home or took early retirement, which has both depleted rental stock and caused remaining homes to rise well beyond the "affordable" price range, particularly for younger people.

Fixing the housing crisis will not be easy, or fast, and will affect all of us. This crisis has been decades in the making, with lots of blame to go around. The federal government abandoning their housing programs three decades ago, municipal (and rural) zoning favouring single family homes, a provincial regulatory framework putting a maze of contradictory rules and one-size-fits-all policies in place, all had the effect of diminishing the amount of affordable housing stock to rent or buy. And frankly, not much of that has changed over the past few years, as evidenced by the cost of new conventional "affordable housing" units ranging from \$500,000 (Saanich Peninsula) to \$600,000 (Gulf Islands), and these are multi-unit structures (duplex, triplex, townhomes, 4- and 5-story apartments).

While governments at all levels appear committed to pour massive amounts of (tax-derived) money at the problem, two other factors are at play. One, a policy that is targeting 500,000 new immigrants to Canada annually (on top of regular growth) and two, a declining workforce in the construction trades. The economics of supply and demand appear lost on our policy makers, as is the concept of creativity.

But creativity is not lost on islanders. We see tiny homes and trailers and recreational vehicles pop up, repurposing of single-family homes to multi-unit structures, or conversions of garages to small suites as solutions to the housing crisis. These initiatives "colour outside the lines" from a regulatory perspective, and so do other creative ideas like composting toilets and rainwater catchment that help solve water constraints to housing on our islands.

These "solutions" aren't perfect, but they are vastly better than the alternatives like homelessness, understaffed medical clinics, schools, day cares, stores, ferries and other crucial supports. That's why you see island groups rallying for regulatory change, and Penderites like Rob Fenton and ex-premier Mike Harcourt lobbying our regional, provincial, and federal governments for such changes. Many elected officials, like me and some Islands Trustees, and the staff that support us, are also advocating for those changes. There are some small wins happening now, like non-enforcement policies on properly sited trailers, but bigger wins are needed to get this Titanic of a problem turned enough to avoid a societal catastrophe on our rural islands.

*Paul Brent,
CRD Director for the SGI*

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LEGION



Sharon “Kali” Slaney



Sharon “Kali” Slaney, beloved friend, smother, and sister, unexpectedly passed away on July 19, 2023 at the age of 81. She is survived by her daughters, Erin (Glen), Kate (Andy), and Colleen (Scott), her sister, Barb, and her grandkids, Ashley, Morgan, Toby, and Jules. A retired nurse and dedicated practitioner and teacher of Tai Chi, she lived a full and interesting life, on her terms, and will be greatly missed. In respect of her wishes, the family will not be organizing a formal service.

Kate Slaney

Linda Amzel (Matheson) Swanson



It is with heavy hearts that we announce the death of our beloved momma, Linda Amzel (Matheson) Swanson of Pender Island, British Columbia, born in River John, Nova Scotia on September 12, 1942. Linda passed away quietly at Saanich Peninsula Hospital on May 9, 2023, at the age of 80, leaving to mourn her husband of 61 years, Jim, along with their three children and spouses Jim Jr. (Laurie), Joey (Amber) and daughter Jennifer (Gerry) as well as her seven favourite and very loved grandchildren Derek, Cabral (Luis), Kacey, Sarah, Brooklyn, Gavin, Sam and great grandson Anteyo, and her many beloved family and dear friends.

A celebration of life will be held at the Pender Island Legion at 1:30 pm on Saturday, September 2. Donations are suggested to BC Cancer.

Jennifer Keller

Mark Duncan Slater



Mark was born early in the morning after his mother Rosa bumped into the bedroom door on her way to the loo, thereby winning a bet she had made with her also pregnant neighbour Zubah Stratham.

He lived with his family in Westview, a suburb of Powell River, until he was eight years old. His two younger brothers, Richard and Earl, died as infants and are buried in the Cranberry Lake Cemetery.

His family moved to Vancouver, where in 1944 his father Dunc went into partnership with his father-in-law, Ferdinand Henschell, in the Rapid Manufacturing Company (later Advance Industries) on West 12th Avenue.

The family was completed by the late addition of his sister, Sandra.

He attended Lord Tennyson School, Franklin School, Kitsilano High School (Class of '54) and UBC ('59),

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where he obtained a B.Sc. in Chemical Engineering. He was a Sigma Chi while at UBC. In later years he loved to sing the *Sweetheart of Sigma Chi* around the campfire at the Watch Lake Ranch.

He had various jobs over the years: carrier and sub-manager with the Province Newspaper (1945-54); concession hawker at the Lansdowne Racetrack (1954); mucker and sinking shaft skiff operator at Bralorne Mines (1954); tally man with the B.C. Forest Service (1955); Engineering Training Program with the Powell River Company (1956-58); Technical Service Engineer with Crown Zellerbach in Ocean Falls, B.C. (1959-64).

Mark became a member of the Association of Professional Engineers.

He married the love of his life, Jane Harker, on February 11, 1961. They set up house in Ocean Falls, BC, where Diana and Ted were born.

He joined Dow Chemical (on April Fools Day!) in 1964 at Sarnia, Ontario, where JJ was born. He held various technical and sales and marketing positions until his retirement in 1994, in Calgary.

Mark and Jane moved to Pender Island early in 1998 to help Jane's stepmother, Betty Harker, until her death in 2009.

He quite simply loved his wife Jane; his daughters, Diana and JJ; his son Ted; his son-in-law Brian (Pratt-Johnson), his daughter-in-law Christine (Iannetta) and his grandchildren Lucy, Asha, Heather and Meg.

Equally so, he loved his sister Sandra (Hubbick) and her husband Fred, his niece Georgia (husband Sean), his grand-niece Bella and grand-nephew, Jonathan, and his nephew Owen and his wife Cheryl.

He loved baseball, especially the Yankees, a relationship that began in 1948 with Casey Stengel, but ended when Roger Clemens and A-Rod brought a distinctly bad aroma to MLB.

It took a while but he finally really enjoyed golf.

He was a devoted fan of the BC Lions football team since the club's inception in 1954.

His doctor, Gerry Moore, did a great job of extending his life.

The Lions Club was a big part of his life on Pender, as was the Museum Society, as well as lunches with friends John Coulson, Doug Patterson, and particularly Al Stenson, at the Pub.

Mark died after living a life that seemed shorter than it was. He tried to do the right thing and as a result, to paraphrase Mark Twain, surprised most people and astonished the rest. He tried to lead by example but mostly followed.

The memorial gathering and scattering of Dad's ashes will be a family ceremony.

Ted Slater

Dorine Leona Mather

March 11, 1930 to December 1, 2022

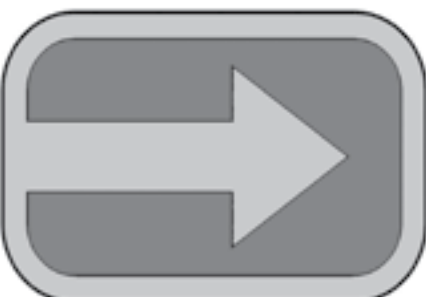


Dorine was a long-time resident and loved the many years she spent here with her family and friends on Pender Island. She truly loved golfing and attending the Meat Draw at the Legion. To celebrate her life and honour her memory, two events are planned.

On Sunday, September 17, the *5 Iron Challenge* will take place at the Pender Island Golf Course. This is a nine hole, mixed tournament scramble with a shotgun start at 1:00 pm, followed by a reception and awards at the clubhouse from 3 pm to 5 pm. To register please contact the Pro Shop at 250-629-6659. This is a great opportunity for those that have golfed with her over the years to remember her and have a fun-filled afternoon.

On Saturday, September 23, a reception and special Meat Draw will take place at the Legion. Doors open at 2:00 pm with a reception at 2:30 pm followed by the Meat Draw at 4 pm. Special prizes and draws will help to celebrate the long life of this Pender Island pioneer. All who knew her and were touched by her kind heart and love are welcome to attend these events and honour Dorine's life here on Pender Island.

Kathy Haggitt



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"If you hear a voice within you say, 'you can not paint' then by all means paint, and that voice will be silenced."
-Vincent van Gogh

Hope to see you at our AGM or one of our sessions. Cheers.

Audrey Stibbe, President

Pender Island Celtic Music Society



Marching practice at the Community Hall.



First, a few thanks from our Pipe Major, Larry Dempster, to folks who helped with the July Car Show: "We'd like to thank Karl Hamson for lending us the beautiful Jim Dunlop Field, the Pender Island Royal Canadian Legion Branch #239 for running a terrific hotdog stand, Krista Beegan for managing the beer garden, Ron Henze for filling in as bass drummer...it's safe to say that a grand time was had by all."

After completing that very successful Car Show in mid-July, the band has been concentrating on tunes and especially marching so that we can be ready for the two Fall Fairs that we play for in August. (Photos from this year's events will have to accompany next month's article.)

Practicing marching manoeuvres takes space so sometimes the band practices at the main fire hall, the Community Hall or the Timbers.

Caren Rennie



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Pender Island Community Choir

Well, there's good news and bad news. The good news is that there will be a fall session and concert and Sabrina and Eileen will be back with us. The bad news is that we did not receive our gaming grant of approximately \$11,000 so it's going to be a struggle financially. In true Pender style, many musicians/groups have come together to play at the December concert as a fundraiser. We know you will not want to miss this one so mark your calendars for December 8, 9, 10 at the Community Hall.

Registration and first rehearsal will be on Monday, September 25 beginning at 5:00 pm for the Youth Choir and 5:30 pm for the Adult Choir. These are non-audition choirs and no reading of music is necessary as all parts are recorded. Rehearsals are Youth 5:30-6:30 pm, Adults 6:30-8:30 pm. This is definitely one concert you will want to be part of!

If you are so inclined to make a donation to the choir, e-transfers can be sent to penderchoir@gmail.com. Thank you again to all who have already sent funds, so greatly appreciated. Watch for donation jars at various locations on the island and thank you to those business owners who are supporting us. It's difficult keeping a small community choir going on a small island but with your help, we can do it.

Enjoy these long, last days of summer.

*Terry Shepherd,
Communications Liaison*

At some point in everyone's lives, music plays a specific role. It can provide healing, endless benefits for the brain, and create or bring back memories and feelings. Join us in the choir this September, whether you are familiar with singing or not. If you can commit to rehearsals once a week, we will provide you with the tools you need to feel confident and be a part of the magic! I would personally like to thank the many volunteers and community members who are fundraising for the choir and making sure we continue to sing. After all, the Pender Community Choirs will be celebrating their 50th

anniversary in 2024. I would also like to send my gratitude for our accompanist Eileen Deros, and our dedicated band members Charlie Knowles, Kathy Curtis, and Dan Weeks. I have been crafting a special program for our Winter Benefit Concerts December 8, 9 and 10, with special local guests Sarah Smith, Peach & Quiet, Lester Quitzau, Turnstyle, and Slo'Cookin. You will surely be touched by songs from these great musicians, as well as some choral gems, and some other tunes by Gordon Lightfoot and Elton John to name a few. Join us at rehearsals starting September 25, or be part of the audience as we embark on a musical journey together.

Sabrina Read, Director

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



Heather Duncan hands the President's Bell over to Karen Gagnier.



We are entering the fall season and with that comes a new program for the Quilters' Circle. Our program planner, Heather Duncan, has planned an easy and fun project for our first meeting on Monday, September 11 at St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall. The project is a "mug rug" which is an envelope style fabric coaster. Quilters are to bring six 5" squares of six different fabrics to make one mug rug. The usual tools of the trade (scissors/rotary cutter, thread, sewing machine, etc.) are required while extension cords and irons are provided.

The meeting plan for the fall is:
September 11 – mug rug
October 11 – Christmas runner
November 13 – continue Christmas runner
December 11 – Christmas party



Back to School or Day Care

Back-to-school time of the year means more exposure to germs. Here are some tips to prevent the spread of viruses, also known as the flu bug and the common cold!

Get your children into the habit of blowing their noses with a tissue. Pack some Kleenexes in their lunch kits or load their jacket pockets so they are handy. Teach children to sneeze into their elbow.

Frequent handwashing is essential! Get them to wash their hands upon arriving at school, when blowing their nose or sneezing, after using the bathroom, before eating, and when they arrive back home, before you feed them that healthy snack!

Enough sleep, plenty of vegetables, some fruit and enough fluid, preferably water will boost their immune system. Make sure children exercise daily - in the fresh air where possible. Being active helps blood circulation and maintains a healthy immune system.

Monkey see monkey do: make sure that you follow your own advice and are a good role model to kids.

Get your flu shot, especially if you have plans to travel on a plane or if you will be coming into contact with elderly or immunocompromised people.

Following these sure fire tips to stay healthy will ensure a successful return to school for all!

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Membership fees (\$35.00) will be collected at the September meeting and can be paid by cash, cheque, or e-transfer (preferred). Susan Underhill is taking over the position of treasurer. We thank Donna Smyth for her excellent work and dedication to our finances.

Our Executive for this year is:

President – Karen Gagnier

Vice-President and Communications – Martha Deme

Treasurer – Susan Underhill

Program Planner – Heather Duncan

Pender Post – Laura Vilness

Some quilters create all year round and just keep on stitching. Others take a hiatus periodically. We're hoping that regardless of personal work style, our members will return in September for rejuvenation in a fun and collegial environment. As always, members are invited to join in the monthly project or bring their own project in progress. We continue to include "Show and Share" where we present finished and in-progress quilts. It's an opportunity to receive advice and suggestions when we are uncertain.

We welcome new members. Just show up at the Church hall and we will happily include you. For more information, contact Karen Gagnier at lkgpender@shaw.ca.

Next meeting: Monday, September 11, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm, St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall

Quilter's Philosophy

Quilting is an opportunity for quiet contemplation. The creative and usually solitary nature of the craft invites wandering meditative and reflective thoughts. Whether we design and sew at our dining table or in a studio space, we are in a state of mindful creation, "quilter's bliss".

