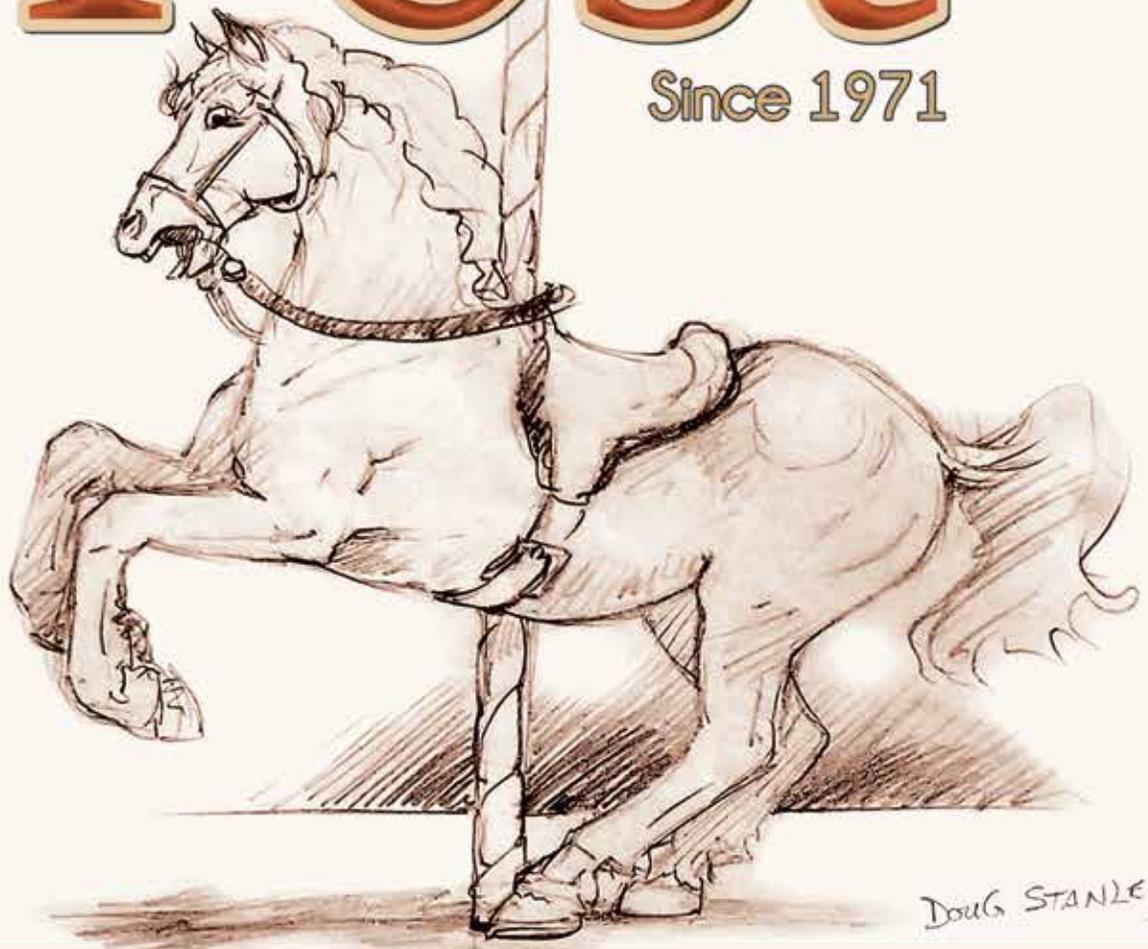


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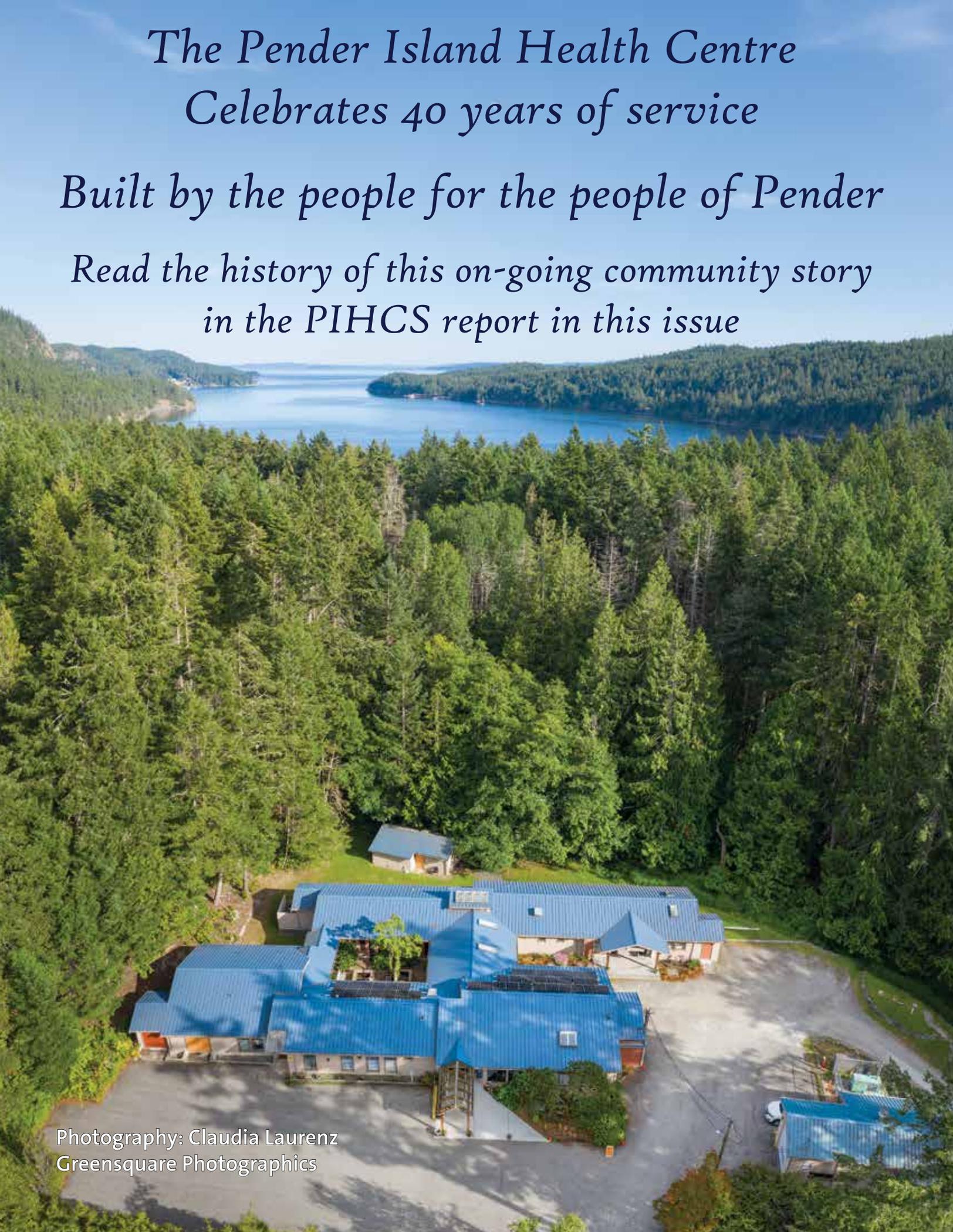
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## PENDER POST NOTES

Each year, the cost to print and mail *The Pender Post* goes up and we have not adjusted our subscription rates and ad rates for several years. Therefore, the board decided to increase the On-Island yearly subscription to \$30, a 50¢ increase per issue effective for the 2021 year. The Off-Island yearly subscription in Canada will increase to \$36, again, only a 50¢ increase per issue. The yearly subscription is still a bargain considering the cost of buying an individual copy at the store each month.

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Please watch for our subscription application and advertising guidelines for 2021.

*Michel Pelletier*

## SPECIAL NOTICES

### Important Notice

Please be advised that the Medical Clinic will be changing over to a new medical records systems program early this fall. From September 29 until October 5 inclusive, the Medical Clinic will be open for very urgent/emergency calls only with the on-call medical provider and reduced office staff.

On Tuesday, October 6 and Wednesday, October 7 all staff will be attending training. If you require immediate medical attention, please call the on-call medical provider at 1-800-866-5602. And as always, if you have a medical emergency, call 911.

Please plan ahead. If you need routine prescriptions renewed, Travel Assistance forms, timed WCB or insurance visits completed, please make arrangements prior to September 29.

## Note

This only applies to the Medical Clinic. All other health care professionals (i.e. dentist, optometrist, chiropractor, lab technician, Community nurses, etc.) will be fully operational.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. We understand that there is never a good time to make this transition and appreciate your kind consideration as we make this necessary move. We also ask that you refrain from contacting your medical provider or office staff via social media, personal email, or texts.

*Pender Island Medical Associates*

## Virtual Terry Fox Event



This year was very different from previous Terry Fox events and runs on our island. The Terry Fox Foundation's motto for this year's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary was "One Day Your Way" in an effort to keep us safe and socially distanced. There was no registration at the Community Hall, no Pipe Band entertainment, no music, food, or water stations. No road signs or encouragement along the roads or door prizes. Yet our community still came together and walked, ran, cycled, trekked, and climbed all over our beautiful space, alone or with friends and family within their bubble. At time of writing, I don't have totals raised for our island overall but I do have totals raised from our three weekends of promo tables at the Driftwood - an incredible \$912.50! Thank you again Pender Island for your sense of community and support!

*Cathy Nealy*

### Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

#### Recreation Funding Applications for 2020-21

Recreation Grant Applications  
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- email to [penderparks@crd.bc.ca](mailto:penderparks@crd.bc.ca)



## Santa's Sac

It's that time of year again when we celebrate our Thankfulness and begin to look forward to the winter/holiday season. This year has been more difficult than past ones for many individuals and families. In anticipation of more need on the island, Santa is asking for your help:

- make a donation to Santa's Sac, which can be dropped off at the Dockside Realty Driftwood Office in the Community Box. For tax receipts, please make cheques out to The Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands, with Santa's Sac in the memo line or marked on a cash envelope. Tax information must include full name, address, and phone number.
- donate your 1% to Santa's Sac (#10) at Tru Value Foods Spirit Board.
- volunteer to help wrap Christmas boxes, sort hampers, and/or deliver hampers the week before Christmas - volunteer sheets are in the Santa's Sac folder in the Community Box at the Dockside Realty office, Driftwood.



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It has been a tough year so let's make this a great Christmas for everyone on Pender Island!

*Terry Shepherd*

## Parks of the West

On Friday, October 23 at 7 pm, the Pender Island Conservancy is pleased to present David Manning and Eroca Dancer with their illustrated and musical presentation *Parks of the West* at the Community Hall. David will regale us with stories of the trips he and Eroca have made in the last few years to the many parks in the US and Canada. Eroca, a skilled musician and singer, will entertain at selected intervals during the presentation. Their journey begins in BC and then proceeds down the west coast of the US and ends in Big Bend park in Texas. His slides include landscape vistas, plants, birds, and animals. We will also learn about historical inhabitants of the parks, including aboriginals and homesteaders. Anyone who has attended David's talks in the past, knows we are in for a real treat. Admission \$5.

*Bob Vergette*

## Earth Day Beach Clean-up 2020

A big thank you to all those who helped out with the Pender Islands Conservancy Beach and Roadside Clean-up. The event had been postponed from April due to COVID-19 restrictions, and folks were encouraged to clean their beaches or roadsides during the summer and to bring down their collected debris to the drop off site on September 12. Our volunteer numbers were down somewhat from previous years, likely due to COVID-19 and the poor air quality on collection day from the smoke from wildfires in the western United States. This does not mean, however, that people did not clean their beaches; some have decided to keep their collected debris for next spring, while others disposed of it earlier at their own expense. Certainly, those who came to drop garbage off and those who worked at the drop-off site were very enthusiastic.

Epic effort was invested by some. For example, Derek Holzapfel hauled a large and very heavy barnacle-encrusted hot water tank up the long, steep stairwell from the beach at Ancia Road. John McLeod hauled to shore at Medicine Beach one of the largest (and heaviest) pieces of Styrofoam that we have ever seen, with his stand-up paddleboard! Three cheers also to the Pender Island Walking Group and others who cleaned the roadsides of the main road from Otter Bay all the way to the end of Gowlland Point Road.

Thanks to our wonderful friends at Slow Coast Coffee, who served complimentary coffee and treats for

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the volunteers. Thanks also to the volunteers who worked at the drop-off site helping people get their debris into the bin, sorting recycling, and directing traffic. We also appreciate the support of the RCMSAR, the businesses of the Medicine Beach Centre, Pender Island Disposal Services, and the CRD.

The winners of the prize draws were Elizabeth Spalding, John McLeod, Lisa Fleming, and John Hartley.

*Elizabeth Miles for the Pender Island Conservancy*

## Island Savings Closure

Island Savings, a division of First West Credit Union, announced today the closure of its Pender Island Branch, effective November 10, 2020.

“Our members are increasingly handling their banking online or through our Member Advice Centre, which means their branch visits are more for advice-driven conversations,” says Kendall Gross, President, Island Savings. “This behavioural shift has been accelerated by the COVID-19 pandemic and, as a result, we are consolidating our branch network, investing in technology and creating new front-line roles to meet the evolving needs of our members and remain a financially strong member-owned co-operative during a time of considerable economic uncertainty.”

Island Savings is supporting members through this transition by continuing to provide financial advice and wealth services on Pender Island, while also offering an ATM withdrawal rebate to offset the cost of using a non-Island Savings ATM. Members can also access in-person banking services at any of

Island Savings’ 12 other branches including Brentwood (1-7103 West Saanich Road, Brentwood) and conduct most of their banking transactions using Island Savings’ Member Advice Centre and digital banking platforms.

“Island Savings is striving to make this transition as smooth as possible and remains committed to the co-operative principle of returning profits to its communities, supporting members and local organizations in the area,” says Gross.

Today, Island Savings also announced a \$25,000 donation to the Pender Island Public Library to support their vital work as a hub within the community. This donation brings its total investment in the Pender Island community to \$61,172 since 2015. Island Savings has also made a future commitment to the Pender Island Food Bank through its signature program, The Full Cupboard.

The branch’s only full-time employee will be transitioning to another opportunity within the organization. Island Savings remains a leading employer on Vancouver Island and the Gulf Islands with nearly 300 employees.

*Josh Juhlke,  
Communications Manager*

## REMEMBERING

### Earl Garfield Dudley (Garry) November 26, 1935-August 28, 2020



Loving husband to Shannon Dudley, father of Scott (Nancy), Bruce (Shelley), Tim (Lori), Sue (Eric), and Morgan, a grandfather to Jodi, Jesse, Travis, Chelsea, Bradley, Cody, Megan, Brandon, Grace, and Matthew and a great-grandfather many times over. Garry was fiercely loyal to his friends, loving, strong willed, curious, tough, acutely intelligent, and possessed of an intense wild streak that age never quite managed to moderate.

From infancy Garry demonstrated a love of speed, an almost supernatural affinity for all things mechanical, and a deeply ambivalent attitude to authority. Traits that would stay true until his passing, much to the chagrin of his wife, family,



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friends, and local law enforcement.

He truly lived every one of his eighty-four years. A voracious reader and an immensely gifted storyteller, Garry led a life that lent itself to long fireside nights of laughter, learning, and emotion. Entertaining and poignant, sometimes self deprecating, always risqué, occasionally rambling, often riding the line between comedy and tragedy, Garry's stories were legendary among his friends and family. His wit, wisdom, strength of character, and vast knowledge ensured that he always had an attentive audience.

As familiar with the specifics of obscure experimental 1950s racing engines as he was with the intricacies of BC labour politics, Garry was a resource to many on Pender. He accepted people as they were and the gravity of his character drew in people from all ages, walks of life, and backgrounds. It was not unusual to come home to find Garry hosting a wild and free ranging discussion between a sociologist, a carpenter, an author, an electrician, and a church minister.

Garry was always willing to lend a hand or pass on knowledge to those less experienced. He had an abiding affinity for wild and independent people who demonstrated real curiosity about the world and he was incapable of turning down a project of any kind. He respected hard work and struggle, and having had his share of both, he always empathized with the underdog.

Garry may have increased in age but he could never be truly called old. He waged a continuous war against the trappings of maturity and maintained a love of the ridiculous until his final day.

He could easily spend weeks setting up a joke just for ten minutes of laughter and a good story.

If a man's life is to be judged by the successive choirs of his friends then Garry's was a rock festival. He touched innumerable lives and brought joy, laughter, and learning to us all. It is fitting testament to Garry's life that at eighty-four years old his final day was spent on an adventure to the interior of BC, visiting friends and family, and that he passed next to his loving wife, Shannon, after a night of laughter, wine, good food, and wild stories.

For the time we had with you we give thanks, and we hold you in our hearts always.

We are looking forward to hosting an epic celebration of Garry's life once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted.

*Dudley Family*

## **Gordon William Hanson**

**July 18, 1943 to August 30, 2020**



Gordon was born and raised in east Vancouver, attending Tecumseh and Gladstone schools. His dad Byron, who was a musician for 25 years with Dal Richard's orchestra, passed on some of his musical talent to Gordon, who played in the high school band and at the age of 11 competed as a soprano at Christ Church Cathedral. A Gladstone Gladiator basketball star, Gordon attended UBC on a scholarship while playing with the UBC Thunderbirds.

After graduating UBC in 1972 with a Masters in Anthropology/Archaeology, Gordon was the Director of the Katz dig, a prehistoric (500 BC) site a few miles downstream from Hope, and worked in the Archaeology Division of the B.C Provincial Museum. Later in the 70s he was Assistant Provincial Archaeologist for BC and worked with the negotiating team of BCGEU. With over 30 years of experience in Aboriginal advocacy issues and resolution, Gordon consulted with many First Nation Councils where he developed long lasting friendships with council members as a devoted advocate.

In 1978 Gordon was elected NDP Member of the Legislature and served until 1991 representing the constituency of Victoria. He served as Official Opposition Whip from 1983 to 1988. As Aboriginal Affairs Critic from 1986 to 1991, he worked hard to lay groundwork to preserve Aboriginal languages, 30 years ahead of the passage of Bill C-91 by the Federal Parliament in 2019. Gordon was instrumental in involving First Nations in the 1994 Commonwealth Games.

Gordon and Mary Louise Martin, his spouse, best friend, and fellow traveler



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of over 25 years, made idyllic Pender Island their home, overlooking Bedwell Harbour, perfect for Gordon's firewood expeditions, fishing, and gardening as well as for Mary Louise's art and writing. His love and appreciation of family will live on with sister Marylou, nephew Todd (Christine) and niece Marle (Romy) and their families, and for fellow fisherman and great-nephew Jackson. He loved his step-son Sean (Laura Lee), his three grandchildren in Nova Scotia, and step-daughter Lesya in Victoria.

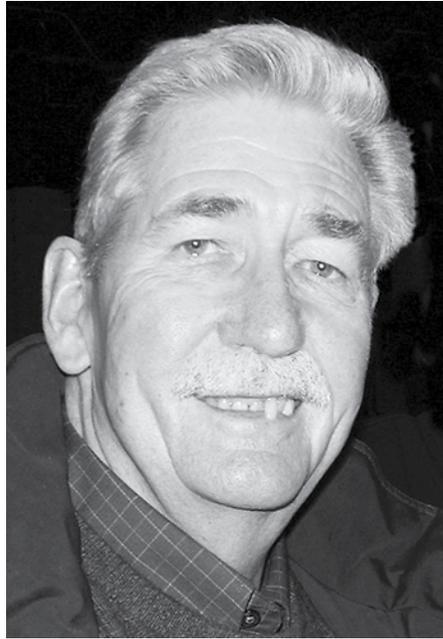
After settling in Pender, Gordon loved the true sense of community of Pender Island and found great appreciation of nature there, perhaps not always expressed after hitting an errant golf ball into that natural beauty.

