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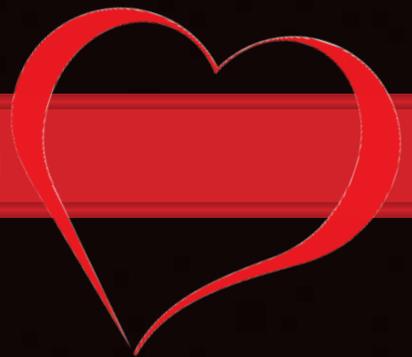
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Spring Break!

Opening March 16th this year, all of us here at Poets Cove are welcoming our local community to help bring in the Spring Season during Spring Break!

Syrens will be open for families to come down and enjoy a delicious meal and fresh spring beverage. Kids Camps and a Movie Night will be hosted for children to come down and enjoy themselves while the parents join us in Syrens, Susurrus Spa or other activities.

Kids Camps and Movie Night Schedule

Kids Camp

11am—2pm on March 17, 22, 24, 28, & 31st

5pm—8pm on March 18, 20, 24, 26, 30, & 31st

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Movie Night

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Stuart Hammond, General Manager of Poets Cove, would like to invite our local community down for Spring Break. Poets Cove is opening March 16th this year.

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“SHOULD I CLAIM MY CPP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE?”

If you need the income, then taking the pension may be the right decision for you. Just be aware that doing so between ages of 60 to 65 means you will be subject to a 0.6% penalty per month. (ex. At age 60 you would earn only 64% of the value at age 65).

However, there are two benefits to waiting until age 65 (or later) to claim CPP:

1. You get a 0.7% bonus for every month you wait after you turn 65.
2. You get a better return in the long run. It may seem like you're missing five years of benefits, but this all becomes moot at age 74 – the “breakeven point” – when you will catch-up to the person who started early and begin to earn more because you do not have a penalty.

“AM I OWED OAS?”

Old Age Security (OAS) comes with several conditions and incentives:

1. Condition: You must be age 65 or older, and have lived in Canada for 40 years after your 18th birthday to receive full benefits (which are \$586.66 per month in 2018). If you lived in Canada between 10 to 40 years you may receive benefits proportional to those years.
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3. Condition: For each dollar that you earn over \$73,756 in a year, your pension benefit is reduced by \$0.15. If you are making over \$119,615 the OAS is not available to you. If you are 65 and either of the conditions apply, I recommend waiting to claim OAS.
4. Incentive: At age 65, the government provides a tax credit that essentially makes your OAS pension tax free.

I recommend adjusting your overall financial plan once you start receiving money from government pension funds. People are now living longer than ever, which means changing how you budget and invest is necessary to avoid outliving your savings.

It is important that you get the right advice from an accredited financial advisor. I'm a Victoria-based financial professional who can come to Pender Island and help you transition into retirement.



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COVER STORY

Valentine's Day

Our February cover photo was taken by local photographer Kim Pollard. I am not sure if Kim had St. Valentine's Day in mind when she snapped this Thieves Bay scene but, intended or not, the photo is a perfect fit. Whatever your age, Valentine's Day is a time to share a beautiful sunset, or the warmth of a crackling fire, or a candlelit dinner with that important person in your life. Please go to www.penderpost.org to read more of Mike Wiley's hilariously romantic cover story for February.

SPECIAL NOTICES

2018 Lion's Telephone Book

Please make the following underlined corrections to the 2018 Lion's Telephone book.

Page 22 - Dubeau, Roger; 250-537-6123

Page 40 and 80 - Pender Family Construction; 250-537-6123

Page 45 - Shane Greenall Cement Placer/Finisher

Page 129 - Competent Tree Falling

Michel Pelletier

Christmas Bird Count for Kids 2017

My family participated in the Pender Island CBC4Kids event on January 7. This is a tradition for many kids on Pender that has been going for 5 years. Ten kids and almost as many Pender birding experts all met at the

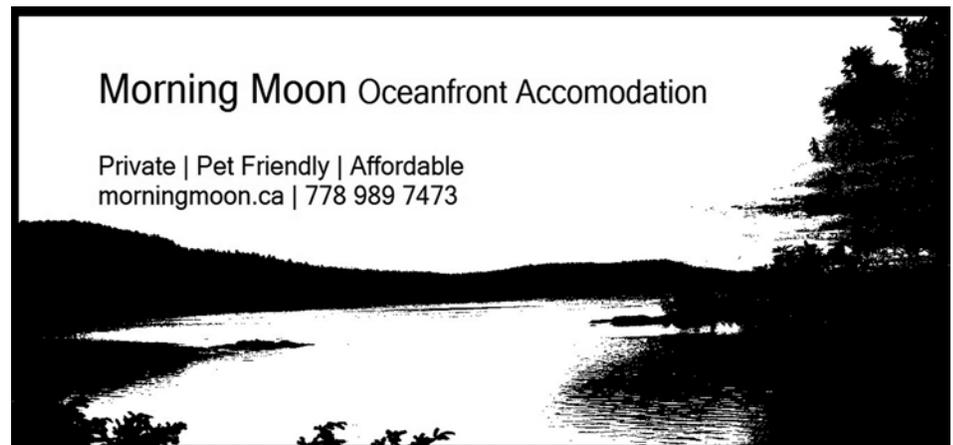
Firehall on South Pender where we split up into groups. Some groups searched along the shore at Brooks Point and my group walked down a path towards Pockets Cove, eyes open for anything that moved and had feathers.

Despite the cold and rainy weather, it went well and over 30 species of birds were counted in total. My group saw four brown creepers toward the end. This bird has special claws to hold onto the trunks of trees when looking for bugs to eat. The groups kept careful count of the number and type of birds we saw and shared information about them. At the bird count they have binoculars to share and it's a great day to get outside for a hike and see lots of birds. After we finished counting birds, we all met back at the Firehall to share information and warm up with hot chocolate, soup, and cookies. But the day was not over. Volunteers from the Raptor Centre on Vancouver Island came with an owl, a hawk, and a falcon and gave a presentation on birds of prey.

This CBC4Kids was one of almost 50 events that "Bird Studies Canada" promoted across the country last year, in addition to the annual Christmas Bird Counts in over 2000 locations. It is also partnered with "Bird Life International," the world's largest conservation alliance for nature and people, active in more than 120 countries and territories. More information on bird conservation studies can be found at www.birdscanada.org.

Thank you to the mentors and volunteers, and the families that came out to share the day. See you next year!