Laura Vilness

Pender Photo Club



The camera club will reconvene on Zoom at 7 pm on Monday, September 4. Please contact Urs Boxler at ursboxler@gmail.com if you'd like to participate.

We plan to dive into fall with new resolve and new ideas. We will follow our standard format for the first meeting, submitting images that match the theme My Favourite Moments of Summer 2023. Feel free to join us whether or not you wish to submit photos.

At the first meeting we will discuss alternative formats, such as having one member present a mini slide show or lead a discussion on some aspect of photography.

The club welcomes new members from beginner to expert, and fall is the perfect time to jump into something new.

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Pender Solstice Theatre Society



As we head into the fall, Solstice has started preparing for *Camelot*, our Christmas Pantomime. The play has been cast, costumes are well underway, and rehearsals start September 5. Interested? We would love to have you join us as backstage shakers and movers, set builders and painters, props building and collecting, and most importantly someone to assist our director, Karen Parker. Oh, and we are still looking for some actors for very minor roles (no experience needed). You can contact me, the producer, at mjalpenart@shaw.ca. The Board is researching plays for a production in the spring and one for the fall of 2024. Your Solstice Board for this year, as elected after the AGM in June, are President Evan Llewellyn, Vice President Rutger Kamphuis, Secretary Margaret Alpen, Treasurer David Chamberlain, Helen Lemon-Moore, Jane Harrison, Howard Southwell, Dorothy Murdoch and Tammy Adolf.

Margaret Alpen

PIJazz

As you may well know, the Pender Islands Community Jazz Band (PIJAZZ) is our nearly-two-decades-old community big band which rehearses weekly through the fall, winter, and spring, and plays several concerts and dances as we go. Our musicians range from those who have picked up their instrument this year to players who have spent 40 years at the top of their art. Somehow we get along just fine.

How do we get along so well? First, we try not to discuss local zoning and development. That's because we're a jazz band, and that gives us quite enough to do.

The question inevitably comes up, though: What exactly is this 'jazz' you speak of? I propose that, were the answer to that question easy, jazz wouldn't be nearly so much fun.

If one listens to Wynton Marsalis (and one should, being that he could still

be the best trumpeter on Earth even if he blew into the big end), he will tell you that real jazz follows an unbroken lineage from Vaudeville, early American musicals, traditional blues, and (most especially) New Orleans. Jazz is not funky. Jazz does not rock. Jazz does not get all abstract and squishy in the middle.

Others will say that jazz is jazz because of improvisation. Sure, pulling melodies and rhythms out of the air, guided by tenuous rules of style and harmony, is tremendous fun. But just playing in style, making the dots on a page of music shimmer and groove, takes judgement and autonomy and fun as well. Not everyone needs to improvise. Moreover, theories on jazz harmony and improvisation are as varied and contradictory as in any field. If we locked the jazz theorists and economists in a room, I don't know who would survive. I'll never forget the words of Donnie Clark who described his method of improv as he was completing his Masters in all those other conflicting theories: "I just keep the melody of the song playing in one part of my brain and use the other part to play something mostly, but not entirely, different." Needless to say, his degree was not in neural anatomy.

So is a jazz band covering a rock song jazz? Is a rock song with jazz harmonies jazz? Is the middle part of a Stevie Ray Vaughn guitar solo, where he leaves this plane of existence and takes us on a romp through Hilbert space jazz?

Heck if I know. I have my preferences, and PIJAZZ builds its repertoire around fairly unequivocally 'jazz' arrangements, but the world would be a poorer place if jazz were policed, rationed, or fit too-tightly into little boxes. I love the traditions, especially the non-conformist ones.

Stay cool, unless you like your jazz hot.

*Bryce Woolcombe,
Music Director*

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Ptarmigan Arts



We are closing out a busy summer of camps, workshops, concerts and more. A huge thank you to all who participated, volunteered, sponsored, or shared their art with us. You are what makes our job so rewarding – and life on this island so vibrant and fun. And we're (obviously) not stopping. We have so many incredible creative adventures planned for Pender as we transition into September... along with a few goodbyes. We hope you'll be with us for all of it.

Gallery Wrap-Up Party

You are invited! Please join us as we celebrate almost four years of the Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts. We will gather to close out this beautiful chapter of local art and community, and look forward to new and exciting opportunities. The event will take place Saturday, September 2 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. Admission is free and light snacks and drinks will be provided. While you are there, enjoy our final summer show, *Island Vibes*, open until September 4 at 3:00 pm.

QAIRO - Music and Dance Ensemble

Ptarmigan is excited to sponsor QAIRO coming to the Community Hall on Sunday, September 17. QAIRO is a fiery and dynamic seven-person music and dance ensemble that combines the emotionally charged vocals and pulsing rhythms of flamenco with the infectious melodies and ear-popping tonalities of the Mediterranean diaspora. This vibrant, dance-forward show composed entirely of original music boasts a party vibe you don't want to miss. Doors open at 7:00 pm and the show starts at 7:30 pm. Tickets are available online at qairomusic.com and at Talisman Books.

Fall Crawl Studio Tour

We are back with our sixth annual Fall Crawl Studio Tour on September 30 and October 1 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Get ready to take a self-guided tour across Pender to see all the incredible creative spaces of our island's artists. They will be inviting us into their creative spaces, sharing their photography, sculpture, painting,



Shred Kelly will perform at the Community Hall October 1

weaving, jewelry, and more. Fall Crawl maps are available at Talisman Books, at the Community Hall, or online at ptarmiganarts.org/fallcrawl. If you get signatures from eight Fall Crawl artists you will be entered in a chance to win a prize. We hope to see you there.

Short Film Fest Submissions

Submissions are open for the eighth annual Pender Island Short Film Festival happening on Saturday, November 4. If you have created a film or have an idea for a film in the back of your mind, this is your chance to showcase it. The submission deadline is October 15. Films must be under 20 minutes in length and are open to all creators from the Southern Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, and the Lower Mainland. All submissions can be sent to penderfilmfest@gmail.com for entry.

Shred Kelly & Elliott BROOD

Remember these two? We are one month away from Shred Kelly & Elliott BROOD's Pender stop on their *Across the Great Divide Tour* on October 1. Emerging from the majestic landscapes of the Canadian Rockies, Shred Kelly is a powerhouse band that seamlessly blends elements of alternative, folk, and rock music. Elliott BROOD is a Canadian three-piece, alternative country band formed in Toronto in 2002. For 20 years,

the JUNO winners have journeyed through genres, history, stories, and countless kilometres on the road. They mine old-timey topics and traditions, with a guitar and banjo-focused sound that's earnest and raucous; story-driven roots rock that glistens with warmth and wide-eyed, though slightly world-weary, wonder. Tickets cost \$35/adult and 12 and under are free. The doors will open at 6:30 pm and the show will start at 7:00 pm downstairs at the Community Hall. It will be an energetic night, so we hope to see you there dancing and singing along! Tickets are available at ptarmiganarts.org.

Uke Strum

After a break for summer, Diana Fairclough is back with the Community Uke Strum. We encourage players of all ages and abilities to join us – even if you've never played the ukulele before, come participate in this fun and welcoming group and give it a try. There will be extra chord charts available each week. We meet at the Pender Island Community Hall on two Wednesdays each month from 5 - 6 pm. A \$5 drop-in fee accepted at the door.

After School 1-Minute Film Challenge

If your kids are interested in filmmaking, think about getting involved in the *After School One-Minute Film Challenge*

with Rutger Kamphuis. This program will take place September 21 to October 26 on Thursdays from 3:45 to 4:45 pm. Each week students will get the opportunity to make microfilms. They will complete the full filmmaking process (planning, filming and editing) for a one-minute film while learning valuable skills about filmmaking. Completed films will be entered into the Short Film Festival on November 4. This program is for grades 4-9. Register at the Pender School office.

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 Band Camp performers on the September 1, Herb Keim September 8, Bill Heintz September 15, a Crisp Festival artist (sponsored by Ptarmigan) September 22 and Coyotes in the Meadow September 29.

The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts

Our very last Gallery show, *Island Vibes*, is open for a few more days. The Ptarmigan Gallery will close its doors on Monday, September 4 at 3 pm. Thank you to everyone who visited, shopped, and supported our wonderful artists. From Monica Bennett, the curator of so many wonderful shows as well as *Island Vibes*: "It has been a joy and an honour to curate the summer and winter shows, along with the 2022 *Food is Everything* show, at the Gallery. I'm going to miss curating so much beautiful island art." Look out for a note of gratitude from Ptarmigan in the October issue.

Please join our artists, board members, staff, and supporters on Saturday, September 2 from 3 - 5 pm to celebrate the Gallery before it closes permanently September 4 at 3 pm. More information at ptarmiganarts.org.

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

Alice Karolina

Three on the Tree Production Society



This summer Three on the Tree was delighted to once again offer a fun theatre camp for youth. Each year we spend a week creating a play to perform for parents from script to stage. This year we had a number of past participants join as well as some great new additions. We're already planning for our camps next year in hopes of bringing a few age groups together to create a SUPER theatre camp encompassing ages 6-14, so watch out for that.

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

Read up on the plans for ZOO-isLANDER 2023 below. If you have youth in your family who are interested in creating some wild outfits for the stage, mark some dates on the calendar. We're so excited that Karen Hardie will be running four *Creator's Café* workshops for youth and families on Sundays, September 17, 20, October 8 and 15 at the Community Hall. Come with your ideas for an outfit and materials for your creations and see what you can cook up. This is also not just about sewing something new but think of what could be altered or pieced together, reinterpret your wardrobe, recycle that costume, fix up some vintage! The workshops are aimed at preparing youth for the ZOO-isLANDER runway, but older family members are encouraged to attend, learn alongside, and support their youth. Each session will be three hours and must

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Alaia Hamer, Program Coordinator and Liis Graham, Youth Liaison

ZOO-isLANDER



Photo: Jeff Bough

We're inching closer to the end of summer and the return of ZOO-isLANDER. If you haven't attended and are curious about Pender's most outrageous island fashion show, enter

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ZOO-isLANDER into the search bar of your YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram platforms for past videos and photos. We have full-length videos of our previous years' shows. 2023 is our sixth incarnation. Feeling wilted by the summer heat? Cool off with new threads and bright ideas. We still have room on our themed runways to reveal your creativity, flair, and gusto. Our themes are broad and open to your interpretation, so get creative and show us what you got. Just one outfit on our theme is all you need but sign up soon to reserve your space. You can create something from scratch or pull something together from your closet.

Our open categories are

Thrift

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Hand-Hewn

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Alteration

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Aquatic

Surf your unique wave, splash around or rain down the runway! Celebrate the wet stuff. Water is Life; show the sea what this means to you.

Team ZOO-isLANDER hopes these descriptions inspire excitement from the deepest realms or create the spark you need to light up and join in. Please remember we always need behind the scenes assistance if the open stage is not your realm. Don't hesitate to get in touch: penderzooislander@gmail.com and follow us on social media to stay in the loop.

ZOO-isLANDER will be held on October 21. Tickets will be on sale late September, and our audience is also encouraged to dress and express.

Madelin Emery

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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**North Pender
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Meetings

Question and Answer Session With Community - September 8

A group of community members are hosting a question and answer session with elected officials every 3-4 months. The first meeting has invited the North Pender Trustees and Adam Olsen. There will be others invited in the future. The meeting will be held at the Community Hall on September 8 from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Please come and join the conversation.

Trust Council is on the Penders - September 26-28

The next Trust Council will be held on Pender Island on September 26 - 28. Please come and share your thoughts, listen to the debate, and engage with representatives from across the Islands Trust area. Details about the meeting are at <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/trust-council-september-2023>. And to find information about delegations, see: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/contact-us/share-your-views>. Delegation requests to Trust Council are due no later than September 5.

NP-LTC - September 29

North Pender LTC Regular Meeting for September will be on September 29, 2023 from 10 am - 3 pm at the Anglican Hall. Details for the meeting and an agenda when it is available can be found here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/north-pender-ltc-regular-meeting-14>. General information for all North Pender Local Trust Committee work can be found here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/location/north-pender>

Roadside Food Stalls, Other Health Enforcement Issues, and Vancouver Island Health Visit

The representative for Islands Health that does bylaw enforcement for them will be attending the September 29 North Pender LTC regular meeting. If you're concerned about any of the following issues and how their regulation is

enforced and interpreted, come out and talk to Islands Health about it as part of the Community Information Meeting being held at the beginning of the NP-LTC meeting:

- Roadside food stalls
- Greywater
- Cisterns
- Outhouses

Part of our work as your local Trustees is to coordinate with other levels of government and ensure you are both heard about issues of interest and learn about how other levels of government work across the island. We hope to have a range of different government visitors like this to help make things run more smoothly across the island.

NP-LTC Special Meeting on Housing - October 21

A special LTC meeting on October 21 will focus on the topic of Housing on North Pender Island. The Islands Trust Council recognizes that there is a housing equity and workforce shortage crisis on many of the islands within the Islands Trust Area: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/event/north-pender-ltc-special-meeting-7>. Information on what the Trust is doing is located here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/housing-affordability>. More specifically for North Pender Island, updates are coming soon to include the Housing Access and Affordability Project to our Projects page. Check here for when it gets added: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/island-planning/north-pender/projects>. As we dig into this topic please familiarize yourself with the recent work on groundwater and other environmental data for North Pender as these are intersecting issues of concern with housing: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/programs/freshwater-sustainability> and <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/mapping-resources/mapping/north-pender>.

Being Heard

Your Island Planner and primary contact at the Islands Trust is Brad Smith. To contact planning staff with any questions related to the Islands Trust on North Pender Island, please email northpenderplanner@islandstrust.bc.ca.

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Trustee Deb Morrison:
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Trustee Aaron Campbell:
acampbell@islandstrust.bc.ca

Islands Trust offices:
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Include the Island Planner (northpenderplanner@islandstrust.bc.ca) to ensure your comment is heard by all and considered part of the public record, which is needed if your thoughts are to be considered in decision making.

