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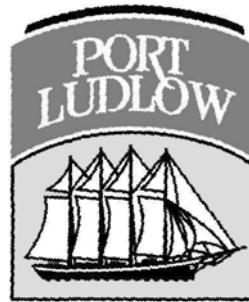
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'Tis the Season
Photo by Steve Deligan



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News & Community

Editorial

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer

Since 1998, Port Ludlow and its surrounding communities have enjoyed, in my opinion, a special bonus—their very own community publication, this one, the *Port Ludlow Voice*.

Today's *Voice* magazine is a far cry from the publication that began in 1998. The stunning covers, created by award-winning photographer Steve Deligan, garner compliments each month. The 36 pages of content and the many advertisements paint a picture providing a window into the heart of this community, one which local realtors and builders use to their advantage when attracting prospective home buyers to Port Ludlow. In addition, the *plvoice.org* website has added tremendous value to the magazine.

The mission of the *Voice*, an all-volunteer 501(c)(4) (a nonprofit organization operated exclusively to promote social welfare) is to be just what our name implies—a *Voice* that informs its readers of events and activities within the Village and in close proximity to the Village, printing news articles that directly affect our local residents.

In addition to positive feedback from our readers, the clubs, groups, and organizations that appear in the pages of the *Voice* often tell us how valuable the *Voice* is to them in telling their stories.

"The Voice is a large part of the fabric of this community. Service-oriented, a pleasure to read, they are always willing to support the efforts of the Port Ludlow Village Council in keeping our village a special place to call home." Jim Moffitt, President, PLVC

"The Voice is an integral part of this community. Mandatory reading every month!" Gil Skinner, President, SBCA

"The Voice articles about our golf leagues help let newcomers know about this wonderful recreational opportunity in the heart of Port Ludlow. Reading about the highlights of our golf season in the Voice raises the level of enthusiasm for our sport in the hearts of all the members of our leagues. Thank you!" Kathi Traci, PLWGA

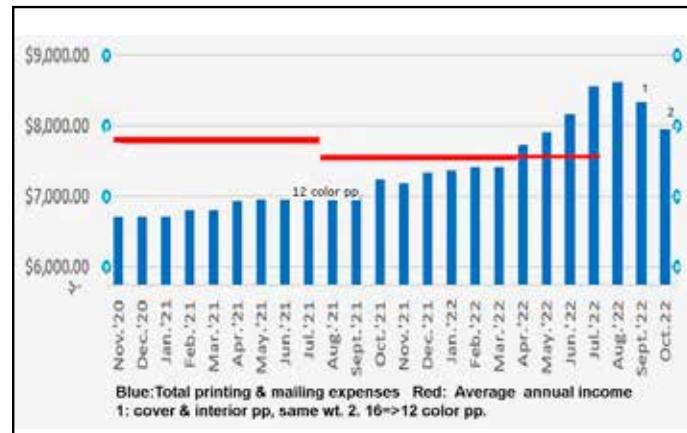
"Dove House relies on the Voice for education and outreach to the Port Ludlow community and beyond. We are subscribers. While I don't live in Port Ludlow, I read it every month as it is a great way to learn what's happening, about lovely hikes in the area, and about many important and enjoyable topics." Bekka Bloom, Dove House Development.

Sadly, the *Port Ludlow Voice* finds itself in a precarious financial situation. Income from advertising and the monthly contributions from our sponsors no longer covers our monthly expenditures. As you can see from the graph below, production costs have escalated steadily over the past few years, particularly the cost and availability of paper and ink exacerbated by the Covid situation with supply chain problems. We have approached our sponsors asking them to increase their support each month and the response has been positive. The staff has made changes to the layout, the number of color pages, and the cover stock to reduce expenses, but each month we find ourselves in an increasingly difficult situation. In truth, we are looking at one remaining year of operation.

And so we turn to you, our readers and supporters. We hope you love the *Voice* as much as we do and see its value to the community. We hope you want to see the *Port Ludlow Voice* continue for another 24 years as a vital part of this active and amazing Master Planned Resort community.

"The Voice is an invaluable resource for info in our community. We rely on it to get news of our events out there. Please don't let the Voice be silenced!" Port Ludlow Performing Arts Board of Directors

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Jefferson Healthcare Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation

After a hiatus due to Covid, the cardiac and pulmonary rehab programs at Jefferson Healthcare are back online and streamlined to best meet patient needs. The new Cardiopulmonary Rehabilitation department provides quality cardiac and pulmonary rehabilitation services. Open 5 days a week from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., with cardiac rehab available on Monday-Wednesday-Friday, and pulmonary rehab on Tuesday-Thursday, the department offers smaller class sizes for education and exercise tailored to each patient.

Cardiopulmonary Rehab provides the tools to manage breathlessness to complete daily activities of living independently, create health improvement goals, and understand and manage heart, lung, and vascular disease.

Patients receive a comprehensive physical assessment that provides an individualized treatment plan, an exercise prescription individually tailored to the current baseline level of function, as well as supervised exercise sessions (cardiac with telemetry) with experienced exercise science staff. Most importantly, patients receive encouragement and confidence to return to their daily lives with improved activity tolerance and quality of life with emphasis on exercise, behavior modification, and a healthy lifestyle.

Referrals for admission to Cardiopulmonary Rehab should meet the following criteria:

Cardiac

- A heart attack in the last 12 months
- Coronary artery bypass surgery
- Current stable angina (chest pain)
- A heart valve repair or replacement
- A coronary angioplasty
- A heart or heart-lung transplant
- Stable chronic heart failure

Pulmonary (including respiratory services)

- COPD
- Bronchiectasis
- Emphysema
- Interstitial Lung Disease
- Symptoms of Covid-19

The program uses evidence-based treatment and intervention for cardiac and pulmonary patients. Studies have shown better patient outcomes with survival rate and reduction in COPD readmissions when pulmonary rehabilitation is initiated within the first four weeks of discharge from admission due to an exacerbation. Similarly, patients who participate in cardiac rehab have significantly less recurrence of cardiac issues with decreased mortality. Contact the Cardiopulmonary Rehab Team at 360-385-2200 ext. 1220 or 1221 with questions.

Chimacum 35th Annual Arts & Crafts Fair

Chimacum Arts and Crafts Fair is back in full swing this year! We are returning to a two-day event and will be following the Jefferson County Public Health Department recommendations for public gatherings. There will be over 100 vendors both local and from around the state with unique handcrafted items at the Chimacum Jr/Sr High School campus on **Saturday, December 10**, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., and **Sunday, December 11**, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Santa will be there for picture-taking.

The entry fee is \$4 for adults, which will allow you access to the fair both days. High school students with an ASB and children are free. If you are planning a Sunday return, be sure to receive your hand stamp before leaving.

We are no longer accepting food donations for the food bank but will have a jar at the entry table should fair participants choose to make a cash donation.

Christmas Lighted Boat Parade



The 2022 Port Ludlow Bay lighted boat parade will be held on **Friday, December 23**. The parade will form up in front of Burner Point at 5 p.m. and proceed west by the Marina and North Bay condos before entering the back Bay. From there, the parade will continue east along the South Shore arriving back at Burner Point at about 5:40 p.m. A group of boats may then continue north out of Ludlow Bay going by Snake Rock before turning around and then finishing in Port Ludlow. Any boat owners interested in joining in with your lighted boat should contact Tom Satre at 907-209-3560 or Rob Hamilton at 503-881-0821.

The best view spots are from the deck at the Marina Office (hot chocolate and a toasty fire will be available), from out on Burner Point by the Totem Pole, or your own living room or deck if you have a view of the bay. For safety reasons, we are asking people not to watch from the docks.

December Happenings at the Library

The Jefferson County Library District program lineup for December includes:

December Live Online Author Talks

Each month, the Library offers 2-3 online talks with best-selling authors. These live events include an interactive Q&A session where participants can ask questions directly to the author. The books and authors are selected to cover a wide range of fiction and non-fiction genres. You can register for live events in advance and view recordings of past events at any time. Visit the events calendar at jclibrary.info to register. Upcoming author talks include:

Geraldine Brooks: Tuesday, December 6, 4 – 5 p.m.

Join us for an exciting virtual chat with the highly acclaimed and award-winning novelist, Geraldine Brooks in conversation about her most recent *New York Times* best-selling novel *Horse*.

Fredrik Backman: Saturday, December 10, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join us for an online chat with bestselling author Fredrik Backman as we discuss his outstanding body of work, including his breathtaking new novel, *The Winners*, the third installment of the Beartown series. Backman is the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *A Man Called Ove*, *My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry*, *Britt-Marie Was Here*, *Beartown*, *Us Against You*, and *Anxious People*, as well as two novellas and one work of nonfiction.

Nicole Eustace: Wednesday, December 14, 9 – 10 a.m.

Explore Early American history during an online afternoon conversation with Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Nicole Eustace as she discusses her 2022 award-winning book *Covered with Night: A Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America*.

Join the Kids & Teen Winter Read-a-Thon

Beat the winter blahs with books! Now through February 20, 2023, you can track your reading online at cleoreads.beanstack.com, or pick up a paper tracker at the library or Bookmobile. Read select titles chosen by librarians across the state. Choose your favorite and cast your vote for a chance to win a gift card from William James Bookseller!

Kids Make-It at the Library! Create an Emotions Wheel

Visit the library crafting station any time in December to create an Emotions Wheel. Kids ages 7-11 will design a rotating wheel that lets them visualize their emotions by changing the expression of their character. The wheel will encourage them to talk about their feelings and explore the ways they might show up in life.

Don't Miss the Library District's Annual Holiday Open House

Celebrate the season at the Library District's annual Holiday Open House. The event takes place on **Thursday, December 15** from 4 – 7 p.m. Enjoy music and refreshments in the main library, then visit the Humphrey Room, where all ages can create festive, seasonal crafts. Refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Jefferson County Library.

The library, located at 620 Cedar Avenue, Port Hadlock, can be contacted at 360-385-6544 or information@jclibrary.info. View the full event calendar at jclibrary.info.

First Wednesday Luncheon

Join us **Wednesday, December 7**, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bay Club.

In the First Wednesday tradition, we will be serving lunch for this special holiday program. To mitigate any health concerns, we will be providing commercially prepared food. Lunch will include dessert, coffee, tea and sparkling beverages.

We will be entertained by the Choral Belles, established in 1996 for the purpose of providing community service through music, primarily bringing it to those who can no longer get out to attend concerts. They are directed by Sheila Harwood and accompanied by Sung-ling Hsu, both accomplished musicians. Their program will include a variety of holiday music, including some special instrumentals and leading the audience in some favorite carol sing-a-longs.