In these days of minimal gatherings, please give a minute of your time to honour Gordon's memory by thinking about your neighbour, your friend, about kindness and appreciation of your own life, and of those that are close to you, and about those who need a helping hand. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Gordon's memory to the Charity of your choice. Small celebrations of life will be announced at a later date.

*Tom Kirstein*

## William H. Moorby

November 6, 1930-August 25, 2020



Just shy of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday, William Henry Moorby (Bill) passed away peacefully in his sleep in the hospital on August 25, 2020, in Victoria, B.C. He was born on November 6, 1930, in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Bill is survived and will be so greatly missed by Donna, his beloved wife of 67 years. He is also survived by his three children: Ted (Cynthia), Paul (Wanda), and Lisa (Richard) and grandchildren Graham (Jennifer) and Victoria (Dustin), along with his three great-granddaughters, Adeline, Everleigh, and Nora.

Bill's love of the rugged outdoors began as a young man. He spent many summers at his parents' cottage in Manitoba's northern Whiteshell region, paddling and portaging his canoe from

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one remote lake to another.

In 1951 he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force 402 Auxiliary (Fighter) Squadron while attending the University of Manitoba. He logged many hours flying Mustangs and Harvards. Oh, how he loved to fly.

Bill and Donna were married in Winnipeg in 1953 and immediately started their life journey together. Bill began his successful career in the glass business and, before long, found his way into a career in the Canadian footwear manufacturing world. He spent many years as an executive with Greb Shoe in Winnipeg and Kitchener-Waterloo. But his life dream was to build a business of his own, which he accomplished when he and three partners started Canada West Shoe in Winnipeg in 1978. In time, Canada West Shoe became a family-owned business. Bill and his sons, Ted and Paul, worked side by side for 30 years, building a successful company. The company is now in the hands of the third generation of Moorbys with grandson Graham leading the way.

Bill was an avid Canadian gridiron football fan. He dedicated nearly 20 years to the Winnipeg Blue Bombers as a Director. Attending Winnipeg CFL games was a family tradition for many years.

Bill's work was important to him, but his family was everything. Much of family life centered around the cottage near Lake of the Woods. Built by him and Donna early in their marriage, it quickly became the Moorby gathering spot where decades of family memories were made.

Following Bill's retirement, he and Donna relocated to Pender Island,

starting a new chapter in their lives near their daughter Lisa and her husband.

Bill was a big man, both in stature and generosity. He was very much loved and will be so dearly missed.

*Moorby Family*

## Muriel Wallace



It's with great sorrow that we announce the passing of our dear mother, Muriel Wallace, who left us on July 2, 2020.

She was 99 years young and living in Surrey, BC.

Pender Island was a very special place for our parents. There were so many memories created at Walhaven Farms in Bricky Bay and within the community.

Muriel spent long hours volunteering on the island in many capacities to make Pender a better place.

*Cyndy Power (Wallace)*

## Tribute to Penny Tomlin

We all knew Penny as quite a "unique island individual." She was truly a survivor, and was often so misunderstood by all of us. Her determination to get things done was sometimes so beyond realistic, but she managed to get us to give her a ride, or pick up her groceries, or her prescriptions. When we dropped her off, and helped her carry her groceries or whatever inside, she would ask us to take out the garbage or move something heavy, or help her change her sheets. Many folks didn't realize how brilliant Penny was, even after her strokes. She really knew how to get things done and the many ways that she accomplished this could be frustrating, but should be admired.

Penny remembered so many of you who helped her. She told me how very grateful she was for all of you.

In her earlier years she was a very successful business woman, having started a Bed and Breakfast and calling it "Oceanside Inn." This was her parents' original home that she added on to on Armadale Rd. Penny built this into an amazing mini resort, which was the first Bed and Breakfast on Pender Island. The rules were for three bedrooms, but Penny somehow managed to get four, and she was even allowed to serve dinner. The rules for B and B's are precisely as the words read. A Bed and some Breakfast only.

Penny later sold Oceanside Inn, and bought another 10 acre waterfront property on Oaks Bluff in Trincomali, and built the beautiful *Sahhali Serenity Oceanside B and B*. This was a stunning

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high end Bed and Breakfast that Penny ran successfully for many years. She had many staff during these B and B years, and she did say she had high expectations of them. She so valued attention to detail, and if you didn't follow protocol, "Look Out." I know she was very good to those who worked hard and she said many times how she appreciated them.

When she sold Sahhali, after her first stroke, she bought "Betty's Bed and Breakfast" on Buccaneers Road and changed the name to "Reflections on the Lake." She ran this successfully, even after her strokes, and many of her customers later on helped her make their breakfasts. They saw her determination to remain an independent business woman.

I always respected Penny as this successful business woman. She ran the best ads and even talking on the telephone professionally was paramount to her. If any of you called her in her later years on Pender, she would still tell you the time and date at beautiful Reflections on the Lake, and exactly where she was and what time you could expect her back.

When Penny could no longer manage her B and B, she moved to a lovely strata patio home at Roscommon on Saltspring, where she could still remain independent. She was often in trouble with the strata council as her tomato plants and her beautiful flowers were encroaching in the common areas. She got very frustrated with the limited taxi service there as she could no longer get around. She moved to another lovely patio home strata complex in Qualicum Beach, still determined to be

independent. Penny's health gradually declined more, and she struggled to remain independent but eventually went to live at Wexford Creek in Nanaimo, where she seemed quite happy as the food was good, and she said the staff were very good to her.

As you know, Penny loved to talk, and to get her to say goodbye on the phone was something. It was sad as you really had to eventually just hang up while she just kept talking right through goodbyes. She was still as sharp as a tack. She would tell you all the news and she despised COVID-19 and Donald Trump. She always asked about Pender folk and how they were doing.

She so loved her daughter Robyn and granddaughter Hanabe, and was so proud of their accomplishments and work ethics.

Penny was one of a kind, Pender's "one of a kind," a unique character.

Hats off to Penny Tomlin, for her determination and strong spirit!

*Sherrie Boyte*

## THE ARTS

### Pender Island Art Society



Alright, I'm sounding Alike the proverbial broken record here but I don't have much to report. In fact, nothing new since last month!

Sarah Gayle will give her session on *Painted Rocks II* after *The Pender Post* goes to press so I'll have to report on that next month. I would be remiss

not to give a shout out to Sarah who is heading back to the US. She has been a wonderful addition to our group both as an instructor, a skilled artist, and as a fellow life long learner. Sarah has inspired all of us, not just through her teaching but also her kindness and sharing of her art processes and struggles. We will miss you, Sarah and Jonathan! May the wind fill your sails as you journey and may every sunset be a painting! I have no doubt there'll be many more adventures in store for you. Here's hoping we see you again in the not too distant future.

October will bring a couple of gatherings for PIAS. The first is the AGM on October 5. Don't forget that we are holding it at the Anglican Hall this year as there's better spacing for distancing and it is easier to accommodate a group in there than at the Community Hall Lounge. It is at 2 pm and it's really important that there's a good turn out so we have quorum. Besides, you never know what "Russian Volunteering" may happen in your absence! Don't forget your mask. You will also be able to pay your annual dues at that time if you haven't already.

### Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

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Also in October, we'd like to try the art trading cards again. This is scheduled for 1 pm on October 19 at the Anglican Hall. The trading cards are the little 2½ x 3½ cards we've made up the last few years to share with each other. They're a personal reflection of what art has been intriguing us or what we've been working on. I love the binder I have with many charming cards from my peers over the last few years; they make me happy whenever I look at them! You may have to preregister but you'll receive information a week or so ahead.

November is usually our *Le Petit Salon* art show and of course the executive has been thinking a lot about that. We should have more information soon, but keep creating art. We hope to have something and be able to share more wonderful art. We'd also like to host a session during November and we have a few things up our collective sleeves. That said, we certainly don't have a year's worth and if you have a technique or project you wouldn't mind showing the group, don't hesitate to contact any members of the executive.

*Brenda Sledzinski, Secretary*

## Pender Island Celtic Music Society



The Pender Highlanders pipe and drum band appeared for their third impromptu performance of the summer season,

this time at the Community Hall, on the grassy area near the entrance. Perfect spot. It was Saturday of the Labour Day weekend and the Farmers' Market was in full swing. Six pipers and five drum-



*Pender Highlanders at the Farmer' Market Labour Day Weekend*

mers gathered in a broad "COVID Circle" creating enough melodious sound to slow traffic and provide entertainment for the market. Photo courtesy of the Farmers' Market.

*Marie Dion*

## Pender Island Community Choir

It's October and Pender Island Choristers are really missing gathering for our weekly rehearsals, meeting new friends, and enjoying the fun of learning new songs. This will be the first time in 48 years that the choir does not meet for a fall session and perform a Christmas/Winter concert. It is timely that this month the cover of *The Pender Post* celebrates a past concert of 1999, directed by Clare Mathias, and the artwork of our long-time chorister, Doug Stanley.

Thank you again to all new and returning Board members, who were elected at the AGM in July. We welcome new member Carmel Kozak, who has graciously

agreed to take on the Librarian duties of organizing and cataloging all choir music - a huge job! Many, many thanks to outgoing member, Dorset Norwich-Young, who has for many years designed the concert poster for the advertising and tickets and generally been involved in many other areas.

On the subject of music. Please return your music to the box outside Dockside Realty, Driftwood Centre, Monday to Friday, 9:30 am - 4 pm. To date, we have had only 10 sets returned. Judy and Carmel would really appreciate your cooperation so they can record and file as soon as possible. Please visit our website [www.tinyurl.com/penderchoir](http://www.tinyurl.com/penderchoir) for updates.

This month we give thanks for all we have on this beautiful island. Happy Thanksgiving!

*Terry Shepherd,  
Communications Liaison*

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## Pender Island Quilters' Circle

 If you think quilting is all quiet moments and hard work, you have not been involved with the Pender Quilters' Circle. When this issue of *The Pender Post* comes out, the display window at the Driftwood will be an indication of how much we want you to join our guild. Under the super direction of our new President Laura Vilness, the window came alive with what can be done and is being done on Pender Island throughout this COVID-19 troubling time. It took six of us to make the window just right and there was a moment when the other five thought Laura would make a good mannequin and were tempted to lock her in with our handiwork. But it was not to be; Laura had too many allies in the club that would have let her out.

Our soft opening for September was perfect. Susan Purney-Mark had all the COVID-19 protocols in place. We made a huge circle around the hall and talked quilting for two hours. Show and Share was also a wonderful time. So many intriguing works were displayed. Margaret Vergette has already got a jump on Christmas with three applied quilts for three young boys. They are going to be thrilled for years to come with these cozy quilts on their beds. Eleanor displayed her gift of hand quilting with several colorful quilts. Susan Purney-Mark showed the group some exquisite ice dyed material. Susan also had two lovely tote bags with fabric that she had dyed and painted. Susan is hoping to do a session of ice-

dying fabric with us at some point in the future; you would not want to miss that morning. Norah brought along a lovely nine-patch and applique pattern quilt in very vibrant blues. Karen Watson has been a busy quilter in this stay-at-home time and created a lovely heart of all sizes quilt in pinks and vivid oranges and purples. She is ready for that great grandchild that may be born one of these days. Amazing finished projects were displayed around the room. Susan Dawson showed a unique pattern of the New York Beauty and of course her Nu-To-Yu special jackets with great designs to liven up the quilted denim. If I missed someone it was not on purpose but the pages of this issue would be filled up with all the prodigious output of our members during the pandemic; it's amazing.

Our new executive was voted in and we are happy to say that we have a full slate for the coming year. Laura Vilness will take the reins as President; Jeannine Anstee will fill our Vice-President slot; Donna Smyth will be the treasurer; Ann England, Past President; Susan and Charlotte will continue as Program Directors and that is very exciting news. Karen and Laura will keep *The Pender Post* news going. Ann was thanked for her trying year and the great job she did to keep us together in spite of the virus and Ann passed the bell over to Laura.

Charlotte is planning to continue her UFO project sign-up sheet and with her Chocolate reward program for another year. You need to fill in a form at the next meeting and you will be in the running for a yummy treat when your project is completed. Who knew quilters loved chocolate that much! Charlotte gave

out several Purdy bars in September. It seems to be a great incentive.

Eleanor and Norah continued with the sale of Connie Abbott's stash. There were some great bargains and lovely kits offered. If you missed and would like to see what they have left, please give them a call.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday, October 14. This is to accommodate the Thanksgiving holiday. Our programme for October will be a flower vase applique square from the Baltimore Album collection. Laura will be taking us through the steps. There are many different squares to choose from once you have mastered the one Laura will demonstrate. So, see you in October at 9:30 am at the Anglican Parish Hall. A list of all you will be needing will be sent out in time for the meeting.

Happy Thanksgiving to all your families, the ones you can hug and the ones you can't.

*Karen Gagnier*

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## Pender Solstice Theatre Society



At Solstice Theatre, we unfortunately are announcing that our fall production, *Four Weddings and an Elvis*, has been postponed indefinitely. A lot of work has gone into this production, and we still hope to resurrect it at the earliest possible date when COVID-19 is behind us. Despite these ongoing concerns, Solstice has remained active. We are preparing an old-time radio play with lots of sound effects and local references. The show will be performed this fall, and we hope to film it and make it available to the island.

We are also gearing up for our Christmas production, which will be another radio play sans audience. The show is an old favourite, *It's a Wonderful Life*. Barb Pender will be directing, and again we will be following strict COVID-19 protocols and keeping everyone safe. The great advantage of a radio show is that it requires few rehearsals because no lines are memorized; the actors simply

read their parts. We will also be filming this show and making it available to the public.

If you are interested in taking part in *It's a Wonderful Life*, contact Barb Pender at 250-516-7988. Barb is currently looking for cast and three children aged from six to twelve. There will be only four, well-spaced rehearsals beginning on October 19 and the show itself will be filmed over four nights between November 23 and December 10.

Keep safe and keep those creative juices flowing.

*Evan Llewellyn*

## Ptarmigan Arts

*"A true artist is not one who is inspired but one who inspires others."*

~Salvador Dali



I love the sentiment of this quote, and how it relates to our mission to "cultivate a creative community." Though art and creativity is often developed in a solitary setting, let's remember to keep the outward focus

of our artistic processes. Creativity and connection will help us get through these uncertain times together.

## Fall Crawl Studio Tour

We're looking forward to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fall Crawl Studio Tour happening October 3 and 4 from 11 am - 4 pm. We have 20 artists involved this year, showing at 18 studios across the island! Each year we have a great time exploring the working studios of our local artists, getting a glimpse of where the creative magic happens and getting to see finished works and works in progress. Grab a map from Talisman Books & Gallery or The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts to plan out your self-guided tour, and remember to bring a mask, use hand sanitizer, and maintain physical distancing at each gallery so we can make this a safe and fun event for all.

## Ukulele Strum

We are continuing with our ukulele strums happening on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at Hope Bay from 4 - 5 pm, either outside in the courtyard, or in the Hope Bay Studio. We will also be livestreaming the strums on the Ptarmigan Arts Facebook page for those who are not able to make it in person. All ages and abilities are welcome to join, and if you are joining from home you can download the song sheets we use here at [www.ptarmiganarts.org/ukulele](http://www.ptarmiganarts.org/ukulele).

## The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts

At the end of September, we transformed the Gallery into a new show called *Forest Life & Flights of Fancy*, curated by Brooke Honey who recently moved to the island. The show features local artists as well as some artists from Vancouver Island and is full of colour and whimsy. Come visit us from Wednesday to Sunday from 11 am - 2 pm and chat with one of our volunteers who will tell you all about the artists and the art.

For more information on upcoming shows and open calls, and to inquire about how you can get involved as a volunteer curator or a gallery associate, head to our website [www.ptarmiganarts.org/gallery](http://www.ptarmiganarts.org/gallery).

## School District 64 (Gulf Islands)

The School District invites applications for substitute/casual work as **Educational Assistants** at Pender Island Elementary Secondary School. Refer to the job description on the district website for a detailed list of duties:

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Please complete and submit the district sub-casual Educational Assistant application form available at:

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Applications with supporting documents and/or inquiries should be forwarded to:

**D'Arcy Deacon, Director of Instruction**

c/o Clare Nuyens, Executive Assistant  
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Fax: 250-537-4200

Email: [cnuyens@sd64.org](mailto:cnuyens@sd64.org)



## Community Gatherings

We have enjoyed getting to hear the sounds of local artists through the summer and into the fall and will continue to bring you live performances every Friday from 12 - 1 pm at the Community Hall. This month will feature Taeven Lopatecki on October 2, Peach & Quiet on October 9, Grace Pohl on October 16, Tim Johnson on October 23, and Ben McConchie on October 30.

For information on any of the above programs and *The Gallery*, visit [www.ptarmiganarts.org](http://www.ptarmiganarts.org).

*Lauren Mann*

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### Coleman Rogers Memorial Bursary Fund

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Hello Everyone. Here we are at the start of a new school year unlike any other we have experienced.

We are pleased to report that we recently decided upon two bequests to two deserving island students to help them continue their post-secondary education.

It is always a feel-good situation when we look over their applications and transcript of marks and realize all the hard work they have done and will continue to do.

There are two ways you can contribute to the fund: one is to mention #27 when the cashier at Tru Value Foods asks where you want your 1% to go; second is to drop off a cheque payable to the Coleman Rogers Memorial Bursary Fund in the file folder in front of the Realty Office. We will send tax receipts for donations of \$50 or more. We thank you in anticipation of your donation.

We want to be able to support Pender's young people who apply annually. Thank you,

*Joanne Enns*

### Community Paramedic

**BCEHS** | BC Emergency Health Services  
We are continuing to host a variety of events, both in person and virtually. The virtual

events can be accessed either online (via a computer or cell phone), or via telephone (toll free from a landline). The in-person events that we hold are being organized under the current provincial health guidelines. As such: all groups will be limited to a maximum of six participants plus organizers (if more than six people show up we will break into two groups); names and phone numbers will be recorded (and kept completely confidential - they would only be used for contact tracing if an outbreak occurred); people will stay six feet apart; there will be options available for hand hygiene; facilities will be disinfected before any event; we encourage all participants to bring and wear masks if possible; every participant will be assessed for COVID-19 symptoms before the event begins, and if anyone feels sick they must stay at home. A reminder that international travelers returning to BC must complete a self-isolation plan and have completed a period of self-isolation for 14 days as required by law prior to attending any of our community events. For further information on how to access any virtual event please contact us (see below), or

visit our Facebook page *CP Pender* to see more information about the events that we are hosting.

### October 27, 11 am - 1 pm MS Support Group, with SGI CRC and Kathryn

This group is to offer support for those experiencing MS, or any long term or recurring illness. This is an informal, non-judgemental environment, to offer resources, tips and ideas, connection to others, and a chance to normalize what you might be experiencing. Perhaps you will be of help to someone else, or maybe you will learn some coping strategies that help you! The last Tuesday of every month, each meeting has a general topic, October being Muscle Weakness. Thanks to SGI CRC, we will be meeting at the Legion hall, and they will even be providing refreshments!

### Every Wednesday, 10 - 11:30 am Walking Group, with Andrea Mills and Kathryn

We meet at the path by the Community Hall, and walk and talk! This is a short, flat path that can be walked part way or several times, and is perfect for those who need to take their time, or not walk

## School District 64 (Gulf Islands)

The School District invites applications for substitute/casual **Building Service Worker** at Pender Island School.

Under minimum supervision, performs cleaning and security tasks to ensure that district facilities are maintained with regard to safety, sanitation, security, and appearance in accordance with current district standards. Refer to the job description on the district website for a detailed list of duties:

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too far. If there is enough interest in a longer walk, we can arrange that, too!