If you want to look at all the links and services for North Pender Island, we have tried to compile some of that information here: <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/mapping-resources/other-government-services> and <https://islandstrust.bc.ca/document/other-services-list-north-pender>.

Clarification Around Recent Islands Trust Enforcement

We understand there are different versions of information going around about a recent enforcement so, just to clarify, we thought we would share a little about that here. During a bylaw notice adjudication hearing for Mr. McPhee's property, there were concerns raised about the accuracy of a survey obtained by Mr. McPhee. The Islands Trust submitted a complaint to the Association of BC Land Surveyors after the hearing and the Complaint Inquiry Committee (CIC) met on July 19 and decided to pursue an investigation.

NP LTC APC Posting

The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) is accepting expressions of interest for up to eight volunteer Advisory Planning Commission positions. We are seeking eligible voters that have the interest and ability to advise the LTC on a wide range of important land use and community planning, development, and sustainability matters. In particular, the focus of this advisory commission will be on housing with a water and

environmental sustainability lens. Successful applicants will be appointed by the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee and may be expected to meet one evening per month. The term for each of these positions is one year. If you are interested in helping us plan our community's future, please submit a letter of interest and your resume before 4:30 pm, Wednesday, October 25. Submit your interest to: Jas Chonk, Suite 200 - 1627 Fort Street, Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8 or by email: jchonk@islandstrust.bc.ca. If you have questions please call: 250.405.5164.

Deb Morrison & Aaron Campbell, North Pender Trustees

Magic Lake Property Owners' Society

The Magic Lake Estates tennis/pickleball courts have had another successful season being used by seasonal visitors and regulars alike. Thank you to everyone for contributing the fees so we can keep up on the maintenance of our facilities.

Thieves Bay Marina has also had a busy season and continues at near-full capacity. Remember, at MLPOS facilities, like all parks on Pender Island, smoking is not allowed.

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

The next MLPOS Directors meeting – on the second Monday of the month – is Monday, September 11, 4 pm outdoors (weather permitting) at the Thieves Bay Park or the Community Hall.

Mary Beth Rondeau, Secretary

Moving Around Pender (MAP)



Musings From the Old Doc

With school beginning soon, road safety is a timely concern.

At a well attended January 2023 AGM, road safety was emphasized as an important goal of MAP (Moving Around Pender.) This aligns nicely with the flurry of roadside signs asking drivers “Hey neighbour, please slow down” popping up like spring daffodils. This grass root referendum is from anxious Penderites wanting our roads to be safe for us all: dog walkers, parents pushing precious cargo in strollers, walkers enjoying music or a podcast wearing ear buds, cyclists and, yes, motor vehicle drivers too.

The municipalities of Oak Bay and Saanich have moved to road speeds of 40 kph. Why? Studies clearly show a drop in the frequency and severity of accidents, injuries, and deaths. There are also environmental benefits.

A different state of mind comes from slowing down: less stress for everyone sharing our roads. It may mean leaving five minutes earlier for that meeting or the ferry but you may also enjoy our island and guess what? No traffic ticket!

Rebuilding roads designed for our farming community and the Magic Lake subdivision is very costly. Slow down to avoid those pot holes and benefit us all.

Please join us at a MAP meeting and bring your views for discussion.

Dr. Don Williams

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Pender Island Child Care Society



Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre

Child Care Open House

Dragonfly Child Care will have its Open House on Tuesday, September 5 from 9 - 11 am. This is a wonderful way for you and your child to meet the early childhood educators, ask questions, pick up registration forms, and provide an opportunity for your child to play with our toys and grow familiar with the space.

Child Care

Our early childhood educators are excited to learn alongside your child and delight in their natural curiosities about the world around them. Children will spend the majority of their day outside playing, socializing, and learning in our fully fenced yard and the surrounding forest. We currently have one space in our Pre Kindergarten class on Tuesdays for a child that is 4 years old or turning 4 by the end of the year. Our facility has been selected as a \$10 a day Child Care BC prototype site. On top of this, your family may also qualify for the Affordable Child Care Benefits. Please contact Sarah if you need assistance with these forms.

Parents and Babes

The Parents and Babes program will begin again on September 11 and will be offered every Monday morning (except holidays) from 9 - 11:30 at Dragonfly. This is a free drop-in program for parents, caregivers, and their children. Come out and enjoy snacks, adult and children interactions, and the book lending library. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and the Pender Island Child Care Society, this program is free.

Family Counseling Sessions

Once a month, on Monday afternoons, we will have licensed counsellor, Geneva Jacobs, offer her supportive services to parents raising little ones. These 1:1 counselling sessions will be held in a confidential space while your

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ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS

The North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) is accepting expressions of interest for up to eight volunteer Advisory Planning Commission positions.

We are seeking eligible voters that have the interest and ability to advise the LTC on a wide range of important land use and community planning, development and sustainability matters. **In particular, the focus of this advisory commission will be on housing with a water and environmental sustainability lens.**

Successful applicants will be appointed by the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee and may be expected to meet one evening per month. The term for each of these positions is one year.

If you are interested in helping us plan our community's future, please submit a letter of interest and your resume before **4:30 pm, Wednesday, October 25, 2023.**

Submit your interest to:

Jas Chonk, Islands Trust	Phone: 250.405.5164
Suite 200 - 1627 Fort Street	Email: jchonk@islandstrust.bc.ca
Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8	

child/ren is cared for by an educator. For more information please contact Sarah.

Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP)

HOP will begin in October every Wednesday morning from 9:30 - 10:30 am in the school gym. Come on out and join Rowie Symons as she sets up new activities each week; from hockey passing to badminton, obstacle course, balance bikes and tunnel play, this program will be sure to tire out your youngster. HOP is designed for parents/caregivers to engage in physical activities and learn new skills with their children 1-5 years. Thanks to the Pender Island School and the CRD, this program is free.

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast


Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast is held one Saturday per month from 9-11 at Dragonfly. Stay tuned for the date of this wonderful program where Pam and Chris flip pancakes, sizzle up some bacon, and brew a pot of coffee. This is a fabulous 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, their children's friends and give mom the morning off.

Dragonfly Website

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

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

Sarah Conley



Nu-To-Yu Building Fund

60% of the \$1,250,000 required to build the new Nu-to-Yu facility at the Driftwood Centre has been raised. Government grants will provide some of the remainder but private donations are also requested.

For information see:
<https://nu-to-yu.com/our-new-build>

To donate to the Building Fund, contact:
nutoyudonate@gmail.com

Pender Island Community Service Society (Nu-To-Yu)



Artist rendering of the new Nu-To-Yu



Nu-To-Yu (NTY) is Pender's community thrift store. Some like to call it an "Op Shop" or an opportunity store. I like to think of it as an opportunity knocking outlet, which includes revisiting our childhood years where we all were "asked" to wear our older siblings'/cousins'/neighbours' clothing. The big difference is that on Pender we do not squeeze ourselves into a locker attempting to hide when you-know-who walks by. On Pender, wearing yesterday's clothes, even your neighbours', is cool.

Donation hours for gently used clean items are nine to noon Tuesday and Thursdays. On Saturdays we accept items between 11 am and 2 pm, offering a drop-and-shop opportunity for islanders and visitors alike. Please phone ahead if you have large items, for example furniture, as we have limited room and there is no point in loading it up if it cannot be off loaded. Yes, we do ask you to keep to the two bags or boxes rule per drop off, per household, per day. Note: I write drop off, not "drop and run" otherwise known as pulling a DnR. A volunteer does need to okay the drop off. It is not personal, and it helps decrease the approximately \$4000 garbage fees we pay every year when individuals use the NTY as their personal disposal unit. Thank you.

We are asked repeatedly if \$5 bag days will come back. Sadly, the answer for now continues to be no. The \$5 bags have been replaced by "select" fifty percent off days one Saturday a month. The change rooms, which were closed for two plus years during the "COVID Era", have, unfortunately, needed to be closed permanently. The space will be repurposed for sales. Come dressed to try items on: tank top and leggings?

Leave the cape at home. We will do our best to rectify this situation in the new building.

A Silent Auction was held on August 5 on the Driftwood green. The day was not too hot, nor too cold; it was a perfect day for a community event and it was nice to see the return of social connections, aka chin wagging. Close to eleven thousand dollars was raised thanks to your generous donations. Those few items that did not sell will be sold in the store. A thank you also goes out to all the volunteers who helped out especially Pam P. and Manfred B. who organised the donations.

Please visit our website at www.nu-to-yu.com for updates on the build. We are on island time so perhaps check weekly not daily. With Keith G.'s skill(s) and talent to nudge us along, the NTY has applied for two grants, one from the CRD, the other a BC Gaming Grant. NTY is a non-profit organisation and we are currently, for the fourth time, applying to become a charitable organisation as well. Our new building will be located behind the Driftwood, adjacent to Bedwell Harbour Road. Replacing the old building, a 1902 former school, has been in the planning process for 10 years. Unfortunately, building costs over the past few years have risen considerably and the estimated building budget reflects these price increases. Accumulated funds in the building account currently stand at approximately \$800,000 with a construction budget of \$1.12 million. As it is uncertain how much grant funding will be received, donations from Pender Island residents and visitors are most welcomed. To donate please email nutoyudonate@gmail.com. Thank you,

Daurel Minion

Pender Islands Conservancy



Explore Beyond Our Shore: Naturalist Field Walk to Matheson Lake and Pedder Bay

On Thursday, September 14 we are planning a trip to visit the bird observatory at Pedder Bay on Vancouver Island. After that we will hike to nearby Matheson Lake.

We plan to carpool and take the 7:45 am ferry which arrives at Swartz Bay at 8:27 am and plan to take the 6:40 pm ferry back to Pender. Details are being finalised at time of writing, but we plan to start with an educational bird walk (flat terrain), then visit the Pedder Bay bird banding station. Following this, we plan to go to Matheson Lake, where there is an easy walk to the beach or an intermediate 3.8k loop around the lake. Please go to penderconservancy.org/events for more information, cost, and to register.

Everyone should bring water, steady shoes, binoculars, and learn about the local birds.



Making bat hats at the Conservancy Bat program in August.

Image: Sue Kronen

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Notes from the Field

Restoration Days 2023-24

Stay tuned for announcements about upcoming restoration activities throughout the fall and winter months. First up will be Gardom Pond in September: join us in combating the reed canary grass and get the pond ready for restoration planting in October. Details will be available on our website and social media, and announced in this space over the coming months. This is a great way to make a difference, spend time with an amazing group of people in our forests, wetlands, and parklands, and enjoy some snacks and beverages while you work.

Have you Pulled a Tansy Ragwort Today?

This invasive and toxic European plant is increasing in abundance around our island, preferring dry, open, disturbed habitats. Its seeds are wind-dispersed, so it can rapidly expand its range in human-disturbed areas. Its toxicity makes it a threat to livestock and agriculture. Plants must be pulled (including roots, and make sure you use gloves) and bagged as the flowers will still go to seed even after they are pulled. Do not dispose in the compost; pulled plants should be taken to the Hartland landfill for disposal. Get some neighbours together and have a tansy ragwort-pulling party, then pool your resources for a landfill run.

Farewell to Our Feathered Friends

Violet-green swallows have begun to head south to their wintering grounds, barn swallows are finishing up the last of their second (or third!) broods of young, and purple martins are flocking up to prepare for their migration back to their Brazilian wintering habitats. We were pleased to see the establishment of a new colony of purple martins this year at Thieves Bay, following the installation of nest boxes at the marina. Thank you to the folks who built and installed the boxes at that site. We now have seven purple martin colonies on North Pender Island.

Erin O'Brien

Kelp Survey Project

Thank you to all of the volunteers who boated, hosted, transported, and supported this year's kelp mapping

project on Pender. Special thanks to our stalwart organisers Elizabeth Miles and Bob Simons. Kelp forests are a fascinating and crucial feature of the ecosystem of the Salish Sea, providing food and shelter for an incredible variety of marine creatures, and acting as very significant carbon sinks to help offset the effects of climate change. Unfortunately, there are concerns that the kelp forests along the Pacific Northwest coasts are in decline. This was the eighth year that Pender Conservancy volunteers were out on the water during the lowest tides of August taking surveys of the kelp forests around Pender. Rob Underhill from the Mayne Island Conservancy is coordinating the project for the Southern Gulf Islands. Please contact Elizabeth at president@penderconservancy.org for more info.

Seminars Return

The Conservancy's own Sarah De Vries will present *Plants in a Changing Environment: A Glimpse at Polyploidy in Plants*. Date to be confirmed. Sarah will discuss how plants are affected by changes in their environment, specifically focussing on "polyploidy" in plants. Polyploidy is when an organism possesses more than two complete sets of chromosomes. In plants, polyploidy provides an avenue for adaptation to changing environments; could this help them survive under climate change? Sarah will give us a sneak peek into what she learned during her Masters research on sources of genetic variation in unreduced gamete production in fireweed.

A Farewell from Our Summer Conservation Interpreter

"Thank you so much to everyone in this amazing community for welcoming me



Tough job, but someone's gotta do the science! Conservancy Kelp Mapping near Craddock Beach. Image: Sue Kronen

onto S,DÁYES/Pender this summer. I feel so lucky to have had the opportunity to work, play, chat, and learn with and from you all. Your dedication and passion towards helping one another, volunteering, environmental activism, and genuine care is so inspiring to be around. Thinking back on these past four months already brings such a big smile to my face. I know I'll be back in the future, but for now I can't say thank you enough for the warm welcome and amazing memories. This place is a paradise and you all continue to show it. Keep up the incredible work. Farewell for now." Crystal Graham

The season wound up fast. Thank you, Crystal. We will miss you.

Sue Kronen



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Pender Island Emergency Program



As I write this article, the recent catastrophic fire on Maui is in the news. One possible reason for the heartbreaking loss of life and property has already been identified: There are questions over whether residents were notified in time to escape. Since we also live on a small island in the Pacific, there are obvious comparisons to be made with Maui. Could this happen here? And if it did, would we be notified in a timely manner?