Attendees are asked to bring donations for the Tri-Area Food Bank in the form of cash, checks made payable to the Tri-Area Food Bank or non-perishable food and hygiene products.

An expanded raffle, to include each table's holiday centerpiece, will be held at the end of the program. The proceeds from this raffle are used to support the food bank during the two summer months the luncheon is on hiatus.

Because we will need to know how many are attending in order to provide your lunch, **reservations must be made** by emailing firstwednesdayluncheon@gmail.com or by signing up at either the Bay or Beach Club by **December 3**.

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, January 4**, when we will bring our own lunches and enjoy playing Bingo with friends at the Beach Club.

Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue

Alarm Statistics October 2022

Alarms	
Fires	3
Rescue/Emergency Medical	77
Hazmat	1
Service Call/Cancelled En Route	21
False Alarms	2
Total Alarms	104
Ambulance Transports	
Jefferson Healthcare	19
St. Michael's	15
Medevac	3
Life Care Center	1
Total Transports	38
Aid	
Aid Given	21
Aid Received	3

It's Time to Winterize

If you haven't done so already, here are some things you can do to prepare for winter weather:

- After removing your garden hoses from outside faucets, use foam hose bib covers to protect the faucets from freezing.
- If you have a wood burning stove, make sure the chimney is free of any bird nests or other debris that could prevent smoke from rising up the flue.
- Install new furnace filters.

Items to carry in your car:

- Blanket
- Flares
- First aid kit
- Extra winter clothes
- Jumper cables
- A bag of sand to improve traction if you get stuck in snow or ice
- An ice scraper
- Dried foods like beef jerky and granola bars
- Emergency tire sealant
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- A folding shovel
- A small tool kit

Plan ahead for windstorms and possible power outages at home. Use flashlights not candles for alternative lighting. Have foods on hand that you can cook on an outside BBQ or a camp stove. NEVER use a camp stove indoors. If you

have a generator, have a supply of extra fuel and don't run a generator inside your garage. Put your generator either in your driveway or on an outside deck. Plan to check on any neighbors who might need help.

Sign up for Nixle, a text and email notification service utilized by law enforcement, fire departments, emergency management, city and county government agencies to notify subscribers of public safety related incidents to include road closures, weather-related events and other potential hazards. Text JEFFCODEM to 888777 or visit jeffcoeoc.org and click on the cellphone to sign up.

If you have any questions about the services Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue provides, please contact the department at 360-437-2236.

Port Ludlow Garden Club Holiday Tea

A cheerful invitation is extended to all members of the Port Ludlow Garden Club to attend the Annual Holiday Tea on **Wednesday, December 14** at 11 a.m. at the Bay Club. This year we are asking members to bring an unwrapped child's toy to be donated to the Toys-for-Tots children's Christmas program.

Dress in your finest with fascinators, hats and all the holiday regalia of the Christmas Season. Visit with your friends and neighbor gardeners; enjoy a glass of champagne at the social hour while viewing the fantastic Christmas settings provided by the hostesses of each table; and mix with our special guest who will be hobnobbing with the members.

The Holiday Tea will follow the social hour with a selection of tea sandwiches, scones, cookies, miscellaneous savories and sweets, all specially prepared by Garden Club members.

RSVP to Michelle Pelkey at portludowgardenclub@gmail.com by **Friday, December 9**. Please plan to join us on this special occasion and share a "Cup of Christmas Tea."

Free Life-Care Planning Zoom Seminars

Join Tony Hinson on **Tuesday, December 6** at 11:30 a.m. as he explores estate and life-care planning solutions that preserve wealth, minimize taxes, and ensure your legacy.

Topics will include estate tax issues and retirement accounts; healthcare, Medicare and Medicaid; long-term care insurance; maintaining quality of life; aging in place; preserving wealth; estate plans, supplemental needs trusts, and more.

This is the final seminar for 2022, and we will resume these presentations every other Tuesday in January. These seminars will be held live on Zoom. To register, visit sherrardlaw.com/seminars, or call 360-779-5551.

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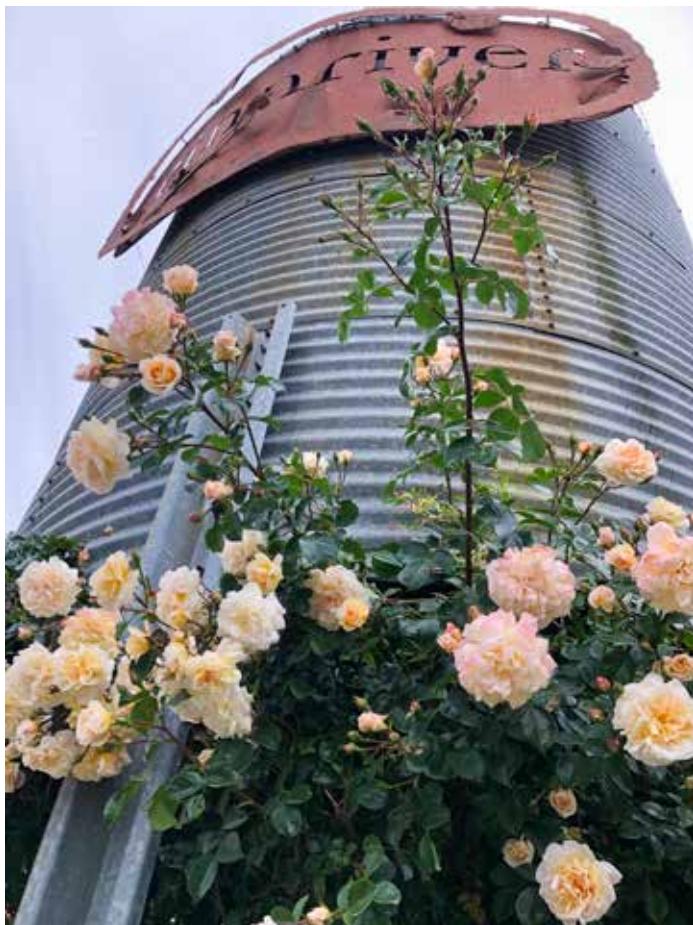


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Features & Stories

Attention, Earthlings!

by Evie Maxwell, Staff Writer



Amid the gloom clinging to most of what passes for news these days, we've come across a gleam. It's a bright spot powered by myriad connections and people in Jefferson County. Here's a sliver of the story:

It starts with a fifth-generation grain farmer from eastern Washington and a woman better acquainted with subways than plowshares, and a vision shared during their stint together as environmental educators in Yosemite.

"We found we were both looking for a way to connect with the land that sustains us," says Crystie Kisler, a former East Coast denizen who's now better known as one of three founders of today's Finnriver enterprise. Together, Crystie and her husband-to-be, Keith Kisler, decided to pursue their shared goal. But first, Ms. Kisler says, "We needed to get a farm."

That took some searching. Eventually, the duo landed in Jefferson County's sliver of the Pacific Northwest. There

they made friends with fellow farm-seekers, Kate Dean and Will O'Donnell. The two couples became partners in 2004 with the purchase of a small farm producing organic fruits, vegetables, and grains.

Of this bounty, the blueberries proved (forgive the pun) most fruitful. Before long, the new farm owners found themselves hosting a u-pick blueberry business to help pay their way. The resulting influx of customers led to a different enterprise: seasonal events at the farm tied in with a summer music series known as (prepare for one more pun) Blueberry Jam.

"We saw how blissed out people got with those events," Kisler says, "and we realized that there's something very natural and profound about food, drink and music put together in a communal setting on the land. It's the old 'eat, drink and be merry' idea. But not in a party kind of sense. Rather it's an opportunity to tune in more deeply into the places and people that feed us. That's a kind of experience that has been denied to a lot of people."

With this in mind, the Kislers added 'communal experience' to their enterprise mantra.

It wasn't long before another epiphany appeared. This one came in the form of a neighbor bearing a bottle of effervescent hard cider. The drink proved so delicious that the Kislers began dreaming of orchards and cideries. In 2008, they added another friend, Eric Jorgenson, as the third founder of an enterprise known as Finnriver. With expertise in both financial matters and cider-making, Jorgensen quickly became known as the group's official 'mathemagician.'

Naturally, the growing business needed more cash. With help from community investors, the Jefferson Land Trust and the Jefferson Landworks Collaborative, the partners took low-interest loans from local farm allies in order to purchase a 50-acre historic former dairy farm located on Center Road near the Chimacum Corner Farmstand. In exchange, they agreed to place protective conservation easements on their newly acquired farm; plus they developed a plan to expand on their cider production.

(Those generous farm allies, by the way, formed the beginning of the Local Investing Opportunities Network, aka LION, the group that has done so much to incubate local businesses in eastern Jefferson County.)

From here, the burgeoning creation known as Finnriver continued to grow. The cidery continued to evolve and,

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with the addition of another friend and new co-owner, Andrew Byers, Finnriver was ready for its next expansion.

With one degree in botany and another from the California School of Culinary Arts plus considerable experience in cider making, Byers took over the fermentation end of the business. This helped free Keith Kisler to begin focusing on developing the newly acquired farm. With help from LION, the land trusts and numerous citizens of Jefferson County, the group transformed their 50-acre property into the next-generation Finnriver Farm and Cidery. The area is now home to a 10-acre organic cider apple orchard, a working farm collaborative, an event space, a public tasting room, the popular Cider Garden pavilion and patios, plus a commercial kitchen, a gift shop, and plenty of space to roam.

(Just as an aside, the completed Farm and Cidery enterprise scored high honors when it won a spot on Condé Nast Traveler's 2021 Gold List of the 100 Best Bars and Restaurants in the World. While this doesn't cut much ice with locals, the popular travel magazine's explicit directions, including maps and a list of nearby airports, gave posh travelers around the world access to this unique local landmark.)

But on to the future With the completion of the Farm and Cidery space in the spring of 2020, Keith Kisler branched off to focus on his first love: the cultivation of organic grains via his newly opened Chimacum Valley Grainery (formally Finnriver Grainery). Billed as 'an organic family farm growing and milling heritage and modern landrace grains,' the Grainery currently offers a variety of organic flours, plus baking mixes and pastas, and is developing a small bakery and a malting program.

As for today's Finnriver group of businesses, it's hard to measure the size, but Crystie Kisler pegs it as "several million in revenue" with high season employment peaking at around 60, cider distribution in 10 states, and tens of thousands of visitors.

In looking at the years-long journey which is Finnriver, Kisler offers an interesting take on the 'earthlings' in our headline: "I've had opportunities through life to have experiences on land that revealed something to me about what I want and what I think is important about being an earthling. We all grow up learning about gender, race, citizenship, and nationality. But we're not often educated to think about ourselves as earthlings. We have a relationship to the planet that needs tending."