**October 9, 9:30 - 10 am  
First Aid Friday, Online Event  
with Alyssa**

On the second Friday of every month I'll be hosting a virtual version of *First Aid Friday*.

**Every Friday, 3 - 4 pm  
Friday Health Forum, Online  
Event with Alyssa**

The Friday Health Forum is open to everyone, and people are welcome to participate for the full hour or to simply call in for a short conversation.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at [CP.PenderIsland@bcehs.ca](mailto:CP.PenderIsland@bcehs.ca), or call Alyssa at 250-221-0754 or Kathryn at 250-221-1547.

*Alyssa Woolcombe*

## CRD Bylaw and Animal Care Services



The Capital Regional District (CRD) frequently receives calls about barking dogs, dogs at large, and aggressive or dangerous dogs. The CRD Bylaw No. 1465 summarizes relevant animal control regulations.

### Barking Dogs

It's normal for dogs to bark from time to time. However, continual or excessive barking is a sign that your dog has a problem that needs addressing. If your dog's barking causes neighbourhood tension, it's time to take steps to train your pet. Section 26 of the Bylaw states 'No owner of a dog shall permit or cause the dog to cry or bark in a manner which disturbs quiet, peace, rest, enjoyment, comfort, or convenience of the neighbourhood or of persons in the vicinity of the place where the dog is kept.'

### Dogs at large

The Bylaw deems an animal to be "running at large" if it is on land which is not owned or occupied by the owner of the animal.

For the purposes of this Bylaw an animal shall not be deemed to be "running at large" if it is:

- i) On the property of its owner or of another person who has the care and control of the animal, or
- ii) Under the direct and continuous control of a person who is competent to control it, or

iii) Securely confined within an enclosure, or

iv) Securely fastened so that it is unable to roam.

### Dangerous dogs

The Bylaw defines a dangerous dog as "any animal that has attacked or bitten, attempted to attack or bite, or chased any person, or animal or wildlife; but excludes any attack by a dog on other animals or wildlife engaged in molesting livestock." The CRD Bylaw 1465, provincial statutes and criminal code provisions provide several means of dealing with dangerous dogs. CRD Bylaw and Animal Care Services is prepared to use them to protect the public.

Dog owners must ensure their dogs do not harass persons or animals even when the dog is on the owner's property. If your dog displays any type of aggression, keep it away from people and put up warning signs for visitors. Do not keep it where the public have to confront it.

Persons who have been bitten, or viciously pursued by dogs, should report each incident to CRD Bylaw and Animal Care Services. This helps enhance safety of the community including seniors and children. CRD Bylaw and Animal Care Services thoroughly investigates all reported dangerous acts by dogs and takes actions deemed necessary to safeguard persons and animals.

To submit a complaint, please call 1-800-665-7899. Visit our Website [www.crd.bc.ca/animal](http://www.crd.bc.ca/animal).

*Donald Peden*



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## Epicentre Family Co-operative

The Epicentre will not be holding after-school programs this fall. For starters, as parents with kids in the school will know, Lenore will be dropping kids off at their home locations only. We can also not follow all the parameters of the learning groups while holding mixed programs at the Epicentre. Those are just the two main concerns, but there are many more including sanitizing and crowding indoors in winter.

We are looking into holding programs on weekends like youth and teen nights, as well as a possible Friday outdoor program, but we are not sure if we should go ahead and are not keen on advertising them when it is very possible we will need to step these activities back. So, if you are interested in these kinds of programs, keep our website bookmarked [piepicentre.weebly.com](http://piepicentre.weebly.com), like our Facebook page, observe the school newsletter, and watch for an email to our members regarding these matters.

The Epicentre is open for drop-in only to members who want to meet in a neutral space with those in their bubble. We ask that you sign in with a phone number and the number of folks in your party, use the provided sanitizers (bottles with dilute bleach) to clean the surfaces you have used, and practice good hand hygiene techniques. There is a full list of rules posted inside the front door.

We hope everyone stays well and we want to extend our warmest wishes to all of our friends.

*Josephine Spaxman*

## Ferry Advisory Committee Pender Island

### Ferry Facts

#### Transport Canada

Customers must leave the enclosed vehicle deck on BC Ferries' vessels as of September 30.

BC Ferries is informing customers that as of September 30, 2020, Transport Canada is rescinding the temporary flexibility it granted to ferry operators allowing passengers to remain in their vehicle on enclosed vehicle decks. Transport Canada granted this flexibility in the spring in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

BC Ferries must comply with Transport Canada regulations and the company supports the regulation and its intent. Enclosed car decks are spaces that represent inherent risk to the traveling public. During the pandemic these risks were mitigated with additional safety procedures and patrols. However, Transport Canada has now advised BC Ferries that measures have been developed and implemented to prevent the spread of the disease in all transportation modes and businesses across Canada. They have further advised the marine safety case is clear for ending the practice of permitting people to remain in their vehicles on the enclosed car deck.

BC Ferries has implemented the measures to which Transport Canada refers above. This includes additional cleaning, sanitization, physical distancing, and mandatory wearing of face coverings while at the terminal and onboard the vessel. The company will

also reopen certain areas of the vessels, such as the Pacific Buffet area on the Spirit Class vessels, for seating only, as a way to provide passengers more space for physical distancing. Buffet food service is not being reintroduced at this time.

"Safety is our highest value and we provide a safe and healthy travel experience. Customers are legally required to comply with this federal regulation," said Mark Collins, BC Ferries' President & CEO. "We expect our customers to follow the law and we continue to have a zero tolerance policy for abuse of any kind towards our employees. Failure to follow the direction of our crew or abuse towards an employee may result in denial of service and Transport Canada enforcement measures."

When Transport Canada rescinds the temporary flexibility on September 30, BC Ferries will implement its procedures for the regulation on affected routes, which are:

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**Tsawwassen - Southern Gulf Islands**

BC Ferries' crew will inform passengers on closed car decks of their responsibility to comply with Transport Canada's regulation. Access restrictions to enclosed vehicle decks will not apply when passengers are directed by announcement to return to their vehicles before the vessel docks. On larger vessels with both an upper (open) and lower (enclosed) vehicle deck, customers will still be able to remain in their vehicles on the upper vehicle deck.

**Mandatory Face Coverings**

As of August 24, BC Ferries customers are required to wear non-medical masks or face coverings at terminals and while on board ferries.

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a face covering, those who are unable to place or remove a face covering without assistance, and children under two years of age. This requirement also applies to BC Ferries employees, except those working behind a physical barrier or within employee only areas while maintaining appropriate physical distance.

**Ferry Traffic Data**

The two tables to the right show the percentage change in vehicles and passengers traffic from August 2019 to August 2020 for route 5 and 9 destinations.

**Pender Island**

**Ferry Advisory Committee**

**(Fac) Facebook Site**

The Pender Island FAC has created a Facebook site for island residents to get more timely accurate updates on BCF news and changes to schedules. The site is for information only and not a community discussion site. Requests to join the site are automatically approved. Residents are encouraged to join. The Facebook Group name is: Pender Island Ferry Advisory

Route 5 - Swartz Bay Southern Gulf Islands		
	change to previous year to date - August	
Location	Vehicles	Passengers
Swartz Bay	-26.16%	-34.52%
<b>Pender Island</b>	<b>-23.00%</b>	<b>-31.04%</b>
Saturna	-25.94%	-34.54%
Galiano	-26.45%	-32.70%
Mayne	-23.99%	-30.73%

Route 9 - Tsawwassen Southern Gulf Islands		
	change to previous year to date - August	
Location	Vehicles	Passengers
Tsawwassen	-38.30%	-47.85%
SSI Long Harbour	-56.99%	-61.14%
<b>Pender Island</b>	<b>-48.86%</b>	<b>-50.31%</b>
Saturna	No data	No data
Galiano	-21.32%	-36.45%
Mayne	-29.17%	-43.42%

Facebook Group and can be found at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/penderislandferryadvisorycommittee/>

Your local FAC committee would like to hear from you. If you have a specific sailing complaint, please provide, date, time, sailing (from-to) and details. All correspondence will be presented to BCF. If you have any constructive suggestions to improve service, please email any one of the FAC members listed below:

Roy Moore, [befacroy@gmail.com](mailto:befacroy@gmail.com);  
Joanne Enns, [JoanneEnns2@gmail.com](mailto:JoanneEnns2@gmail.com);  
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Ferry issues relating to School District 64 should be sent to Greg Lucas, Trustee for school district 64, [glucas@sd64.org](mailto:glucas@sd64.org).

Or, if you do not have a computer and email, please drop off a written letter in the community folder marked Ferries in the community box at Dockside Realty office.

Roy Moore

## Gulf Islands Food Co-op



The Gulf Islands Food Co-op is presenting SquashFest every Saturday in October! Come to the Farmers' Market and

check out:

- a display of winter squash and pumpkins, all grown on Pender!
- squashy treats created by Market vendors
- fresh whole winter squash for sale
- frozen Pender Squash soup to purchase and take home, created by the Community Friday lunch team!

A special thanks to all the growers who have been tending their squash of all varieties this season. We invite you to bring your most beautiful, or funkiest, or lumpiest (or whatever!) squash to the October event - either for display or for sale (or both). Contact [sgsquashfest@gmail.com](mailto:sgsquashfest@gmail.com) to let us know how you'd like to participate.

On Facebook: SquashFest - Pender 2020

For info about how to harvest and cure squash see <https://gulfislandsfoodco-op.org/2020-squashfest/>

The Co-op table at each Saturday Market is available for any and all small-scale and backyard growers to sell a little excess produce, without having to set up on their own - all you need to do is drop off your produce (labeled and priced) on Saturday morning and the Co-op coordinators will sell on your behalf. All the proceeds go to you as the grower. Please contact [pendergrowers@gmail.com](mailto:pendergrowers@gmail.com) if you'd like to contribute.

If you still have loads of apples, or pears, or veggies in your garden but don't know what to do with the bounty, consider pressure canning or dehydrating it! We have a new large pressure canner for home food preserving. To book it (by donation) just go to the GIFC website <https://gulfislandsfoodco-op.org> and book the Pender Pressure Canner that comes with detailed instructions. And there is a 10-tray stainless steel food dehydrator that can now be booked online. You can also just email [gulfislandsfoodcoop@gmail.com](mailto:gulfislandsfoodcoop@gmail.com) for help.

These initiatives are all about increasing our resilience; by encouraging more home-scale growing, increasing opportunities to sell produce, and ensuring we know how to preserve our food for the winter, we should all be less vulnerable to crazy world events!

We thank all our sponsors - VanCity, CRD, Community Resource Centre - as well as Buckerfield's and Petals and Paws who kindly donated to SquashFest. Thank you!

Roz Kempe, President



## Head Lice

Lice feed on human blood only--not animals. They do not fly or jump. They are usually spread through **direct** contact with an infested person, and less commonly through items that are in contact with hair, like hats and brushes. Lice cannot survive more than 24 to 72 hours without a host. Females lay about 5 eggs(nits) per day and about 100 in her lifetime.

Not all treatments kill both lice and their nits. Lice reach maturity 9 to 12 days after hatching, therefore the importance of doing a second treatment

Treatment:

Treatment effectiveness depends on proper use of lice shampoo; ask your pharmacist as every agent has different instructions, and following each step is crucial for success.

After treatment, comb the hair **daily** with a lice comb, removing all the nits.

Wash bedding and clothing in hot water and hot air dry, vacuum pillows mattresses and carpets, store non-washable items for 10 days in sealed plastic bags.

Mechanical methods (non-shampoo) are not recommended as they are less effective and increase the chance of re-infestation at home and school.

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## Magic Lake Property Owners Society

Elections for the MLPOS Board of Directors will be held at the AGM, to be held on October 17 from 1 pm until approximately 3 pm at the Legion. Positions that will need to be filled are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Member-at-Large. These are all 2-year positions. Nominations are in-person at the AGM. Consider joining the Board to have a direct say in MLPOS matters. Please come to the AGM to hear what MLPOS has accomplished in 2019-2020, and what the 2020-2021 plans are. Non-members are welcome to attend. Because of COVID-19 limits on the size of gatherings, the Board requests that anyone planning to attend pre-register by email to [notifymlpos@gmail.com](mailto:notifymlpos@gmail.com).

The Board continues to defer in-person meetings until we are confident that we are cleared to hold them. The Board met in September via Zoom because the smoke from western United States wildfires and COVID-19 made an in-person gathering impractical. The

Board will continue to communicate to Magic Lake Property Owners Society members and the general public via our website [magiclake.ca](http://magiclake.ca); and via our Facebook page: *Magic Lake Property Owners Society*.

MLPOS would like to provide some child-sized PFDs (life jackets) to be borrowed while boating from the marina. Sometimes visiting children's parents, grandparents, and others do not have small PFDs on hand. If you have smaller PFDs that you would like to donate, contact Marina General Manager Wally Foster 629-9930 for information on where to drop off the PFDs.

Not only does the Society operate and manage facilities owned by the Society, the Magic Lake Property Owners Society provides advocacy and liaison roles with various government agencies and other groups and societies associated with residents of Magic Lake Estates.

Please consider joining if you have not already done so. Membership applications will be available at the AGM.

The Magic Lake Property Owners Society Board normally meets on the second Monday of the month at the school at 4 pm. However, because of the continuing uncertainty around COVID-19, please check the MLPOS website or Facebook page in early November for the next date and location for the November meeting.

We hope to see you at the AGM.

*Kathy Gilbert*

## Magic Lake Water and Sewer Local Services Committee

And just like that, the last weeks of September turned into smoky days. Your committee met with the CRD in September; some attended in person, others by phone. The main order of business was to pass the draft bylaw permitting the one-time payment.

As I am writing this, Island Savings Credit Union (ISCU) has just announced they are closing the on-island services effective November 10, 2020. If you bank with ISCU and wish to make the one-time payment, remember to get there before they close; you will need either a certified cheque or bank draft. Currently there is an expectation to deliver, mail, or courier pigeon payment to Victoria - we are working with the CRD to permit payments to be delivered to the on-island CRD office (this is not confirmed as it is a work in process), but once it is confirmed we will let you know. Watch for more information regarding the one-time payment in the third quarter billing.

Some excitement to report. Our operators have been busy patching up leaks within the water distribution system: Schooner and Shoal resulted in interrupted services for some; the wet spot on the Bosun/Disc Park trail turned out to be a leak from a home above; and Signal Hill was the site of some repairs in September. Thank you to observant community members spotting water where it should not be, and these were all corrected before they became bigger issues.

As usual, our water treatment plant continues to produce quality water, and our sewage treatment plants continue to

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struggle. As the rainy season begins, our collection system continues to collect all it can, resulting in extra water being processed through the treatment plants. Be kind to our treatment plants and operators, and avoid flushing random items - hair, dental floss, disposable wipes, grease, paper towels, etc. which all clog the system, resulting in increased costs, damage to our system, and our operators having to manually remove the debris.

*Kathy Heslop*

## Moving Around Pender

### MAP



A third George Hill Community Park access trail has been created, thanks to permission to access over private land. MAP continues to work with landowners through the G.I.T.S organization, which provides insurance for the use of these trails, though all trails are signed as at users' risk. There are now three routes that take you up to the spectacular George Hill (138m) views from the open ridge. All three legs of this network are steep and need a reasonable level of fitness.

George Hill is at the north end of North Pender in the Port Washington area. As well as giving views in three directions, the three trails display very different ecosystems, combining to give the experience of cedar forest, fir forest, and open Garry oak and camas meadow.

There are now several options to climb one trail and come down another, lengthening your hike back to your start point through the pretty settlement areas of Stanley Point and Port Washington.

The steepest climb comes up from the Ogden Road trailhead in the Stanley Point settlement area. This north-facing climb begins immediately among dense trees, and is cool and shady in summer. The second access is from the Upper Terrace turn circle above Port Washington. It is more open and is the easiest route; the trail zigzags with some steps.

The trailhead of the newest trail is about 800m east of the Port Washington end of Clam Bay Road on the north side just before the bend. There is a sign on

a post and a 'Moving Around Pender' (MAP) logo. The initial section of the trail passes through an open red cedar forest and is easy walking. The walking soon becomes steep up to the ridge, where there are expansive views of Navy Channel and Mayne Island to the east. The trail follows the ridge to join the Ogden and Upper Terrace routes.

### Caution

Sturdy footwear should be worn for any hike on Pender Island. Sandals or sneakers might seem adequate in summer but this is often the most treacherous season as the number of hikers will have created a very slippery, loose duff. Emergency service personnel have carried several people off Pender hillsides. Please don't risk injury.

A great short cut for getting around on foot or by bike from the Magic Lake area, is the Magic Lake Emergency Access Road (no vehicle access). The west access to this gated one-lane gravel road is on Ketch Road just north of Bosun Way. The east gate is at the end of Scarff Road. The emergency access is easy walking and is suitable for the tires of road and mountain bikes.

At a lower elevation along the north side of this emergency access road is Parks and Rec's Logan Lane walking-only trail. At the Ketch end, on the southside, there is also another walking-only trail leading to Lively Peak with an expansive view to the west.

*Christa Grace-Warrick*

## Pender Earth

Pender Earth Virtual Community Gathering and By-Law Review - online - October 24 at 2 pm.

Pender Earth is focused on creating a space where people working towards community resilience and responding to the climate emergency can get together, to learn about what everyone is working on and to coordinate related efforts. The goal is to help everyone do what they do more effectively and with more support.

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we need this now more than ever! Since large groups in closed spaces are still a concern, we will continue with our online Zoom format. Just because we can't be in the same room, doesn't mean we can't connect!



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This fall, we have a unique opportunity with the North Pender By-Law review project. Whether you live on the North or South Island, this project gives us a unique opportunity to think about how to use current Islands Trust by-laws to create the kind of resilient community we all want to see.

We will start with updates on current ongoing projects, and celebrate progress. This will include updates on the Pender Islands Big Tree Registry and their kickoff event at Hope Bay on September 20, and the Rainwater Catchment Cistern Bulk-Buy which already has 13 cisterns on track to be installed in October.

Then we will provide a “By-Law 101” presentation to explain what by-laws control and what they don’t, and how by-laws can either support or become a barrier to the kind of resilience we hope to create.

Then we’ll use online “breakout rooms” each with its own community facilitator to guide a conversation for people with similar interests to talk together about the kind of community we want to create, and the kind of changes to the

by-laws that would support that vision.

The conversations are only intended to be a starting place. Pender Earth will provide ongoing support to any action teams that form as part of the small group discussions. Part of that support includes a drop-in info table at the Saturday Market starting on October 3. A volunteer will be available to post updates from project leaders and to provide information for people who want to get involved.

If you are interested in attending, please go to <https://forms.gle/mdYsk6od6s7UkXAH9> to register. If you are new to online meetings, we can provide you with some light technology support via phone.

You can find out more about the Pender Islands Big Tree Registry and join in the hunt for big trees by visiting the Raincoast website <https://www.raincoast.org/registry/> or by emailing Shauna Doll at [shauna@raincoast.org](mailto:shauna@raincoast.org).

For more information on the Rainwater Catchment Cistern Bulk-Buy, email Lisa Baile at [lbaile69@gmail.com](mailto:lbaile69@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing you all on Saturday, October 24. Go to <https://forms.gle/mdYsk6od6s7UkXAH9> to register today. Remember, we’re all in this together.

*Ben Kadel*

## Pender Island Child Care Society

### Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre

*Community is much more than belonging to something; it’s about doing something together that makes belonging matter.*  
~Brian Solis

#### Parents and Babes



Parents and Babes has modified from

a free drop-in program to an RSVP service to keep families safe and well during the Pandemic. For families that are unable to come, we are providing weekly self care kits for parents and resource kits for children. New kits are placed outside Dragonfly’s main door each Monday and will be available to pick up anytime throughout the week. A big thank you to Victoria Foundation for their generous support of this program. Call or email Sarah to reserve your space or discuss any questions or concerns.