The fastest notification system available to residents and visitors in the Southern Gulf Islands is the CRD's PUBLIC ALERT NOTIFICATION SYSTEM (PANS). This is a free service, but you must self-register to receive emergency information. Go to crd.bc.ca/pans today to register and receive notifications by phone, text, or email.

As well, Pender is fortunate to have a well-organized Neighbourhood Program and telephone tree system to aid in disseminating important information. The island is divided into 84 neighbourhoods, and ideally each has

a Neighbourhood Contact. Residents inform their Neighbourhood Contact of their phone number(s) and email so that they can be contacted in the event of an emergency. I say "ideally," but if you live in one of the following 17 neighbourhoods, you currently do not have a Neighbourhood Contact:

Neighbourhood 2: All Lookout Crescent & Schooner Way from 38232 to 32274

Neighbourhood 11: All Yawl Lane & Schooner 27113 to 27131

Neighbourhood 18: Schooner & Storm Crescent, 1601-1619, 1631-1640

Neighbourhood 21: Shoal Road Odd #2613-2633, 2635-2648; 2750 Schooner Way

Neighbourhood 23: Pirates Road 4846-4898, 4801-4809, 5802

Neighbourhood 24: 3804- 4845 Pirates Road

Neighbourhood 27: All Masthead Crescent and Tiller Crescent; 36105-37144 Galleon Way

Neighbourhood 31: All addresses on Yardarm

Neighbourhood 32: All Keel Crescent, Galleon 37142- 37148, and 3702-3706, 3708 Bosun Way

Neighbourhood 33: All Doubloon Crescent & Brigadoon Cres; 2701-2719 Privateers Road

Neighbourhood 44: Schooner 2652/53 to 2693/94, between Anchor & Treasure

Neighbourhood 66: Liberto Road, Short Road, & 4420-4563 Bedwell Harbour Road, Church Road

Neighbourhood 69: 6601-6624 Harbour Hills Road; 6602-6618 Gardom Pond Road

Neighbourhood 72: Scarf Road; 4614, 4623, 4702-57 Canal Road

Neighbourhood 75: 3201- 4206 Clam Bay Road

Neighbourhood 82: 9823-9923 Canal Road, Little Bay Road, East Side Road

Neighbourhood 83: 9926-9931 Canal Road; 9927, 9929, 9956; 9967-9982 Boundary Pass Drive.

If you would like to help yourself and your neighbours, please consider getting in touch with Neighbourhood Coordinator Jenny Cromarty at (250) 629-9989 and volunteering to be the Contact for your neighbourhood. It's not an onerous job; in non-emergency times it involves maintaining a list of the contact information for the people in your neighbourhood, and updating your list when new residents move in. If there were an emergency situation, you would be the person attempting to reach everyone in your neighbourhood by phone, text, or email, and passing on the crucial information that could keep them safe. Please note that, as the Contact, you would NOT be required to put yourself at any risk, or go door-to-door to pass on information or check on neighbours.

For more information, contact Emergency Program Co-coordinators Joy Thierry Llewellyn or Liz Gowen at (250) 589-3001.

P.S. Don't forget to have a grab and go bag for each family member ready to grab and go in case you are directed to evacuate.

Liz Gowen

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Audiologist, Donna Stewart 778-426-4876

Better at Home Program 629-3346

Chiropractor, Dr. Penny Paterson 629-9918

Community Nurses 629-3242

Carmel Kozac and Miranda MacKenzie

Community Support Worker/Volunteer 629-3346

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Shellyse Szakacs 250-538-8711

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Family Advancement Counsellors 250-222-0025

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24 Hour Crisis Help Lines

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

Islanders Working Against Violence (IWAV)

Free, confidential support 1-250-537-0735

Toll-free 877-435-7544

Kids' Help Phone 310-1234

Text 686868

Chat www.kidshelpphone.ca

Mental Health Distress Line

Support/Information 310-6789

Suicide Prevention Helpline 1-800-784-2433

Vancouver Island Crisis Line 1-888-494-3888

Text 250-800-3806

Chat (Adults) ww.CrisisCentreChat.ca

Chat (Youth) www.YouthinBC.com

Ministry of Children and Family Development

MCFD 800-663-9122

Victim Link 1-800-563-0808

Community Support Numbers

Capital Regional District (CRD)

Director SGI, Paul Brent 604-760-9975

Building Inspector 629-3424

SGI Harbours, Ben Mabblerley benmabb@telus.net

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

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

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School Community Room 629-3711

Health Care Centre 629-3326

Legion Hall bookings239.rcl@gmail.com

Pender Island Community Hall 629-3669

Plum Tree Court plumtreecourt@gmail.com

Home Support Services

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

Islands Trust: Victoria 1-800-663-7867

NP, Deb Morrison dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca

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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

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Victim Services 629-6531

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Marine & Aircraft distress 1-800-567-5111

Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC)

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School Trustee, Greg Lucas glucas@sd64.org

Anglican Church of Canada

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September 3	10:00 am	St. Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist
September 10	10:00 am	St. Peter's Church	Morning Prayer
September 17	10:00 am	St. Peter's Church	Holy Eucharist
September 24	10:00 am	St. Peter's Hall	Circle Service

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

Church Office: 629-3634 Parish e-mail: admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

Bookings for the Parish Hall: rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

Pender Island Community Church (PICC)

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

Please visit our website (www.picchurch.ca)

September 3	10:45 am	Dan Glover- Communion
September 10	10:45 am	Christian Gerard- Worship Service
September 17	10:45 am	Pastor John Wilton
September 24	10:45 am	Bobby Cooper- Worship Service

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

St. Teresa's Chapel - Roman Catholic Services

4705 Buccaneers Road

September 3	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
September 8	9:30 am	FRIDAY Mass in lieu of Sunday
September 17	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
September 22	9:30 am	FRIDAY Mass in lieu of Sunday

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

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

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

September 8	7:00 pm	Feast of 'Izzat (Might), via Zoom
September 26	7:00 pm	Feast of Mashiyat (Will) via Zoom

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

Common Table Fellowship in Christ

Meets every Sunday upstairs at the Community Hall

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

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

SEPTEMBER CALENDAR

1	Fri	10:00 am	Food Bank open Fridays to 12 pm, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	37
		10:00 am	Museum open, Friday - Sunday and holiday Mondays, to 4:00 pm, until September 4*	39
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open Fridays and Saturdays until 4 pm*	24
		10:30 am	Community Café to 1 pm, Community Hall*	43
		10:45 am	Activity: Games and Crafts to 12:15 pm, Community Hall*	43
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering to 1 pm, music by Band Camp performers, Community Hall*	19, 43
2	Sat	9:30 am	Farmers Market, to 1 pm, Community Hall*	
		10:00 am	Community Café, to 1 pm, Community Hall*	43
		10:00 am	Moving Around Pender (MAP) first Saturday every month, Community Hall*	22
		11:00 am	Nu-To-Yu drop-and-shop, to 2:00 pm*	24
		11:00 am	Art in the Wash, sculpture and music, 2204 Paisley Road, to 4 pm. (also Sept. 3)	
		3:00 pm	Gallery Wrap Up, to 5 pm, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery	18
		4:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw (weekly)*	46
3	Sun	12:00 pm	Dog Show, Driftwood Centre	8
		12:00 pm	South Pender Growers & Makers, to 3:00 pm, Church of the Good Shepherd	9, 21
		5:00 pm	Legion Pig & Lamb BBQ	11, 46
4	Mon	11:00 am	<i>Island Vibes</i> , to 3 pm, Ptarmigan Arts Gallery (last day to view art at the Gallery)	19
		7:00 pm	Photo Club, via Zoom	16
5	Tues	8:45 am	First day of school	
		9:45 am	MYI: Moderate Yoga with Krista, to 10:45, Community Hall*	38
		9:00 am	Open House until 11 am, Dragonfly Centre	23
		9:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open for donations until 12 pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays*	24
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to 3 pm *	44
		10:00 am	Bike shop open at Recycling Depot, to 3 pm	45
		10:00 am	Library is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays to 3 pm*	42
		11:00 am	MYI: Essentrics with Heather, to 12 pm, Community Hall*	38
		11:00 am	MYI: Gentle Chair Yoga, to 12 pm, Community Hall*	38
6	Wed	9:00 am	First day of multi-age child care, Dragonfly Centre	23
		10:00 am	MYI: Gentle Walk with Andrea to 11 am, Community Hall*	38
		3:00 pm	Food Only Market at the Barn behind Community Hall*	
7	Thur	11:00 am	MYI: Gentle Chair Yoga with Erin, to 12 pm, Community Hall*	38
		2:00 pm	Legion Euchre with Margaret Vergette, every Thursday to 4 pm*	
8	Fri	9:30 am	Question and Answer Session with Community, to 11:30 am, Community Hall	20
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open Fridays and Saturdays until 4 pm*	24
		12:00 pm	Community Cafe, music by Herb Keim, to 1 pm, Community Hall	19
		5:00 pm	Outhouse Fest, to September 10, 11 am, Ohana Farms	
9	Sat	10:00 am	First day of Fall/Winter Market at Community Hall*	
		10:00 am	Community Café, to 1 pm, Community Hall	43
		10:00 am	Museum open, to 4:00 pm, Saturdays and Sundays until Thanksgiving*	39
		2:30 pm	Pender Island Trust Protection Society, Community Hall*	
10	Sun	5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14 - 24s to 9 pm, Community Hall	43
		7:00 pm	Speakeasy, Legion*	

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

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11	Mon	9:00 am	Parents and Babes until 11:00 (also Sept. 18 and 25), Dragonfly Centre.....	23
		9:30 am	Quilter's Circle, to 12:30 pm, St. Peter's Anglican Church Hall.....	15
		11:00 am	MYI: 18 Postures for Seniors with Judith to 12:00, Community Hall*	38
		3:00 pm	Caregiver Support Group, Community Hall*	
		3:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission monthly meeting, Community Hall and via Zoom.....	41
		4:00 pm	MLPOS Directors Meeting, Thieves Bay Park*	22
12	Tues	9:00 am	First day of Pre Kindergarten child care class	23
13	Wed	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*	
		4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum, to 5 pm, Community Hall.....	18
14	Thur	7:45 am	Conservancy trip to Pedder Bay, to 7 pm	25
		1:00 pm	Garden Club.....	50
15	Fri	12:00 pm	Community Gathering, to 1:00 pm, music by Bill Heintz, Community Hall*	19
		5:00 pm	Legion BBQ Dinner, music by <i>Plumper Sound</i>	46
		7:30 pm	Concert with Pierre Schryer and Adam Dobres, Community Hall.....	39
17	Sun		Fashion Creator's Café, (also Sept. 20, Oct. 8 & 15), Community Hall*	19
		10:00 am	Terry Fox Run, start and finish at Community Hall (registration from 9 am).....	10
		1:00 pm	Iron Challenge tournament, Pender Island Golf Course (followed by reception).....	13
		1:30 pm	Pender Organic Community Garden Society AGM	45
		7:30 pm	QAIRO music and dance ensemble, Community Hall.....	1,18
20	Wed	4:00 pm	Pender Island Reconciliation Circle, to pm, Anglican Church Hall	42
21	Thur	3:45 pm	After School 1-Minute Film Challenge, to 4:45 pm, until October 26.....	18
22	Fri	12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by a Crisp Festival artist to 1 pm, Community Hall	19
23	Sat		Hackers Heritage Golf Tournament and Dinner, Golf Course.....	5
		4:00 pm	Special Meet Draw, Legion	46
24	Sun	5:00 pm	Sunday Lounge for 14-24s to 9 pm, Community Hall	43
25	Mon	10:00 am	PIHCS AGM.....	37
		1:00 pm	PIAS AGM, Anglican Church	14
		3:00 pm	Caregiver Support Group, Community Hall*	
		5:30 pm	Community Choir, registration and first rehearsal, 5 pm Youth, 5:30 pm Adult.....	15
26	Tues		Islands Trust Council, to September 28, Community Hall.....	20
29	Fri	10:00 am	North Pender Local Trust Committee, to 3 pm, Anglican Parish Hall	20
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by a <i>Coyotes in the Meadow</i> , to 1 pm, Community Hall.....	19
		5:00 pm	Legion BBQ Dinner, music by <i>Slo' Cookin'</i>	47
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Showing Up</i> , Community Hall	43
30	Sat		National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (Recycling Centre closed).....	42
		10:00 am	Legion General Member Meeting	47
		11:00 am	Fall Crawl Studio Tour, to 4 pm, also Sunday, October 1	18
		1:00 pm	Bingo, Legion	47
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Beans</i> , Community Hall.....	43

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR OCTOBER

1	Sun	7:00 pm	Shred Kelly & Elliott BROOD, Across the Great Divide Tour, Community Hall.....	18
15	Sun		Pender Island Short Film Festival submission deadline	18
21	Sat		NP-LTC Special Meeting on Housing	21
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28	Sat		PIAS full day workshop with Deborah Strong	14



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We are busy putting on the finishing touches to the fair as of this writing.

I would like to thank the many individuals, organizations, and businesses that made the revival of the Fall

Fair this year possible. I would especially like to thank those who stepped forward early in the planning. Deanna Evertt is new to the island and hasn't been to a fair, but immediately saw how she could help by designing our beautiful poster and catalogue cover and was the first person to volunteer her skills. Terry Shepherd, the convener coordinator, has been finding conveners and judges for the various categories, putting together information for the catalogue, and working with Michel Pelletier who also deserves thanks for his work designing the catalogue. Many thanks to Dianne Allison who graciously agreed to be our Guest of Honour for her many years of volunteer work on this island, and her work and dedication to the Fall Fair through the years. We also want to thank Peter Hodgson of Island Graphics for printing the posters and catalogues and delivering them to Pender at no charge, and to The Pender Post for their ongoing support and promotion of the fair.