There, in a nutshell, is Finnriver.

A Christmas Story

by Milt Lum, Staff writer

Char laid out a single strand of green and red miniature LED Christmas lights on the faux mantel piece as her one concession to the holiday season. The assisted living facility to which she had moved had decorated everywhere outside of her room. She was not cynical about nor Scrooge-like in her approach to Christmas, but this holiday was too closely associated with losses in her life.

At the facility's annual Christmas dinner earlier in the evening, she maintained a cheerful countenance and engaged in small talk with her dining companions. Using her well-practiced self-effacing diplomacy, she finagled her way out of the caroling and ugly Santa gift exchange. The dinner was as much good cheer as she could manage.

She checked her mailbox on the way back to her room. There were a few cards from the friends to whom she had sent a forwarding address. Fred, her best friend and companion for the past thirty-five years, had been the one in charge of the annual Christmas letters for the family. When he died suddenly just after Thanksgiving last year, it was all she could do to send a brief Christmas note which included his obituary to everyone on the list.

Her quaint one-bedroom unit met all of her needs and provided her the privacy she craved. She had her favorite chair, an ample supply of her favorite brandy, and a selection of books gleaned from her extensive collection which she dispersed to friends and veterans' associations upon selling her home. A few pieces of artwork collected from her assignments abroad graced the walls. Unlike the units of the other residents, she had no photos or mementoes showing anything of her past life. That life, though rich and fulfilling, was over and there was no need to bask in former glories.

She settled into the large easy chair that faced the picture window with its drapes drawn. To her left was a small fake electric fireplace with a simulated flame, and on her right a small table with a brandy snifter which she had filled and a worn copy of Faulkner's *As I Lay Dying*. She lifted the snifter to her nose and saw the liquid quivering in the reflected light from the fireplace. That barely perceptible shaking ended her career as a thoracic surgeon and forced her into administrative duties until she could finally retire from the army. The progress of her Parkinson's disease had been slowed by medications but had driven her to relinquish much of her independence.

Sniffing and sipping the brandy, she inhaled its fragrance and savored its fruity essence. She immersed herself in the long and languid sentences of Faulkner's prose. With her senses dulled and her thoughts distracted from the painful

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memories that each holiday season rekindled, the book fell from her hands, and she fell into a deep sleep.

She was awakened by the first rays of a winter sun that had sneaked through a slit between the drawn drapes. It was not the first time she had fallen asleep in that much too comfortable chair which often served as a surrogate bed. She unfolded herself from the chair and saw that breakfast would be over by the time she prepared herself to meet the public. She stretched to release the stiffness and did the few yoga poses which she could still manage.

She called the front desk to tell them she wouldn't be at breakfast. With a skeleton staff present, there would be ruffled feathers if someone had to come to her room to check on her. The small kitchen in her unit provided her with all she needed to prepare oatmeal and coffee. She was on her second cup of coffee when she was startled by a gentle rapping at her door.

Not expecting visitors, she made no effort to change from her nightclothes and put on the robe she used when she roamed the hallways at night. She was shocked to see a bearded young man with his long blond hair gathered in a ponytail. His t-shirt was taut against his muscular chest with tats clearly visible on his left arm, his right sleeve was armless. He smiled and said, "Good morning, ma'am. Bet you didn't expect to see me, Colonel." Char stood staring for as long as it took her mind to re-orient itself to her distant past, then she reached and drew him to her in a deep hug.

He had seen her picture in the photo gallery of residents hanging in the atrium and immediately recognized her as the surgeon who cared for him during his lengthy rehabilitation at Walter Reed Army Medical Center.

Peralta was one of the many young men returning from the Gulf conflict she treated, but he was special, the sole survivor of her son's platoon. Over cups of black coffee, they reminisced about Charlie, her only son, who was Peralta's platoon leader. He related to her that he was now gainfully employed and had put his troubled past behind him. He checked his watch and excused himself as he was there to take his grandmother out for Christmas with his parents. She thanked him for stopping by and hugged him once more.

After he left, she cried for a long time, reliving the grief she thought had been buried. Then, she went into her bedroom and opened the trunk where she stored her most precious mementoes. She found Charles' framed graduation photo from West Point, the one with all of them together in their dress blues. She dusted it and took it to the living room where she placed it on the mantle with the string of Christmas lights.

A Christmas Birthday for Mother

by Eline Lybarger, Staff Writer

Mother moved with us to Port Ludlow in October of 1996 and quickly made friends while, at age 80, she learned to play bridge. Her birthday was December 23, so I decided to give her a bridge birthday party. The house was decorated from floor to ceiling, with a 10-foot tree the star attraction. There were four tables with score cards, two decks of new playing cards, and nibbles at each corner. Tea sandwiches, coffee, tea, cold drinks, and birthday cake were ready for the break.

Even the cats had red ribbons. There were two of them. Charlie, a 20-pound black and white Persian; Ari, a grey tortoise with mismatched stripes, also weighing in at 20 pounds. Charlie loved everyone and would give them a massaging ankle rub to get their attention and, hopefully, a pet, but if you ignored him, he would go away. Ari was fickle; he wouldn't go near anyone who wiggled their fingers and said, "Here kitty kitty." Instead, he would seek out the person who most hated cats and repeatedly try to launch his body into their lap. His favorite trick was to turn his back and walk about three feet away then quickly turn and leap into the desired lap. He would follow them around the house; if his target went to the bathroom and didn't quite get the door latched, they were a sitting victim.

Mother asked, "What about the cats?" Good question. Confining them to another room was not an option, as they would yowl at top volume and repeatedly hurl themselves against the door. "I saw them climb into the Christmas tree. Hopefully they will take a long nap, and we won't be bothered."

Everyone arrived and quickly the party got under way. At one point there was a soft snore emanating from the Christmas tree. (An issue with old cats as well as old people.) I pretended to adjust a decoration and gently shook the tree—quiet returned. Finally, it was time to take a break. Mother was reading her birthday cards out loud, while everyone was eating and visiting. Suddenly the tree began to violently shake, then there was a horrible gagging, hacking sound that could only come from a cat. Everyone turned, in shock, to gaze at the tree. Then, one astute lady, Emma, my mother, said, "That tree has a furball!" We all laughed and the party continued.

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What I Learned About Vacuum Repair

by Jim Gormly, Staff Writer

Experience is a hard teacher because she gives the test first, the lesson afterward.

Vern Law, baseball player

We have a ten-year-old upright vacuum cleaner that suddenly stopped working the other day. Because of wear and tear, one lead of the power cord broke just at the point where it enters the housing. No pop, no spark, just suddenly, no power. Having nothing else pressing and liking a challenge, I decided to repair the cord, after unplugging it from the wall, of course. However, in the process of assessing how the machine came apart, I noticed that the hose at the base of the unit was torn, which explains its less than stellar performance and its whistling noise. The ripped hose convinced us that any money we spend would be better used to buy a new vacuum cleaner. Nonetheless, I decided to repair the cord on the old one since it would be a week before the new one arrived, and besides, how hard can it be to fix a cord?

I tried to find a YouTube video, but my searches revealed none that was specific to our vacuum. So, I plunged ahead and succeeded in opening the cleaner housing. It took me about an hour to find all the screws that held the unit together. Some were hidden in the least expected places. As I removed each screw (and there were about 20), I wondered if I would remember where each one belonged. Except for one screw, all 20 were identical, so that gave me some confidence that at least it wouldn't matter which one went in a given hole. However, when I removed the one odd screw, I said to myself that I should particularly remember where it went, or I think I might have said that, but the simple fact is, I didn't remember, and I have no clue as to where it belongs. OK, so now you're probably questioning my mechanical skills and my intellect.

I repaired the broken wire (that was straightforward), shortening the power cord by a foot in the process, and began to put the pieces back together. The handle-release mechanism posed a bit of a challenge, but after some trial and error, I figured out the order in which the handle components fit. All the screws readily started, with no cross-threading problems. I soon had a complete vacuum that sucked like it did before the power cord broke, which is to say, not all that great, since the suction power is compromised by the torn hose. But it worked, and I was pleased. Mostly.

Although I stated that the cleaner was complete, that's not technically accurate, since five screws were left over, including the odd one. That's probably 25 percent of the fasteners that were removed! Might Kenmore be guilty of over-engineering its products? Might I not be a capable repairman? While testing the vacuum, I realized

that something wasn't quite right with the handle release, so I took it partially apart to rearrange a spring, and in the process, discovered where two of the extra screws went. I managed to put it back together, and, once again, it still functioned!

The whole experience gave me a sense of accomplishment, albeit diminished, and tinged with frustration. How can I still have three pesky screws left over? Did experience teach me anything? Well, I learned that I took out more screws than I needed to, and perhaps I should have photographed the position of each screw's location as I removed it. Also, pay attention to any odd screw. But to extend Vern Law's metaphorical quote: sometimes experience gives you a free pass. While some of my repair projects have ended in frustration and even disaster, this one was a success, tainted though it may be.

Anyway, we now have two vacuums, one of which is brand new and works superbly; the other, not so well. I wonder if anyone needs an exhausted vacuum cleaner? As is. Spare screws available on request.

Bigger Better Begonias

by Eline Lybarger, Staff Writer

This year I had showstopping begonia blooms the size of dinner plates. Usually considered annuals that we replace each spring, the blooms come in a standard size of four to six inches. How did I get them so big? There is a direct correlation between the size of the tuber or bulb and the size of the flower.

It takes time to grow large bulbs, so growers can't afford to do it. Begin by unpotting this year's plants, remove all foliage and stems, let them dry and brush off as much dirt as possible. You can also wash off the dirt, but this requires another drying period. Now toss them with a vegetable dust. This kills bugs and mold. Again, you can spray them followed by another drying time. Finally put them into paper, not plastic, bags. I like to include a tag or write the color of the blossom on the bag. For the winter, tuck away your bagged begonias in a cool, dark place like your garage.

About March place the bulbs one-half to three-fourths of the bulb deep in peat moss and move them to a window or under a grow light. Keep them moist and, when you have two to four leaves, they can be planted in a permanent location. Resist putting them outside until it has quit freezing. Permanently plant them in rich mulch that drains well, where they will get morning sun. They need sun to bloom but do not like to be hot. They like to be moist with a little acid fertilizer about a month after you plant them. If you plan to save the tubers for next year, stop fertilizing the first of August.

Not only do you get bigger blooms—there is no additional cost.

Edibles - Sisters' Cider House

by Carol Riley, Staff Writer



Sisters' Randi and Caron.