#### Book Bags

Pender Island Child Care Society receives generous funding from the Times Colonist Literacy Society to purchase new books for our Book Lending Program. Families are welcome to sign out book bags that contain 4-6 fiction and non-fiction books on subjects like space, dinosaurs, emotions and feelings, diversity and cultures, families, gender, nature, and many heartwarming stories that fill the child and parent with love and tenderness. Reading to your child nurtures healthy attachments, builds early literacy skills, and develops curiosity about the world around them.

#### HOP

While we wait for the school district to welcome community users into the gym, we will resume HOP in the school’s outside rink on Wednesday, October 7. Come rain or shine while Sarah sets up plasma cars, an obstacle course, hockey

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and basketball, and much, much more! Thanks to the CRD and the SD 64 for their support of this wonderful program.

### Dragonfly Child Care

Our dedicated Early Childhood Educators are focussing on an outdoor and nature program. Children delight in our mud kitchen and sandbox, create masterpieces in the Art Gazebo, and engage in make-believe in the playhouse. Children participate in daily forest walks where they engage with the natural world around them and grow connected to their sense of place. While each day holds routine and structure, programming is child-led, where their questions and curiosity will guide deeper learning practices. Dragonfly is accepting child care registrations in Tuesday's Pre-Kindergarten class for 4 and 5 year olds from 9 am - 3:30 pm and Wednesday - Friday's multi-age program offered as half or full days. Our organization is part of the Affordable Child Care Benefit Program as well as the Parent Reduction Fee Initiative. Ask Sarah for more information or help filling out these forms.

### Tru Value Spirit Board

As a non-profit organization we rely on donations, grants, and in kind support from our generous community and partners. Please consider contributing 1% of your groceries to #15 on Tru Value's community spirit board.

If you would like further information on Dragonfly activities, you can contact the facility manager, Sarah Conley, at 629-3039 or by email [dragonflyfamilycentre@gmail.com](mailto:dragonflyfamilycentre@gmail.com). The website is [www.dragonflycentre.ca](http://www.dragonflycentre.ca).

*Sarah Conley*

### Pender Island Community Service Society

#### Nu-To-Yu



We would like you to know we "Get it." Days, if not months were spent procrastinating, hours were spent cleaning a drawer, or a closet, perhaps even an entire room. Items were carefully sorted; stained, broken items separated out; boxes and bags heaved into the cars. Then you headed to Nu-To-Yu. Damn, it is after

12 pm. Perhaps you can just squeeze in two more bags/ boxes, you ask? Oh, and look at this nifty past-its-sell-date green apple sofa bed. How about this too?

Now by looking at us, the Nu-To-Yu Volunteers, you would think we were grey haired energizer bunnies and jack rabbits, eager to handle seemingly endless, at times heavy, boxes and bags. We are all (including you with your donation) working to raise money for the Pender Island community after all.

The fact is our enthusiastic greetings hide the fact that we have been operating with one quarter the normal volunteer staff for the last six months.

Our reduced store hours mean items flow through the store less quickly. Nu-To-Yu also currently lacks the ability to pass on unsold donations to other agencies, as these agencies are closed due to COVID-19. Donations that cannot be placed for sale (stained and dirty clothing, items missing pieces, badly chipped dishes) require our not so limber limbs to rebox/bag items and put them in our bulging sheds until the items can be disposed of, usually at an expense to Nu-To-Yu. As a result there are times when there is simply no room at the inn. We know and regret our opening times are currently limited to one day a week, and drop off to two mornings a week. It is an inconvenience to you, the donor and customer. The fact is given our current volunteer and disposal situations, there is no way around this until we have more volunteers and the other agencies open up.

So we get it. When you come by at 12:05 pm, 12:30 pm, 1 pm asking us to take one more car load; when you ask us to take four boxes instead of two small boxes, you are really wishing just to complete your mission of cleaning up. You want to get the darn stuff out of the car and off your to do list. Totally understandable. Unfortunately it is not working. You are not to know, but it is not just one request, but it is many, many repeated requests we receive throughout the mornings. Truth be told it is difficult to repeatedly disappoint donors who have put time and effort to make a donation. As of late it seems there are an increasing number of people who are belligerent and aggressive when we are unable to accommodate their donation request.

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Of course you may not be aware that when donations end at 12 pm we, the now waning energizer bunnies (Oh for a lithium battery) still have another hour or two worth of work to do: sorting, tidying up, putting items out for sale. If possible, pack your boxes in a manner you would like to unpack them. Clothes with clothes, dishes stay with dishes.

Boxes no heavier or larger than what you would wish to lift and carry up a flight of stairs. All these things make it easier for us to sort and take donations more quickly. Thank you for the time and work you do to donate. The monies generated help the Pender Island community, help to decrease waste, and help create the type of community we all wish to live in.

For hours of operation and donation you can always go to <https://nu-to-yu.com>.

*Daurel Minion*

## Pender Island Conservancy



The Beach and Roadside Clean-up September 12 was a success despite a lower than usual number of participants and very smoky skies. Thanks to all the volunteers for their help and hard work, especially those who enthusiastically assisted at the drop-off site: Rhondda Porter, Davy Rippner, Bob Simons, Amanda Griesbach, Allan Waddell, Nancy Westell, and Shelagh and Brad Rinald. Please see **page 6** for more information.

## **Bhutan: the Kind Kingdom**

The film presentation on September 19 with filmmaker and singer-songwriter Peter Prince shared some of his music and screened his beautiful and informative film on the country of Bhutan: its history and culture, its reverence for black neck cranes, and its determination to protect its culture and natural environment. We learned how Bhutan integrates their people’s deep sense of connection to nature, spirituality, and strong pride in their culture with programs and policies that integrate low impact technology, sustainable industry and farming, and eco-tourism, to protect the natural environment for cranes and people.

## **Conservancy Centre**

We are excited to unveil our first display and activity theme for children in October: *Bats!* Bring the kids down to learn all about bats, and what you can do to help attract and create habitat for bats in your own backyard! While you are at it, check out our programs and activities, find out how you can become involved, and pick up some logo merchandise. We have new-for-fall long-sleeved t-shirts, Conservancy bumper stickers, and more sizes of our short-sleeved shirts as well. If you are holiday gift shopping, we have an assortment of locally made items in our gift shop, as well as greeting cards by local artists. All proceeds go to help fund Conservancy Centre programming.

## **Annual General Meeting Saturday October 3, 2 - 3 pm Hope Bay**

Come and find out about the work your Conservancy has been doing over the past year. Dr. Erin O’Brien will give a presentation about our avian projects and research, and will tell us about the beautiful Mountain Bluebird. Space is limited due to COVID -19 restrictions, so please email Erin at [erin.obrien7500@gmail.com](mailto:erin.obrien7500@gmail.com) if you plan to attend in person or by Zoom.

## **Living Stumps by Bob Vergette**

*Living Stumps* is presented as part of a series of educational articles for Penderites on the natural world that surrounds us.

Pender Island has been logged in the past, and when out in our many park areas one can see stumps of the trees that have been

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*Living stump*

felled. Many of them, cut down when the island was logged 100 years ago, are well rotted, while others felled more recently are just starting to decay. Periodically, in and amongst the Douglas Fir stumps, you can see one stump that looks odd, such as the one shown in the photograph. It is not decaying and almost appears to be alive. The top of the stump has grown over and healed in a strange mushroom-like bark cap. If you have noticed this, you may have wondered what is going on? How can a tree cut years ago still be alive? However, if you could peer into the darkness underground you would find answers, because it is all about the roots. Several species of trees produce root grafts, including Douglas Firs. Grafting happens when the root systems of two or more trees come into contact and grow together. Trees joined in such a way become, in effect, one organism. In a Douglas Fir forest, a single tree can be connected with most of its neighbours. When a tree is cut or broken off, adjacent trees treat the stump as if it were a part of themselves and will send nutrients through their connected roots.

The process starts with resin soaking into the exposed wood to prevent pathogens and decay from entering, much as a tree responds to any injury to its bark or branches. Once soaked with resin, the cambium (active growth layer just under the bark), starts to form a callus in order to heal the wound. Sometimes this goes on until the stump is fully capped. Fully capped stumps remain connected to their neighbours, and while the Douglas Fir cannot sprout a new tree from the stump like some deciduous trees, the capped stump can continue to increase

in girth over the years.

See **page 6** for *Parks of the West*.

*Bob Vergette and Elizabeth Miles*

## Pender Island Emergency Program

### The Great British Columbia Shakeout

**October 15, 2020, 10:15 am**



Would you be ready for an earthquake if it struck today? Do you know what to do when the ground starts shaking? Do you have an emergency kit? These important questions are the foundation for the Great British Columbia ShakeOut - Canada's largest earthquake drill that will run October 15 at 10:15 am.

British Columbia is an active earthquake region where more than 3,000 earthquakes occur each year. There's a one-in-ten chance that one of those could be a megathrust quake within the next 50 years. ShakeOut BC is a way to get people thinking about the risk and how to get ready. First responders

and emergency officials around the world advocate using the internationally recognized "Drop, Cover, and Hold On" protocol to reduce injuries and save lives. Every person who works, lives, and plays in British Columbia can take part in the drill.

Practice the drill as if there were a major earthquake occurring at that very moment. Simply drop to the ground (before the earthquake drops you); take cover by getting under a sturdy desk or table; and hold on to it until the shaking stops (60 seconds during the drill). If there isn't a table or desk near you, cover your head and neck with your arms and crouch in an inside corner. Do not try to run to another room. Earthquakes occur without warning and may be so violent you cannot run or crawl. You will most likely be knocked to the ground wherever you happen to be.

The drill is an opportunity to consider your state of emergency readiness, such as creating emergency plans and emergency kits that have a minimum three-day supply of food and water. The more prepared we are today, the faster our recovery will be following a

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For more information and to register for the Great British Columbia ShakeOut, go to [www.shakeoutbc.ca](http://www.shakeoutbc.ca).

Also, as part of your emergency preparedness, don't forget to register for community specific emergency notifications through CRD's Public Alert Notification System (PANS) at [www.crd.bc.ca/pans](http://www.crd.bc.ca/pans). (Special thanks to Lauren Edwards, Community Coordinator, Mayne Island who wrote this article). Be prepared and stay safe,

*Pat Haugh, Emergency Program Coordinator, Pender Island*

## Pender Island Farmers' Institute

The Farmers' Market is extending the season to Thanksgiving weekend, and we would like to thank the vendors and the community for their cooperation throughout this difficult season. We had great compliance with masks and physical distancing and use of the hand sanitizers and hand wash station. Thank you to Market Manager Donald Isaac Grimmer, who also set the market up and helped to keep the market COVID-19 safe and compliant. We would like to encourage everyone to support our local food producers, not only at the Farmers' Market but also at the farm stands around the island as we move into the fall season.

The Farmers' Institute would like to thank Charlene Thompson, her husband Paul Widdershoven, Margaret Alpen, Aaron Campbell, and Donald Grimmer for their help with the book drive and sale which raised \$1,775 for the Farmers' Institute on what would have been Fall Fair day.

This was a huge project for Charlene throughout the summer and her efforts are greatly appreciated. We would also like to thank the community for their support through their donations of books and by coming out to add to their libraries.

Several Farmers' Institute directors, local farmers, and community members are part of an Islands Trust Agriculture Advisory Planning Commission as part of the Land Use Bylaw Review and OCP Implementation project, and will be meeting through the next year, and at the upcoming Community Information Meeting October 24 by Zoom (see the Islands Trust webpage for details if you are interested in attending the CIM).

Pender Island qualifies as a Class E slaughter licence area, and those people who are interested in on-farm slaughter for local meat production should apply to the Ministry of Agriculture. In addition, the Island Health Authority will be providing a SlaughterSafe course soon for those people who are interested. Please contact Barb at 250-222-3817 or [firhill@live.ca](mailto:firhill@live.ca) if you would like more information and would like to attend the SlaughterSafe course.

For more information and to join the Farmers' Institute go to [www.pifi.ca](http://www.pifi.ca).

*Barbara Johnstone*

## Pender Island Fire Rescue

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### Hello Pender Island



Our Neighbours to the south are suffering from a very devastating fire season again this year. We are

feeling the effects on Pender Island of their many fires burning. Many of us woke up early on the morning of September 8 to the pungent smell of smoke. Fearing the worst, numerous people in our community called the fire department to report the smoke smell. This made for a very busy 24 hours for our on-duty fire officers as they investigated the many reports of fire. Thankfully, at the end of the day, there were no fires on our island, only smoke. Thank you to all of our fire watchers for their diligent attention and caring calls.

Our calls continue to increase as our Island gets busier. The total number of calls, as of the end of August, were 165.

Responding to the many calls, I am reminded of two things that can directly affect the ability of our emergency responders to come to your aid when you call:

- Clearly posted address on your property's street entrance.
- Driveway access to your property.

Responding to an emergency call in the middle of the night and not being able to find the street number on the road and/or not being able to drive the Emergency Vehicle up the driveway can cause a great deal of stress for our emergency responders and create life threatening delays for our patients and callers.

Please clearly mark your driveway entrance and keep your driveway cleared for emergency vehicle access. These simple actions may very well save a life someday.

On another note we are happy to come visit your home and property to provide a *Fire Safety Assessment*. You can book an appointment with one of our fire officers by calling Fire Hall #1 at 629-3321.

Come on by to Fire Hall #1 on October 10 for our Fire Prevention Week demonstrations on kitchen safety, and while you are there, have your fire extinguisher inspected. Please bring your mask (see colour ad on **page 65**). Please continue to send all of your 'Virtual Hugs' to our emergency responders: police, ambulance, and fire services. Thank you,

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## **Pender Island Food Bank**

Hello everyone, from the volunteers at the Pender Island Food Bank. The Food Bank is located at the back of the Anglican Parish Hall. We continue to be open to serve our clients each week on Friday from 10 am to 12 noon. We have been having clients come into the Food Bank once again, with appropriate COVID-19 protocols in place, rather than us taking orders and having volunteer drivers delivering food.

The plastic barrier that was put in place so our clients could come back into the Food Bank has now been replaced with a more permanent plexiglass barrier. Big thanks go out to our volunteers, Joe and Gail, for taking on this project; your time and skills are much appreciated.

During a meeting held in the parking lot at the Food Bank at the end of August, it was determined that, should we see an influx of COVID-19 infections on Pender Island and feel a need to go back to delivering food to our clients, we are in a good position to return to that delivery format without too much trouble, thanks to the efforts of the numerous volunteers that have been mentioned in previous articles in setting up the COVID-19 delivery format. While we are fortunate to have a good number of volunteers, most of us are over/well over 65 years of age, and there is some concern that if there is an outbreak of COVID-19 on Pender Island, some compromised volunteers may have to withdraw from the schedule for a time. I believe when people are thinking of volunteerism, they pick something that they believe will be fulfilling to them. If you have ever thought that way about the Food Bank, this may be a time for you to consider becoming a volunteer with us. Please do not hesitate to contact Barb at 629-6052 for further information.

This year for Thanksgiving, each family/person will receive a chicken or small ham; thank you Jackie for organizing that for us. Thank you for the generous donations of fruit in response to our request from last month; our jam makers, Susan and Joyce, will be busy making jams for quite some time. The garden-fresh produce also keeps coming in, for which we are grateful; it

is wonderful to be able to provide our clients with fresh garden abundance right from Pender Island, and it also helps in our weekly shopping budget. We are grateful to islanders who think of us when they are at Costco and provide us with such luxuries as toilet paper, cereal... Thank you so much for your 1% donations to the Food Bank from the "Spirit Board" at Tru Value Foods. We have an unending gratitude, but it bears frequent repeating, to Mike and his staff at Tru Value Foods for all they willingly and patiently do for us. Happy Thanksgiving to all.

*Teresa Young*

## **Pender Island Health Care Society**

### **The History of Our Medical Clinic and Health Care on Pender Island**

"You'd better bring him in. Do you need the ambulance, or can you manage on your own?"

Driving through the dense black Pender night and scanning the

roads for deer, I felt the fear and the cold keeping me alert. The golden light from the emergency treatment room appeared through the trees, and a doctor who had left his warm home in the early hours of the morning was already there to meet us. As a result, my husband is alive today. This is my experience, but anyone who has ever called our clinic in an illness or emergency can relate to the relief and gratitude felt on the approach to those doors. Yet just 40 years ago none of this existed. There was no clinic, no emergency treatment room, no ambulance, and only one doctor, trying to retire with no one to succeed him. How the clinic came to exist is a fascinating story of Pender Island community members, their determination and their generosity. It tells of their willingness to fight for, pay for, donate their labour for, and build a medical care facility to own, expand, take on the financial and administrative responsibility for, and then operate and maintain for the lasting benefit of the community, for decades.

*(Bold numbers refer to the corresponding numbers on the photo montage page 31.)*

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Bishop Matthew Coleman (1) the man for whom our medical centre is named, came to Pender having been Canon of Christ Church Cathedral in Victoria; he served as Vicar on North and South Pender Islands from 1960 to 1969. He had a dream to build a doctor's office and small waiting room to attract a resident physician to serve the people of Pender Island. After his death in 1969 a fund for this purpose was set up in his name, but the dream did not become a reality until 1981. When the clinic that Pender residents built was finally opened, we all became owner-operators of a community health centre with space for resident doctors and their staff to run their independent practices and deliver the quality care we still receive on our home island. How had we survived without it, and how did it all come to be?

Prior to our clinic's establishment, medical care was provided here in interesting ways. During the long years of effort to bring the clinic to fruition, visiting doctors saw patients in the homes of local residents who generously provided space. Luckily, in 1960 Dr. Homer Rogers and his wife

Jean, persuaded by Vern Roddick, had arrived from Barbados and set up a practice in their home at 'Juniper Hill' on McKinnon Road. It was said that if you could make it through the geese to the house, you could get to see the doctor. Jean was a qualified X-ray technician who assisted Homer in the practice. In the absence of an island pharmacy, Jean set up a makeshift dispensary on a table in the only room in their home that could accommodate it. Dr. Rogers, causing no end of merriment, used to hand prescriptions to his patients, telling them to "go see the woman in my bedroom."

In 1963, Connie Auchterlonie, a young nurse from Vancouver General Hospital, who had married a local boy who wouldn't stay in Vancouver, was hired in part to assist Homer and Jean with the paperwork. She recalls that Dr. Rogers didn't see patients every day but they were essentially always on call. There was no ambulance at that time, but there was an old wire stretcher kept at Peter Carter's lumber yard that served for emergencies. The ferry was used to transport patients to Saanich Peninsula

Hospital. Connie was thankful that there were quite a few retired nurses on the island who could be counted on to help when needed. She also noted the assistance of Dr. Rogers' great sense of humour.

Sparked by the arrival of Dr. Rogers, a committee was formed - with L. J. Armstrong as chair, Helen Grimmer as Vice Chair, Marion Sketch as Secretary, and with George Ross-Smith, Herbert Spalding and Alex Mackinnon as members, along with Mrs. Coleman - to administer the fund that had kept the dream alive. The plan was to build a small clinic named for the Bishop on land adjacent to the Golf Course. Unfortunately, this could not be achieved and the plan lay dormant until 1977.

In 1977, Dr. Rogers felt it was time to reduce his workload and ease into retirement, but no doctors were willing to practice out of their own or someone else's home. Without a clinic we could not attract a resident physician; the income stream in a small community was too unreliable, and the additional cost to a doctor of providing or building office space was prohibitive. In 1978, unwilling to do without a clinic any longer, the Pender Lions Club formed a committee to approach the CRD and the Province of BC to pursue assistance in building a facility that would enable Pender to attract physicians to serve the community, and to further what had become the island's collective dream.