Matthew Hinton





It was a wet and wild day for birdwatching! Photo by Hans Tammemagi

We would also like to thank the Pender Islands Conservancy Association, the Pender Island Field Naturalists, and a generous anonymous donor for supporting this free event celebrating the wild birds!

Julie Johnston, Jackie Gill, and Jill Ilsley

CBC4Kids Coordinators

Super Blue Moon Eclipse

The Blue Moon -- second of two full moons in one calendar month -- will pass through the Earth's shadow on January 31, 2018, to give us a total lunar eclipse. Totality, when the moon will be entirely inside the Earth's dark umbral shadow, will last a bit more than one-and-a-quarter hours. The January 31 full moon is also the third in a series of three straight full moon supermoons -- that is, super-close full moons. It's the first of two Blue Moons in 2018. So it's not just a lunar eclipse, or a Blue Moon, or a supermoon. It's all three...a super Blue Moon eclipse!

If you live in North America or the Hawaiian Islands, this lunar eclipse will be visible in your sky before sunrise on January 31.

Pender Island Truth and Reconciliation Circle

The Reconciliation Circle and the Anglican Parish of Pender and Saturna invite you to *8th Fire*, a four-part CBC Documentary series. The title *8th Fire* refers to an Anishinaabe - Ojibwe prophecy which asks "can a Nation be formed that is guided by respect for all living things?" referring to the Indigenous and Settler peoples of Canada and the work of reconciliation. The series explores how the issues of colonialism still impact all Canadians today. Host Wab Kinew knits together the interviews with contemporary Indigenous Chiefs, artists, students, and professional people, with enlightening bits of history and wry humour. Come and find out how Indigenous cultures and languages are faring in Canada today.

During the next four months, the screenings will be held on the first Wednesdays: *Indigenous in the City*, February 7; *It's Time*, March 7; *Whose Land Is It Anyway*, April 4; and *At the Crossroads*, May 2; from 7 - 9 pm at the Anglican Parish Hall. There will be refreshments and an opportunity for dialogue following each film. All are Welcome!

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February 17 is fast approaching - what to wear?! Tickets are on sale now at Talisman Books & Gallery and Southridge Country Store for the ZOO-iSLANDER Fashion Show. Doors at 6:30 pm, and the show starts at 7 pm. General seating is \$15. Feeling generous? This year we offer a limited number of front-row "Premium" seats for \$25. Premium seats come with a few extras too! Thanks to everyone for your support; proceeds will go to Pender community organizations after the show.

Runways have taken shape and are brimming full. To recap the programme

for 2018: runway lead designers include Izzy Burgwin with her debut line; Angie Bowns and Geneva JayJay with accessories from headdress to toe; Mer-Mad, Planet Janet Hoops and attendants celebrate moonlight; ARTemis is assembling a line with influences from surrealism to steampunk, and Lindsay Hoopster will ruffle some feathers, for sure! Numerous brave Nu-To-Yu volunteers have stepped forward to showcase thrift stores and Dragonfly Family Centre is joining the parade too with workshopped creations for young and older! Guest pieces are coming in from RadJuli of Victoria; Josephine Spaxman returns, as does youth designer Madeleine Mae. There is steampunk cranking from Clam Bay Road, Arie Krahn is adding some pieces of "Trashion," and rumour has it creatures from a well-known Wonderland will make an appearance...

Don't miss out! Riel Hahn brings her hilarity back across the Strait to solo MC, House Music will be spun by the fantastic RFM, and Team ZOO-iSLANDER is working on a fantastic light show. Epicentre will host concession and popcorn by Lindsay Hoopster - grab a bag - sales pay for make-up - and bottoms up for fashion at the lounge bar. Be sure to have a designated driver or check with us for safe rides home!

We are grateful to Dockside Realty as our main sponsor, providing printing, promotion, and photography. We would also like to recognize many in-kind supporters, including Ptarmigan Arts, Three on the Tree Production Society, J. D. Ferguson Design, Penderosa Pizza, and Jo's Place. More in-kind offers are coming in and we will acknowledge all at the show and beyond.

We encourage the audience to dress up too - whatever that means to you! Follow @ZOO-iSLANDER on Facebook or drop us a line penderzooislander@gmail.com. See ad on page 70. See you there!

Madelin Emery

Seedy Saturday

March 17, 2018

This year's celebration of all things seedy will be held at the Community Hall from 10 am - 1 pm. Featured speaker is Julie Johnston on Hugelkultur - Hugel What? Come learn the who, what, when, where, why, and how of hugelkultur, the technique of growing on mounds, so that you can make your own self-irrigating "really raised beds" at home, using materials from around your yard in an environmentally friendly way.

There will be a seed swap table, so bring your saved organic, open pollination, non-GMO seeds for trading. Items which may be sold or displayed include seedlings, seeds, plants, farm produce, eggs, fruit and nut trees, soil, manure, irrigation equipment, mason bees, and pollinator dwellings. Information tables may include master gardener, organic gardening, community gardens, invasive plants, growing herbs, or other related specialties. Let us know if you have a specialty. There will be a children's activity and education area. A \$10 table fee (\$5 for a second table) will cover table set up and take down and publicity. To reserve a table, or for more information, please contact Monica Petrie at miraonpender@shaw.ca.

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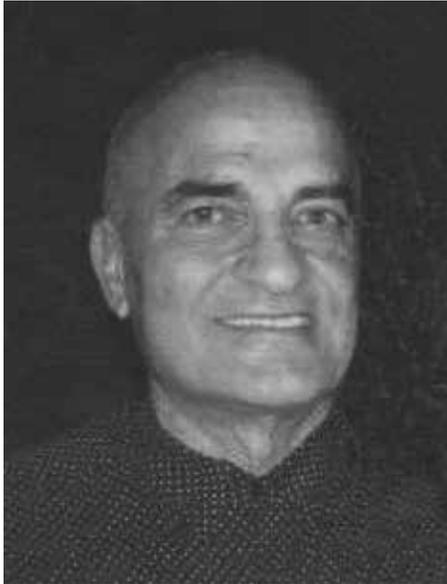
Our online plant sales will be open until the end of April and quantities are limited, so be sure to order soon!

We will also have seedlings for sale in May at the Saturday Farmers' Market.



Gerald Formosa

March 8, 1939 - January 9, 2018



Gerald was born March 8, 1939 in Alexandria, Egypt. He grew up in Malta.

His friends describe him as outrageous, funny, uniquely spiritual, kind, charming, and generous. He was a lover of life. With a twinkle in his eyes, he gave advice to young people: "Live outside the constraints of life. Have fun. Be free. Be loud."