In the August 2021 issue of the *Voice*, my Edibles column was about Port Ludlow residents Roger and Lee Anderson and their dream of opening a cider house on Bainbridge Island with their family, daughters Randi and Caron, and Randi's husband Alex. The goal was to open in the fall of 2021, but issues with the lease, local, state, and federal regulations kept pushing the date on the calendar.

Finally, with all hurdles cleared, Sisters' Cider House had its "soft opening" in June 2022 at their beautiful building on Hildebrand Lane.

Family talents extend far beyond cider-making. Another example of their craftsmanship can be seen in the interior wood finishes of the Cider House. The Sisters manage business operations, while Alex and Roger produce the award-winning ciders, and Lee is in charge of "back-of-the-house" duties.

Randi and Caron have brought their product to several cider and beer competitions and the results have been outstanding. The cider has taken ribbons at the Seattle Cider Summit where over 50 cider makers competed, the Tacoma Cider Swig where they were up against 100 entrants, and the Poulsbo Brew Fest where even though they were competing against breweries, they garnered a second-place finish!

Sisters' Cider House is a family-oriented business encouraging whole families to come with the kids, play Nintendo on an original game, enjoy Skee Ball, take on the Saturday night trivia challenge, and participate in themed

events that happen each month. A recent offering was Harry Potter night, and you can look forward to Elf on the Shelf in December. Groups often rent out the cider house for an evening of fun, and customers, often repeat customers, come from Seattle and Issaquah on the ferry to enjoy the cider and festivities.



Sisters' Cider House interior:
Submitted photos

One very popular cider, Scrumpy or Apple Jack, may make its way on to the tasting menu. It has been very well received by the testers, including our lucky neighborhood, and it will most likely join the other ciders that have been so well received.

As you plan your holiday day trips, make sure you include a trip to Bainbridge to visit and enjoy Sisters' Cider House.

Meet Your Firefighters

by Ron Dawson, Guest Writer

Meet Keppie Keplinger, Public Information Officer and Deputy Director for Jefferson County Department of Emergency Management. Keppie has supported the Port Townsend Police Department, East



Jefferson Fire Rescue, and Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue in her role of providing public information. She has worked with two United States Presidents and has supported Homeland Security in her role as Public Affairs Officer in the Federal Emergency Management Agency known as FEMA. Her involvement with Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue has been for the past eleven years. Originally from Seattle, she spent time in Oregon as a newspaper Publisher/ Editor in Estacada and was the founder and owner of the *Mountain Times* in Welches, Oregon. During that time, she received a number of prestigious journalism awards.

She came back to our area because she was travelling extensively for FEMA, and her husband was spending a lot of time in Alaska, and Port Ludlow seemed like the right place to settle. She and her husband both had children, which totaled nine, who now live "all over the place" according to Keppie. Her husband passed away ten years ago. In what little free time she has, she likes to sew and read. Her job is a 7/24/365 commitment, so she says the free time is scarce.

The thing she likes best about her job is the relationships with the people she works with, including Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, East Jefferson Fire Rescue, Department of Emergency Management, and law enforcement. The hardest part of the job is trying to make people aware of the need to prepare themselves for a disaster, to take it seriously, and to provision themselves for such an event. She says she really enjoys seeing young firefighters succeeding in their roles supporting the community.

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Keppie enjoys doing what she does in her role. She feels like she is doing what she is “supposed to do.” She says she is a private person in a public role.

Keppie has an excellent background and provides the community with important information and experience.

Local Group Addresses Housing Crisis

by Jay Bakst, Kay Raffo, Jane Lohry Armstrong, Guest Writers

Have you noticed that local businesses are sometimes closed due to staff shortages? Like many areas of the country, Jefferson County is in a housing crisis. Where other regions have limited rental vacancy rates averaging 5-6%, Jefferson County has one that hovers between 0-1%. One segment of the market with a drastic shortage is affordable workforce housing. Many businesses that we depend on are unable to hire people because prospective workers can't find a place to live. As Dunia Faulx, Executive Director, Population Health, Advocacy and Analytics at Jefferson Healthcare stated: “The number one reason that people are leaving between their first 90 and 180 days of being hired is they are unable to find adequate housing.” She added: “The housing crisis in Jefferson County has impacted our ability to retain and recruit individuals that can care for all of you.”

The Housing Solutions Network (HSN) serves as a response to the growing workforce housing crisis in East Jefferson County. We advocate for solutions, facilitate connections among people, share what others have learned, and encourage collaboration, communication, and the co-creation of new strategies to increase available and attainable housing in our region. We work alongside local housing champions—both individuals and institutions—providing support and capacity building to ensure success.

Our community-driven, solutions-based, Housing Action Teams are groups of volunteers who identify obstacles to affordable housing and then craft and implement strategies to create new units and protect existing units for our workforce. A great example is when HSN conducted a survey of permit applicants in Port Townsend and Jefferson County then worked with both entities to remove obstacles and improve the permitting and building process.

Port Ludlow homeowners can address the housing crisis by renting out unused or underutilized units, bedrooms, or homes to a local worker. This could be a source of extra income, a way to obtain assistance around the house/yard, or simply have another person nearby in case of an emergency. HSN connects with local landlords and property

management companies to identify ways to make renting to others smoother, safer, and profitable—both for the property owner and for the prosperity of the community. Over the last two years, HSN volunteers piloted local lending to homeowners who wanted to create affordable rental space at their homes for the local workforce. On November 2, LION (Local Investing Opportunities Network) launched a channel for just this purpose, connecting homeowners with local lenders.

Awareness of our current housing crisis and the realities that it brings is essential. From impacts on the service industry to the healthcare industry, the lack of affordable workforce housing is becoming more apparent in our community. We in Port Ludlow can be part of the solution.

To understand the depth of the problem, visit our website, housingsolutionsnetwork.org, watch our video on YouTube (Housing Solutions Network in Jefferson County), and start a conversation with your friends and family members on how you can help address this growing crisis. Learn, advocate, invest, and support more affordable workforce housing. Work with a local realtor or property manager to make your underutilized units available to local workers. Investigate the opportunity to help finance people to build affordable units, and advocate for more affordable housing.

You can join our efforts and make a real contribution to our county's needs. To get involved email housingsolutions@jcsgives.org.

Holiday Joy for Everyone

Holidays are for everyone! And this year you can spread the joy while enjoying fabulous food and more from local farms, farmers markets and food businesses.

For a convenient way to do your holiday shopping locally, check out the Holiday Food and Farm Finder website eatlocalfirst.org/holiday-food-farm-finder. Here you'll find fabulous foods and an opportunity to give back to the community plus a chance to win delicious farm fresh treats via a special drawing. Check the website for more information.

Now in its third year, the holiday initiative comes from the WA Food and Farm Finder and its Eat Local First website. The online tool will link you to more than 1,800 farmers, growers, producers and businesses (like restaurants, grocers, and wholesalers) across the state. Think of it as the best eating anywhere and a great way to do your holiday shopping.

The Little Free Pantries That Can!



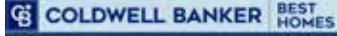
When “Little Free Libraries” arrived on the scene several years ago, we didn’t know that they would become precursors to other neighborhood cabinets offering a variety of supplies – such as Little Free Pantries (LFP’s). LFP’s provide 24-hour access to food and other items without the potential feelings of shame experienced when a person approaches an agency to ask for help. This creates virtually a no-barrier access to these necessities. Dove House has two LFP’s: one at 1045 10th St. in the small picnic area we share with Jefferson Healthcare and the other at the Recovery Café located at the corner of Kearney and 19th. There are other LFP’s around the county, too, as well as “diaper closets” and neighborhood cabinets offering art supplies, children’s toys, and other types of things.

With the recent steep rise in gas and food prices, we—and other agencies across the Peninsula—have noticed an increase in the number of people relying on Little Free Pantries to supplement their food needs. Whereas a couple of years ago, they would take two to three days to empty, the Pantries are now emptying every night. Hospital employees, neighbors, and community groups help us with supplies for our Pantries. Inflation impacts Dove House as well as the individuals and groups who have been helping us keep the LFP’s stocked. We are inviting all our supporters around the county to consider buying a something-extra next time you are in the supermarket or at Costco. We estimate that at least 150 individuals and families visit our pantries each year and we have recently partnered with a UW study whose goal is to compile data on LFP use in our area.



We welcome your unopened and up-to-date shelf-stable foods. Give us a call to be sure of the hours we are open. We can also provide you with a list of foods recommended for Little Free Pantries. Your contributions to the LFP’s will support people in a variety of situations. They may be living unhoused and need quick packaged food that doesn’t require cooking facilities. Staple foods help folks who are working during food bank hours and whose monthly budget has taken a huge hit by rising prices. Together we all can help ensure that our neighbors have access to nourishment through the winter. Thank you! For more information contact Bekka Bloom 360-301-6241.

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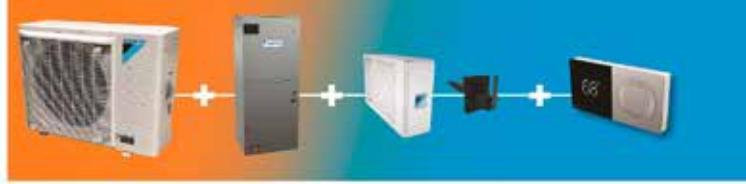


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Our County Library: How It Grew, What It Offers

by Dr. Tamara R. Meredith, Jefferson County Library District Director

Dr. Tamara Meredith has been the Director of the Jefferson County Library District since 2017. She has worked in library administration and education for over 17 years, including public, school, and academic libraries in Colorado, Wyoming, and Washington.



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as an independent Junior Taxing District funded by property taxes, timber-related income, and small revenue streams such as donations, photocopy charges, grants, etc. The Friends of the Jefferson County Library, established in 1983, also contributes significant amounts toward funding programs and expenses that cannot be paid for with tax revenues. The District continues to be governed by a volunteer five-member Board of Trustees. You will find information about our Trustees and Board Meeting Agendas at jclibrary.info/about-jcl/board-of-trustees.

During the first six years of District operations, the library facility shifted from a room inside the Port Townsend Library to a portable on the Chimacum School District campus, then to a rented location in Port Hadlock. In April 1985, the Jefferson County Library building was completed on the present site at 620 Cedar Avenue. An addition was completed in 1992, and the building was extensively remodeled in 2012-13. The current building is approximately 11,000 square feet and houses a physical collection of roughly 60,000 items as well as public computers, printing/copying services, WiFi, meeting rooms, 3D printing, and comfortable seating and workspaces throughout. In addition to our physical resources and space, we provide downloadable eBooks, eAudiobooks,

At the Jefferson County Library District, we don't just recite our mission and vision statements—we live them in our daily work. The mission of feeding minds and fueling dreams frames every part of our operational strategy, whether that's feeding the curiosity of our lifelong learners or fueling the dreams of our youngest patrons through creative stories and play. Our vision for a thriving community empowered by knowledge informs each area of our strategic plan—connection, engagement, and sustainability—and current and future services are measured against community needs and future impact. As a taxpayer-funded institution, we take our fiscal responsibility seriously and strive to make the best library service decisions for all residents of unincorporated Jefferson County. With that in mind, it is my pleasure to share with you some history and current initiatives of your Jefferson County Library District.