I'd also like to thank Bruce McConchie, Rick McMullen and Shaw Cable, Pender Island Fire Rescue and RCMP, Michelle Marsden, Liis Graham, Jodi Schamberger, Arthur Kikuchi, the farmers and businesses of Pender Island, Natasha Ilkiw, Davy Rippner, Niki Roberts, Aaron Grimmer, Linda Deen, Pender Island Legion, Pender Island Lions Club, Trinette Prior, Pirates Baseball, PIRAHA and Andrea Mills, Laurie Storrie, Kari Amies Horbas and her team, Don and Linda Wein, Karl Hamson, Jaime McLean, Three on the Tree, Anne and Mike Burdett, Tom and Martha Bueckert, Salish Sea Creamery, Sandra Tretick, Neighbourhood House, and the Pender Island Farmers' Market and Isaac Grimmer. There will be more people to thank. If I have missed anyone, I am truly sorry, because so many people have stepped up to help

and it is all appreciated. And of course, we would like to thank Pender Islands both North and South for their ongoing support, and we hope that you had fun and an enjoyable experience.

A full report with more thanks, and the list of trophy winners, sponsors, and donors to the fair will be in the October Pender Post.

Barbara Johnstone

Pender Islands Ferry Advisory Committee

This has been a hot and busy summer with some ferries reaching foot passenger capacity.

Many travellers on the Salish Raven and Queen of Cumberland have been happy that the Otter Bay to Swartz Bay routes have experienced fewer delays or cars left behind this summer. However, we are aware that passengers on the Otter Bay to Tsawwassen route have not always been so fortunate. Our Southern Gulf Islands FAC has been active in advocating for faster transfer times and continues to do so.

Recently some ferry passengers will have heard onboard announcements and seen electronic notices on the ferries and terminals warning of the wildfire and drought conditions on our islands. The Southern Gulf Islands FAC has advocated strongly to BC Ferries for these alerts and its efforts have finally paid off.

The date of the Fall BC Ferries community drop-in on Pender is still being finalized – more information will be available about this event soon.

The new ferry schedules begin on September 5 and run to October 9, 2023 – please note the changes to some ferry times.

We can be reached through our Facebook page or by contacting us directly by email: Jane Dix at JaneonPender88@gmail.com, David Wright at summerlawns@shaw.ca and Fiona Poole at poolefiona12@gmail.com.

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Back-to-School Road Safety

As summer draws to a close and the back-to-school season approaches, Pender Island Fire Rescue is urging residents to prioritize road safety for students and families.

As school buses and pedestrian traffic increase during the back-to-school period, it's crucial for drivers to exercise extra caution on the roads. Here are some essential road safety tips to remember:

School Zone: Obey the speed limit in the designated school zone, and be prepared to stop as children may dart into the street unexpectedly.

Stop for School Buses: Always stop when a school bus has its lights flashing and the stop sign extended. Children could be crossing the road.

Look out for Pedestrians: Be vigilant for pedestrians, especially near intersections. Always yield the right-of-way to them.

Avoid Distractions: Put away your phone and other distractions while driving. Focus your attention on the road and your surroundings.

Be Patient: Leave home a bit earlier; traffic may be slower due to school buses and increased pedestrian activity.

Wildfire Preparedness

The recent devastating wildfire in Lahaina, Maui serves as a stark reminder of the importance of being prepared for wildfires. Pender Island has a Community Wildfire Protection Plan but wildfire preparedness is everyone's responsibility. Here's how you can help at your own home.

Create Defensible Space: Clear combustible materials from around your home, such as dry leaves and branches. Maintain a defensible space to reduce the risk of fire spreading.

Know what to do in the Event of an Evacuation: Read the Pender Island Household Evacuation Guide (found online and available in print) which provides an overview of the key

information you will need to help keep you, and your family, safe in an emergency.

Emergency Kits: Prepare emergency kits containing essential supplies, including food, water, medications, and important documents (info in the guide).

Stay Informed: Sign up for local emergency alerts to stay updated on fire conditions and evacuation orders (found in the guide).

Practice Fire Safety: Be cautious when using fire outdoors. Ensure campfires and barbecues are properly extinguished, and follow local fire restrictions.

For more info visit the Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program Facebook page.

By following these road safety tips and actively engaging in our community's wildfire safety plan, we can create a safer environment for our residents, especially during the back-to-school season and the potential wildfire threats we may face. Let's work together to ensure the well-being of our Pender Island community.

Todd Bulled

Pender Island Food Bank Society



On August 12 and 13, my six year old granddaughter Hazel held a Lemonade Sale at the end of Higgs Road. We also had cookies and fresh picked yellow plums available. We were asking for donations for these treats. Over the two days Hazel raised \$108.85 for the Pender Food Bank.

Colette Gill

Pender Island Health Care Society (PIHCS)



Annual General Meeting

Mark your calendar now for September 25 for the Pender Islands Health Care Society's annual general meeting (AGM). Members are encouraged to attend the AGM at the Legion at 10:00 a.m. There's much to report from the society's activities over the previous year.

To attend the AGM, you must be a member of the Society so, if you're not a member, head to our website, <https://penderislandhealth.org>, click on "Society" and scroll down to the application form.

If you're already a member, thank you. You will receive an email shortly with instructions on how to renew your membership and attend the AGM. Members will receive an agenda for the meeting in advance, including the names of directors proposed for election.

We thank these directors for the work that they do to maintain the successful management of the Health Centre in support of the community's well being.

Health Speaker Series

The Society is pleased to provide early notice for an upcoming talk about cardiovascular disease in women. The presenter will be Dr. Karin Humphries, Emeritus Professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at UBC, with a focus on Women's Cardiovascular Health. This talk – part of the Society's *To Your Good Health* speaker series – will be scheduled for a Sunday in late October at the Library.

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Job Openings

The Society is looking to fill casual positions at the front desk as Medical Office Assistants (MOA) and for workers interested in keeping our Health Centre sparkling clean and sanitary. If you think these jobs are a fit for your skills and interests, please drop off a résumé to Marion Alksne at the Health Centre or at info@penderislandhealth.org.

Urs Boxler,

Communication Committee

Community Support Programs

“The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don’t wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.”
~ Barack Obama

Maintain Your Independence Classes

Classes are \$50 for the eight sessions or \$8 to drop in. 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

18 Postures for Seniors with Judith

Mondays, September 11 - October 30,
11 am - 12 pm

Special cost \$30 for the full 8 class session or \$5 to drop in. These exercises were designed in the 70s by Western and Eastern medical practitioners in Shanghai, to improve wellness for seniors. They incorporate slow stretches, breathing exercises, improving balance and posture, and stimulating acupuncture points. There are three sets of exercises performed to music.

Moderate Yoga with Krista

Tuesdays, September 5 - October 24,
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.

Essentrics with Heather

Tuesdays, September 5 - October 24,
11 am - 12 pm

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

Gentle Chair Yoga with Erin

Tuesdays, September 5 - October 24,
11 am - 12 pm

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

Gentle Walk with Andrea

Wednesdays, Year-round,
10:00 - 11:00 am

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

Gentle Chair Yoga with Erin

Thursdays, September 7 - October 2,
11:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

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

Act of Kindness

“As someone with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD), the world can seem to be a confusing and cruel place. Having ASD shows the difficulty in properly socializing with other people and making and maintaining relationships. I have been judged and criticized for something beyond my control and being excluded from social interactions by many children was painful enough to know that I was not wanted. However, one act of kindness from someone without them knowing about my disorder can go a long way and make me better as a person. Throughout my life, I have learned a few concepts on how important giving really is. First, people who give more to others are genuinely happier than those who do not. Giving is not just materialistic. It is the emotional support and motivation to keep on being the person that I am and being given emotional support shows more lasting effects. Thinking about others has a longer effect in staying joyful with your life, and nothing is as satisfying as giving to people who need it most. When I saw those who did nice things for me and started imitating them, it reinforced me to keep on doing nice things for others, even if they may acknowledge that or not. Also, giving to others makes you feel good and helping everyone around us is truly satisfying. I see that every person wants nice things to be done to them, and this is especially true for me with the encouragement that I need to keep living my life with autism. Every day, we all go through personal battles and struggles that having the right motivation from people is vital for our personal growth. Feeling good in doing good for others also shows that you have concerns for them and puts you in a more peaceful state. I volunteer in a school assisting a teacher with students with autism. Having to help someone learn more about autism through my own experience is one of the best things I have done to help those who are in need of assistance, no matter how great or small. Volunteering there truly has opened new discoveries and inspirations. The way that I can see how people treat others really speaks louder than any words they express, and this is something that I am willing to hold onto.

There is nothing that people can do to take away the fact that still doing good for others without it being reciprocated to us is the strongest trait a person can have. We all need to remember that the way we respond and approach those situations can do so much more than we think. Responding with respect and positivity flourishes our character and strengthens our potential. We do not have to necessarily give much to lend a hand, but it just needs an open mind and heart. Becoming empathetic helps us think deeper about the world we live in and what people go through in their daily lives. Giving will simply make a big difference in the world that is desperately in need of help.”

To volunteer, to learn more, to inquire about meeting dates or times, or to sign up for programs and opportunities, please email andrea@penderislandhealth.ca or leave a message at 629-3346.

Andrea Mills,
Community Support Coordinator

Pender Island Museum Society



Museum News

A reminder that the museum is open for the Labour Day long weekend from Friday through holiday Monday from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. We then move to fall hours: Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 pm until Thanksgiving Day.

As of mid-August, the museum had a total of 1,677 visitors, tracking just above last year’s attendance for the same period. We added Fridays as a regular open day last year and it made a real difference to attendance. Summer 2023 visitation was steady with a noticeable uptick in US visitors, especially from our traditional Pacific Northwest states. The museum also appreciates the support of the Otter Bay Marina which regularly sends their boating guests over to the Roesland dock for a visit.

Our thanks to summer Museum Assistant, Claire Kozak, who worked a regular Wednesday to Sunday shift to support our volunteers and extended

open times. Claire also catalogued hundreds of documents and artifacts. She’ll be at the museum until Labour Day when she returns to her final year studying History at Simon Fraser University.

Our article this month on the Garrod family was written by long-time resident and museum volunteer, Peter Taylor.

Remembering the Garrod Family

The 1930s and 40s were a time of great poverty and hardship on Pender and throughout the world. People on Pender – like the Brackett family – had land, but no money. Daily life was working hard and scraping by.

May Ruth (nee Higginbottom) was a friend of the Brackett family. She and her husband moved to Pender in the late 1930s and rented a cottage from the family. Ivan James “Jack” and Mary Elinor Garrod and Dr. and Mrs. Addair were friends of Mary Ruth. In the early 1940s the two couples decided to move to Pender for health reasons: Jack Garrod had been gassed while serving

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Members of Pender Island's A.R.P. Jack Garrod is standing immediately to the right of the boat's cabin.

in the First World War and Dr. Addair had TB.

The Garrods arrived on Pender with their daughter Jackie. They, and the Addairs, had homes built on the Brackett property. The Addairs' house was constructed beside Ruth's cottage near the beach. The Garrods' home was built on a rise above the beach. Both families paid for construction materials and Lyall Brackett built the houses. The agreement both families made with Lyall was that the homes would be theirs for as long as they lived in them. Upon their departure, the houses would revert to the Brackett family.

Unfortunately, because of Dr. Addair's health problems, the Addairs did not stay long. The Garrods did stay and quickly became an integral part of the community. Even with his health issues,

Jack accomplished a lot. He kept the books for the Bowerman brothers and, because of his military experience, quickly became the head of the A.R.P. for Pender. (The A.R.P. – Air Raid Precautions – was a civil defence group during WWII.) Jack was the person who came to the school to instruct students not to play with any unfamiliar objects they found on the beach. Students were told to report them along with any balloons they saw. (This was because a Japanese submarine had fired on Vancouver Island and there was a fear of bombs being dropped by balloons.) He also instructed the civil defence group on the use of firearms. Gun practice was at the gravel pit on Port Washington Road (near where the Home Hardware is located).

Jack was a driving force in the formation of the Pender Island Royal Canadian Legion and was its first president. He was also a renowned gardener. He transformed the property around his house into meticulous beds and paths, which were topped with beach shells and rocks. He successfully grew vegetables, fruits, and flowers with a very meagre water supply and specialized in growing chrysanthemums. The layout of his garden was particularly striking when seen in old aerial photographs of the area.

Mary Garrod was a nurse before her marriage. When Pender did not have a doctor, she and Regusa Scott became the go to people for medical assistance. Pender owed a great deal of gratitude to both Mary and Regusa, women who freely offered their medical knowledge to our community. One of my memories is of her trying to remove a plaster cast off my elbow! It had been put on at the hospital in Ganges. Mary did not have the proper equipment and I remember her using carpenter's saws and a lot of vinegar! I know that she was called on to declare a worker dead in the Brackett gravel pit on Linger Hill (now known as Einer Hill). The man had been crushed by a falling stump. She was also asked by the RCMP to sit with Mrs. Kerr, who had been apprehended for the murder of her husband. (She was eventually tried and found not guilty.)


Jackie Garrod became a student at the Pender school upon her arrival. After finishing grade eight she left to attend high school in Vancouver, as did many students at that time. Jackie followed in her mother's footsteps and became a nurse. She spent many years working as an operating nurse in Victoria. She married and her children visited Pender although none of them became residents.

Jack died in 1983 and Mary in 1991. They are both buried in the Pender Island Cemetery. The Garrod house was demolished many years ago. All that remains of Jack's garden are two very tall poplar trees on the side of Razor Point Road just before the driveway to 4612.

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As we all are painfully aware, our main thoroughfares are narrow, winding and not safe for cycling or walking. This is an issue for all Penderites, especially our youth, and it won't go away unless we take it upon ourselves to do something about it.

The PIPRC has been working closely with our local Capital Regional District (CRD) representatives to find a solution for our main routes. After many months – or should I say years? – of planning, we are now finally ready to officially kick off our fundraising efforts for The Schooner Way – School Multi-use Trail, running from Danny Martin Ballpark to the Pender School and Medical Centre.

As we wrote back in July, multi-use trails support various forms of human-powered transportation, such as walking, running, cycling, and people using mobility devices such as wheelchairs, walkers, and strollers.