In San Francisco, Gerald studied at The Schaeffer School of Design, which was originally called Rhythmo-Chromatic School of Design. Undoubtedly, some of Schaeffer's eccentricity rubbed off on Gerald.

Gerald moved to Vancouver in the mid 1970s and got a job with the newly cre-

ated Art Department at Langara College. The new department consisted of two groups:

- three university-educated instructors
- three somewhat rough-hewn instructors that included Gerald, calling themselves "The Three Amigos." The Amigos felt a little intimidated by their lack of academic education. Voila! Gerald turned up with the perfect book for the newbies, "Teaching as a Subversive Activity."

He started every semester by telling his students, "I'm going to work my buns off for all you Leonardos." And he did. He knew his students well enough to make a customized educational program for each one of them every semester.

In the 1980s, he built his spiritual retreat on Pender Island together with his young son, Alexander. Gerald was devoted to his son. People remember the gaggle of Alexander's friends, camping out at the retreat or walking on the beach. Gerald supported Alexander's own journey to becoming an accomplished guitarist and composer, who is now living in Hanoi. One of Alexander's compositions was played at the memorial service.

Gerald also developed a passion for creating ceramic spirit houses. Another of The Three Amigos was a professional potter; he couldn't believe that the houses didn't explode in the kiln due to their unusual shapes. Each house contained little rooms with walls decorated with inscriptions that would attract Good Spirits. These architectural wonders are all over his Pender property.

Gerald loved fashion, especially the treasures that he got at Nu- To-Yu. "Can



Spirit House

you believe I got this lovely jacket for \$2! I love it."

He wrote two well-respected books: *Crossroads Isle: People of Malta* and *The Megalithic Monuments of Malta*. He photographed much little-known art in the churches of Vancouver for a book, but never found a publisher. His next book would have been about his three design concepts that he had distilled from his original 30.

Gerald loved poetry, especially Rumi and Rilke. He loved cooking and was a proponent of Peasant Gourmet.

Gerald died January 9, 2018, in Vancouver. He had suffered many years from the side effects of chemotherapy. He will be missed by his family and students and many, many friends (including all the myriad of women to whom he professed undying love, including me).

Judy Boxler, with story excerpts from Gerald's friends, students, and the surviving Amigo

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Garry Haskins

November 13, 1947-January 11, 2018



Garry moved to and started working on Whalewych Farm on South Pender Island in the 70s after studying (and deciding not to pursue) electronics at BCIT. He was the caretaker of the farm and animals. In his spare time, he wove cedar root baskets, made jewelry and ornaments, baked cookies in the wood oven, and picked mushrooms. He married Iwona in 1994, gained two step-children Joanna and Nick, and a son, Ashton. They spent their time going to beaches with Pokie, and having dinner and tea together. His family moved to Maple Ridge in 1998, where he continued with jobs in homecare, carpentry, and metalworking. His inventions and crafts are unforgettable, and many may still be found around the Island. Garry

would spend a lot of time on his crafts and woodworking; he would much rather spend excessive amounts of time to complete a task to his satisfaction than to simply get a job done. He will be remembered as a humble genius and an endless information source, who “was kind, quiet, and in ways wonderfully odd.”

Joanna Karczmarek

Dick Steil

1930 to 2017

Born in Humboldt, Saskatchewan and living the life of a farm boy, which included riding his horse to school and only wearing shoes in the winter, within his heart and soul Dick soon realized that he was part mariner. At a young age heading out in the world, he found himself working on the ships on the Great Lakes, remembering the annual freeze up with ice everywhere. Being a Saskatchewan farm boy, he knew all about the cold of -40°F; that freezing weather was the winter norm for him. He often said that as a boy you knew it was cold when in the morning your blanket was frozen to the wall and your butt was frozen to the blanket.

Soon, for further adventure in his young life, he headed to BC to find work and on arrival with his friend, Walter, was immediately hired on with CP Ferries (Canadian Pacific) plying the coastal waters from Vancouver to Alaska and Vancouver to the Gulf Islands and Victoria. He often arrived on Pender Island, docking at either Hope Bay or Port Washington. He remembered the farm stock of cows or sheep with other cargo in the hold, and the formal dining room on the upper deck hosting crystal chandeliers,

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Dick and his beloved dog, Shelby

sterling silver flatware, along with tuxedoed stewards. When arriving in the islands' ports-of-call, the children always met the vessel at the dock for ice-cream which was given out free of charge - a rare treat on the islands. When he married and started a family, Dick decided he should be close to home with a land-based job of longshoring, working on the Vancouver waterfront, then landed a position with Fraser Surrey Docks for

the balance of his career, acquiring the position of Head Foreman. It was there that he met the second love of his life, Sara, over a coil of steel.

Dick and Sara retired from their careers in 1994 and moved to their property on Pender Island, both becoming involved in the community. With taking the courses and becoming members of the Canadian Power and Sail, Pender Island Squadron, Dick was squadron Treasurer

for several years, and was involved in every aspect of the organization, including training where he shared his knowledge from working on the boats. He was considered the expert on tying nautical knots. The other avenue of his passion in life was the natural environment; he became a Commissioner of the Pender Islands Parks Commission for several years - walking the island and working with Ministry of Transportation (MOT) for the use of their beach access lands to acquire 'right of occupation' for the Parks Commission for beach access trails. Over many years he strongly supported and worked side by side with Sara on all her environmental projects, marine and terrestrial, for he too had compassion for all wildlife.

Many of you know him with Shelby at the Driftwood having lunch in the back of the jeep - his beloved dog, companion and best friend. The loss of his Shelby (2001- 2012) was a very sad time for Dick, and he has missed her each and every day till he left us all to join her.

He leaves behind his wife, Sara; his children Lance (Suzanne), Dianne (John), Janet and grandsons Travis and Colton; step-children Bryan (Gloria), Karen (David), six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He will be sadly missed by all of them, but leaves so many wonderful memories.

He was an easy-going, gentle man, my hubby and my best friend, and I will miss him till the end of time.

Sara Steil

THE ARTS

Pender Island Art Society



I'm hoping that all Penderites had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday and a great start to the new year. May 2018 be filled with happiness, good health, and a few adventures for everyone!

I don't have a lot to report at this point in the new year - I'm sure the editing staff of *The Pender Post* will be relieved; this is probably the only time I've been within the 500 word limit! Anyway,



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since January started on a Monday we didn't begin sessions until the middle of the month. Malcolm Armstrong kindly volunteered to lead the two sessions on "Copying the Masters". I know this has been a very popular activity in the group and maybe one year I'll stick around for January to give it a try. Many thanks to Malcolm and I hope to have some completed pictures for the next issue of *The Pender Post*.