The district dates back to the late 1970s when community members advocated for bringing professional library services to unincorporated Jefferson County. Sally Huntingford and Helen Shold led the initiative that eventually brought library services to the area through a majority vote in the November 7, 1978 election. The first meeting of the Jefferson County Rural Library District Board of Trustees was held in April 1979, and the first Library Director was appointed in July 1979. Operational funds were provided by the County until revenues from the levy were available and distributed in 1980. Since then, the District has operated



Our Bookmobile visits seven different communities around the county each week. You can find us at the Port Ludlow Village Store on Wednesdays from 1:30-4:30pm.

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Bookmobile service across East Jefferson County has always been integral to the District's operations. The first bookmobile, a 27-foot 1966 International van, was purchased in 1980 and had to be delivered by ferry across Hood Canal (the Hood Canal Bridge had sunk in February 1979). The next bookmobile was purchased in 1987, then another in 2003. The current Bookmobile is a 34-foot 2015 Freightliner that is on the road five days each week visiting seven different communities. It holds a browsable rotating collection of over 3,000 items, and visitors may also pick up items they have put

on hold through our online catalog. Wondering where the Bookmobile is today? Check out the schedule and map of stops at jclibrary.info/use-the-library/bookmobile.



Early Childhood Coordinator Rosaletta Curry leads an outdoor storytime at H.J. Carroll Park in Chimacum.

Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing (online), Babytime (H.J. Carroll Park in Chimacum), and many more. For a complete list of upcoming District events, visit jclibrary.librarymarket.com/events/upcoming.

During the pandemic, the need for mobile, offsite services and technology assistance across the county was reinforced daily. We recognized the need to “go where they are,” especially when dealing with populations struggling with transportation, housing instability, or lack of internet access. However, we did not always “know where they were.” To this end, three substantial initiatives were begun: implementation of a Community Needs Assessment to better understand resource locations, gaps, and barriers to access; the establishment of a Digital Equity Navigator position to meet digital access, digital literacy, and technology support needs; and the expansion of our mobile services area to support increased offsite activities. Of the three, two are substantially grant-funded since these costs greatly exceed our regular operating budget. However, they are necessary work and progress on each is already informing current and future shifts to our library service offerings.

The Community Needs Assessment was conducted during the summer of 2022. The overarching question posed was, “What does our community need to thrive and be empowered by knowledge?” In addition to known challenges – housing, transportation, internet access—several additional issues were identified, including: concerns about the impact of misinformation; the importance of social interaction and gathering spaces; the depth of community resources available but not used or visible; and the need for the District and other organizations to continue to partner to meet people where they are, especially those who are under-resourced. Going forward, we will be incorporating these results into our strategic plan and design/review of library services across the county.



Happy and satisfied library patrons!

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Our Digital Equity Navigator (DEN) began working in February 2022. The full-time position holds weekly office hours in Port Hadlock, Port Townsend, Brinnon, and Quilcene, and is externally funded by grants for two years. Our DEN helps people apply for the Affordable Connectivity Program (ACP), a complex but impactful program created by the FCC to provide subsidized, affordable internet and devices to households with incomes at or below 200 percent of Federal Poverty Guidelines. The DEN also provides basic computer literacy instruction and is part of our District's "One-on-One Tech Help" team which offers technical support by appointment. If you or someone you know could benefit from the ACP or computer literacy instruction, reach out to our Digital Equity Navigator, Jamie Pena, at jpena@jclibrary.info or call 360-301-5815.

The barrier to expanding our mobile services has long been the lack of a garage to house vehicles and equipment. In 2021, the District was awarded a competitive matching grant from the Department of Commerce to help fund our Mobile Services Garage Expansion Project that includes parking for two vehicles, storage, and a dedicated sales space/storage area for the Friends of the Jefferson County Library. The building is slated for completion by February 2023, and the District is pursuing options for the acquisition of a second vehicle to support our offsite programs, community event attendance, and Home Library delivery service to individuals who are unable to visit the library due to family illness, injury, medical condition or disability.

I hope this article about some of the resources your Jefferson County Library District offers inspires you to be as proud of the organization as I am. Don't hesitate to reach out with questions —we love those! And please consider contributing to our Winter Giving Campaign, which begins in late November and runs through December. You can find more information about supporting your Library District as well as event listings, services, and contact info on our website at jclibrary.info.



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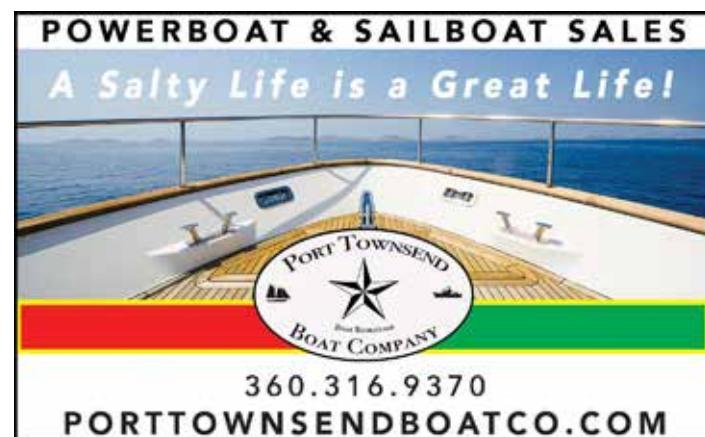
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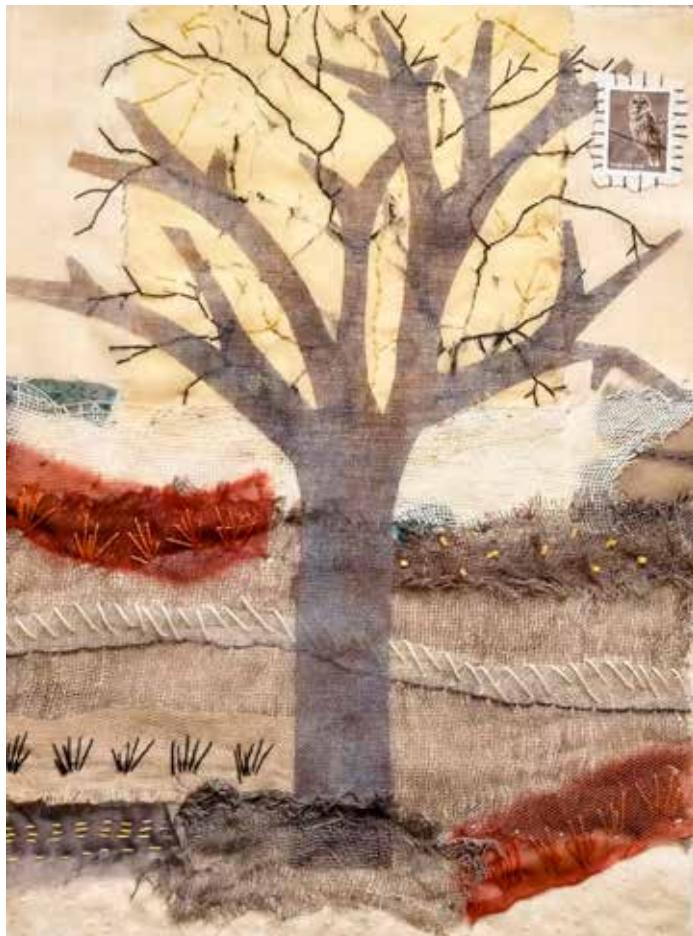
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December Program Meeting Speaker – Carol Reynolds



The Owl, by Carol Reynolds

Submitted photo

The Port Ludlow Art League is delighted to welcome Carol Reynolds as the speaker for their December Program Meeting.

Growing up in a household where her mother was a seamstress and her grandmother a needleworker, Carol was instinctively drawn to textile art. Initially a weaver, Carol will speak about a new technique called “new hand stitching” or “slow stitching,” which is a mindful process that encourages the artist to thoughtfully create textile art by stitching with needle and thread. Carol works with repurposed cloth, thread, and photo transfers—cutting, ripping, sewing, dying, and painting fabrics, achieving depth by layering with transparent and translucent materials.

Carol will lead attendees in a slow stitch exercise to spark their interest in textile art. The program meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 21** from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Bay Club. The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Place in Port Ludlow. Guests are welcome to attend the meeting for a small fee of \$5. For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.

Group Art Exhibit at the Bay Club



Frosty Flight, by Larry Davidson

Submitted photo

To celebrate the upcoming holiday season, the art exhibit at the Bay Club, entitled **Holiday Gatherings**, will feature artists’ interpretations of holiday celebrations around the world. This art exhibit is sure to put viewers in the holiday spirit.

The **Holiday Gatherings** exhibit is sponsored by the Port Ludlow Art League and will be on display November through December. Be sure to stop by the Bay Club and vote for your favorite artwork.

The Bay Club is located at 120 Spinnaker Lane in Port Ludlow. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, please email Alan Ahtow at info@portludlowart.org.



Submit A&E events in Port Ludlow and surrounding communities in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap counties to brothenborg@plvoice.org by the 8th of the month.

Port Ludlow Art League

Artist of the Month – Brenda Barcelo



Appeal, by Brenda Barcelo

Brenda is a self-taught artist originally from Montevideo, Uruguay. She dedicated decades to the fine art of balsa wood carving. When a fire engulfed her California home destroying her entire collection of carved balsa wood artwork, she redirected her artistic talents to drawing. Leaving behind wood carving and mastering an entirely different medium helped Brenda free herself from the painful memories of the fire.

Brenda finds drawing, specifically portrait drawing, to be a very fulfilling and motivating art form. While many of her portraits are done from photographs, Brenda also enjoys live drawings. In her portraits, Brenda attempts to capture her subject's likeness and emotions, intuitively sensing what her model is feeling without consciously analyzing their state of mind. Brenda acknowledged, "When I feel the portrait comes alive with the likeness and emotions of the person I'm portraying, a smile arises inside my chest."

Brenda uses only graphite and charcoal pencils, ink, and plain drawing paper. Her artwork is truly a labor of love and celebration.