Over the next year and a half, the Lions' committee, comprising Stew Ward, Gordon Wallace and President Stan Carey who led the negotiations, continued to meet increasingly complex funding requirements set by the Province and the CRD, only to suffer disappointments and roadblocks; yet they carried on. When the government was approached for financial assistance, neither the CRD nor BC would fund what they considered to be an office for a private doctor, yet, Catch 22, when approached to fund seniors' housing, paradoxically they refused because the Penders did not have a resident doctor.

However, the need for medical care was recognized, and the matter was referred to the Minister of Health, who made it clear that any help from

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*Garnet and Elsie Marler*

the Province would depend on the islanders supplying the land, the plans, the materials, the labour, the equipment, and the furnishings. The residents were to own, oversee, and maintain the clinic, the cost of which was to be covered by rents from doctors who were to run their own practices. No operational or maintenance costs could be covered by any level of government. The Lions agreed to purchase the land, but could not secure approval for the preferred site, where the Community Hall was later built. Three families came forward kindly offering to donate parcels. A property owned by Garnet and Elsie Marler was chosen as the most centrally located and appropriate to the needs. The next hurdle to overcome was BC's objection to using a site in the Agricultural Land Reserve.

Concurrent with all these long funding negotiations, in a space of six months in 1979 the Lions managed to establish the volunteer Ambulance Service, followed in 1980 by the Homemaker Services. Later when the Pender Islands

Health Care Society was formed and assumed responsibility for the clinic from the Lions, Pender women formed an Auxiliary to the Society, later to become the Nu-To-Yu, to fundraise for the clinic's equipment and furniture, and its contributions have never ceased. Even after the receipt of funds from BC in 1979, years of work still lay ahead. Luckily, Dr. Rogers refused to abandon us without a physician on Pender Island and agreed to stay until we could find a replacement.

Historically, obtaining and retaining any type of medical staff on the island has always been problematic. The record of medical care on Pender Island begins with a rowboat and a midwife named Mrs. Bennett who traveled alone by her own muscle power from Mayne Island to welcome new lives to the island. She probably would have appreciated our current chiropractic and physiotherapy services, had they been available then. Our first doctors attended us from Saltspring Island; the first physician to settle in the Gulf Islands was Dr. Gerald



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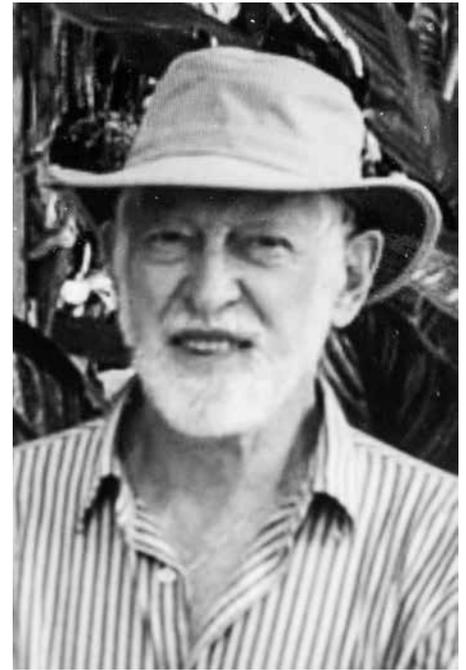
Baker, who practised on Saltspring Island from 1897 to 1904, and whose practice also included Pender, Mayne, and Saturna Islands. In 1904 he left the Gulf Islands for the Yukon. That same year, Dr. Lionel Beech arrived on Saltspring and continued to serve the Outer Gulf Islands, at times rowing himself to emergency calls. With only a rowboat as our first water ambulance, it must have taken the better part of a painful day to get a patient to hospital in Victoria. In 1911, Dr. Beech's son Alan, also a physician, took over his practice to relieve his father, but left in 1914 to serve with the Royal Canadian Medical Corps during the First World War.

Arriving in 1969, Dr. Rogers was not our first resident physician, but service from a resident doctor had by no means been continuous over the 45 years that preceded him. Dr. Ross Fraser arrived in 1914, and practiced on Pender Island for five years until 1919. After a hiatus of six years, Dr. W. McKay, who by all reports was held in great affection by Penderites, made his home in Port Washington and delivered medical care to the community from 1925 until

his death in 1940. No more delivering babies in rowboats, as Neptune Grimmer had been! Dr. Richard Gibson overlapped with Dr. McKay from 1930 until 1933, then from 1940 to 1948 we were again without a resident doctor. Dr. A.H. Aldridge and Dr. E. Riddell had both retired here and, although not then in active practice, were available for emergencies when we were without a local doctor. The noted Dr. Alan Beech, who had assisted his physician father on Saltspring until he left for World War I, returned to us, establishing his home in Port Washington, where he practiced for the next three years until illness forced him to retire in 1951.

For the next 18 years, being again without a doctor, we sought assistance from off island, and were served by many medical practitioners from Ganges. In 1950, two young doctors, David Boyes and John Ankenmen, set up their first practice in Ganges and served the southern Gulf Islands. This was in the days before the Medical Services Plan. They were paid to do clinics on the outer islands, which they visited in the 30-foot gillnetter 'Crackerjack' rigged with a little cabin. In real emergencies they flew in a small 'Seabee' plane from Ganges. On one trip their engine quit and, going too slowly to glide in, they nosedived into the sea. They floated for a long time before being seen and towed to shore by a fish boat. Being miraculously only bruised, they carried on and, well tested by their island experiences, both went on to distinguished careers, Dr. Ankenman as head of Urologic Sciences at UBC Health Sciences Hospital, and Dr. Boyes as director of the Cancer Control Agency of BC, and a world authority on cervical cancer; he holds the Order of Canada and the Order of British Columbia.

From 1969 forward, Pender Island enjoyed the care of Dr. Rogers who in 1978, as you may recall, was now waiting to entrust his Pender patients to a new physician so he could retire. At the suggestion of architect Ladi Holovsky, Dr. Donald Sutherland arrived on South Pender willing to deliver medical care here if there were a central clinic to practice from. Having worked with CUSO as the Malawi District Medical Officer where he was the only doctor



*Dr. Sutherland*

serving a population of 300,000 with only four hospitals, he attended the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine on a scholarship and obtained a Masters in Community Health in 1978. His experience in rural medicine was to be invaluable in setting up the Pender clinic.

In January 1979, in anticipation of the clinic, Dr. Sutherland joined Dr. Rogers in his practice. Finally, after the Lions sought the assistance of our MLA, who was in charge of BC Lottery funds, the BC Minister of Health, Hon. Hugh Curtis, announced in April 1979 that the government would grant \$85,000 from those funds to assist with the construction of the new medical centre.

With a new doctor now in place on the island and the promise of a new clinic, Dr. Rogers, who had served us for nine years, would be able to retire upon its completion. However, Jean Rogers did not retire. During her 40 years on Pender Island, Jean was instrumental not just in the founding of the clinic, but also in the work involved in the operation of many of the services we take for granted today: the Library, where she became 'Gran Jean the story-teller' while Helen Lemon-Moore mimed the action (perhaps Helen's first big break in theatre?); she served on the board of the Medical Centre; she began an adult daycare group with music therapist Mary

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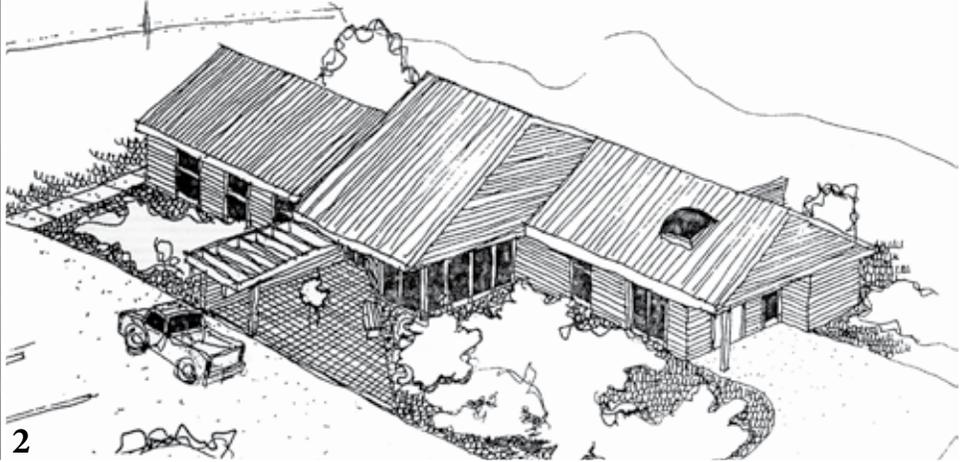
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## Anglican Church of Canada

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October 4	10:00 am	St. Peter's	St Francis Holy Eucharist
October 11	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Thanksgiving Holy Eucharist
October 18	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Circle Holy Eucharist
October 25	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Morning Prayer

Ellen Willingham, 629-6700  
Church Office: 629-3634

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

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

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

October 4	10:45 am	John Wilton	Communion Service
October 11	10:45 am	George Hodgson	Worship Service
October 18	10:45 am	George Hodgson	Worship Service
October 25	10:45 am	Derek Broughton	Worship Service

- Services have resumed at the Community Church. See our website for the COVID-19 safety protocol.
- If you have any questions or requests, please contact Judy Neil, 629-6168

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

#### 4705 Buccaneers Road

October 2	9:30 am	Friday Mass
October 11	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
October 16	9:30 am	Friday Mass
October 25	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider

As the number of people able to attend each liturgy is limited, please register by phoning 250-629-6029 or email [stteresachapel@gmail.com](mailto:stteresachapel@gmail.com).

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

#### The Bahá'í Group of Pender Island (<https://bahaisofpenders.org>)

October 16 7:00 pm Feast of 'Ilm (Knowledge), to be celebrated in our homes.

- The names of the Baha'i feasts are based on the Baha'i Calendar, which has 19 months, each named for an attribute of God.
- Devotional meeting and discussion group

We have established a weekly devotional zoom meeting every Thursday evening.

For an invitation, please email [beypedenpenders@gmail.com](mailto:beypedenpenders@gmail.com) for the zoom link, or call 250-412-2524 for more information.

- From the writings of the Bahá'í Faith:

*Moses taught that the world was brought into existence in the six days of creation. This is an allegory, a symbolic form of the ancient truth that the world evolved gradually... We thus have a progressive process of creation, and not a one-time happening. Moses' days of creation represent time spans of millions of years.* 'Abdu'l-Baha, quoted in *Science and Religion*, page 90.

### The Church at Hope Bay

#### Hope Bay Bible Camp, 4302 Bedwell Harbour Road (Entrance on Hooson Road)

The Hope Bay Fellowship is holding off on doing indoor services and potlucks at Hope Bay Bible Camp. Instead we'll be meeting for one hour each week at 11 am in safer, outdoor beach or park locations to sing, read scripture, and pray for our families, and community. Everyone is welcome. If you wish to be added to our email list to receive notifications of locations and details, please reach out to [robertjoelcooper@gmail.com](mailto:robertjoelcooper@gmail.com) or call Bobby at 250-882-5571 for details. May everyone in our community feel the deep anchoring of God's love and hope during this uncertain season.

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

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**Lab Services**, Sonya Fulawka ..... 629-3233

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3	Sat	9:00 am	Recycling Depot, summer hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm*.....	42
		9:30 am	Farmers' Market to 1 pm, Community Hall*.....	26
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4	Sun	11:00 am	<i>Fall Crawl Studio Tour</i> to 4 pm. Maps and info at <a href="http://www.ptarmiganarts.org">www.ptarmiganarts.org</a> .....	14, 68
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Prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Scariest and the Most Creative Jack O'Lantern in each group, as well as a grand prize People's Choice Award.

Be sure to come to Hope Bay Hollow after October 25 to see all the Jack O'Lanterns on display and vote for your favourite!



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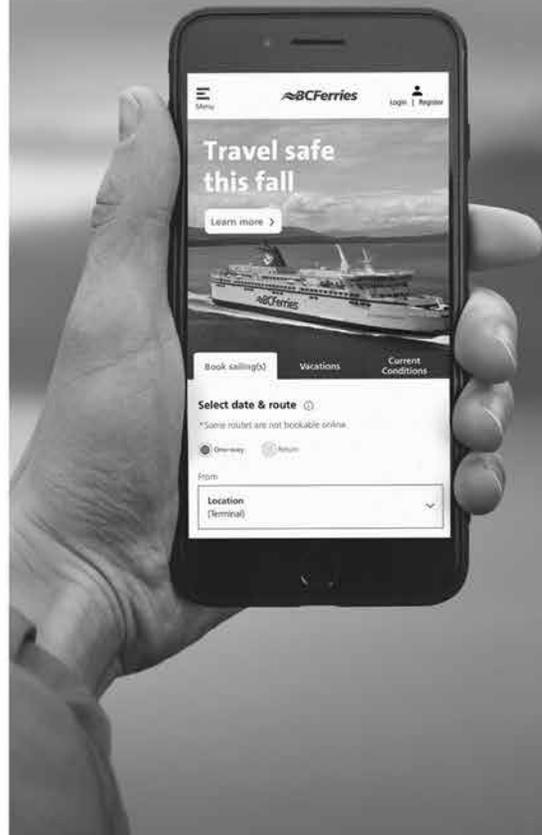
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Reher; she launched Meals to Wheels; she formed the first chapter of the Pender Cancer Society; she participated in the Kids' Club; and she volunteered at the Nu-To-Yu. In 1999 she was one of five people to receive the Caring Canadian Award from the Governor General, who called her "the guardian angel who established the Pender Island Care Bears to visit people who are sick, elderly, isolated, or alone."

When Dr. Rogers retired, the Juniper Hill bedroom pharmacy was also retired, but his nurse Connie continued to use her considerable skills to design the clinic's pharmacy where, in the absence of a pharmacist, she did the dispensing. She assisted Dr. Sutherland, took on the lab work, gave injections and eventually managed the doctors' practices at the clinic.

In 1979, with the two doctors now practicing, our community members were busy accepting the \$60,000 generously donated by islanders, and planning and building our clinic. Architect Ladi Holovsky, who along with others gave his services pro bono, described the scene. With Dr. Sutherland closely involved, the Lions' Stan Carey oversaw Ladi's design of the building (2), rendering by Bill Robson) and associated design work donated by a group of local professionals, as well as the project in its entirety. Jim Waters supplied the meeting space and the drinks at his Pender Lodge. Hardy Ruckheim was the building contractor/construction foreman who organized the hard-working crew of volunteer labour that included Vern Roddick, Bill Norton, Andre Pelletier, among many others (3).

Ladi reports that after the framing was completed, Hardy hired skilled tradespeople to complete it. The following donated their labour, charging only for the cost of materials: Louis Hammer for carpentry and cabinetry; Jim Mollison, cabinet maker; Graham Thorn, plumbing and mechanical; Terry MacDonald and Danny Martin (for whom our ball-park was named), drywall; Jens Jensen and Einar Eggerholme (of Einar's hill fame), concrete floors; Bruce Grimmer, septic; and Horst Klein, electrical. Equally

important and not to be forgotten are the women who took on extra chores at home while their partners worked on the building. At the roof-raising party, Stan Carey was reported to say: "It has often been said that the average age of Pender Island is 'deceased'," but that "he would match his group of volunteers against any group anyway, regardless of their age." (4)

On May 30, 1981, the new Health Care Centre opened, with Dr. Rogers arriving at the ceremony (5) on his bike and wearing a helmet. The clinic (6) had two doctors' offices and two examining rooms, an emergency treatment room for Dr. Sutherland, a waiting room, a pharmacy, and offices for a physiotherapist (Bev O'Sullivan), an optometrist (Bert Jervis), a dentist (Kary Taylor), and an office shared by Home Support and Public Health. The Pender Island Health Care Society assumed responsibility for the Centre's operation and its volunteer board continues in that role today.

Long-time residents will recognize the people in this story, and many newer ones will recognize the family names of their friends and neighbours. New Penderites have continued to be welcomed to the island and to contribute to the community. Through their generosity the clinic has expanded both its space and its services to become much admired by other Gulf Islands communities.

But this is hardly the end of our story. Our next chapter in the November issue of *The Pender Post* will describe our journey from 1981 to the present day when the risks and extra work are so great for our treasured practitioners, staff, and administration, who stand every day as the first line of defence for us against this current epidemic.

*Kathleen Lightman, PIHCS*

## Pender Island Lions Club



As we wrote last month, for the first time in over 70 years of visiting the Gulf Islands, the Santa Ship will not be coming to Pender this Christmas. This was a difficult decision made by the

host Bellingham Lions, in compliance with COVID-19 regulations and border closures. Therefore, the Pender Island Lions Club is planning a Santa Event at Hope Bay on Saturday, December 5, noon to 2 pm with Santa handing out gifts, balloons, and candy for children. Hot chocolate will be available, music will be playing, and maybe a few choristers carolling. The Santa Event will be outside under a canopy with masks and social distancing required. This is a free event sponsored by the Pender Island Lions Club, Pender Island Pharmacy, Dockside Realty, Poets Cove Resort & Spa, Pender Island Fire Rescue, and Pender Chocolates. At the moment, larger social gatherings are not permitted by Dr. Henry, so please watch for logistics in the next issue and on Facebook's Pender Island Online Market.

For those who do not know, the Pender Island Phone Book is put together by the Lions Club each year and is our largest fundraiser. Forms are delivered in the mail to those that receive unaddressed mail and are located on **page 63** of this issue. Forms also are available at Western Financial and Dockside Realty, Driftwood Centre. Please complete forms to add, change, or remove a personal phone number and/or email and to submit advertising for the yellow pages section. All forms and payments are due by November 2.

Eyeglass collection continues so if you have any in good condition, please drop off in the mail slot at Western Financial. We thank them for continuing to offer this service to the Lions Club in support of those in need around the world.

The Lions Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm in the meeting room at the medical clinic. We are desperately in need of a few new members as our numbers are now below 10, at which point the club is supposed to close. Again, we remind you that over the last 12 months, the club has donated approximately \$37,000 in support of the medical clinic, bursaries, local non-profits, and the Santa Ship. We will be meeting on October 7, with masks and social distancing. If you are interested in joining, or just visiting to meet us, please feel free to attend or contact

President Fred Vye at [fyve@shaw.ca](mailto:fyve@shaw.ca). Please consider joining us!

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*Terry Shepherd, Secretary*

## Pender Island Museum Society



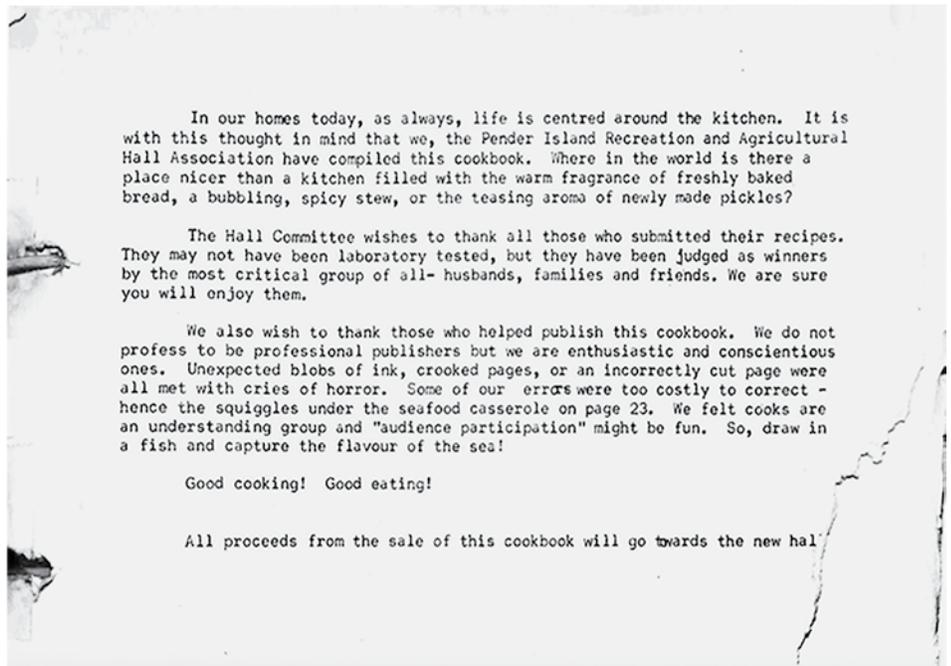
This past summer, our students catalogued the museum's collection of 45 Pender Islands' Fall Fair brochures, dating back to 1964. It was especially comforting to read through these publications during this pandemic year when the absence of this venerable late-August tradition was keenly felt.