We have 3 different sessions planned for February

Mixed Media

On February 5, Kelly Leroux has kindly consented to leading a session on mixed media to start the month off. I love the look of combining visual arts media, and knowing Kelly, she'll be well organized and have some great ideas for us to try.

Odette Laroche Workshop

Later that week on February 11, we have Odette Laroche leading an all day workshop at the school. She will be reviewing some basics as well as leading us into territory that many of us haven't tackled before. Odette's plan includes intuitive painting, mark making/responding, realism, and optional instruction in use of a palette knife. Odette has been described as creative, innovative, and positive; at the time this goes to press there may be a couple of spots left open to members or nonmembers. If you are interested in attending Odette's workshop, I encourage you to contact Laura Dunsmuir via email penderparadise@gmail.com.

Drawing Session

Finally, we have a drawing session with Sarah Gayle on February 19. Sarah is a newer member who brings a wealth of

experience to the table (she's a professional illustrator) so I'm sure she'll have many great tips for us.

A new development we're really excited about is that we now are one of the community groups on the Tru Value Foods Spirit Board. We're hoping that this will help us bring even more art opportunities to the island. Thanks to Mike Gray for supporting us; now members, it's up to you to make sure you ask for "number 3" when you purchase your groceries!

PIAS is a supportive group of people who enjoy creating visual arts. Background and skill levels vary among members and the group is very supportive. We welcome new members and non-members who wish to try something new and creative. Members have the opportunity to show and sell art at two shows yearly and as a member you get a discount at approximately 3 day-long workshops yearly with experienced and commercially successful artists.

*Brenda Sledzinski,
PIAS Secretary*

Pender Island Celtic Music Society



The Vancouver Gaelic Choir has been entertaining audiences since 1983, performing at concerts, ceilidhs, festivals, and cultural events in BC and beyond, keeping alive the rich Gaelic musical heritage of Scotland. The choir has represented BC and Canada at the Royal National Mod, Scotland's premier Gaelic music festival, delivering high calibre performances. In August 2000 they participated in a very successful concert tour of Nova Scotia and Cape Breton.

Last year Pender Island's Ceilidh Band had the privilege of performing with this choir at one of the Vancouver Scottish Cultural Centre's ceilidhs. At the close of the evening, we were delighted when their musical director expressed an interest in coming to Pender for a ceilidh here. The date was set for March 3.

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We are thrilled to welcome this choir to Pender where they will join us for a ceilidh at the Anglican Parish Hall, 7:30 pm March 3. Tickets will be \$15 each and will be on sale at Talisman Books & Gallery on February 1. See you there.

Marie Dion

Pender Island Community Choir

The Choir's Spring Session is in full spate on Monday evenings at the

Hall (6:30 - 8:30 pm) and we are having a blast! (Elizabeth May even commented that she would have loved to join us last Monday evening when her Town Hall session was taking place below the choral entertainment in the auditorium upstairs.) Our musical director, Steph Jackson, has chosen a wonderful array of music from around the world for us to work on - from a gentle Welsh Lullaby arranged by K. Lee Scott, to *Ma Navu*, a spirited Israeli folk song arranged by Audrey Snyder; from Paul Simon's *Bridge Over Troubled Water*, arranged by Kirby Shaw, to *Overflowing*, the powerful gospel song of thanksgiving and gratitude composed by Brian Tate; and of course many others. The spring concert dates are May 11, 12, and 13, so mark your calendars now. And if you love to sing, you know where to come. All are welcome.

Speaking of Brian Tate

We are privileged to be welcoming him to Pender Island on Sunday, March 4, 2018 when he will facilitate a choral workshop for our singing community. This will be exceptional, inexpensive,



Brian Tate

and not-to-be missed! Steph Jackson is excited about this, as are all our board members, and she is planning to be a full participant. Brian Tate is an award-winning Vancouver composer/arranger and popular choral clinician and choral director. Brian directs Vancouver's 100 voice City Soul Choir, teaches singing and choir at Studio 58 - Langara College's professional theatre school - and performs with the world music a cappella vocal trio "TriVo." Brian has had a lifelong interest in music of the African Diaspora, and has travelled and studied in Cuba and West Africa. He frequently gives choir workshops and is in demand internationally as a clinician and workshop leader. Brian is a passionate advocate of lifelong music-making at all levels.

A couple of very telling recommendations go like this:

- "Brian, thank you so very much for sharing your singing and inspiring so many of our community members today. Everyone was raving to me afterwards about the terrific experience they had, and that is all because of your gift for bringing out the best in people!" - Diana Clark.
- "Brian doesn't just provide musical leadership. He becomes the music, embodying the message of peace, justice, and love in a way that is positively contagious. This is a man of deep integrity, whose music is

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Brian’s normal fee for putting on a choral workshop is way, way beyond our modest means. But, because he loves Pender Island and has many close friends here, he approached me and offered to do this for us for a very modest honorarium. Everyone is welcome - members of the choir plus friends and relations, and also the wider community. No experience is needed; no need to be able to read music; no need to feel embarrassed or shy. But you must love to sing. The cost will also be modest at \$10 per person as a minimum donation. Come (and bring a friend) to the Community Hall between 1 and 1:30 pm on Sunday, March 4 to register and to share a warm (or cold) beverage. Bring your \$10 (or more), your lunch, if you like, your singing voice, and plenty of water. The session will run until close to 7 pm with a fairly short break mid-afternoon.

Any questions? Please don’t hesitate to call me at 629-6595.

Patricia Callendar

Pender Island Concert Society

Philip Chiu
Sunday, March 4, 7:30 pm

For the final performance of the 2017/2018 season on Sunday, March 4 at 7:30 pm, the Pender Island Concert Society will be presenting the acclaimed pianist Philip Chiu. Noted by *La Presse* as “...a pianist-painter who turns every musical idea into a beautiful array of colors,” Philip Chiu is lauded for the brilliance, colour, and sensitivity of his



Philip Chiu

playing, and is particularly noted for his ability to connect with audiences on and off stage. Inaugural winner of the 2015 Prix Goyer, Chiu has become one of Canada’s leading musicians through his infectious love of music and his passion for communication and collaboration.

The program *Of Church & State* pairs solo piano performance with stunning videos of Quebec’s beautiful churches and delivers a poignant musical commentary on how nationalism and religion have influenced composers, musicians, and ourselves.