During December, you can view Brenda's artwork at the Sound Community Bank and online at portludlowart.org.

The bank is located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow.

For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.

Jeweler of the Month – Beth Olson

In December, Beth Olson's unique jewelry designs will be on display at the Port Ludlow Art Gallery and the Sound Community Bank. Beth creates one-of-a-kind jewelry using semi-precious stones, such as chalcedony, turquoise, rhodolite, garnet, kyanite, and jade.

You can also view Beth's jewelry online at portludlowart.org.

The bank and gallery are located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. The gallery is open Wednesday through Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.



Jewelry by Beth Olson

Submitted photos

Port Ludlow Art League

Art Around Town

The Port Ludlow Art League is comprised of artists that create a rich variety of artwork. Along with art exhibits at the Port Ludlow Art League's Gallery, Sound Community Bank, the Port Ludlow Inn, and the Bay Club our membership provides a remarkable collection of artwork at the following locations now through January 2023.

- The Bay Club Lobby – Diane Walker – Abstract Acrylic Paintings
- Coldwell Banker Best Homes – Fran Bodman – Acrylic Paintings
- Active Life Physical Therapy – David Layton – Photographic Collages
- The Beach Club – Stephan Lovendahl – Acrylic Paintings
- Port Ludlow Post Office – Sheryl Goldsberry – Watercolor Paintings

For more information, please visit portludlowart.org.

Memories Group Art Show Online

We all have memories, some happy and some sad. Some memories are as vivid as if they happened yesterday and some fade only to be brought back into focus with a sight, a smell, or a sound.

Members of the Port Ludlow Art League will use a variety of mediums to translate their interpretation of memories for the December online art show.

To view the online art show, please visit portludlowart.org. If you'd like to purchase any of the artwork, please click on the contact list to make an appointment to meet the artist at the Port Ludlow Art Gallery. The Gallery is next to Sound Community Bank located at the corner of Oak Bay Road and Osprey Ridge Drive in Port Ludlow. For more information, please email info@portludlowart.org.

TAKE3 Trio Brings Its Genre-Defying Show

by Dave Cunningham, Staff Writer



It's not likely you will ever see a concert in which the band plays music by such strange bedfellows as Bach, The Beach Boys, Beethoven, The Beatles, Bizet, and Bieber ... unless you come see and hear TAKE3 on **Saturday, January 21, 7:30 p.m.** at the Bay Club.

No genre seems to be off the table for this three-member band that was founded by Lindsey Deutsch, who toured the world with another genre-defying performer – Yanni – as his featured violin soloist. While Yanni is known most for his new-age fusion-jazz, classical, soft rock, and world

music, TAKE3 is entirely different, bouncing back and forth from rock to pop, jazz, classical, country, and everything in between.

TAKE3 features Deutsch, cellist Mikala Schmitz and pianist Jason Stoll, although they often perform with dancers, a full orchestra or a small backup band, as well as the trio only. As Forrest Gump might have said, TAKE3 is like a box of chocolates ... you never know what you're going to get.

Their interactive lighting shows and comedic stories of their journey, from playing scales in conservatory practice rooms to pop music in packed stadiums, come together in unforgettable experiences that have fired up concertgoers all over the nation.

Tickets are available online at portludlowperformingarts.com for \$35 each.

The group is in the midst of a seven-month tour that will take them to every corner of the country, from the Sheen Center for Thought & Culture in New York to the Performing Arts Center of Wisconsin Rapids ... and the Port Ludlow Bay Club.

In addition to extensive touring, the group has earned accolades for its outreach programs for children of all ages, delivering a message of hope, inspiration, and the importance of following dreams with vigorous tenacity.

Known for their infectious and down-to-earth onstage personalities, this threesome leaves their indelible mark on captivated crowds around the country. A Nevada music reviewer wrote, "This group gave us a tremendous night of undisputed talent from some of the most passionate musicians around."

The trio keeps a busy tour schedule, performing over 60 performances around the globe each season, including recent appearances at Herb Alpert's Vibrato Grill, the OK Mozart Festival, and a collaboration with the Victoria Symphony.

Deutsch can be heard throughout Netflix's popular show, *The Witcher*, and the Hulu series *All About Pam*. Her performances on these Sony soundtracks reached No. 1 on the Billboard charts and received millions of streams worldwide.

The Port Ludlow concert is sponsored by Terri Ross in memory of Lanny, and Peggy Ponto in memory of Roger.

A new art show will be displayed on the Bay Club walls, which attendees can enjoy before, during and after the show. For more information on art exhibits at the Bay Club, email Alan Ahtow at info@portludlowart.org.

Return of Community Theaters

by Bev Rothenborg, A & E Editor

It has been a long two years' wait for those of us who enjoy visiting the community theaters in the area. Many of the actors and staff with a few exceptions are unpaid volunteers whose dedication to their craft never ceases to impress me. The hours of preparation are obvious in the professionalism of the productions. If like me, you haven't been able to experience locally performed little theater recently, here is an idea of what is going on:

Port Gamble Theater will be performing Rodgers & Hammerstein's *Cinderella* from **Friday, December 2 until Sunday, December 18** at their historic theater located across from the General Store. As a special treat they will serve a delectable dessert after the show on **Saturday, December 17**.

The Jewel Box Theater in Poulsbo always puts on an excellent show. *Miss Bennet: Christmas at Pemberley* is a sequel to Jane Austen's *Pride & Prejudice* and will be performed on **Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, December 2, 3, and 4**.

Key City Public Theater in Port Townsend will be introducing us to a World Premier when *New Moon* plays from **Thursday, December 1 until Friday, December 23**. And they will even manage a production of *The Christmas Carol* on **Tuesday and Wednesday, December 20 and 21**.

Finally, Olympic Theater Arts in Sequim will offer *The Best Christmas Pageant Ever* from **Thursday, December 1 - Sunday, December 18**.

Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra

Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Maestro Tigran Arakelyan, will present a concert on **Sunday, December 4** at 2 p.m. at Chimacum High School Auditorium. In addition to the concert, there will be an open dress rehearsal **Friday, December 2**, at 7 p.m.. Attendees will need to wear a high-quality mask for both the concert and the dress rehearsal. This is a free concert: donations are welcome.

Tigran Arakelyan is an award-winning conductor and educator who holds a number of posts in addition to the Port Townsend Symphony Orchestra. These include Music Director of the Northwest Mahler Festival, Assistant Conductor of the California Philharmonic Orchestra, and Music Director of both the Federal Way Youth Symphony and Bainbridge Island Youth Orchestra. This year marks his fifth year leading the Orchestra.

The seasonally-inspired concert includes the overture to the operetta *Die Fledermaus* by Johann Strauss II. This operetta is drawn from a farcical German play where as a joke a passed-out drunk reveler is dressed in a bat costume and dropped in the center of town. As the unfortunate victim plots his revenge, hilarity ensues. In a similar vein, the overture to the opera *Hansel and Gretel* by Engelbert Humperdinck is based on a Grimm Brothers' fairy tale. First performed December 23, 1893, it is a seasonal favorite.

Inspired by a rink of skaters in the Bois de Boulogne in Paris, Émile Waldteufel wrote *Les Patineurs (The Skaters' Waltz)* in 1882. This music invoking a wintery scene should be familiar to anyone who has been to an ice- or roller-skating rink. The program also includes the first movement of *Symphonie Espagnole* by Édouard Lalo. For this piece, the orchestra will be joined by 2022 Young Artist Competition winner Aliyah Yearian as violin soloist. Rounding out the program is Leroy Anderson's classic "A Christmas Festival." A favorite of conductor Arthur Fiedler, Anderson wrote and arranged many pieces for the Boston Pops orchestra, including this one in 1950.

More information is available on the orchestra website ptsymphony.org.

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Bay Club / South Bay

South Bay Community Association Update

by Gil Skinner, President, SBCA Board of Directors

Big month and more exciting things on the way.

The SBCA and the LMC have formed a small subset group of members from both organizations to meet and hopefully help build our sense of community. In that regard, the SBCA invited LMC members to our Friday night social on October 14. We had approximately 100 people attend and about 30 were from LMC. Great fun for all and we are looking to increase these kinds of activities.

Moving to October 28 we had a GREAT Oktoberfest event which was just for SBCA members, and we had over 100 members join in the fun. Great decorating by Rachael and Mike Boock, Bill Schaffer and his grandson, Susan Shadrick, Gary Caven (who also helped on the food), and Peggy and Jeff Welker. During the event Rachael and Susan staffed the fun picture station. Cheri Gerstenberger helped at the beverage station and Christine Spagle and Peggy Thuotte kept food supplied and helped on clean up. Great work by the many volunteers led to a great party. You know people are having fun when you have to shoo them out the door to clean up!

The November Pancake Breakfast was smaller in attendance but one incident really stood out. One of our members came to me as she left and profusely thanked me for getting events going again at the Club. She had lost her husband at the beginning of the pandemic, and this type of social event really was helping as she struggled with her loss. As a widower myself it was so gratifying to confirm the power these social events have in making our community what it is, caring about others!

I mentioned numerous volunteers above and want to note that starting in November the SBCA will have at least one eblast coming out each month thanking our many volunteers. We may highlight volunteers from a specific event, or we may be highlighting volunteers on various committees. In addition, the Activities Committee is working on an end-of-year party for those who work selflessly to make the South Bay a great place to live. Please watch for these eblasts and add your “thank you” to folks out there doing the heavy lifting. Better yet, watch for announcements for events and ask if you can help.

SBCA Important Dates

Monthly Board Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 9:30 a.m.

Unless there are changes to county requirements, meetings are in person.
All SBCA members are welcome

To keep informed of meeting dates and times, please visit: sbca.club/home/schedule-sbca

Committee Meeting minutes are posted at sbca.club, then click on Board Minutes Page

Speaking of upcoming events in December the SBCA is having our Holiday Gala on **Saturday, December 10**. We are trying something new by going to catered nice hors d'oeuvres, sparkling wine, regular wine, and live music for listening and dancing. The Club will be decorated for the holidays, and we will be using the auditorium for music and dancing and the Great Room for conversation and relaxing with friends. Some have suggested we dress up for this affair and yours truly will force himself into renting a tux. However, more important than dressing up is showing up. The holiday season is filled with joy but also reminds so many of us of lost loves. Our community helps us through. Hope to see you there. Watch your email for the announcement.

Stay safe, stay healthy, and as always keep smiling; you live in a great community.

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Beach Club / North Bay

Update from the Manager

by Brian Belmont, General Manager

Happy Holidays!