Looking back at the 1973 Pender Islands' Fall Fair, for example, no less than the Honourable David D. Stupich, BC's Minister of Agriculture, presided over the official opening at 1:30 pm at the Pender Island School (the location of the present-day Nu-To-Yu). The fair was sponsored by the Pender Island Women's Institute, the Farmers' Institute, and the Garden Club, and the door prize was a "large ham donated by Burns Food Ltd. of Victoria."

Advertising sponsors included the "Citizens' Association to Save the Environment," based in Victoria, and Roesland Cottage Resort "in its 55<sup>th</sup> year of continuous service". The back cover featured the Eaton's Department Store's Zenith 15000 toll-free number in Vancouver where "for gifts or items that need personal attention, our trained Personal Shopper will shop for you." (What's old is new again!)

The categories of entries were, as always, comprehensive, spanning everything from Flowers to Wine and Beer, and Dairy to Vegetables, which included 41 different classes on its own. Judging was done "in accordance with the exhibition standards of perfection outlined in booklets from the Provincial Government."

Did the 1973 entrants look for inspiration to the *The Pender Island Cook Book*, also published that same year? We have three copies in the museum archives, all well-thumbed and grease-stained, but only one has an intact foreword. It explained



*As this introduction to the 1973 Pender Island Cook Book says, "Where in the world is there a place nicer than a kitchen filled with the warm fragrance of freshly-baked bread, a bubbly, spicy stew, or the teasing aroma of newly made pickles."*

that the Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association had put the cookbook together as a fundraiser towards the "building of a new hall."

(Assume this was the hall that would be incorporated into the new school opened in 1976.) Another copy of the cookbook has a handwritten note attached that says



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“Verna Keevil assembled the recipes given to her by local ladies at the time. You will recognize many of the names as pioneer families.”

Check out the full cookbook at <http://penderislandsmuseum.ca/our-collection>. Click on Explore/Our Collection/ “Browse our Archives”; then scroll down to the “Cookbook” folder which opens in Dropbox. Our appreciation to John Mackenzie for scanning the book of recipes to make it available online.

So herewith, a recipe from that 1973 cookbook with its expectation that cooks didn’t need to have everything explained in too much detail.

### Green Tomato Pickles (sic)

Dishpan full of green tomatoes, slice thin and let stand overnight in brine 1c. salt and enough water to cover. In morning drain. Slice 6 large onions thin. Put tomatoes and onions in large pot. Cover with weak (1:4) solution of vinegar and water. Scald until tender. Drain. Add:

- 3 lbs. brown sugar
  - 2 tsp. ginger
  - 2 tsp. dry mustard
  - 2 tsp. cinnamon
  - 2 tsp. cloves
  - 2 c. vinegar
- Boil until done. Bottle and seal.

Mrs. D. Auchterlonie (Maybe ask Connie how much her dishpan holds!)

*Simone Marler*

## Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

### PIPRC



The last two PIPRC meetings were held on August 24 and September

18, 2020, both at the green shed at the bottom of Ketch Road, which provided protection from the inclement weather and sufficient room for proper social distancing. We also had ample opportunity to examine the shed, and it was decided to seek costs for repairing the roof.

At the last meeting, the Commission reached the difficult decision to permanently close the dog park, effective October 31, 2020. This was based on ongoing noise and safety problems associated with that location, which were not possible to reasonably resolve. We regret this decision became necessary, and hope that another, more suitable, location can be found for a dog park on Pender Island.

A sign that explains the origins of the multitude of red brick fragments on the beach was installed at the stairs leading to Bricky Bay. Several new trails have been proposed, or were started a while ago, and are being re-examined for feasibility. Stay tuned; we may soon have new trails to hike!

PIPRC is calling for applications for next year’s Recreation Funding. On behalf of the CRD, PIPRC distributes about \$50,000, to a wide variety of groups (16 last year) on Pender. The deadline for applications is October 31, 2020. Forms are available on our website at [crd.bc.ca/penderparks](http://crd.bc.ca/penderparks); from the PIPRC folder in the community service box at Dockside Realty (Driftwood Centre); or by contacting PIPRC at [penderparks@crd.bc.ca](mailto:penderparks@crd.bc.ca).

Funding is available to organizations and individuals providing recreation programs for Pender Island residents. Priority will be given to health improving, physical activity programs. Activities should be participatory, have good value, and be broad in appeal. Programs should benefit as large and diverse a group of islanders as possible and be open to the entire community.



The new sign explaining the red brick fragments at Bricky Bay.

During the current pandemic, it is vital that all proposed programs comply with local and provincial COVID-19 regulations.

Recreation funds are not available for capital projects (where the asset location cannot be changed, such as a building) or for the arts (such as concerts, exhibitions). Movable equipment, rentals, supplies, and instruction fees are eligible. Detailed information on how the funds will be used must be provided.

Hopefully life will get back to normal in the next few months and the commission can resume business as usual.

*Hans Tammemagi*

## Pender Island Public Library



As the Fall season arrives, the library is open for all to

come and discover new items for adults, teens, and pre-school/school aged kids. We are open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 10 am - 3 pm, and would like to see you drop by. Come for a short visit to borrow books/magazines/DVDs, ask questions at the HelpDesk, or use a public computer. We are vigilant with safety measures in place, with staff wearing masks when assisting patrons

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on the floor. Free Wi-Fi (24/7) and washrooms are available, but there's no lounge seating at this time. Computers can be pre-booked by calling the library, or by drop-in for 60 minute sessions, and staff can provide help with printing. Computers are wiped down between each user. If you wish to visit the library outside of regular hours, please call for an appointment as we're committed to serving all members of our community. Need help with inter-library loans, or how to get those popular audiobooks? Call the library HelpDesk, Tuesday to Friday from 10 am - 3 pm at 629-3722 or email [libraryhelpdesk@crd.bc.ca](mailto:libraryhelpdesk@crd.bc.ca). Remember, the library has gone fine-free for any overdue items, though we still ask that patrons replace lost or damaged items. Worried about crowds? A limit of five adult patrons and 1-2 families are in the library at the same time, and we have no line-ups! The precautions for handling books & DVDs are the same as for retail items - regular hand washing and avoiding touching your face are key health guidelines.

### **Kids' Activity Packs**

New activity backpacks are available for pre-schoolers/K and they're full of books, puzzles, puppets, and games. Choose from themed backpacks focusing on Oceans, Farms, Animals, and ABC/123, with lots of activities to do with your kids - great for a rainy day!

### **Art in the Library**

Calling all knitters - our next art display needs you! The library would love to display your beautiful, cozy handmade sweaters. All skill levels and all sweater sizes accepted. Sweaters must be handmade by local Pender residents, and will be on exhibit from October to December. Interested? Email your name and contact info to the library today at [penderislandlibrary@crd.bc.ca](mailto:penderislandlibrary@crd.bc.ca). Thank you for sharing your talent and hard work with the community; this exhibit will certainly bring a smile during the fall season.

### **New books in the Library**

#### **Kids**

*A Boy Like You* by Frank Murphy, *Tomorrow I'll Be Brave* by Jessica Hische, *The Last Kids On Earth* by Max Brallier, *The Bacteria Book* by Steve

Mould, *Amelia Fang And The Memory Thief* by Laura Anderson.

#### **Young Adults**

*Fight Like A Girl* by Sheena Kamal, *Influence* by Sara Shepard, *Stay Gold* by Tobly McSmith.

#### **Adult Fiction**

*What You Wish For* by Katherine Center, *The Vacation* by T.M. Logan, *Rabbit Foot Bill* by Helen Humphreys, *Mrs. Lincoln's Sisters* by Jennifer Chiaverini, *Good Dogs Don't Make It To The South Pole* by Hans-Olav Thyvold.

#### **Adult Mystery**

*Don't Turn Around* by Jessica Barry, *Find Them Dead* by Peter James, *The Lantern Men* by Elly Griffiths, *The Diamond Queen Of Singapore* by Ian Hamilton.

#### **Adult Non-Fiction**

*The Wake* by Linden MacIntyre, *The Room Where It Happened: A White House Memoir* by John R. Bolton, *The Essential Instant Pot Cookbook* by Coco Morante, and *Saving Seeds-A Home Gardener's Guide* by Dan Jason.

*Carmen Oleskevich,*  
*Library Director*

## **Pender Island Reconciliation Circle**

In September we met to explore *Thomas King*. We had the choice to read his book, *The Inconvenient Indian*, or listen to his 2003 Massey Lectures, *The Truth About Stories: A Native Narrative*.

People's reactions to his work were varied. The Massey lectures gave a glimpse into his masterful story-telling skills. His approach to educating us about the history of Indigenous peoples in both Canada and the United States reveals serious and sometimes difficult facts that are often presented with a humorous twist.

In an interview King has said "humour is the only way to deal with tragedy. You can't just say this happened this happened oh isn't it awful because after about the third go around readers and listeners just turn away. You have to have something to draw them in, you have to give them some respite."

What are all those Red Dresses doing out there?

Red Dress National Day of Commemoration is now an annual event.

The red dress has become a symbol of missing and murdered Indigenous women and girls, and other vulnerable Indigenous peoples, including those who identify as 2 Spirit or Transgender. October 4 is the national day of remembering these "Stolen Sisters." Official records count over 1,200 cases, but Indigenous organizations put the number at 4,000 plus.

Given the shocking police shooting of a BC woman, Chantal Moore, on a wellness check, it is even more important this year to remember the families who are grieving and waiting for answers. Fifteen months after the presentation to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of the final report of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls Inquiry, the federal government has yet to develop an action plan, or to adequately address the violence.

Look for red dresses along roadsides, and an installation of red dresses at the Community Hall on Saturday, October 3. Reconciliation Circle members will be present, safely distanced, for conversation.

*Monica Petrie*

At our next meeting, October 21, Anglican Parish Hall, from 4 - 6, Reconciliation Circle members will commemorate missing and murdered women and girls. We will take the time to reflect on this national tragedy. It is important for us to keep the awareness of this significant problem alive. Want to find out more? I invite you to look into the final report of the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls, or go to the web site of the Native Women's Association of Canada.

*Susan Parr*

## Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

### PIRAHA



We are very pleased to introduce Ellie McLeod, who is the recipient of our final Canada Summer Jobs summer youth grant position. Ellie will be working with us this fall to help create and deliver food and youth programs as well as help us improve our volunteer programs.

### Friday Community Gathering Coffeehouse

We will continue to have a weekly bring-your-own picnic with music brought to us by Ptarmigan Arts. On wet days we will move inside but the doors will remain open; if it's a chilly day, then dress warmly.

### Frozen Soup

We are happy to partner up with the Health Care Society to be able to provide the community with low cost delicious frozen soup from the Community Kitchen chefs. Frozen soup is available for purchase Fridays at the Community Gathering Coffeehouse.

### Walking Group Wednesday 10 - 11:30 am

Focus on your health, happiness, and fun every Wednesday at the Community Hall. The Walking Group is a drop-in activity, where you can join others in a pleasant walk along the Valley Home farm trail. Masks encouraged.

### Carpet Bowling Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Carpet bowling offers mild to moderate exercise, a bit of friendly competition and great fun. No special clothing is needed except clean flat-soled shoes. Australian rules Carpet Bowling is held weekly from September to June. Recommended drop in is \$2. Masks encouraged; hand sanitizer required at entry.

### Winter Artisan Market Saturdays from 10 am - 1 pm

Come out on Saturdays to the Winter Market to browse local food, art, crafts,

and produce. Handmade goods are available inside the Hall. Masks and hand sanitizer required at entry.

### New Youth Leadership Program!

This fall we are growing our Youth Leadership Program and teaming up with the SGI Community Resource Centre so we can include youth from all over the Southern Gulf Islands. Leadership and skill development opportunities will be offered to youth through group meetings and activities, community event planning, and personal projects. There will be options to engage with community development, health and wellness activities, food growing and preparation, and other interesting in-person and online activities. We will have our initial virtual meetup on Friday, October 9 at 2 pm. All are welcome! If you are interested in getting involved as a youth participant or interested in playing a leadership/mentorship role, please contact Ellie at [pendercommunityhall@gmail.com](mailto:pendercommunityhall@gmail.com).

### Activity Leader - Paid Youth Internship

Are you a passionate, positive, creative, and motivated people-person? Do you have experience or an interest in program, event, or activity leadership?

The Pender Island Community Hall is looking for youth 15 - 29 to organize and lead activities and events. Depending on experience and interest, activities can include programs for preschool, children, youth, adults, older adults or intergenerational groups. Activities can be either single classes or ongoing programs. Youth can propose in-person or virtual activities or a combination.

As a Program Leader you will be responsible for planning, organizing, and leading recreation activities. Activities can include, but are not limited to: arts, crafts, sports, games, workshops, dance, music, nature programs, and organizing special events. Remuneration will be \$15 per program hour plus a set amount of time for activity prep. Training will be offered.

- Experience working with children ages 5 - 12 years or other age ranges
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- A satisfactory Criminal Reference Check/Vulnerable Sector Search
- 20 hours training related to child development an asset (courses related to child development, guidance, health and safety, or nutrition)
- Hours: 1 - 6 hrs/week, by mutual agreement.

To apply, send your resume and cover letter (including a few ideas you have for programs) to:

[bookings@penderislands.org](mailto:bookings@penderislands.org).

### Volunteers Needed

The Community Hall is always looking for youth and adult volunteers for everything from café hosting to walking group assistant to maintenance and landscaping help to events and programming assistance and leadership. We also are currently seeking presenters for future Food & Farming Workshops. If you would like to share a skill or area of knowledge, please give us a call or email. If you are interested in volunteering with our dynamic, community-focused Hall, please call 629-3669 or email [bookings@penderislands.org](mailto:bookings@penderislands.org).

*Andrea Mills and Dianne Allison*

## Pender Island Recycling Society



Happy Thanksgiving everyone! This is my favorite holiday because it's all about two of my favourite things - food and family - and it's a great opportunity to be thankful for the many blessings in our life.

The staff and board thank you for your efforts to pre-sort your recyclables. This is the single most important thing the public can do to ensure that the recycling process is speedy and that people can be in and out of the depot quickly and efficiently. We are also very grateful that the public has been so kind and patient when they visit the depot. COVID-19 has necessitated significant changes to our operating procedures, which everyone seems to have taken in their stride.

Pender Islanders make a huge contribution financially to the depot's operating expenses. Between memberships and bottle returns, Pender Islanders covered 20% of depot expenses in 2019. This support is invaluable in allowing us to operate with the less discussed and less considered R's in mind: reduce and reuse. Besides equipment maintenance and repair, community support funds the FreeStore and ReShop, the bike shop, and the non-packaging plastic initiative.

Thank you to the board of the recycling society, who volunteer their time to make sure the organization runs efficiently. Each of our board members has their own unique skill-set that they share generously to keep your depot in good working order. This year the board has attended many, many extra meetings to ensure that the depot runs smoothly during COVID-19.

Thank you to our depot attendants for your wonderful work ethic and for constantly looking around the depot asking, "How can we make it better?" What a fun loving, kind, hard working bunch! It is a pleasure to work with such a great group of people. Thank you Kim for coming on board and doing a fine job with the PIRS numbers. Thank you to Ken and Mathew for tuning and repairing bikes all summer; this helps to keep Penderites cycling and healthy, and reduces vehicle traffic on our roads. Thank you to Janey for keeping the FreeStore and ReShop looking spectacular. Visiting them is a highlight for many depot users.

Thank you to Andy Nowak for three decades of service to the Pender Island Recycling Society. Thank you to both Andy and Les for your superb trucking expertise, which is much appreciated.

We invite members of the Pender Island Recycling Society (PIRS) to our Annual General Meeting. The meeting is from 4 - 5 pm on Wednesday, October 7 in the covered outdoor seating area adjacent to the lounge at the Pender Island Community Hall. Please wear a mask and maintain a physical distance of 6 feet from other attendees.

Please RSVP if you expect to attend so that we can plan properly for seating and for the number of copies of the



*Community garden at its finest*

agenda and minutes. You can reach us at [penderislandrecycling@gmail.com](mailto:penderislandrecycling@gmail.com) or phone 629-6962.

The depot is open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 am - 4 pm for the month of October.

*Niki Roberts*

## **Pender Organic Community Garden Society POCGS**



As the Thanksgiving season approaches, POCGS gardeners are busy preparing for the dormant season. Harvesting continues as the light softens, the days shorten, and afternoon shade advances over the garden fence. Gardeners arrive bearing empty containers and depart with bundles of chard and kale, boxes of fall raspberries, bags of squash, peppers and beans, and bouquets of colourful dahlias, calendula, and sunflowers. Many are delighted that this year's tomatoes are finally ripening in the sun and heat of late summer after a long and frustrating green season. Some ambitious souls are

busy nurturing their recently planted fall and winter crops of lettuce, spinach, beets, carrots, parsnips and other hardy vegetables for healthy nourishment during the dark days. Others are tackling the daunting task of removing persistent weeds before they can spread their seeds to plague plot keepers next growing season.

The Community Garden is a generous place, and we are all thankful for its gifts. We can experiment, share success stories and frustrations, and learn from one another. We can indulge our individual preferences for particular crops, be they garlic, exotic tomatoes, flax seeds, or whatever else we choose to cultivate. We celebrate the generosity of fellow gardeners who offer us seeds, seedlings, produce, and advice. And the garden rewards our labours with visual delights and taste treats to enjoy and to share.

The Community Garden is also a refuge from the craziness of today's busy and uncertain life. It is a place to regain a sense of balance with the natural world - even when taunted by the critters who sometimes raid our crops. We appreciate the efforts of our board members who

take care of administration, and the volunteers who contribute to garden maintenance. And we are grateful to our host, Karl Hamson, who has offered this peaceful space for us to share and maintain. Let us give thanks.

We have a waiting list of people hoping to take over a plot for the coming garden year. If you have submitted a request, you will be informed as soon as a space becomes available. The POCGS Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday, October 4, beginning at 1 pm. We will meet at the Community Hall on the outdoor covered patio, dressed warmly and wearing masks. This is a time to review our commitments and to discuss garden challenges and concerns. We hope all POCGS gardeners can attend.

*Patricia Holborn*

## PenderPOD



In August 1990, while camping on the Oak Bluffs property I had just purchased, I witnessed a remarkable sight. In late afternoon, below the highbank bluff, I saw a shimmering band of silver moving northwest on the ocean surface. I had no idea what I was looking at. Soon after I first noticed this phenomenon, the sea was alive with Orca, breaching and blowing in a furious way. Then the fishing boats showed up. It finally dawned on me that these whales were here to feast. And these boats were here to catch salmon. To this day I don't know whether that shimmering silver indicated masses of herring or Chinook salmon but I know one thing: it brought JPod. And they were a very happy bunch that day.

What I have learned since is why everyone showed up in that very spot. Directly below our oak bluff cabin is, or was, an enormous bull kelp forest, the perfect ecosystem for teeming marine life, a grocery store and playground for the Orca. For years we heard them blowing before we saw them. Over time it was the drone of whale watching boats that signalled JPod's arrival. As boat traffic increased, the whale sightings and pod sizes lessened. We learned more and more about troubles for the marine ecosystem beneath this seemingly



*Prayer flags hanging at Hope Bay untouched view of islands and sea.*

In 2019, the Department of Fisheries, along with Transport Canada, identified this stretch of the Pender Island coastline as a Sanctuary Zone in order to protect this area for the endangered Orca. No boats are permitted within half a nautical mile of shore, which is a span of 900 metres, between June 1 and November 30. For these two summers I have seen dozens of boats intruding on this sanctuary on a daily basis, powering on through, through lack of either awareness or concern. And for these two summers, we have not seen a single Southern Resident Killer Whale in these designated safe waters.