Claude Debussy (1862-1918)
Images, Book 1

John Burge* (b. 1956)
Loop from *Studies in Poetry*

Alberto Ginastera (1916-1983)
Sonata No. 1, Op. 22

Intermission

Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)
Hymn Tune Prelude on *Song 13* by Orlando Gibbons

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)
Sheep May Safely Graze, BWV 208
(arr. Egon Petri)

Arvo Pärt (b. 1935) *Für Alina*

Franz Liszt (1811-1886)
Légends, S. 175

The Pender Island Concert Society is excited about announcing the performances contracted for the 2018/2019 season:

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Charming and charismatic, baritones Benoit Le Blanc and Julien Patenaude, tenor Gaétan Sauvageau, and bass baritone Philippe Martel perform a variety of a cappella -- Classical, Romantic, French, Opera, and Pop -- and have charmed audiences throughout Canada and Europe. (Sunday, October 21, at 3 pm)

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Cheng²Duo

Named one of CBC Music's "30 hot Canadian Classical Musicians under 30," cellist Bryan Cheng and pianist Silvie Cheng have brought treasured masterworks to prestigious concert halls in North America, Asia, and Europe, captivating audiences and critics with their youthful spirit and artistic maturity. (Sunday, February 3, 2019 at 3 pm)

Lizzy Hoyt

Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal recipient and accomplished multi-instrumentalist (fiddle, guitar, mandolin, Celtic harp, step dancer), Lizzy weaves stories through melodies rooted in Celtic and folk traditions and is recognized internationally as an acclaimed songwriter and singer. (Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 7:30 pm)

Subscriptions for the 2018/2019 season will be available at the final concert of the 2017/2018 season on March 4 so please bring your cheque books. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Single adult tickets (\$25) for Philip Chiu are available at Talisman Books & Gallery, Southridge Country Store, and at the door. Elementary and secondary school student tickets are complimentary and are available at the door.

Carole Elliott

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



Wait for it! Ladies, can you hear Heather Duncan saying "It's just a bag"? Well, I'll tell you, it sure was fun. But just a bag - maybe after you make a couple more you'll say that; the first one was hard to make. The end result, however, was magic. Thanks so much, Heather, for all the work you went to, to make this once again a very fun morning of quilting. The little bag proved to be a challenge for some and a piece of cake for others. Please bring all finished bags to the next meeting.

Show and Tell in January was also very interesting with some very lovely quilts being made. Sue Foote's first attempt at free motion, with a queen size quilt, was amazingly beautiful. Cindy showed us her wonderful hand-dyed fabric quilt with a black border that had the material jumping off the wall. Cindy was quoted as saying this quilt had one of her favorite results. However we would have to say that the baby quilt with Winnie the Pooh characters all done by hand was mighty fine work. Quietly around the hall table another baby quilt was coming to life by Eleanor; it will be so cute and is going to the hospital for some lucky new baby to be wrapped in. Martha Deme finished up the morning with showing us the next half square triangle block. Several women are making these lovely creations and Adele, Ann, and Karen shared their finished blocks so far in the challenge.

Your Challenge for February will be led by our President Cindy. This little gem is for *Hands Across the Water* as hostess gifts for all the women that come

to Pender Island in June. All members will be sent a separate email telling them what to bring for the February 12 meeting. You will need your machine and rulers and of course material. It will be fun for sure so make sure you mark it down for a must attend. Also at this meeting Martha will demo sashing and side borders for all new members.

At the February meeting Martha will also be presenting the next half square triangle block to add to your collection. Please bring along any finished square you have. It is fun to see how the quilt is coming together block by block.

Just a reminder to all members that our time at the Anglican Parish Hall goes from 9:30 am - 1 pm. We pay for this time and would love all our members to try and plan to stay until the end. We know it is sometimes impossible to do all the things you need to do in a day, but try and keep the second Monday of each month free for this fun morning of friendship and quilting. We thank, once again, Beth Arcand for the great job she is doing at getting that coffee pot going for the morning. We really do appreciate all her efforts on our behalf. Don't forget to bring your own mug. We have a few spares but not enough for us all.

Our next meeting is February 12 at 9:30 am at the Anglican Parish Hall. Come early if you can help set up. It was especially nice to have Carolyn MacDonald come for a visit in January. We sure hope you come back and join in on the fun. All are welcome to come for a morning to see what we are all about. Our dues are reasonable but the fun is unimaginable. Happy Valentine's Day

Karen Gagnier



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Jazz In 1918



Bill Johnson's Original Creole Orchestra (Web)

Pender's jazz musicians are looking back to see how their favourite music was developing a century ago.

The Original Dixieland Jass/Jazz Band was the group of white musicians who had cut the first jazz records the previous year (from which our trad group chose to play *Livery Stable Blues* at 2017 gigs). In 1918 the ODJB continued its recording career in New York with such tunes as *Clarinet Marmalade*

and *Fidgety Feet*.

Most players of jazz were still black and based in New Orleans, and although no recordings had been made by black musicians, they were still spreading their musical message around the country. Bassist Bill Johnson had taken a band to Los Angeles as early as 1908, then formed his Original Creole Orchestra which toured theatres as far away as New York. By 1918 they were in Chicago, and Joe "King" Oliver left Kid Ory's band to lead the group. Ory hired a 17-year-old (but newly married) young cornet player called Louis Armstrong to replace Oliver. Louis also took breaks to play with Fate Marable's band on the river boats sailing the Mississippi. Standards were high, and Armstrong was expected to learn to read music - he later referred to it as "going to the University." Louis listened to the ODJB's records on his wind-up gramophone, and played Larry Shield's clarinet solo from *Clarinet Marmalade* on his cornet.

Ragtime pianist "Duke" Ellington, aged 19, got married in 1918 to a young woman who also played the piano and claimed to have taught him to read music. Soon he was supplying bands which played "jazz-scented dance music" for dances in Washington, with friends Toby Hardwicke (bass and saxes), Arthur Whetsol (trumpet), Sonny Greer (drums), and Elmer Snowden (banjo), all of whom who stayed as Ellington's band grew in popularity and stature.

Over in Europe, America was in its second year of World War I. On New Year's Day the first black regiment arrived in France. Its swinging regimental band was led by popular dance band leader James Reese; Bill "Bojangles"

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Robinson -- later a well-known dancer -- was drum major, while Noble Sissle (who soon led his own jazz band) was the singer.

Meanwhile future generations were appearing on the scene. Still at school, 15-year-old Bix Beiderbecke began playing the cornet in Davenport, Iowa, while Coleman Hawkins heard some of the great reedmen in Chicago. A newborn little girl was named Ella Fitzgerald.