We are focusing on the first phase of a three phase multi-use trail network. The trail will eventually tie into the CRD's planned Gulf Islands Regional Trail, which will run from Otter Bay ferry to the Driftwood Centre, and from the Driftwood Centre to South Pender. These trails will enable Pender residents to travel safely and efficiently to school, work and social activities, and to access community services, amenities and businesses – all while reducing our carbon footprint.

Although PIPRC is leading the charge, we need to give credit to Moving Around Pender for laying the groundwork and continuing to support this project.

Fundraising Kick-off

Building the trail is expected to cost \$2.1 million. We know this is a large sum of money. However, when working within the roadway allowance, we are required to meet engineering standards to ensure the integrity of the roads for the safety of all motorists and trail users. This is

a significant infrastructure project and it will add to our quality of life for generations to come.

We anticipate up to \$1 million through the BC Active Transportation Grant Program and we will be applying for the first instalment of \$500,000 in September. The CRD is looking to raise an additional \$600,000 through other government funds, including the Federal Community Works Fund.

This leaves us about \$500,000 shy of our total. This is the amount we hope to raise from the Pender Island Community. At this time, all support will be in the form of a pledge dependent upon approval of the BC Active Transportation Grant. We are focused on this grant and have a high level of confidence that we will be able to secure these funds for Pender Island. Once the grant is approved, we will follow up with those that have pledged support to request payment. With this money in hand, we can start trail construction.

We realize that \$500,000 is a large ask, but we are hopeful that the Pender Island Community will come together and start the process of building a safer and healthier island. Each \$250 pledge will sponsor 1m of trail and special Bronze, Silver, Gold and Platinum “founders” categories have been set up for sponsors of 10, 40, 100 and 300 metres of trail. Even if you can't sponsor a metre, all donations of \$20 or more are tax deductible.

This is just the first step in making Pender Island even better for all of us. We hope you will support us, however you can, in this endeavor. Pledge forms and more information about the project are available at: www.crd.bc.ca/schoonerwaytrail

Questions may be directed to me at 778-677-4733 or fawcettexpeditions@gmail.com. Please send your pledge forms and comments about the project to: penderparks@crd.bc.ca

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Thanks to all kids and families who participated in another fun summer of the BC Kids Summer Reading Club, *Journey Through Time!* We had 37 kids sign up and receive stickers, bookmarks, reading booklets, and reading medals. Congratulations to all kids who kept reading during the summer vacation, and we look forward to seeing you at the library this fall.

Adult Programs

The library is gearing up for a fall season of adult programs. Mark your calendars for October 18 as we welcome author Terry Fallis, a two-time winner of the Stephen Leacock Medal for Humour, and award-winning author of eight national bestsellers, as he reads from his latest book, *A New Season*. Also in October, we'll host UBC emeritus professor Dr. Karin Humphries and her important talk about cardiovascular disease in women, as part of the *Here's To Your Good Health* series co-hosted with our partners PIHCS.

Truth & Reconciliation Day

This national and provincial holiday on September 30 honours the children who never returned home and survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities. Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process. Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grassroots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family, and community intergenerational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of "Every Child Matters". All Canadians are encouraged to wear orange to honour the thousands of survivors of residential schools. You can get involved in advancing reconciliation by participating in local commemoration or education events, having important conversations with their families, friends, and communities, and finding meaningful ways to learn more about our shared history. To learn more, come borrow a book from our displays of adult and youth books by

Indigenous authors, or visit the library website for online materials.

Building & Grounds Update

The exterior painting of the library has been completed, and we thank everyone for their positive feedback on the updated look of the building, and to Walter Adolf for his dedicated work. We will be moving forward on landscaping the grounds by planting mainly native, hardy plants (low watering) suited for bees, butterflies, and other beneficial insects. Safety features will continue to be added to the grounds to promote dedicated and safe pedestrian and bicycle access.

New Books

Adult Fiction

Flags on the Bayou (James Lee Burke), *The Summer Skies* (Jenny Colgan), *The Librarianist* (Patrick deWitt), *The Little Village of Book Lovers* (Nina George), *Kukum* (Michel Jean), *Crook Manifesto* (Colson Whitehead)

Adult Mystery and Sci-Fi

An Evil Heart (Linda Castillo), *I Only Read Murder* (Ian Ferguson), *Pink Lemonade Cake Murder* (Joanne Fluke), *The Spider* (Lars Kepler), *Everyone Here is Lying* (Shari Lapena)

Adult Non-Fiction

The Wager (David Grann), *Whole Food Energy* (Elise Museles), *The High Sierra* (Kim Stanley Robinson), *Playing the Long Game* (Christine Sinclair), *Eat Your Vegetables* (Joe Yonan)

Youth

The Bad Guys: Let the Games Begin! (Aaron Blabey), *Lots of Things to Know About Space* (Laura Cowan), *Karen's Haircut* (Katy Farina), *Lots of Things to Know About Your Body* (Sarah Hull), *The Bad Seed Goes to the Library* (John Jory), *Big Nate: No Worries!* (Lincoln Peirce).

Library Hours

Open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm, at 4407 Bedwell Harbour Road. Come use free wi-fi or a public computer/printer. For help with services, drop by, call us at 250-629-3722, or email the Library HelpDesk at libraryhelpdesk@crd.bc.ca

Carmen Oleskevich, Director


Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

The Reconciliation Circle took a break from meeting during the summer months, but that did not mean that members were not continuing to be engaged in growth and learning. There was a wonderful opportunity to experience a plant walk with XETXÁTEN Earl Claxton Jr, a respected STÁ,UTW Elder, plant knowledge holder, and educator, in the KELA_EKE Kingfisher Forest. As well, there was the opportunity to view the film *Wildhood* at the community hall.

This month, the Circle resumes meeting at the Anglican church hall, September 20, from 4 - 6 pm. Email for more information or to be added to the email list. As well, a reminder that September 30 is Orange Shirt Day, a day to honour all those who attended residential schools, both those who survived and those who did not come home. Think about attending the showing of *Beans* at the community hall, or check out the display of books at the library.

We acknowledge that these beautiful islands on which we are privileged to live are the unceded traditional territories of the WSÁNEĆ First Nation. May we show our gratitude and respect by doing our best to live gently on these lands and help keep them safe.

Annie Smith



Nu-To-Yu Building Fund

60% of the \$1,250,000 required to build the new Nu-to-Yu facility at the Driftwood Centre has been raised. Government grants will provide some of the remainder but private donations are also requested.

For information see:
<https://nu-to-yu.com/our-new-build>

To donate to the Building Fund, contact:
nutoyudonate@gmail.com

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association (PIRAHA)



We had a great summer this year! Our summer students organized and ran a Fashion Camp, Kids Camp, Fall Fair Leadership Camp, the bimonthly Sunday Youth Lounge (bubble tea workshop, Jeopardy Night, film night), a special Carpet Bowling get together, a Middle Eastern Dessert Making Workshop, worked with our Youth Leadership Program Interns and Volunteers, and assisted with many many community events and activities.

Youth Programs

Youth Internship

We are once again accepting resumes for the internship program for youth ages 12 - 17. Interns start as Café Hosts and can progress into other areas as they gain experience and if they are interested. An internship is an agreement between a student and an organization in which the student provides services to the organization and the organization provides work experience, training and work opportunities for the student. For more information go to <http://penderislands.org/employment/>. Deadline to submit your resume is September 13.

Sunday Lounge for 14 -24 years

September 10 and 24, 5 - 9 pm, Drop-in

A space for young adults; each date there will be a zero-proof bar, music, crafts, snacks, board games, chill zone, and space for whatever you like. This is a regular joint activity between the Community Hall and SGI Neighbourhood House. If you are interested in knowing more or would like some space for your own youth activity, email youth@sginh.ca

Films

Showing Up

Friday, September 29, 7:15 pm

Lizzy, a talented sculptor and arts administrator, is preparing to open a new show as she tries to work amidst the daily dramas of family and friends. Nominated for the Cannes Film Festival Palme d'Or and Best Picture with the International Cinephile Society Awards.. 1 hr 47 min, \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

Beans

Saturday Sept 30, 7:15 pm

Twelve-year-old Beans is on the edge: torn between innocent childhood and reckless adolescence; forced to grow up fast and become the tough Mohawk warrior she needs to be during the Oka Crisis, the turbulent Indigenous uprising that tore Quebec and Canada apart for 78 tense days in the summer of 1990. Observe National Day of Truth and Reconciliation with this multiple award winning Canadian film. 1 hr 32 min, \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

Community Gathering Lunch

Fridays 10:45 am - 1 pm

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

Friday Fun

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

donation. This month we will have a variety of Outdoor Games each week.

Adult Volunteers

Films

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

Comfort Center Supervisor

Power outages, heat warnings... help the community have a fun and safe way to spend the day when these special days happen.

55+ Activity Leader

Do you have a fun activity you would like to have happen on Mondays before or after the 55+ Luncheon? We would love to hear from you.

Youth Activity Leader

Do you have a fun activity you would like to have happen on Sunday evening at the Sunday Lounge (for youth 14 - 24)? Some things we have done in the past are Bubble Tea making workshop, clothing exchange, mocktail lounge, dances, films, parties. If you have some

Capital Regional District 

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Support decision-making on arts funding.

The CRD is seeking new members for its Arts Advisory Council, a volunteer group that adjudicates arts funding programs and provides advice to the CRD Arts Commission on issues relating to arts in the region as part of the CRD Arts & Culture Support Service.

We encourage applicants of all abilities, gender identities/expressions, racialized identities and other lived experiences reflecting the diversity of the capital region.

Learn more: www.crd.bc.ca/arts

Apply by September 29, 2023 at 4:30 pm

We encourage those with disabilities who anticipate needing accommodations to apply or participate to contact us.

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ideas you would like to help make happen, we would love to hear from you.

Youth Leadership Program Mentor

We regularly have 3 - 10 youth help out at the Saturday Market. They all want to learn real life work skills and have fun. We would love to have a few more mentors with a variety of skills they would like to share.

Advertising and Office Support

Would you like to help make our social media presence amazing? Learn some new administrative skills or brush up on some old ones? Then this is for you.

All training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering please email bookings@penderislands.org or call 629-3669.

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

Andrea Mills & George Fowlie

Pender Island Recycling Society



Congratulations to our Pender community for another successful Fall Fair. At each fair, the love that goes into growing nourishing food and beautiful flowers, and raising healthy livestock, is evident.

As part of the Fair's zero waste initiative, the recycling depot staffed several Recycle-Compost-Garbage stations. These stations give us a chance to make sure waste is properly sorted, which is the key to managing it properly. Many food vendors used compostable food service products at extra cost to themselves. Thank you to our vendors for doing so, and to Davy Rippner and Barbara Johnstone for supporting these efforts, and to Pender Island Waste Disposal for responsibly managing the compostable dishes. As a result, the garbage component is by far the smallest at the stations.

Several drinking water stations with ceramic mugs were set up by Island

Savings and PIRS, which helped to reduce the number of single use plastic containers used at the fair. And many people were served at the Fall Fair barbeque on ceramic dishes and cloth napkins, thus avoiding paper napkins, disposable plates, and cutlery.

Thank you to the creative individuals who participated in the Recycling category at the Fall Fair and to Joseph Montague for judging the entries. This category always features an inspiring display of creativity and function. Check out this year's submissions and winners on the PIRS website: www.penderislandrecycling.com.

Thank you to our staff who kept the stations in order, and to Celene Wilde for her beautiful hand painted signs, and to the PIRS board for volunteering their time at the exhibition tent. We hope you stopped by to make a reusable shopping bag from a used T-shirt. These bags will be handy for shopping at road side stalls and the farmers' market. Thank you to the kind folks at the Nu-To-Yu who set aside the T-shirts for this project.

Does your bike need a tune-up or repair? The Recycle Bike Shop is open on Tuesday, September 5 from 10 am to 3 pm. Serviced bikes are also available to buy at a reasonable price.

The depot will be closed on Saturday, September 30 for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

Summer depot hours are still in effect until the end of September: Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm. Starting October 1, we will return to winter hours and will be open on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 am to 3 pm.

The Pender Island Recycling Society (PIRS) will host its Annual General Meeting in the coffee lounge at the Community Hall at 4 pm on Friday, November 3. All members of the society are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided.

For details about the products and items we accept at the Pender Island Recycling Depot, and a lot more information about this long-serving community-owned organization, visit our website at penderislandrecycling.com.

Niki Roberts

Pender Organic Community Garden Society



Once again, the garden has been a delightful place to spend time this year, away from the hustle and bustle of life on Pender. It's also a great place to meet old friends and make new ones.

It's now late summer in the garden and all the produce is sitting in the warmth, growing and ripening. Harvesting is underway. The heat-loving crops have thrived this year. Tomatoes, peppers, cucumber, squash, and, of course, zucchini are abundant. It's a very different year to last year, when we had a cool wet spring and didn't have to start watering until July. This year I've been watering my plot since April.

Many of us are trying to fit in second crops, including peas, beets, arugula, and spinach. We're also starting the overwintering crops like carrots, sprouts, and cauliflower. Vegetable

gardening is not just about producing a summer crop; it's a year-round activity. Growing vegetables throughout the year takes a lot of planning but when done successfully there will always be something ready to eat in the garden.

As in previous years, my challenge this year has been to grow the correct quantity of vegetables that I can eat, freeze, or preserve. I'm learning what I can grow given the varying conditions that are thrown at us. I'm also learning what I like to cook and what my family will eat; there's no point growing something that we don't like.

This year, I have too many zucchini (again) and I've made a lot of glutney (zucchini chutney). I have three plants; I think two is the golden number for me. Every year I like to try something new. This year I planted quinoa seeds but nothing grew. Maybe the birds ate them. I will try something else next year!

Our AGM will be held at 1:30 pm on Sunday, September 17 at the Community Hall.

Sue Long



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Humpback Whale BCX1251 Orion in Boundary Pass. Photo by Kathleen Durant, a member of the Southern Gulf Island Cetacean Sighting Network.