Pender Ocean Defenders is in dialogue with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans and Transport Canada to give feedback on this critical issue and promote more successful ways to protect the Orca in our waters. You can contribute your observations and suggestions. Please email

*DFO.ORR-ONS.MPO@dfo-mpo.gc.ca*  
and *TC.SRKW-ERS.TC@TC.GC.CA*

On Labor Day weekend the handmade prayer flags dedicated to the 78 Orca who have died since 2002 migrated from the Driftwood Centre to the beautiful new PICA nature centre at Hope Bay. POD members were on hand with cookies, fruit, banners, posters, and information to raise awareness about the overfishing of herring, which impacts

the endangered Chinook and contributes to the starvation of Orca. That day we were also celebrating the thrilling birth of J 57, born to Tahlequah, the world-famous Orca mother who mourned her dead calf in 2018 for 17 days...what great news at such a desperate time for the SRKW.

Please visit our website [penderpod.ca](http://penderpod.ca) and Pender Ocean Defenders Facebook to learn more about this dire situation for our marine neighbours and to find ways you can take action.

*Mary Anne Pare*

## Royal Canadian Legion

**Branch 239**

**Legion**  As I write this report I am looking out my window at the smoke-filled skies of Pender Island. Every now and then a strange shiny orb almost breaks through the impenetrable smog, and I think that perhaps it is finally dissipating and we will once again be able to venture outside and breathe fresh air. Hopefully by the time you read this, the smoke will be long gone.

A cheery thought I hold on to is that we live in a community that is committed to doing whatever it takes to make things safer and more livable for all of its citizens. The Legion is just one of many organizations on this island that

will continue to be there for assistance in any way we can. We are not just here for veterans, but for each and every one of us. We are all in this together, and by working as one, we will get back to normal that much quicker. One way we can help is that we have obtained a large amount of hand sanitizer, which we are making available to all islanders at no charge. If you need some, either drop by the Community Resource Centre at the Driftwood, Monday, Wednesday, or Friday 10 am - 4 pm, or call John at 629-6051, and I will send some your way as long as supplies last.

### October Closure

After working every Friday night since the COVID-19 closure in March to provide take-out or patio dinners and burgers, we will be closed for October, and returning November 6 to give our volunteers a much-needed break, .

The dinners and summer barbecues have been a great success, and for this we thank all of our customers and volunteers. Some of our regulars came just about every week. Your patronage is very much appreciated. We will be back strong and refreshed in November, with a full lineup of delicious meals. Depending on how things go with COVID-19, we hope to be able to provide limited inside seating as well as take out. Don't forget about us; we're coming back!

Remembrance Day will be different this year with no public service at the Legion. We will have our cenotaph ceremony outside, which will not be open to the general public due to COVID-19 restrictions. The ceremony will be livestreamed so you can watch in the comfort of your home. Unfortunately there will be no inside service this year. More details will be in the November issue of *The Pender Post*, on our website and Facebook page. There will be poppy tagging at the Driftwood, and in some businesses. Get your poppy and support the Legion. Lighting of the candles will take place at the cemetery on November 10. Sadly there will be no gathering of the children to celebrate the *Doug Pirie Memorial Candlelight Ceremony* in the afternoon.

Renewing your membership for 2021 provides much needed support for the

Legion. Renew in September, October, or November and you have a chance to win a dinner for 2 at your favourite Friday night eatery...the Legion of course! Member renewals, and new memberships, may be paid online at [www.legion.ca](http://www.legion.ca), at the Legion, e-transfer to [treasurer239.rcl@gmail.com](mailto:treasurer239.rcl@gmail.com), or mail a cheque. New members are always welcome, and membership is available to everyone.

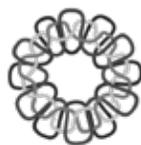
The deadline for bursaries and scholarships applications has been extended until November 30, 2020. See the Legion website for details.

Finally, I can't sign off without paying homage to two of my favourite people who passed away recently. Phil Neal was the epitome of what a fine gentleman should be. He always had a ready smile and a good word whenever we met, and a mind that was still sharp into his 102<sup>nd</sup> year. Who could ask any more from a life well lived.

Anna Knister was a long time Legionnaire who was a member of our executive for several years and a regular meat draw supporter. Most of all she was the heart and soul of our dart teams, taking care of organizing, scoring, and the cash. She could throw a great tiny arrow. Her ever-present laughter and that slap on her thigh with a mumbled expletive when she missed a big shot is what I will always remember! And laugh at it still! I will miss them both. Cheers,

*John Pender*

### Community Resource Centre



Greetings from the Pender Island Community Resource Centre (CRC). We would like to extend our warm regards to all of our volunteers, summer students, and staff. Thank you all for all of the hard work and energy you have given for our community. Farewell to all of our outgoing staff. Even though the summer is ending, our work continues as we discuss our plans for present and future programs. Please visit our website and Facebook page for more information.

### Youth Hub

This fall we are working to GROW the summer Youth Hub volunteering program into an ongoing Youth Leadership program. Leadership and skill development opportunities will be offered to youth throughout the Southern Gulf Islands through group meetings and activities, community event planning, and personal projects. There will be options to engage with community development, health and wellness activities, food growing and preparation, and other interesting in-person and online activities. We will have our initial virtual meetup on Friday, October 9 at 2 pm. All are welcome! If you are interested in getting involved as a youth participant or interested in playing a leadership/mentorship role, please contact Ellie at [volunteer.sgicrc@gmail.com](mailto:volunteer.sgicrc@gmail.com).

### Island Kindness Project

During this unprecedented time our COVID-19 response has brought out a sense of hope and optimism in our community. The Island Kindness Project has made a significant impact on the health and wellbeing of our community, as we continue to provide people with the services they need during this time. Moving forward, we will continue to provide shopping and delivery services to our island, providing people with the resources they need to persevere through these difficult times. If you would like to sign up for this service, please contact [orderonpender@gmail.com](mailto:orderonpender@gmail.com) or call the Pender Helpline 629-3665 for more info.

### Computer Savvy Seniors of the Salish Sea

Computer Savvy Seniors is an online educational program that offers courses on a variety of topics that introduce these skills to senior citizens. There will be three courses: Introduction to Social Media October 2 at 1 pm, offered by Levi Mundy; Introduction to Blogging, on October 10 at 12 pm; Introduction to E-Commerce on October 17 at 12 pm, offered by Max Stockholder. These courses will be held on Zoom. Prices are \$5 per course, or \$12 for all three. A bursary is available if needed. Please email [penderislandcrc@gmail.com](mailto:penderislandcrc@gmail.com) for more information and to be registered.

## Let No Apple Be Wasted!

In partnership with SGI CRC, Gulf-Islands Food Co-op, Vancity, and the Government of B.C, the Pender Island Community Resource Centre is pleased to offer an apple preservation program. The program is for people in our community to donate, pick, can, and preserve apples for future use. There will be a work-bee at the Pender Island Community Hall, where we will be busy drying and preserving apples. The date for the work bee at the Community Hall is October 17, 2:30 - 6 pm. If you would like to be involved or if you would like more info, contact [penderislandcrc@gmail.com](mailto:penderislandcrc@gmail.com).

## Grants And Funding Information

The grants and funding database that was created this summer is continually being updated, and the new and upcoming grant deadlines are placed in a monthly newsletter for people who are interested in receiving it. For more information contact [sgircassistant@gmail.com](mailto:sgircassistant@gmail.com).

## Community Justice Program

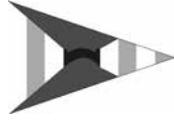
In the middle of a smoky week in September, the Community Justice Program hosted a two-day workshop with Dr. Evelyn Zellerer, a renowned authority on the use of Peace Circles. Without a doubt, it was one of the most rewarding events many of us have experienced.

Thanks to the support of the BC Problem and Responsible Gaming Programs Community Initiative Fund, we were able to have Dr. Zellerer teach "Peace Circles: The Fundamentals." The structure and techniques of the circle process are at the core of Restorative Justice, and provide an effective method to conduct community dialogues and dispute resolution. The circle process is an alternative to the types of discussion that are based on arguing a point of view. Instead, it allows for the building of consensus to resolve problems and promote action.

*Melody Pender*

## Canadian Power and Sail

### Pender Island Squadron



Well our world certainly changed on March 13, which also happened to be Friday 13 for those who place significance on that day. As I write we are still complying with practices designed to avoid exposure to COVID-19. CPS Canada has advised that all squadrons comply with the National Directive to only offer courses using online instruction.

This year we will be offering online instruction for those wishing to obtain their Marine VHF Radio Operator's Certificate, otherwise known as ROC(M). A personal flotation device is your most important piece of safety equipment and the second most important piece of safety equipment is a marine VHF radio. Knowing how to use the radio effectively in an emergency is a skill that can significantly improve the chances of a successful rescue. A radio puts you in immediate contact with all boaters and rescue personnel within range of your call. The Rescue Coordination Centre maintains reception throughout most of our coastal waters. One course will be offered in October and the other in April. Pender Island CPS will provide mentoring to familiarize students with the required protocols and how to effectively use the radio. We will also oversee the testing and exam, which must be successfully completed to obtain your ROC(M) license.

This year has seen many people gravitating to activities on the water as a means of staying active while avoiding crowds and possible exposure to COVID-19. Marine dealers report record boat sales and low inventories as a result of strong demand for boats in the under 9m length category. It's not just boats. Kayaks, canoes, paddle boards, and other craft are popular too. There is a lot more to safe boating than what is covered when applying for a Pleasure Craft Operator's Certificate (PCOC). Consider upgrading your skill level with

completion of the CPS Boating 2 & 3 course. We will be offering this course in January. The course will extend over 12 weeks with one period of instruction per week.

In Boating 2 you are introduced to the art of navigation, anchoring, ropes, lines and knots - not to mention what to expect when the boat is moving under power. This course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests: towing, trailering, and a checklist for layup and launch. In Boating 3 our series explores navigation further as you learn how to plot and label on paper charts, as well as what the skipper should be doing before setting out and when underway, handling a boat under sail, as well as your environmental responsibilities and electrical hazards. This course also has a number of optional topics that will be taught depending on your interests: tides and currents, canals and locks, and collision regulations.

Go to [boatingcourses.ca](http://boatingcourses.ca) to register for any of the above courses.

Thanks for reading and stay safe on the water,

*David Kirsop, Commander*

## Pender Island Garden Club



Taking full advantage of a lovely sunny day we held our September meeting as scheduled at the Community Hall. Having three speakers allowed us to break the members into three groups and we set up three stations in the shady outside areas. This allowed us to keep social distance which, along with masks, provided the chance to enjoy the meeting while abiding by the COVID-19 guidelines for meetings. The sale of books donated by the late Edith Stacey went well with members and non members alike buying from the 225 books on all aspects of gardening. Approximately half the books went, leaving a good selection for the October meeting when they will be put up for sale. There is a suggested donation of \$2 for each - a bargain for these beautiful and informative books. We are also hoping to have our plant sale at the October meeting,

so people have a chance to put them in the ground in time for the winter rains. Planning for the plant sale is still underway so I cannot give details here. That darn virus is slowing up everything as you have to take into account the guidelines when planning an event.

The October meeting will be on October 8 at 1 pm at the Community Hall and is presenting *Back to Basics Part 2*. We once again will be dividing the group into three for three different speakers, and will rotate the groups every 20 minutes so everyone gets a chance to hear each speaker. Topics planned are such things as watering, planting garlic, and saving seeds. Weather permitting, we will once again set up outside but will take advantage of covered areas outside as well as the Hall itself if it is raining.

Looks as if our November meeting will be by Zoom and we will be giving out details at the October meeting.

Wear masks if you plan to attend the October meeting; bring your own cup for tea or coffee and do not forget the new venue at the Community Hall.

*Val Butcher*

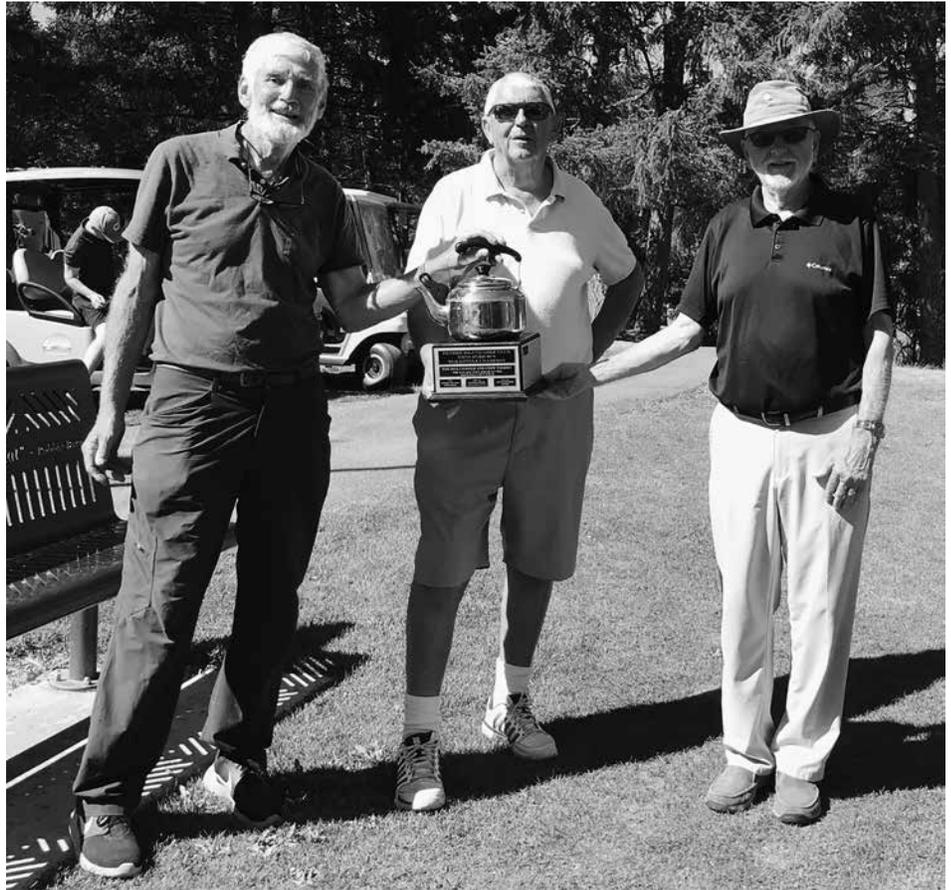
## Pender Island Golf and Country Club

**PIG&CC**



Another season of golf is almost over and we've never had one like this before. It was a season without most of our usual tournaments and while we didn't gather together before and after each game, we still had great fun. Congratulations go to our ladies' captains Martha Deme and Margaret Shapiro, and men's captain Rick Cunningham for doing such a wonderful job adapting to the changes.

In case you haven't heard, the club is celebrating our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary! To thank the community, we are giving away 75 free rounds of golf certificates. These 9-hole certificates are available for Pender Island residents to claim on a first come, first serve basis (limit one per resident). As a special thank you, we are also giving free golf certificates to our essential services workers to show our appreciation for their care and



*Over 80s Tournament winners*

support of our community during the COVID-19 pandemic. This includes but is not limited to all healthcare workers, first responders, grocery store and retail staff, and community support workers and volunteers.

You can collect your certificate at the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre at the Driftwood Centre, then call the Pender Island Golf Pro Shop at 629-6659 to reserve a tee time.

I am very sad to say that we lost two long-time club members at the end of August.

Bill Moorby joined the club when he first moved to the island from the Prairies about 15 years ago. He loved playing this course regularly with his favourite golf buddies, son-in-law Richard Philpot and the late Rob Southey. He had a wonderful Prairie friendliness and charm and I will miss him very much. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his wife Donna, daughter Lisa (Richard) and the rest of the family in Manitoba.

We also learned that long-time member

Gord Hansen passed away at the end of August. Gordon was an active member of the club for 25 years. His quick wit and sense of humour was enjoyed by his many good friends who played golf with him on Thursday men's days and he will be missed by all who knew him. We send our sincere condolences out to his wife Mary Louise and to his extended family.

This is the time of year that I like to rave about our wonderful members who do so much to support the club. It was especially so this year as the year began with the unexpected stresses of the COVID-19 pandemic. From the board of directors to the Monday morning maintenance crew, and everyone in between, our lovely island course is even more special because of our amazing members and volunteers!

If you are interested in becoming a member of the Pender Island Golf Club in 2021 please call the pro shop at 629-6659, or our membership chairperson Ian Pirie at 629-6083 for information about our excellent end of the season deal. Our Twilight Rate of \$30 for 18

holes now starts at 3 pm and two-for-one Wednesdays will stay in effect until the end of October. The pro shop will be open daily until October 15, and the hours will be weather dependent until the end of the month after that.

I'm ending with my favourite Arnold Palmer quote. *...golf is often as much about the interaction with your friends as it is the shots we are playing, and enjoying the way players are able to laugh at themselves as they chuckle at - and with - others.* ~Arnold Palmer

*Michelle Galaugher, Pro Shop*

### Over 80s Golf Tournament

This is the third year of the *Over 80s Golf Tournament*. Photo on the previous page.

The teams are playing for "The Kettle," an old coffee pot thrown in the back of my old pick-up truck and re-constructed into a trophy.

This year, we had two teams of four. First team was made up of John Hall, Bill Critchley, Denis Connor, and me, Doug Patterson.

The second team consisted of Al McHattie, Fred Wein, Bill Gilbert, and Wayne Wright.

The first team won the low net and the second team won the low gross.

Both teams get their names on "The Kettle," and the engraving will be paid for by the Pender Island Lions Club.

The average age for players is about 82 with three people over 85, and included one at 87 years of age and all played 18 holes. Unfortunately, four players could not play because of injuries.

*Doug Patterson*

### Pender Island Otters Swim Club



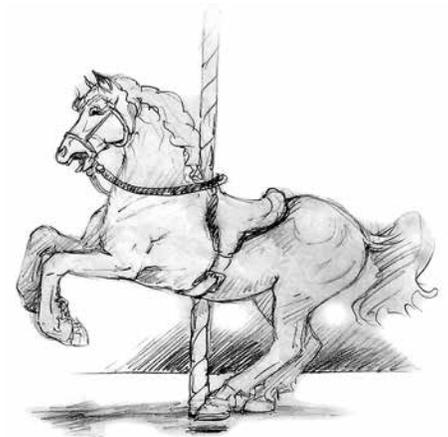
**N**egotiations with Panorama pool continued through September, but we have a starting date and times now lined up for the fall. It has been challenging, as groups booking space at Panorama now have to cover the cost of Lifeguards during their time slot. This used to be 'included' in our lane rental

cost, but now it is an add-on, the reason being that there is no one else in the pool area while we are using the lanes we rent. There is no public drop-in swimming available, and everyone wanting to swim needs to pre-book. There are now strict protocols that everyone using the pool must adhere to when entering the pool facility, during the program, and also as one exits the pool and building. Panorama has created a 'virtual' lesson on how to do that, and it is useful to watch. This is it: <https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=312748706602016&extid=4qWYdL9J9CTMfQLv>. Our registration for fall is now open, and our first swim of the fall will be Friday, October 2. Our time slot has shifted a bit to 12 - 2 pm this time around, and we hope it will not inconvenience too many of our group. That was what was available to us this fall. The good news is that we have the whole pool during our time slot, so no other patrons will be using part of the pool while we are there. We are restricted to three swimmers per lane, so having six lanes should help hold our group this fall. For registration and information, please go to [www.penderislandotters.webs.com](http://www.penderislandotters.webs.com) and follow the link to registration. Now, more than ever we really appreciate the grants we have received for the coming year. The added expense of covering lifeguards, and added lanes due to social distancing rules mean our expenses have risen. We are doing the best we can to keep our registration rates the same for our members despite these increases. So far, we have received grants from Gaming and Mayne Island CRD Parks and Recreation. While the number of members from Mayne Island was lower than in past years, we encourage Mayne Islanders new to our programs, or returning, to join us. Their grant will help cover some of our expenses. Many thanks to both the BC Gaming Commission and the Mayne Island CRD Parks and Recreation for supporting us again. Thanks also to the continued support of our club through the Tru Value Spirit Board. If you would like to support the Swim Club, just say #29 when going through the till at Tru Value Foods. We are also submitting an application to Pender Island CRD Parks and Recreation but

their deadline for applications is not until October 31, so we do hope they will also continue support of our Island Swim Club. They have been so supportive of our club through the years, and it has gone a long way to keep us going. These are challenging times for us all, but at least we can now jump in the water soon for the fall season, and enjoy the instruction and coaching our wonderful coaches can offer us again. Stay safe, and maybe we'll see you at the pool.