So short is the history of jazz that performances by some of the prominent jazzmen of 1918 are part of the experience of this writer. In the sixties, I was able to see Louis Armstrong's farewell tours in Canada and England, and see Ellington's band in its prime several times.

Dave Spalding

Pender Photo Club

At our last meeting, we watched a very fast-paced introduction to Adobe Lightroom by Ed Gregory of *Photos in Colour*. You can find the video on YouTube; it covered many of the basics in only fifteen minutes. For a slower, more thorough introduction, Diane



"Help me, please" Photo by Derek Applegarth

recommends Laura Shoe's instructional videos, which you can find at www.laurashoe.com. Next we saw Lightroom in action: both Diane and Hans took us through their workflow as they edited their photos. It was very interesting and educational to see how differently Hans and Diane used Lightroom, each coming up with their own distinctive style and look.

Then we viewed the photos from our last assignment, which was Celebration. We saw the progress of the evening's celebration on New Year's Eve, the brave souls embracing the Pacific in Pender Island's recent polar bear swim, the morning disarray after an evening of fun, and the confession that sometimes follows exuberant celebration.

At our next meeting, we will be lucky to have Jeff Bough presenting us with some of his photography tips and tricks. Jeff captured the look and feel of the Magic Lake Lantern Festival beautifully on New Year's Eve, and that is no easy feat! You can view these images on the Pender Island Forum on Facebook or check out more of his work on his website at <http://www.jeffboughphotography.com>.

Our next assignment is Legs. These can belong to animals, humans, or tables; let your imagination be your guide. Please submit four images to Urs Boxler at urs-boxler@gmail.com to share with the group. Note that our next meeting will be on the third rather than the second Monday in February due to the Family Day holiday. Please join us at 7 pm on February 19 at Pender Island Elementary School in the Community Meeting Room.

Have you ever considered joining us for Photo Club? In the evenings it can be difficult to leave one's cozy house, but Photo Club is a warm and welcoming place where you can always learn something new!

Niki Roberts

Pender Solstice Theatre Society

Play Readings



We had a dramatic reading of *Trying*, a play by Joanna McClelland Glass.

Gregory Nicholls, Melanie Chernyk, and Karen Parker did a powerful rendition of this beautifully written script. The reading was followed by a wonderful conversation about the characters, the problems of aging, and how this would work on Pender. *Trying* recently won the provincial competition among amateur theatre societies. It is a some-

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times funny, sometimes touching play about a powerful man in the last year of his life, and the changing dynamic of his association with his young Canadian secretary.

When another open-invitation play reading is planned, it will be announced in this column.

Spotlight on Chanda and Dan Bosch



Photo by Niki Roberts

Crimes of the Heart had four women's roles and all of them were demanding. Chanda Bosch tried out for a part although she had never acted before. The role she was to fill required that she learn the lines of a two-hour play, during which she would be on stage most of the time. I told her about the heavy demands of the role and commitment required and asked her to take a few days to think about it. When she called me back to say she wanted the role, she said, "I really think I can do this." As it turned out... do it she did. At our first rehearsal she came well prepared with a good grasp of her lines. During the rehearsals her acting skills grew in leaps and bounds. Her stage presence was felt by the audience as well as the other actors. She was both confident and willing to learn and she put her whole heart into every rehearsal and performance. And her performance was captivating indeed.

As if this was not enough, she also managed to cast for me the part of Doc Porter, her character's long lost lover. The person she suggested? Her husband Dan Bosch, and what a great choice this turned out to be. Dan and Chanda made the stage shimmer with love and longing.

When I could not find a producer, Chanda stepped in to design the posters, the tickets, and the program which turned out to be the best yet. She also organized the printing. All this was done while rehearsals were underway, and the results were of the highest standards.

I feel so blessed that I had the opportunity to work with this incredibly talented couple.

Chanda and Dan continue to amaze me. They are also known as the folk musical duo *Deer & Coyote*. We can't wait for their Valentine concert on February 10th. I am still trying to figure out who is the deer and who is the coyote?

Julia Nicholls

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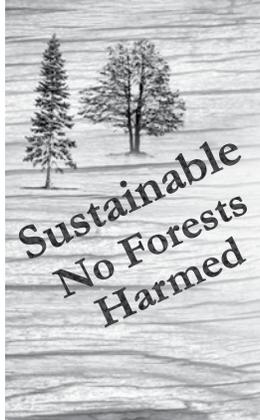


Renew your Ptarmigan membership, or become a new member, before March 31, and enter to win an iPad Mini



Win an iPad Mini

With a registration deadline of January 31, our very popular *Down By The Bay!* Performing Arts Program for Preschoolers will begin on Saturday, February 3 at 11am (please note the new time!). This program, co-facilitated by Ben McConchie and Krista J. Konkin, will be a high-energy, high-quality program filled with dancing, singing, exploring



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instruments, learning music basics, and celebrating creative movement.

Then starting Saturday, February 10, we have Sabrina Werbowski returning to facilitate another Music Theory For Beginners course. This is one hour a week from 10 am - 11 am, for 6 weeks, and will be held at the oceanfront Philly's Diner (you'll have the restaurant all to yourselves!). If you've ever wanted to know how to read music or know the basics but feel rusty, this is for you. \$60 for 6 weeks, open to all ages and abilities. Registration deadline is February 6.

On Sunday, February 25 (registration deadline February 21) we have the second of three in our Film Making Workshop series. The workshops will happen on Sunday afternoons at the Community Hall from 2 - 5 pm and occur on January 28, February 25, and March 25. Open to all ages and abilities, each workshop is \$30 per student. A great workshop to take with the whole family! The workshops will be facilitated by David Ohnona who will be bringing in special guest co-facilitators who are industry professionals. Workshops are being offered in conjunction with our upcoming Pender Island Short Film Festival (formerly the Pender Island Youth Film Festival) that is happening on April 21, 2018.

To register for any of the above, please fill out our simple registration form at www.ptarmiganarts.org/register. For more information on any of these programs you can visit the website or email the AD at krista@ptarmiganarts.org.

February will also continue to feature local musicians at the Pender Island Health Care Society's Community Gathering on Fridays at the Hall...this

month brings John Palmer, Cole Dine, Kristi Hawkes, and a debut by the duo Nate and Shon. Soup served at noon by donation; music from 12:15 - 1:15 pm.