POD members of the Southern Gulf Islands Sighting Network have seen

several Humpbacks and hunting families of Bigg's Whales (aka Transients) in the waters off Pender over the last month, but not the Southern Resident members who have been reported to be on the outer coast searching for Chinook salmon.

POD members are gearing up to defend their 2019 trophy for the best exhibit in the Pender Island Fall Fair Parade. Since there have been no Fall Fairs since that time POD members have grown accustomed to displaying the trophy in prominent places in their homes; the trophy has been passed around between POD members and is coveted. POD expects fierce competition in this year's revival of the Fall Fair but is confident and determined.

POD is concerned about recent reports of Humpback Whales being struck by vessels on the BC Coast. Over ten days in July, three whales were struck. One report involved a BC Ferries vessel, the Northern Expedition, colliding with a whale in Wright Sound near Kitimat, another was hit by a boat that transports workers to Alcan's Rio Tinto power generation facility in Kitimat and a third was struck by a cruise ship in Hecate Strait. This increased incidence of encounters with vessels is a result of the comeback of the Humpback in Northern Pacific waters coupled with increased vessel traffic. It is reminiscent of what has been happening to the North Atlantic Right Whales in the Gulf of St Lawrence where numerous whales have been killed by vessel strikes or entanglement in fishing gear over the last few years.

North Atlantic right whales have been listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act since 1970. The latest estimate suggests there are fewer than 350 remaining and fewer than 70 breeding females. Their plight has led Transport Canada to institute North Atlantic right whale vessel strike reduction rules (<https://tc.canada.ca/en/marine-transportation/navigation-marine-conditions/protecting-north-atlantic-right-whales-collisions-vessels-gulf-st-lawrence>). One of the rules is that, for a period of 15 days after a whale is detected, mariners are encouraged to avoid these areas or reduce speeds to 10 knots or less while transiting through these areas. Similar restrictions may have to be considered in West Coast waters if these incidents continue.

Lolita, the Southern Resident Killer Whale who is the star attraction at Miami Seaquarium, may finally be returning to the Salish Sea. Lolita is a member of L Pod and was captured in Puget Sound in 1970 when she was approximately four years old. Lolita is also known as Tokitae, a Coast Salish greeting that means "nice days, pretty colours." The Lummi Nation, located in northern Washington State, has been fighting for Tokitae's release for years, and consider her a member of their family. They formally named her Sk'aliCh'elhtenaut in 2019. When, and if this orca of many names is returned to the Salish Sea, the Lummi will be involved with caring for her.

Peter Paré

Editor's note - Sadly, recent news tells us that Lolita has passed away from an infection and/or organ failure.



As I write this on August 18, and attempt to think of something witty and relevant to say about the good old Legion, my thoughts keep returning to what is happening in Kelowna and all over our province, and that the specter of fire is a pertinent subject for Legion members and our community.

This morning fires are raging out of control in Kelowna. Fire crews report it is the worst they have seen. The Fraser Canyon is shut down, and Lytton has been evacuated once again. Many of the BC fires are potential threats to public safety. Nova Scotia, Quebec and NWT are also experiencing unprecedented fire seasons. Yellowknife city has been evacuated.

Closer to home, a fire on Quadra Island has reminded us how things can suddenly change and threaten our peaceful, safe community. It is a wake-up call for everyone to be diligent about fire safety. We hope you and yours will safely get through the few more months of fire season ahead. Thanks for heeding this message, and please don't toss that butt!

We have two important memorials at the Legion in September to raise our glasses to two grand ladies of the Legion. September 2 at 1 pm for Linda Swanson, and September 23 at 2 pm for Dorine Mather. Both will be great days of stories, reminiscing, and good cheer. Dorine's day will be in conjunction with a special meat draw with extra prizes, one of Dorine's favourite activities, and of which she was a great supporter.

We send a special hello to one of our Legion family members who is going through a difficult time. Carol Tonnellier was one of our most dedicated volunteers for several years and we miss her dearly. Carol, we wish you a speedy recovery and hope you are back with us soon.

Our annual Pig & Lamb BBQ Legion fundraiser is Sunday, September 3. See ad on page 11.

The last Friday BBQ dinners for the season will be September 15 with music

by *Plumper Sound*, and September 29 with *Slo' Cookin'*. We are fortunate to have local live music for our dinners. Thank you to all of the musicians who perform for us.

Meat draws continue every Saturday at 4 pm, and we thank all of our volunteer hosts. General Member meeting and Bingo will be September 30. Please see our website for information and updates: www.penderislandrc1239.com.

John Pender

Outer Gulf Islands RCMP



From our office I'd like to give a big shout out to the organizers of the Mosaic Festival as our members have reported there was nothing but big smiles and happy feet dancing. You're doing your community proud.

So, let's look at the stats for June and July: we attended 110 calls to 911 for service; that is up from 103 for the same period in 2022. We conducted patrols, check stops, and numerous community

engagement meetings during this period. We were also lucky enough to spend time at the farmers' market, getting to know numerous members of the community.

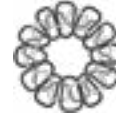
There have been questions about electric scooters, skateboards, unicycles and other modes of electric transport, as to being legal or illegal. So here is what is posted on the Gov.bc.ca website: you can only ride an electric kick scooter or unicycle on a road in a pilot community. You must follow road and safety rules and pilot community bylaws. Current cities involved in the pilot are Coquitlam, Kelowna, North Vancouver, Richmond, Vancouver, Vernon, North Vancouver and Oliver. Currently the Gulf Islands are not in the pilot group. Due to the fact there are no designated bike lanes, paths or walking paths, these modes of transportation are currently prohibited. Riders can be fined up to \$2000.

e-Bikes are permitted on any roadway where any conventional bike can travel. The rider must be wearing an approved helmet. Please wear a helmet as you can reach speeds of 50 kph on some models.

We will be conducting traffic enforcement through the month of August and into September. Our focus will be on seatbelts and speed. We will also be conducting check stops looking for impaired drivers.

Constable Simon Bentley

SGI Community Resource Centre



As the vibrant hues of summer gradually fade, a new chapter awaits with the arrival of fall. The air grows crisper, leaves transform into a symphony of warm tones, and the island prepares for a season of change and renewal. Embrace the cozy comforts and enchanting transformations that fall brings.

Visitor & Resident Survey

Have you had a chance to fill out the Survey that has been circulating in the Southern Gulf Islands? By filling out the survey you are voicing your opinion on how the future of the visitor economy will take shape throughout the Southern Gulf

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Housing NOW is on the Road

Our Project Coordinator will be touring the Islands over the next few weeks so watch for details on when and where she'll be in your home communities. Would your organization or community group like to find out more about Housing NOW and what we are doing to create housing options in the Southern Gulf Islands? Please, reach out to us today at housingnow@sgicommunityresources.ca. We'd love to pay you a visit.

Employment Services

Tailored to individual needs, WorkBC Employment Services offer customized support. Collaborating with clients, advisors develop optimal action plans. All client categories are eligible for additional services like wage subsidy and training, benefiting both employers and employees. WorkBC serves unemployed or precariously employed B.C. citizens eligible to work. Southern Gulf Islands residents can register at apply.workbc.ca (select Sidney as your location) or seek registration aid via CRC at (250) 629-3665 or admin@sgicommunityresources.ca.

Vitality Business Centre

Operating under the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre, the Vitality Business Centre serves as a specialized hub for local businesses and organizations. Its primary objective is to encourage, advance, and bolster initiatives that promote the sustainable growth of the local economy. By offering a strong base, the centre contributes to the development of a robust and adaptable community economy. Whether in its physical space or through its online presence, the centre acts as a focal point where businesses can thrive, contributing to the establishment of an economic framework uniquely tailored to the Southern Gulf Islands. Contact our office (250) 629-3665 or visit us in person. We are located in the Driftwood Centre, 4605 Bedwell harbour Road.

The Community Resource Centre stands as a pillar of support for the Pender Island community, striving to uplift and empower its members. If you require assistance, don't hesitate to reach out to our office at (250) 629-3665.

Stefanny Lowey

SGI Neighbourhood House



As we begin to say goodbye to summer and look forward to a cozy fall season approaching, we want to encourage community engagement. Take a read to see what programs we have in place for September.

Epicentre Update

We are pleased to announce that construction has begun. We look forward to opening January 2024.

A winner for the 50/50 draw will be announced September 6 at 12:00 pm at 4605 Bedwell Harbour Road. Thank you to everyone who has supported our new daycare centre by buying tickets. We will post the winner on our Facebook page (facebook.com/

[sgineighbourhoodhouse](https://facebook.com/)) and the winner will be contacted directly. Good luck!

The Southern Gulf Islands Community Justice Program

We would like to extend gratitude to Sgt. Lee Dyson and the RCMP Outer Gulf Islands detachment for supporting our Restorative Justice (RJ) program. Their trust in us for RJ referrals is an honour, and we've achieved successful outcomes for the cases they've referred. We anticipate further relationship growth. Restorative Justice views crime as harm to relationships and people, especially impactful in small communities. RJ focuses on repairing harm to enable the entire community to progress. Learn more about Restorative Justice and SGICJP at <https://sginh.ca/programs/cjp>.

55+ Seniors Programs

As the fall slowly approaches we are happy to announce our 55+ programs will begin again. If you would like more information about the workshops and events that will be held please email fiftyfiveplus@sginh.ca or call (250) 629-3665.

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Food Programs

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Don't forget our Community Luncheons Monday and Friday at 12:00 pm.

Volunteer Programs

Building our House, Stronger Together

Hello, wonderful community of Pender Island! I am excited to introduce myself as the new Volunteer Coordinator for the Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House.

Since April 2022, the new Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House has thrived through our six primary programs – Seniors, Youth, Childcare, Food Security, Housing, and Community Justice – we are dedicated to enhancing the well-being of every individual and family, and the unique needs of our vibrant communities.

With a history of over a century, Neighbourhood Houses have been pillars of community support across British Columbia. These spaces foster connections, provide resources, and empower individuals to thrive. Given our neighbourhood's unique rural island geography, our house does not reside at one specific address but in the community's commitment to building capacity and resiliency.

Our guiding principle, "nothing about us, without us," is a testament to our belief that real change happens when the community actively shapes it. This is why our program advisory committees are so essential. Please see the advertisement for volunteer advisory members for our Seniors, Youth, and Childcare committees. Your insights, experiences, and passion drive the heart of our initiatives.

*Karen Hardie,
Volunteer Coordinator*

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Time: 10:00 am - 11:30 am
Location: Pender Island Community Hall, 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road

A Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) meeting will be held in early October. Public are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. If you have a topic you would like added to the agenda, or have questions about the meeting, please contact your local FAC members: jane.dix888@gmail.com or fianapooler@gmail.com

Visit your online community page to provide us with questions, comments and ideas at: bcferriesprojects.ca/pender-island

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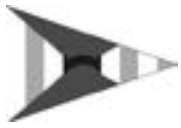
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Canadian Power and Sail

Pender Island Squadron



I hope you had an enjoyable summer with at least some time on the water. As fall approaches, CPS Pender Island is preparing for another year of training and skill development for boaters. Returning from Sayshutsun in Nanaimo Harbour, two events reminded me of the importance of keeping one's skill sets and knowledge up to date.

Luck and Knowledge

The first was a person overboard situation while we were tied to the dock. A crew member on a large sailboat snagged a piece of clothing on a stanchion and fell overboard whilst in the process of docking. Fortunately they did not come between the boat and the dock, and avoided hitting any object in the fall. The person was wearing the right equipment and had the training required to assess their predicament, swimming to the dock and keeping clear of the vessel. There was no dock ladder nearby and the dock surface was too high to reach from the water. Two persons were nearby, knew the proper techniques for pulling a person from the water without causing injury, and the crew member knew how to position herself in the water to assist with the recovery. The only injury was to her pride.

The elements of luck and knowledge combined to result in a successful recovery. Luck came in avoiding any contact with a damaging object in the fall and not finding oneself trapped between the boat and the dock. Knowledge meant the victim was wearing the appropriate PFD when working on deck and had the training to assess her situation in the water and take appropriate actions in working with her rescuers. If you would like to refresh your skill sets and knowledge, Canadian Power Squadron offers courses and seminars that help members achieve and maintain these skill sets.

Weather Events

The second event concerned keeping track of weather events and knowing how to safely navigate in tight passages. The winds and sea conditions were not favourable for our planned day of departure (they cancelled the inaugural sailing of Hullo Ferries). The next morning offered a window of opportunity but we did not want to lose several hours waiting for slack current at Dodd Narrows. Instead we transited False Narrows, a shallow, narrow passage that does not experience currents as strong and fast as in Dodd Narrows. Three other boats of similar size and draft also accompanied us. Many boaters avoid this channel due to the skill sets required to follow range markers and stay within the navigable channel but it has become a favoured passage for me. We were well past DeCourcy Island when the VHF radio came alive with chatter from all the boats transiting Dodd Narrows. How are your navigation skills?

Training

The Basic Navigation and Boat Handling Course offered by CPS Squadrons provides the necessary training for boaters wishing to safely boat and navigate in coastal waters.

This winter and spring we will be offering the following courses:

- Maritime Radio – scheduled to start October 14, this will be on-line and available throughout most of the following year. It has been upgraded and is user friendly as well as interactive.
- Basic Boating – will be offered in similar fashion as Maritime Radio.
- Navigation and Boat Handling – will be offered in April 2023, dates to be determined.

In addition, we will be offering non-credit seminars later in the year, subjects and dates to be determined.

If you would like to join our squadron, or offer suggestions for seminar topics, contact me at davidkirsop@yahoo.ca.

Thanks for reading and stay safe on the water.

David Kirsop, Commander

Pender Island Garden Club



Gardens of many types are featured every year on our year-end Garden Tour: vegetable gardens, flower gardens and fun ornamental gardens. Shown above is one we visited on our Magical Garden Tour in June.