*Helen Lemon-Moore, President*

### COVER STORY



**O**ur October cover artwork may look familiar to those with a sharp eye, a sharp mind, and a love of music. As you can see in the lower right corner, the artwork was done by Pender Island resident Doug Stanley.

The first time I laid eyes on Doug it was, appropriately, just inside the doors of the Community Hall. He was in the process of buying a ticket for the choir performance, but first asked if his friend whose name I cannot remember was in the choir. The friend was, the ticket was purchased. Doug did not look like a music buff but then I didn't either. I had only been on Pender about a year and apparently, I had a lot to learn. I admit that when it came to music and choirs, I had been tipped off by my real estate salesperson, "If you can sing, or like singing, you're going to love Pender Island." The second time I saw Doug, a year or so later, he was in the choir! Yup, Doug, like so many people I was to meet, was a singer.

When I saw the mock-up of this month's cover of *The Pender Post*, I learned that Doug has another talent: art. This month's cover art was originally used for posters to advertise the 1999 Choral Society Spring Concert. Clare Mathias was the director and her vision for the concert was Rodgers and Hammerstein's *Carousel*. As one ex-choir member told me, "Clare always had a vision for her concerts and they were all very different. That is what made singing for Clare so exciting."

It is nice to see Doug's artwork once again and especially nice to see it grace our October cover, but there is another reason that this artwork was chosen. Because of COVID-19 this will be the first time in 48 years that the choir will not have a regular fall start-up.

Perhaps in the spirit of a carousel doing what a carousel does, I can be allowed to remind you "what goes around comes around." The good times will return, and in the meantime, it is up to us to play by the rules. Avoid large gatherings, especially indoors; practice social distancing, hand-washing, and wearing a mask in public. When it comes to wearing a mask, please remember that not only do you protect yourself by wearing a mask; you also protect others.

*Mike Wiley*

## OF GENERAL INTEREST

### Islands Trust Conservancy

The federal government is recognizing the importance of species at risk on the Gulf and Howe Sound islands. The islands in the Salish Sea, near the urban areas of Vancouver, Victoria and Nanaimo, are a hotspot for species diversity and have one of the highest densities of species at risk in Canada. To support efforts to protect species at risk on the Gulf and Howe Sound islands, Environment and Climate Change Canada is investing \$597,000 in the launch of the Islands Trust Conservancy's new Species at Risk Program.

The federal government, in collaboration with the provinces and territories, is implementing a pan-Canadian

approach to transforming species at risk conservation in Canada. Priority places selected have significant biodiversity, concentrations of species at risk, and opportunities to advance conservation efforts.

The Gulf and Howe Sound islands fall into a zone identified as a priority under the pan-Canadian approach. The islands and mainland surrounding the Salish Sea are a hotspot for biodiversity, with more than 100 federally listed species at risk in the area.

A contribution agreement between Environment and Climate Change Canada and Islands Trust Conservancy will provide \$597,000 over three years to support species at risk programs that will include:

- Conducting surveys and monitoring
- Restoring critical habitat
- Providing outreach materials and events
- Assisting landowners who wish to protect species at risk on their land
- Engaging and working with First Nations

Islands Trust Conservancy currently manages habitat for over 25 known federal species at risk across its network of 106 protected areas. With this investment, Islands Trust Conservancy will broaden and increase conservation of species at risk in the Islands Trust Area.

#### Quotes

"We are very pleased to support Islands Trust Conservancy in their work to conserve Garry oak and other rare ecosystems in southwest BC. We are contributing \$597,000 over 3 years through the Canada Nature Fund towards this important project in the Gulf Islands. This priority place is home to over 100 species at risk plants and animals, including Taylor's checkerspot butterfly, sharp-tailed snake, and yellow montane violet. By partnering with proactive local governments and organizations in priority places, we can achieve better outcomes for species at risk."

*The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada*

"The Islands Trust Conservancy is excited to receive this investment from Environment and Climate Change Canada and provide 'on the ground' actions to protect critical habitat for species at risk. We look forward to working collaboratively with First Nations, islanders, and partners to this end."

*Kate-Louise Stamford, Board Chair, Islands Trust Conservancy*

#### Quick Facts

- In British Columbia, there are more than 260 federally listed species at risk and more than 1,615 provincially listed species at risk.
- Islands Trust Conservancy manages 106 protected areas, with over 1,300 ha as nature reserves and conservation covenants.
- Islands Trust Conservancy protected areas are home to over 25 federally listed species at risk.
- In 2018, federal, provincial, and territorial environment ministers agreed to the Pan-Canadian Approach to Transforming Species at Risk Conservation in Canada. This approach shifts efforts from single species, to focusing on collaborative efforts to conserve multiple species and ecosystems.
- The Government of Canada has made commitments to conserve 25 percent of Canada's land and inland waters and 25 percent of Canada's oceans by 2025, and is working toward 30 percent of each by 2030.

#### Informative links

- UN Reports nearly one million species risk becoming extinct
- Pan-Canadian approach transforming species at risk conservation.pdf

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## WEATHER OBSERVATIONS FOR AUGUST

	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	
<b>Magic Lake</b>	24.4	12.7	18.6	34.0 on 16 <sup>th</sup>	9.5 on 30 <sup>th</sup>	31.6
<b>Normal</b>	23.5	12.4	18.0	35.0 in 2016	8.0 in 2008	25.1

Summer was cooler and wetter than usual this year. August started off with fine weather and pleasant temperatures in the mid-twenties, blackberries were ready for picking with many more to come if the weather stayed fine. The apricots were late but finally showed signs of maturity. Some of the birds were preparing for their annual migration to the south and some of them with more sense decided to stay here and enjoy our mild winter. The lake water temperature was a comfortable 25.5°C but did not get any higher than that and was 23.5°C at the end of the month. A few days into the month it seemed as though summer had come to an end or had not yet arrived. Rain in the first week of August and again later in the month was very welcome but the associated drop in temperature was not so welcome. I bought a portable air conditioner early this summer but it has not been needed much. This has not been a hot and dry summer. August is normally the summer month of most activity but this has not been a normal summer in any respect, although the number of summer visitors to the island seemed to be as usual.

In the July issue of *The Pender Post*, I spoke about precipitation statistics on Pender Island in the summer months of June, July, and August. I was responding to the people who are saying that we are experiencing drier summers and wetter winters. In spite of the effects of climate change and global warming in many parts of the world, on Pender Island we have not been so affected. We had summers with well above average precipitation in 2020, 2019, 2016, 2013, 2012, 2008, 2007, 2005, 2004, 2001, 2000, 1999, 1997, and 1995. The 33-year average total precipitation of those three months is 73.8 mm and there is no obvious trend of our summers getting drier. The total summer precipitation in the three summer months of 2019 was 76.8 and in 2020 it was 91.8 mm, which

is well above average. Our temperature stayed below 30°C in June 2020 and reached that figure only three times in July and not again until August 15. We had a near record 34°C on August 16 but the heat wave only lasted a few days. The few hot days we had in August 2020 brought the average temperature slightly above normal, even though there were many days when it did not feel like summer.

Now it is October and summer is definitely over. This is when the ban on burning usually comes to an end, but that depends on current weather at the time. This is the first month of our rainy season (our name for winter). Average precipitation for October is about 94 mm, which is more than the total average for the three preceding months. 94 mm does not include any snow because it does not (usually) snow in October on Pender Island. There are exceptions to every rule and I recorded 7 cm of snow in October 1991 when the temperature dropped to -0.5°C. The actual amount of rain in October has varied without any trend. Our driest October was 17.6 mm in 2002 and our wettest was 292 mm in 2003 and the only other year in which October precipitation exceeded 200 was 2016 with 224 mm. There were 10 years in which the October rainfall exceeded 100 but was less than 200 between 1995 and 2015. We cannot expect temperatures much above 20°C in October, although there have been occasional readings in the mid-twenties over the last 33 years. Frosts are unusual in October on Pender Island but in 2006 the temperature dropped to -1.0°C which was good for the parsnips but not so good for other produce in the garden.

There are a lot of special days in October, but this year I hope we observe them in less crowded venues than previously. I just read about one "Day" that I had never heard of before, namely "Boss's Day," October 16; it has been recognised

for many years in the USA, and in some places it is a public holiday, but I don't know when it moved to Canada and I don't think it has mandatory recognition.

I am sure we all have much to be thankful for even in difficult times so I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and a happy Halloween without fireworks.

Remember that we put the clocks back one hour to Standard time on Sunday, November 1.

*Malcolm Armstrong*

## PENDER POST PAST



### October 1990

The RCMP requested that since there had been new yellow lines painted, could people please keep to their own side of the road. They also had 83 files that month but only a few minor thefts on Pender Island. The Recycling Depot held a potluck to celebrate its first year of operation and announced a circular painting on the double doors done by Marily Duck and Corrie Mott. A referendum was showcased to vote for a \$100,000 spending on a second Fire Hall on North Pender to be built near Magic Lake Estates. A municipal election was coming up and the candidates for Islands Trust Committee all had articles listing their agenda and plans if elected.

All in all, it was a quiet month on the island as the clubs started getting in full swing for the coming year.

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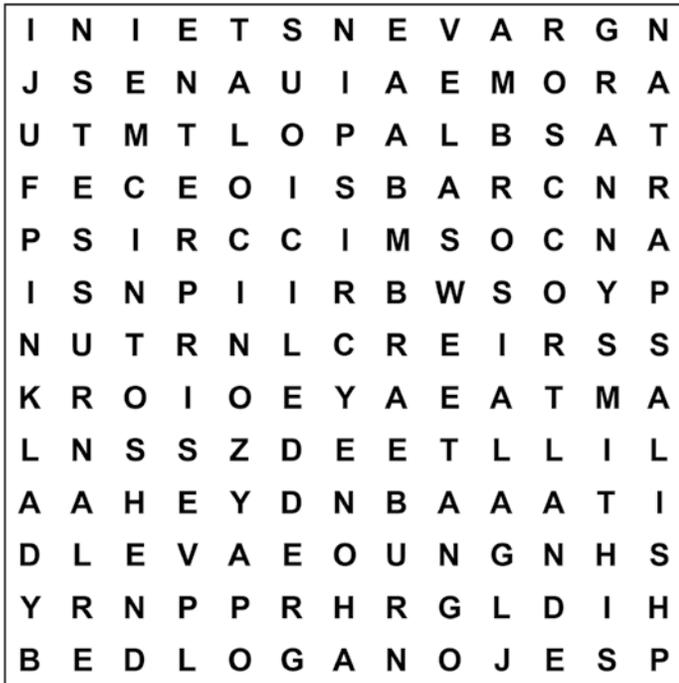
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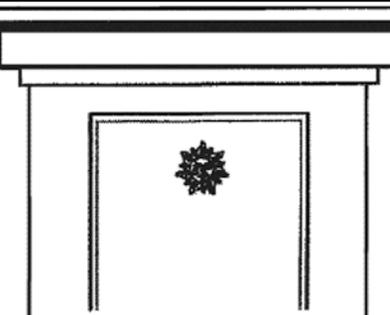
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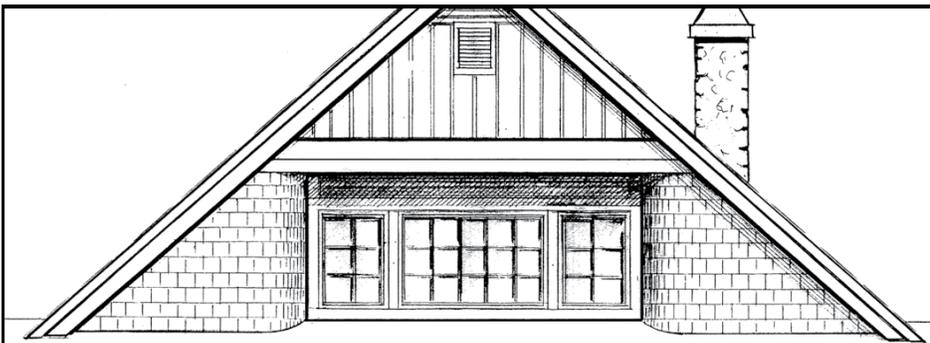


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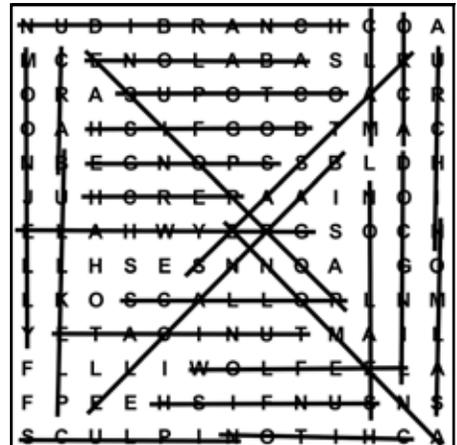
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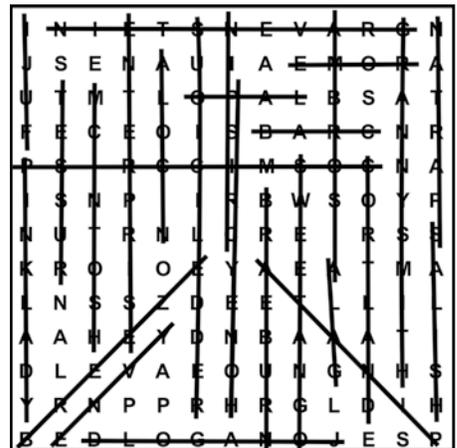
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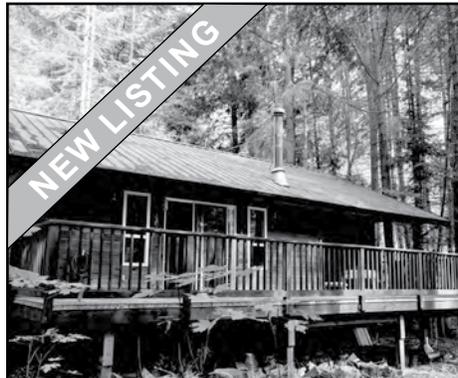
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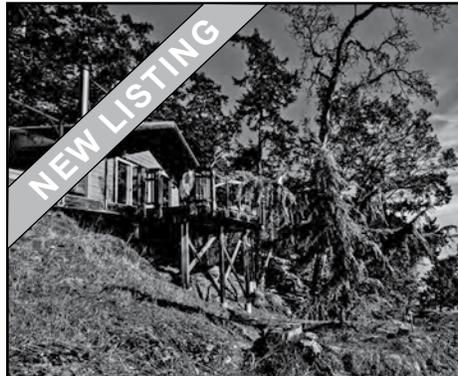
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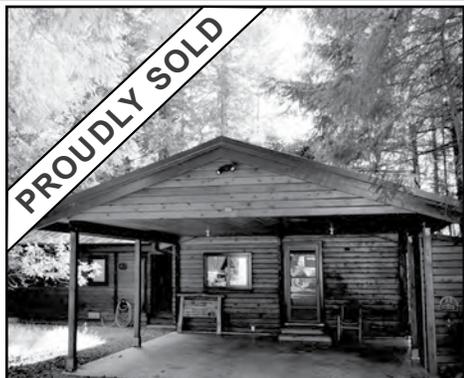
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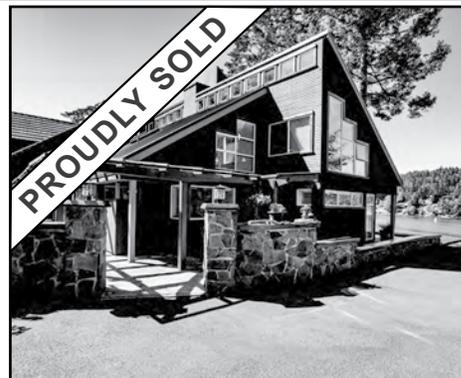
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## PART 2 - White Page Bold Print Listing

- **With** a Yellow Page advertisement, all display ad costs include a bold print listing in the white pages ... **no cost**
- **Without** a Yellow Page advertisement (see Part 6 for payment options) ..... **\$20**

\_\_\_\_\_  
*(Give the exact wording you want for your white page bold listing, on the line above.)*

## PART 3 - Green Page E-mail Addresses (No charge)

- New Listing    Delete    Change (indicate below)   Please ✓ appropriate box

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Full First Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_  
*(Unchanged 2020 listings will be repeated)*

**The Pender Island Lions Club thanks you for your support**

## PART 4 - Yellow Page Advertising

1. Indicate the section(s), of the yellow pages, you want your ad(s) placed in \_\_\_\_\_
2. Repeat 2020, or submit new ad for 2021 (please ✓ appropriate box)  Repeat  New Ad
  - The printing process requires all ads to be received in PDF, TIF, or EPS format
  - If your ad remains unchanged, let us know. We have the 2020 **Yellow Page** ads on file.
3. Choose the size of ad you want and ✓ appropriate box beside price. (*These dimensions must include the ad borders*)
  - **Width:**
    - All ad spaces are 4.55 inches wide
  - **Vertical height:**
    - 1 inch high ad - the first ad for the year..... **\$70**
    - any additional 1 inch high ad ..... **\$50**
    - 2 inch high ad - the first ad for the year ..... **\$140**
    - any additional 2 inch high ad ..... **\$100**
    - 3 inch high ad - the first ad for the year..... **\$200**
    - any additional 3 inch high ad..... **\$140**
    - Full Page ad - 7 inch high ..... **\$350**
    - any additional full page ad ..... **\$270**
4. Bold print listing - all display ad costs include a bold print listing in the **White Pages** (See Part 2)..... **no cost**
5. If you have formatting questions, contact **Michel Pelletier** at 250-629-3335 or e-mail, [mponpender@shaw.ca](mailto:mponpender@shaw.ca)
6. Submit **Yellow Page** "Press Quality" ad to **Dave Dryer**, [penderlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:penderlionsclub@gmail.com), prior to November 2, 2020

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## PART 5 - Contact Information (*for our use only*)

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Enclosed is my cheque for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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## PART 6 - Forms and Payment

- **Cheques** payable to *Pender Island Lions Club*
- **e-Transfer** to [penderlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:penderlionsclub@gmail.com)
- **Forms and payment** must be received by **Monday, November 2, 2020**.
- **Completed form(s)** and payment can be put in the mail slot at Western Financial Group (Insurance Office) in the Driftwood Centre or mailed to Pender Islands Lions Club, Box 75, Pender Island, BC, V0N 2M0
- **Questions?** Contact Dave Dryer at 250-629-6012 or email [penderlionsclub@gmail.com](mailto:penderlionsclub@gmail.com)

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