It has been a journey, but we are again fully staffed at the Beach Club. In early November we hired Madeleine “Maddy” Kingsfield as a full-time maintenance employee and Cole Dotson as a part-time maintenance employee. Maddy and Cole join Don Baker and Liam Wells in our Maintenance Department. Maddy and Cole, welcome to our Beach Club team!

We had some disappointing news on November 2 when we learned that the LMC RV storage lot had been broken into. In two locations the chain link fence had been cut and to date we are aware of one catalytic converter being stolen from a parked vehicle. LMC has notified our RV lot tenants and asked everyone to check their stored property and report any theft or damage to the Sheriff’s office and to the front desk staff at the Beach Club.

Our staff is reviewing security recordings in an effort to assist with the investigation.

For the first time in three years, LMC will host our annual Polar Plunge event on **Saturday, December 31**. This year not only are our LMC members and their guests invited, but we are also **inviting our South Bay neighbors** to join us. While not quite the frigid temperatures that many “Polar Plunges” boast, our pool will be in the upper 40s which should still be cold enough to get your attention.

The brave souls willing to take the plunge in the unheated outdoor pool will be rewarded with hot coffee, hot cider, and hot chocolate as well as a few sweets. The “Plunge” will take place at 11 a.m. I encourage plungers to come at least 15 minutes early so that everyone has time to sign a liability waiver.

Bring your suits, fluffy towels, and a warm change of clothes to the Beach Club. Don’t forget your cameras too, since there should be plenty of memorable moments.

We have asked Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue to be onsite just in case.

LMC and the Beach Club

Phone: 360-437-9201

Email: BeachClub@Olympus.net

Sign up for our monthly e-Navigator
by emailing the above address.

Visit LMCBeachClub.org for
more information about your North Bay HOA

We recently added a new elliptical machine, an upright bike and stair climber to our Beach Club gym equipment. We have had good feedback on the new equipment—come check it out.

As always, if you have questions or comments about this article or the on-going work at the Beach Club, I can be reached at 360-437-9201 or by email at beachclub@olympus.net.

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Village Council

PLVC Board Meeting Summary

by Mike Towner, Secretary

Call to Order: Mike Towner, Secretary, called the meeting to order acting as proxy for President Jim Moffitt and Vice President Tam McDearmid, and declared a quorum.

PLVC Board Members attending: Paul Hinton, Mike Towner, Ken Sondergard, Jane Holmes, Dave Jurca, Joan Johnston (LMC), Randy Edwards (SBCA, for Gil Skinner)

Stakeholder Updates

Greg Brotherton – Board of County Commissioners

Announced that JeffCo Central Services Director Mark McCauley is retiring. He will be replaced by the new Central Services Director Chris Boyd. He also announced that Superior Court Judge Keith Harper will be retiring at end of January; Gov. Inslee will appoint a replacement prior to Judge Harper's retirement.

A Property Tax increase will result due to an increase in property value assessments for most homeowners. It was suggested that the County Treasurer be invited to attend next month's PLVC Board meeting to discuss these changes.

Other announcements included the opening of a new children's playground at HJ Carroll Park. Also, there is a Department of Natural Resources Open House presentation at next Monday's Board of County Commissioners meeting. Finally, the county transfer station will be closed to retail trade on Mondays due to staff shortages—commercial drivers will still be allowed on Mondays.

PLA Report: Mike Towner as proxy in Diana Smeland's absence. Report read as follows:

Real Estate: OTII Phase 2 clearing and grading. Working on four more homes to complete the build out of OT2 Phase 1.

OWSI: Flushing in the North Bay area, check the OWSI website.

Hospitality: The Inn will once again be a tree host site and feature tags on our tree for local gift requests for Christmas 4 Kids.

Fireside Restaurant: Low & Slow themed dinners on Wednesdays. Receiving reservations for Thanksgiving dinner, available from 12-5:00 p.m. There will be a Cellar Master Dinner on **Thursday, December 8**.

Village Council Meetings

Board Meeting

Thursday, December 1

3:00 p.m., Beach Club Bayview Room

Workshop Meeting

Tuesday, December 20

3:00 p.m., Beach Club Gallery Room

plvc.org

Golf: Winter Series starting along with a nine-hole skins series.

Marina: PLYC Lighted Boat Parade will be **December 23**.

Other Updates

PLPA: Concerts - the Four C Notes on November 6 and Terry Barber on **December 11**.

PL Art League: Holiday Art Fair at Beach Club, **Saturday November 26** from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Christmas Tree Lighting at Village Center on **December 3** from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

PLVC Committee Reports – Emergency Management Committee

Fire Rescue: Chief Bret Black spoke about "Ready for Wildfire 22" and made these significant remarks: in spring make sure homes are defensible and since evacuation zones don't always work, rely on your instincts. The Chief's full PowerPoint presentation can be viewed at this location on the PLVC website: bit.ly/3TljeG. Additionally, there are several new wildfire videos online at the East Jefferson Fire Rescue website: ejfr.org/media/wildfire-home-safety/.

Bill Dean discussed the results of the Great Washington Shakeout on October 20. There was increased participation over last year with same number of block captains, but more participating.

LMC - SBCA CDC

The Holiday Tree Lighting will resume this year on **Saturday, December 3** from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Village Square and will feature a special appearance by a choral group and Secret Santa.

Recreation & Sports

Tai Chi, A Practice for Life

by Frank Deering, Guest Writer



Tai Chi Class (L to R): Jill Jiracek, Steve Jiracek, Jackie Rick, John Sweet; Instructor: Frank Deering.

Photo by Beverly Deering

Tai Chi is a form of movement and gentle exercise that is practiced widely around the world today. One might consider it a form of 'yoga in motion' with many health benefits. The postures are done in a slow, smooth, relaxed and gentle way. There are many different styles of Tai Chi that offer various benefits and degrees of intensity. Although Tai Chi has the distinction of being both a martial art and a form of relaxing movement and meditation, my focus of teaching Tai Chi highlights the health, well-being and relaxation benefits one derives from the practice.

Although no one knows for sure, the story goes that Tai Chi Chuan (also written Taijiquan) originated in Taoist Monasteries in China thousands of years ago. It is said that the monks back then during their daily morning walking meditation sessions drew inspiration from the animals and the natural world that surrounded them and began to imitate the movements of these animals and the natural world that they encountered. As the practice moved from the monasteries and was adopted by lay practitioners, it slowly developed around the latter part of the 17th Century into a more martial arts practice. Some vestiges of the original monastic origins remained and we encounter in the practice such postures as 'White crane spreads its wings,' 'Carry tiger to the mountain,' 'Embrace the moon' and many other examples in the Tai Chi forms practiced today.

The practice of Tai Chi in present times is still rooted in Taoist philosophy. The Tai Chi symbol represents the harmony between Yin and Yang. One could think of this

yin/yang principle as opposite and complementary aspects of the natural world within and around us. Examples of these complementary energies we might encounter in ourselves are hot and cold, strong and weak, energetic and tired, tense and relaxed and so on. The practice of Tai Chi strives to achieve a natural balance in the physical, emotional and philosophical areas of our lives. The relationship between Yin and Yang is continually seeking to be in balance and since Tai Chi practice forms are balanced equally in these complementary and opposing energies, the practice is very effective in bringing us into harmony within ourselves and with our interactions with others and the natural world.

As water in a river smooths and rounds rocks over many years, Tai Chi works on our bodies to change the inner flow of energy within us. The movements of the Tai Chi forms are designed to challenge the places we need to smooth out in our bodies. As we move through our lives, we adopt certain patterns of movement and posture attributes to accommodate our aging bodies, past traumas and injuries. For example, we might see or feel that we have restricted movement in one or both hips, our shoulders are more rounded than they need to be or our head leans forward when we walk. Many of these inhibiting bodily structures become unconscious and are reawakened when we challenge these patterns in our bodies. These patterns of movements inhibit the natural flow of energy and vitality that we would otherwise experience in a more well-adjusted body. The practice of Tai Chi is a process of rediscovering what a more relaxed, well-adjusted and energetic body feels like.

In the beginning, as participants begin to engage with the Tai Chi principles, they often discover some bodily limitations that perhaps they were not previously aware of. In Tai Chi, they learn to move in a whole different way. It is often referred to as 'whole body' movement. In this way of moving, practitioners seek to engage the mind and body and work with having them work together. They bring conscious awareness to each individual part of the movement and what results in a coordinated flowing movement that brings a sense of lightness, vitality, and energy into the body.

The movements themselves are simple and easy to learn. In my class, I use beach balls and other props which help to bring more focus to the movements and assist in establishing a connection to the energy flowing through the movements. Very quickly participants begin to connect with their own natural way of moving, and as their practice of Tai Chi continues, they notice how it spills over to other areas in their lives. Generally, people report feeling more relaxed, focused, energetic and having a better sense

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of balance, both physically and emotionally, in their daily lives. Research has shown that Tai Chi practice boosts the immune system, improves cognitive function, strengthens cardiovascular health, prevents falls, protects against fractures, reduces fatigue, and encourages a healthy sleep cycle.

Frank Deering has been practicing Tai Chi for the past 40 years and teaching for 26 years, most recently in Seattle. Frank teaches the Yang Style Tai Chi form, the most popular beginning Tai Chi form taught in the US. The class is offered at the Bay Club Thursdays at 11 a.m. The class is open to all and is free to community members. All levels are welcome, and the class is on a drop-in basis. The class is fun and interactive and slow paced. Class will resume January 5.

Trail Mix

by Larry Scott, Trails Chair



Osprey Crew: Dave Schmuhl, Damon Finney, Denny Schuch, Jack Rigen, Chris Wheatley.

Photo by Larry Scott

HELP WANTED again? Yep, Trails is reaching out again. In the November Trail Mix, Trails was looking for help with staffing the committee for two easy positions (read that as once a month), a treasurer and a secretary/scribe/recorder. We are halfway there; we have a volunteer for the treasurer position but as of this writing (a month's lead time) we are still searching for the second volunteer that can spare a couple hours once a month. Send an email if that describes a schedule you can volunteer for and support.

Osprey Trail update. For those of you that enjoy a trail that mimics the old exercise equipment called a "Stairmaster," Osprey is for you. It's a wonderful trail for exercise and especially when the weather activates the seasonal drainage and the current is flowing. If Osprey is a trail that you have enjoyed before October 19, when you hike it again you will notice a rerouted segment near the Osprey/Hummingbird

corner. This was necessary because some of the lots on Hummingbird were sold and surveyed which indicated that Osprey was going right through a planned bedroom. This was not the first time (nor will it be the last time) we have needed to tweak a trail route. We will also have to reroute a segment of the Mt. Wilder to DNR trail whenever PLA's crew is done with clearing the new development segment of Olympic Terrace and completes installing the infrastructure.