We meet the second Thursday of the month at 1 pm downstairs in the Community Hall. For the 2023/2024 season we are generally focusing on native plants and water conservation with sessions on growing great tomatoes and Mediterranean plants thrown in to mix it up. In 2024/2025 we are planning to celebrate 50 years of the Pender Island Garden Club – we are not sure, it may have been going even longer than that! If anyone has any suggestions on how to recognize this milestone, please let us know.

Our first meeting on September 14 will be a 'Meet and Greet' with time for membership renewal – \$15 per person or \$20 for a family. Karin Campbell will give a short presentation on growing native plants and Erin O'Brien will talk to the club about collaborating with the Pender Island Nature Conservancy on rejuvenating the Community Hall garden. Sea Forest has a new product, liquid fish fertilizer, and we will have that available for sale as well as their liquid kelp that we have sold in the past. These are fundraisers for our club. Both products come in one litre bottles for \$15.

Kathy MacLachlan

Pender Island Golf Club



As we move into September and visitor numbers drop, now is an excellent time for locals to come on out and enjoy the Pender Islands golf course. Conditions are still excellent and will be well into the fall. Tee times are easy to get, and it is still warm enough to sit on the deck with the beverage of your choice after the game.

We were delighted to welcome about a dozen new members to the club during our spring membership promotion. Those I have spoken to unanimously agree that they got a great deal, especially when you compare prices to other clubs in our region. If you missed out in the spring, don't worry. Beginning September 15, if you join and pay the Entrance Fee of \$1500 (\$2500 for a couple), you can golf for the rest of the year for free and will only begin paying dues in 2024. Drop in at the golf shop or call them at 250-629-6659 for details. Payment plans are available.

Speaking of sitting around on the deck after the game, a regular conversation

topic is "Are we a club for members or for visitors?" The reality is that we are both, and have to be in order to continue to offer the facilities that we do. Approximately half of our revenue comes from our members and half from visitors. Since we are a not-for-profit society, all revenues are ploughed back into the course. The big difference is that our off-island visitors are here almost exclusively between the May long weekend and Labour Day. Our members, and other island residents, enjoy the course year-round. Many of us play on all but the coldest or wettest days of the winter. You get the course almost to yourself and, once the golf shop closes in October, you don't even have to book a tee time (just not before 9 am please as that is when daily course maintenance ends).

So, as we complete our 78th year as a golf club, come on out and enjoy what we have to offer – good company, bountiful nature, healthy exercise and "a good walk, spoiled".

Ian Pirie

Pender Island Junior Sailing Association



The last of four successful weeks of sailing courses is completed. Seventy-two students have taken this year's courses and many are keen to take courses next year. In large part, the on-island instructors, Satya Underhill and Matthew Hinton, contributed to the enjoyment, as did Sydney Rosler, who was an instructor for levels 1 to 4, and hails from Tsawwassen. Sydney allowed PIJSA to offer CanSail Level 3 and 4 for the first time since before COVID.

Port Browning Marina and Pub will be sponsoring the 7th Annual Hacker's Golf Tournament for the benefit of PIJSA on September 23. For teams of four, both 18-hole and 9-hole golf will be offered. The 18-holes of golf starts at 11:30 am, while the 9-holes will start at 2 pm. The golf will involve the team hitting the best ball with some other details that will be explained on the day. This is followed by a dinner at the



FALL WORKSHOPS



<p><i>September 18th</i></p> <p>CHAINSAW SAFETY 1:30PM - 4:00PM with Dave Hargreaves Community Hall (back Lawn) or via zoom</p>	<p><i>October 2</i></p> <p>MAKE A MUG PART 1 2:00pm - 5:00PM with Gillian Community Hall 2 part series Available in person</p>	<p><i>October 11</i></p> <p>FOOD & WINE PAIRING with Steve The Hub 1:00-3:00PM</p>	<p><i>October 12</i></p> <p>MAKE A MUG PART 2 2:00-5:00PM with Gillian Community Hall 2 part series Available in person</p>
<p><i>October 13th</i></p> <p>BOOK BINDING 2:00-5:00PM with Annie Smith Main Hall Available in person</p>	<p><i>November 1</i></p> <p>JEWELLERY MAKING 2:00-5:00PM with Charlene Hall Community Hall Available in person</p>	<p><i>November 15</i></p> <p>WRITE YOUR MEMOIR 2:00-5:00PM with Kate Braid Available in person Community Hall or via Zoom</p>	<p><i>November 21</i></p> <p>FELTING iPhone / Eyeglasses case with Debbie Katz Community Hall 1:00 - 4:00PM</p>

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Bistro. Tickets for both 18-holes and dinner are (\$70) or \$65 for 9-holes; for just dinner, \$45; for just golf \$45 for 18-holes or \$40 for 9-holes. Tickets will be available through the Golf Course (250-629-6659). Golf club members do not pay for golf. A maximum of 36 golfers can participate, but many more can attend the dinner where there will be prizes. As in previous years, a silent auction of a variety of items will be held for the benefit of PIJSA. The silent auction items will be found in the pub.

The dinner will have a choice of beef, chicken, or vegetarian hamburgers, which needs to be specified when tickets are purchased at the Golf Course.

While the Directors of PIJSA provide much of the on-beach support for the students, we are also grateful to the parents and grandparents who stay and help, and other members of the community who volunteer their time. The much-appreciated financial support this year was from the Pender Islands Yacht Club, the Tru Value Spirit Board, CRD Parks and Recreation, The Legion, and Port Browning Marina and Pub, who house our site at Hamilton Beach. This support, and the work of directors and volunteers, allows us to keep the course costs down.

Bruce Waygood, Commodore

Pender Island Otters Swim Club

 Well, summer is over, but we had quite an exciting time in the last few weeks of our summer season. A small but enthusiastic 'raft' of Otters attended the Saltspring Stingrays meet August 4 and 5, and came away with a bunch of personal bests and some ribbons too. We even won for the second time this summer the Regional Senior Swimmer Kickboard award. Yes, they awarded me, the 'ancient Otter', the board and I got to write my name right below Jeremy Ellis', as he won it the meet before. So it was two Otters in a row. Of course I had to give it back at Regional Finals, where it was awarded to the final recipient of the summer (not one of our crew). We also got to display our new mascot, a carving of a playful otter, by a Mayne Island artist family, the Aikens. We really appreciate their wonderful donation to our inter-island club. As summer was winding down, Regional Finals at the Duncan Aquatic Centre saw me and Kurtis Scriba, our Head Coach, swim for Pender. Kurtis came third in 50 Butterfly (Boys Div. 8) and so qualified for the Provincials August 18 - 20 at the Nanaimo Aquatic Centre. He also was selected for the 200m Regional Div. 8 Mixed Medley Relay team. As I write this report the event hasn't happened yet, so just know they will represent our region proudly.

I swam 100m, Div. 8 Backstroke at Regionals by the way, and got another personal best time, so that was rewarding, and came eighth. Since everyone else swimming in that race was 50 years my junior, I think I did alright!

Both our Head Coach Kurtis and Assistant Coach Hannah Stang are



Helen Lemon-Moore, Jeremy Ellis and Kurtis Scriba with new carved mascot.

retiring from coaching, so we are in search of two more coaches to cover our fall programs and beyond. I am hopeful someone or two will join our coaching team before our fall season starts. Both Kurtis and Hannah are back at school, and in very demanding programs, so they are unable to coach in what limited time-off they have. We wish them both best wishes in their career paths, and have really appreciated the skills and talents they offered us as our coaches.

As to the fall, we have booked our fall/winter/spring contract with Panorama Pool, and are aiming at October 6 as our start-up day. Registration for the fall should be available on our webpage by early September. Go to www.penderislandotters.webs.com and follow the link to fall registration. For further information about our programs, please contact us at penderottersswimclub@gmail.com or contact our Registrar, Jackie Peterson, at peterson.jaclyn@gmail.com.

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September 1973

As summer came to an end on Pender Island in 1973 the success of the Fall Fair was the biggest topic of conversation. Exhibits totalled 734 which exceeded the previous year by 88. The paid admissions totalled \$219.20 which was \$20 over 1972. An old-fashioned coconut shy proved to be an exciting addition to the fair. Another successful event was the Hall Committee's Salmon BBQ at Thieves Bay. There were races for the children and the South Pender ladies beat the North Pender men in a rousing game of broomball. There were then spontaneous games of tug-of-war between the teams while the men were determined to regain the upper hand. A 100x175 building lot was available on Rum Road for \$4,500.

Nep Grimmer continued his memories of Ontario Agricultural College in 1908. He recounted being one of the few students who did not go home for Christmas which made me think of Ebenezer Scrooge in *A Christmas Carol*. Christmas, he relates, was quiet but the New Years celebration was livelier. First, they went for a skate on the homemade rink at the school, this being his first time on skates, which was followed by a swim in the school's gymnasium pool. This was followed by a tag dance and a supper of buns, fruitcake, and a bucket of chicken. While he admitted this was not a KFC bucket of chicken it was indeed a "bucket" of very delicious chicken which he claimed was finger lickin' good. After finishing off the chicken everyone went outside to listen to the bells and whistles ushering in 1909.

Let's wait to see what Hallowe'en brought to Pender in 1973.

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“Normal”	23.9	12.3	18.1	36 in 2022	7.5 in 2000	17.8		17.8

In July 2023 much of North America, and some other parts of the world had record breaking high temperatures, fierce storms, and more terrible forest fires than ever before. All this was attributed to global warming and climate change. Meanwhile, on our little treasure island we had a “normal” July; our mean daily maximum and minimum temperatures were a little above average and our rainfall was a little below average. Our July rainfall all came in one day, after about six weeks with no rain, but there was nothing unusual about that.

Our average precipitation for July is 18 mm. We had zero July precipitation in 2013 and 2021 and there have been several other years when July precipitation was less than 10 mm. A very wet July is unusual on Pender but it has happened occasionally. In most years, July precipitation has been close to the average (what Environment Canada calls “normal”).

Environment Canada defines “Drought” as an extended period of dry weather that lasts longer than expected or normal

and leads to measurable losses (crop damage, water supply shortage). This is a vague definition. It is normal for us to have periods of dry weather in the summer and some areas on Pender always have water shortages in the summer, so the word “drought” is not relevant here, or we can call our whole summer a drought, if we want to. The definition of “heat wave” is much more precise and we rarely have one, even though we think we do. Environment Canada defines a heat wave as a period of more than three consecutive days of maximum temperature at or above 32°C.

The average daily maximum temperature for July is in the mid-twenties and it has never varied very much above or below this average. This year there were several days in July when the maximum temperature was in the high twenties and on four days we exceeded 30°C, but only once did we reach 32°C, so there was no heat wave.

When you read this it will be September, the month of the Autumn Equinox when the sun passes the equator on its way

south. September is a transitional month between summer and winter. Sometimes September is a continuation of summer and sometimes it is the beginning of our wet season. In 36 years we have never had snow in September and in 1991 we had zero precipitation. At the other end of the scale there have been three years when September rainfall was more than 100 mm. Our lowest temperature in that time was +5°C, no frosts. I would not try to predict what the weather will be in September, but we will try to enjoy it whatever it is.

Malcolm Armstrong

COVER STORY



We were out for a hike in October 2020 with our Black Lab Juno and came across one of the most beautiful mating pairs of Mallards I had ever seen. They were very relaxed and just swimming along together in the water lilies, surrounded by wonderful fall colours. We sat down by the pond and just observed them for a time. Once they seemed comfortable with our presence, I took my Nikon D500 and 200-500mm wildlife lens off my shoulder and captured a series of images that I have really treasured. Only the drake appears in this image, but I loved the simplicity of the scene.

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NUMBERS PUZZLE MCA #34 BY MALCOLM ARMSTRONG

This is a tricky one. Some readers are more expert at solving these puzzles than I am, but I think beginners will have difficulty solving this one. I increased the number of numbers to 26, but I still found it hard. My solution is very different from the original, and there are probably other correct solutions.

All you have to do is put a number 1 – 9 in each of the 55 small empty squares, but there must not be more than one number 1 – 9 in each row, each vertical column and every group of nine small squares.

I got to the point where I had many options and I had to make a choice of which number to enter; from then on I wrote my numbers in pencil so that I could erase if I came to a standstill.

Malcolm Armstrong

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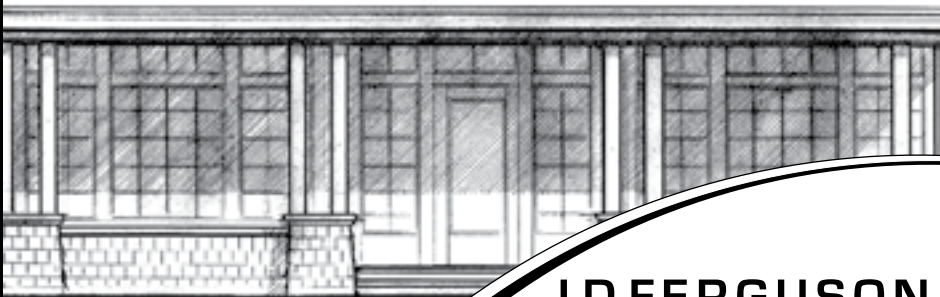
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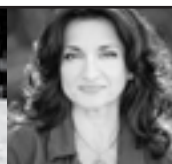
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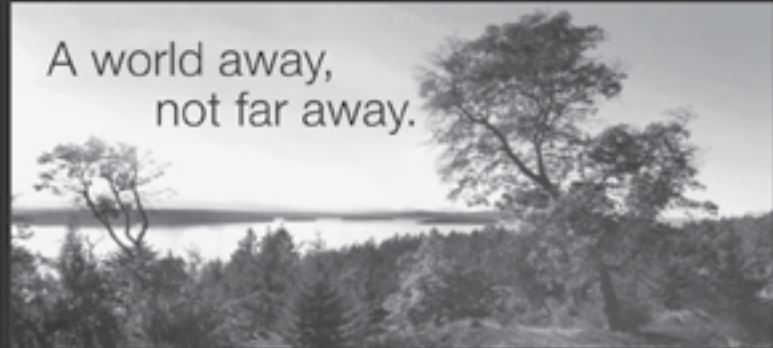
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