Renew your membership or become a new member before March 31 and win an iPad Mini! Memberships are only \$5 per year, but the more members we have showing their support for the arts, the more success we have with our grant writing. If you are renewing and already have an accepted application from previous years, just pay your \$5 fee. For newbies, our form is available online at www.ptarmiganarts.org, at our office at Hope Bay, or in our folder at Dockside Realty at the Driftwood. Membership fees can be sent via e-transfer, left (well identified) in our folder at the Dockside Realty's Driftwood location, or dropped off during our office hours at Hope Bay on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9 - 5 pm.

Krista J. Konkin

Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council



It is membership renewal time! Monica Bennett is in charge of Membership (\$25) for 2018 and can issue receipts for payments received. Cheques should be made out to SGIAC and can be left at the Dockside Realty office, at the Driftwood Centre, in the folder file. New membership forms can also be found in the folder file. Or you can mail to Monica Bennett, 3602 Foc'sle Road, V0N 2M2 or email to info@monicabennett.ca.

Kenna Barradell is coordinating the Art Map for 2018. The deadline for the Art Map is February 26! As Easter is early this year, April 1, please book your spot and submit your listing to Kenna as soon as possible to kennalee2@gmail.com. The hope is to keep the cost at \$70 per participant and that is what needs to be prepaid along with your membership fee. However the final price may vary depending on number of participants and advertisers.

Anyone wishing to have their information or work on display in the BC Ferry display cases, please contact Debbie Katz at d.katz@shaw.ca.

Please have a look at the new website www.SGIAC.org. As mentioned before, SGIAC purchased an ad in the *Arts and Culture Guide for BC 2017/2018* edition that directs visitors to the website for information about the arts on the Southern Gulf Islands. So make sure your information is out there and that your event gets listed. We are looking for a volunteer to take on website management for www.penderarts.com as well as doing Pender entries for www.SGIAC.org. Get in touch with Wendy if you are interested in learning how to do this.

The Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council E-Blast for Pender is 1 year old, but unfortunately as no one has come forward to continue this service, February will be the last edition.

There will be a SGIAC meeting on Thursday, February 22, 7 pm, 2785 Schooner Way in Magic Lake. This will be my last meeting as a Director and the last before the AGM scheduled for March 3, 2018. Unfortunately Leon Willey, North Pender and Emma McLay,

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South Pender are also stepping down as Directors. This leaves Pender without representation at the regional level and leaves Pender having to deal with Directors from Mayne and Galiano to access funds. There really, really should be someone representing the Pender Island members going forward! Please come to the meeting in February and help figure out a way forward. In the meantime, be inspired.

Wendy Gardner

Three on the Tree Production Society



February is upon us and the work to wrap up the Lantern Festival is still moving along. The night felt like it went seamlessly and although much of that is due to the mild weather, another even larger part is due to all of the work behind the scenes. I am so lucky to be able to use this time to thank all of the wonderful volunteers and generous groups and businesses who support the event. The show itself is only moments, in fact it is usually wrapped up in under an hour, but there are countless volunteer hours that go unnoticed, in both the months leading up to the event and the weeks following it. While I'm sure what follows is not a comprehensive list and there are always those individuals who silently provide their unwavering support, I would like to thank as many of our performers and volunteers as I can recall!

Kayaker Ballet team: Tim, Jill, Jean, Stephan, and the amazing coordinators Herb and Debbie. Our exuberant and or-

ganized parade marshals Ben and Leon. Stilt Walkers extraordinaire: Maya, Connor, and Bronwyn. Outstanding Fire Dancers: Lindsay, Nancy, Shawn, Neisha, and the lovely coordinator Janet. Entrancing shadow dancers: Angie, Taevan, Madeline, and their lovely costumed assistants Satya and Cedar. Puppet performer and all round amazing supporter Shandor. Torch bearers: Callum, Caroline, and family; Helen, Joyce, Yvonne, Jonas, and Matt. Hot Chocolate and Donation tent helpers: Nia, Isla, Laura, Erin and all round helper Sadie. Outstanding Workshop leaders: Grace, Isabella, and Fiona.

The safety and logistics are also often forgotten but are really of such a huge importance. Thank you to those who provided on site crowd control as well as fire safety: Greg, Kalani, Daisy, Carl, and the RCMP. Pender Fire also provided endless help with road closures and loans of safety equipment and personnel. Thank you to all who helped set up and tear down, particularly Mary and Andy, Patrick and family, Will, Jon and family, and many I have forgotten.

Thank you to the Pender Island Community Hall and PIHCS for providing financial assistance for all of the workshops which were a huge success! Also thank you for the constant support with the festival from all of those at Hope Bay as well as Tru Value Foods, Home Hardware, and Port Browning Marina. All of you put up with our many last minute requests!

Thank you to the photographers Pierre, Jack, and Jeff who captured this ephemeral event! We look forward to sharing more images soon on our Facebook page.

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Very lastly, thank you to all who attended and donated to the workshops, parade, and the show. You are what makes this event continue to succeed and what creates the magic for the New Year!

Thank you for all the support and may the year be filled with creativity, magic, and the many joys of performance!

Alaia Hamer

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11:15 am Recover, Restore, Revitalize with Ella at the Community Hall

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9:45 am Moderate Yoga with Jenny at the Community Hall

11:15 am Gentle Chair Yoga with Ella at the Community Hall

12:30 pm Yoga for Men with Lester at the Community Hall

Thursdays March 8 - April 26

9:45 am Essentrics - Aging Backwards with Heather at the Community Hall

11:15 am Recover, Restore, Revitalize with Ella at the Community Hall

The \$40 pre-registration deadline for these classes is Thursday March 1. After this the cost will be \$45 for the full session or \$7 to drop in. If the cost poses a hardship, contact Community Support for assistance. To register call 250-629-3346 or email communitysupport@shaw.ca. Many thanks to the CRD/Pender Parks and Recreation Commission for its financial support of the MYI programs.

Wheels to Meals

A delicious lunch and great companionship at the Anglican Parish Hall every Wednesday at noon; if you are new to this group please call Nora at 629-3845 to ensure space. Cost is \$10; if the cost poses a hardship, contact Community Support for assistance.

55+ Take a Break!

The next event will be Thursday February 15. Come and welcome the new Take a Break Coordinator. Want to get out, be social, and have lots of fun? Come and join us at 12:30 pm on the third Thursday of every month. We have speakers on interesting subjects, we go on field trips, and of course, we always have goodies. For more information, contact Andrea at 629-3346 or email communitysupport@shaw.ca.

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Volunteers Needed

A Family Caregiver Support Group facilitator is needed to lead a monthly or bi-monthly group. Please contact Andrea for more information if you are interested in this.