In other news, Trails is catching up with the smaller TO-DOS and is preparing to begin (weather permitting of course) the McCormick Rail Trail/McCormick Loop which may become a real favorite as the Rail Trail will basically follow Ludlow Creek so users will have that flowing water ambiance so favored by hikers. It will also have interpretive signs explaining some of Port Ludlow's history along with resting benches at strategic overlooks. Following the development of the McCormick Rail Trail & McCormick Loop, Trails will move forward with the latest approved trail that will be known as the Oak Bay Trail. All for now—Trails is still looking for that new volunteer secretary. If you would like to help as a committee board member or as a hands-on worker bee, give me a shout at mclgscott@cablespeed.com. "Let's Keep Improving our Trails" is our motto.

Washington's Official State Sport

by Libbey Lincoln, Staff Writer

Do you know the official sport of the State of Washington? We love our Seahawks and Mariners, but it is neither football nor baseball. Need a couple of clues? Players can dink or lob but they have to be careful to stay out of the kitchen. Walk by the Beach Club on most mornings and you are likely to hear 0-0-2 as play begins.

On March 28, 2022, fifty-seven years after the game was created, Governor Inslee stood on the original court and signed SB 5615 into law making pickleball the official state sport of Washington. Pickleball was invented on Bainbridge Island in 1965 by Barney McCallum, Joel Pritchard, and Bill Bell as a game for their children. Looking at the equipment used to play those first games, Joan Pritchard is credited with the unique name, referencing the thrown together leftover non-starters in the "pickle boat" of crew races.

While pickleball is less than a year old as Washington's official sport, there has been an active pickleball community in Port Ludlow for over a decade. The sport is identified as the fastest growing sport in the country and the Port Ludlow community is no different. The Port Ludlow Pickleball Association (PLPA) has grown to 135 members.

Why is pickleball so popular? Pickleball has something to offer everyone. PLPA members range in age from teens to

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athletes in their eighties. Some people play for exercise and some for the social aspect. Some athletes are tournament players, traveling to different states to compete. All are welcome and find an encouraging, inclusive environment. According to Anne McClure, PLPA President, Port Ludlow Pickleball strives to be a safe place where anyone with a 98365 zip code can gather and find an active, positive sport to enjoy.

Interested in learning more about our local club? Check out portludlowpickleball.com. Pickle on!

Port Ludlow Hiking

by John Nuerenberg, *Hiking Club*

Unless otherwise noted, hikers meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:15 a.m. to get directions to the trailheads and depart at 8:30 a.m.

The hikers abide by the “Stay Healthy” recommendations and follow CDC guidelines for outdoor recreation.

Those on the hiking email roster receive an update the week of a scheduled outing. If you would like to be added to the email roster, send a note to plhikingclub@yahoo.com, or go to the club’s website – portludlowhikingclub.com and click on Contact to send a message.

Friday, December 9 – Larry Scott Trail

We will start at the southern end at Milo Curry Trailhead and walk 4-6 miles round trip with minimal elevation gain, depending on how far the group wishes to go before turning around. There is a restroom at the trailhead and another at the 3.5 milepost (aka Cape George Trailhead) if anyone wishes to go that far. If interested, consider stopping for lunch in Port Townsend after the hike. Hike leaders: John and Chris Fisher, 509-341-4005

Friday, December 23 – Local Trails

Walk off a few of those calories before more come on with the holidays! Take advantage of some of the local trails in Port Ludlow by meeting up with some fellow hikers to determine which trail(s) would make a great hike. Gather at 8:15 a.m. per usual and start walking/driving to trailhead at 8:30 a.m. Hike leader: Self-led

Wednesdays: Timberton Loop. Walk the 4.2-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains. This is a no-leader hike. Meet other walkers at the parking lot trailhead on Timberton Drive at 9 a.m.

Monday/Wednesday/Friday - 8 a.m.

Join the “Trail Club Group” that meets at the golf club parking lot for a self-led walk on the abandoned golf cart path trail or other alternative route.

For more hiking information, map of the Port Ludlow Trails and descriptions and pictures of previous hikes and other destinations, go to portludlowhikingclub.com.

Port Ludlow Yacht Club Welcomes New Board of Directors

by Judi du Nann, *Communications Officer*

This fall, PLYC held a catered nominations dinner on September 17 presenting the Slate of New Officers, Managers and Directors for 2023. The Annual Meeting and Election of Officers took place on October 15.

We are delighted to announce the New Flag Officers for 2023: Andi Pistay, Commodore; Rob Hamilton, Vice Commodore; Ken Emmes, Rear Commodore; and Immediate Past Commodore, Bryan Gilbreath. The Annual Change of Watch (COW), a semi-formal event will be held on **December 8** at the Old Alcohol Plant. The COW is a time-honored nautical tradition where we celebrate the outgoing Board of Directors and welcome the new Board, Managers and Directors.

Whether you are new to Port Ludlow or simply seeking your next adventure, please consider joining us, and your first meal will be free with one of our Flag Officers as your host for the evening. To express your interest in visiting, please complete the form on our website at plyc.us/visit.



Myron Vogt Volunteer Award

by Barbara Berthiaume, *Staff Writer*

Myron Vogt was one of the original founders of the Olympic Peninsula Boeing Bluebills. To honor all that he stood for, the PSO Bluebills have established an Annual Myron Vogt Volunteer Award. This award is based on the qualities that Myron demonstrated throughout his leadership over the past 20 years. Myron role-modeled compassion, care, community, and commitment in all that he did. Nominations for this award were accepted by a committee and a vote was taken to select a Bluebills volunteer who best exemplified these qualities. The recipient of this first award will be announced at the Christmas Giving Luncheon on **Monday, December 5**, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bay Club. Bluebill Garry Caven has volunteered to cater the event with a Beef Bourguignon menu. To attend, respond by email to Bluebillsrsvp@aol.com by **December 1** and send a check for \$15 to the PSO Bluebills at PO Box 65098. As in the past, we are inviting as our guests the agencies who have worked with us over the past year. Please join us for this very meaningful event!

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The SBCA Member Social was a great success with good attendance from both SB and NB residents.

Board Business/Reports/Actions/Discussions/Old and New Business

The Board Meeting Minutes from September 1 and the Special Board Meeting Minutes from September 28 were approved without discussion. The September Financial Report was approved. The EV Charging Station Collaboration with the PLA grant funding request was not approved. The meeting was adjourned without discussion.

Success at Great Washington Shakeout

by Bill Dean, PLVC Emergency Management Committee Chair

This year's goals for the Port Ludlow Shakeout exercise on October 20 were to increase the number of homes displaying the OK-TEST signs and increase the percentage of Block Captains who responded by radio. The TEST sign was a substitute for HELP which might have been mistaken for an actual emergency. The results were amazing. Compared to last year, we more than doubled participation of homes displaying the signs from 75 to 164. Although the number of Block Captains did not increase, the number who responded on their radios increased from 42% to 69%. Furthermore, the percentage of neighborhoods where at least one Block Captain responded increased from 65% to 73%.

Preparing for an event like the Shakeout takes a lot of work. For the last four years, Jay Bakst has led that effort for Port Ludlow's participation as a part of the PLVC Emergency Management Committee. His efforts to develop work plans, procedures and annual follow-up reviews has enabled the Port Ludlow program to improve each year.

Block Captains are the core of any response to a disaster and the Shakeout is an exercise to practice how well they are prepared to do that. This year, they upped their game by canvassing their neighborhoods, learning the communication protocols, and doing disaster response practice. Many residents worked with the program and reported various simulated injuries from scratches to heart attacks. The situation in each participating area was radioed to communication centers where we were able to tabulate, triage and prepare information so that our County Department of Emergency Management would know our situation and be able to respond when possible.

To provide redundancy, the Emergency Management Committee opened two new communication centers as higher ground alternatives to the Beach and Bay Clubs. With help from our local fire fighters, exterior antenna equipment was installed at the Port Ludlow Broker's Office

and Port Ludlow Community Church over the past year and these worked extremely well. A new Radio Operator position in Emergency Management was established this year and five residents volunteered. Chuck and Cherie Gerstenberger, Carlos and Kerry Leglu, and Bill Schaefer became our permanent operators. Block Captain Jay Syverson manned the Beach Club to complete our operator requirements for the Shakeout. They completed a training program and operated the radios for both the pre-Shakeout radio drill and the Shakeout exercise itself. Their performance was outstanding.

The communication plan was supported by PLVC, LMC and SBCA who sent out multiple eblasts to their membership advising and reminding them of the Shakeout.

Although it is nice that we significantly surpassed our goals, the real success is that we successfully practiced our ability to have Port Ludlow prepared for a real disaster.

Congratulations to all who participated, and we look forward to additional folks next year! Its not too early to mark your calendars for **October 19, 2023**.

Toys for Tots Locations in Port Ludlow



Toys for Tots is a program sponsored by the United States Marine Corps Reserve, with the Kiwanis Club of Port Townsend as the coordinator.

The toy distribution is carried out by several other not-for-profit organizations for the benefit of children whose parents cannot afford to buy them gifts for Christmas. The National Toys for Tots program has been in operation since 1947. The local program started helping children in East Jefferson County in 2011. Collection boxes will be available in Port Ludlow at the following locations for your new and unwrapped children's gift through **December 15** at the following locations:

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Port Ludlow Brokers, 40 Teal Lake Road
Port Ludlow Fire & Rescue, 7650 Oak Bay Road
Edward Jones, Financial Advisor, 9526 Oak Bay Road,
Unit 300.

Cash donations can be made online at toysfortots.org. Go to 'Find local Campaign,' scroll down to 'Select your State' then select Jefferson East as your county. The donation goes into our local account.

Donation boxes will be picked up on **December 15**.

Thank you on behalf of the many children who will receive presents this Christmas.

Marine Science Center Lecture Series Continues

Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe scientist and environmental biologist Neil Harrington is the featured speaker at the Port Townsend Marine Science Center's "The Future of Oceans" lecture at The Chapel at Fort Worden State Park at 3 p.m. on **Sunday, December 4**. He will discuss the latest findings on invasive European green crab. There is no charge to attend; donations are welcomed and appreciated.

Since its inception in 2014, the PTMSC Future of Oceans lecture series has explored the frontiers of ocean research and emerging technologies while confronting the human capacity to understand and sustain healthy oceans.

For more information about the lecture series, visit ptmsc.org/programs/learn/lecture-series.

Holiday Happenings at Grace Christian Center

by Kevin Hunter, Pastor, Grace Christian Center

Community Christmas Sing at 6 p.m. **December 16** at the old Port Ludlow conference center, 200 Olympic Place in Port Ludlow. Come sing the carols for the season!

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