Volunteer Drivers are needed for both on or off island medical trips. Volunteers receive emails or phone calls about upcoming trips; if the volunteer is available they are matched up with the person needing a ride. Drivers can receive a Charitable Tax Receipt for their mileage and either a Charitable Tax Receipt or a set amount of money for snack or meal reimbursements.

Meals on Wheels Drivers are usually given one delivery shift per month and if you are unavailable for a particular month you can be replaced by other drivers. Drivers can receive a Charitable Tax Receipt for their mileage and either a Charitable Tax Receipt or a set amount of money for snack or meal reimbursements.

Act of Kindness Story

I was in the city over Christmas; one

day I went out for a coffee and there was a young man, Mike, probably my age. With him he had all his physical belongings on a small cart. I first thought, how nice to have so few possessions. That was followed with the thought of how ironic it is that we live in one of the wealthiest areas of the world, yet we can't, or don't, take care of the basic needs of human beings. Yes, we are financially wealthy, but we lack in wealth of compassion, kindness, and understanding. I tear up as I ponder the inequality and injustice that exists. Anyway, I invited Mike for a bite to eat and he eagerly accepted. He talked about looking up a friend for a place to stay that night. On Christmas Eve as many eagerly (and greedily) stuff their bellies with food in nice, warm homes and then open presents, Mike just wanted a warm place to spend the evening. Then I was really blown away. As he awaited his sandwich, Mike began cleaning up the condiment area. He took some napkins and wiped up the spills of others and rearranged the milks and condiments, making everything neat and orderly. Here is a person with very little and he's serving others in a way that's just natural to him. I spoke with Mike about this afterward, thanking him. He said he always does that sort of thing...straightening up. To him, it was just common decency. I just asked him for a hug and we parted to go our separate ways. There is a lot for us...me...to learn in the most unlikely of places.

To volunteer, learn more, or sign up for any of the above programs and opportunities, please contact Andrea Mills - Community Support, 629-3346. My regular office hours are: Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons from 12:30 - 4:30 pm.

Andrea Mills, Community Support Coordinator

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Playground Update

We had a great "groundwork and clean-up" day in early January with so many families participating! So much got accomplished thanks to everyone who

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showed up to help. We've got some major drainage issues we're dealing with right now. It's probably best that the heavy rains in January pointed out some major water flow issues in the playground. We're not quite ready to pour concrete yet.

Programming

New! Art for preschoolers. Mondays from 12 to 2 pm. Starting Monday, February 19 for 4 weeks, this drop-off program is aimed for children 3-6 years of age. Each week we will explore art through literature, beginning each session with a story and then creating art using the story as our inspiration. Although we start the session with a theme, the art projects allow each child to explore their art in their own individual way allowing their own creativity to shine through. \$50 for Epicentre members. \$65 for non members. To register for this program, email Karen at karenonpender@shaw.ca

New! Craft night. Saturday, February 3 from 7 to 9 pm for children 12 and up, parents welcome. Bring a craft project you are working on at home and work while socializing. Knitting, sewing,

scrapbooking, weaving - anything goes. A chance to get those projects finished while hanging out with like-minded people over a nice cuppa tea. Free for Epicentre members. \$5 drop in fee for non members.

Toddler Time

Toddler Time is Tuesdays from 10 to 11 am. This is time that is slotted in for parents of children under five years. Karen will set up an age-appropriate craft and host a circle time. Parents are welcome to stay after 11 am and hang out. The space is a great place for little ones to play and explore while allowing parents time to get out of the house. Free for members and \$5 for non members.

Harry Potter

Harry Potter wand-making workshop. Saturday, February 3 from 10 am - noon. In this 2-hour workshop, the children will get to make a realistic looking Harry Potter wand using just paper, paint and hot glue. They are sturdier than they sound, although they are wands not swords! Karen has had hers for 4 years and it still works. Suitable for children 8 and up. \$15 for Epicentre members

or \$25 for non members. Pre register by emailing Karen at karenonpender@shaw.ca.

Mum's Monthly Night Out

Mum's night out is Saturday, February 10 from 7 pm onward. A night out for the mums to enjoy the cozy space at the Epicentre. Bring your own beverage and a treat to share. This month we will watch *Hysteria* (2011), a British period romantic comedy. Free to members or \$5 for non members.

Cardboard Farmyard Diorama Workshop

This workshop will be held Saturday, February 17 from 10 am - 1 pm. In this workshop, the children get to make a farmyard using egg cartons and boxes. A great way to introduce your child to the fun art of making dioramas. This workshop is suitable for children 8 and up. \$20 for Epicentre members. \$30 for non members. Pre register by emailing Karen at karenonpender@shaw.ca.

Messy Science Workshop

This workshop is Saturday, February 24 from 10 am - noon. Your child gets to spend 2 hours exploring some messy science experiments. Mixing baking soda and vinegar, making gloop, and exploring the properties of cornstarch and water. The bonus is that you don't have to clean up the mess afterwards! This workshop is aimed for children 5 and up. \$20 for Epicentre members. \$30 for non members. Pre register by emailing Karen at karenonpender@shaw.ca.

Epic Afterschool Kid's Club

This afterschool club is every Tuesday 3:45 - 5 pm (off first bus). We will meet the kids off the bus and provide a snack. Each week the children will have a choice of free play or trying the weekly organized activity. Lego will be out each week. This program is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Let Karen karenonpender@shaw.ca know if you would like to sign up your child.

Thursday After-school Workshops

These after-school workshops are for children 9+, from 3:45 - 5:30. Each month will feature a different topic and right now we're covering sewing! Each week the children will make something that they can take home such as



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a small pet animal, a pencil case, etc. We will also have an ongoing sampler as we learn new embroidery stitches each week. Pre-registration required by emailing Karen at karenonpender@shaw.ca. Payment of \$55 for members or \$75 for non members, to reserve your child's spot. This includes all materials and a snack. February 22 a new session will begin!

High School Math Group

This math group mentored by Graham Garlick is free and is for any students doing high school math. Students bring homework to work on or questions to ask. Graham will help the kids analyze a question so they can work on a solution, check an answer to confirm that they are on the right track for subsequent questions or figure out where they went off track and do a mini-lesson. Session cancellations or change in venue will be posted on the 'Pender Island Parents' Facebook page and emailed to all students/parents who provide Graham their email address.

Epic Art Class

This art class is every Monday from 3:45 to 5:15 pm (off first bus) with Celene Wilde. The class is close to full but if you would like to join, contact karenonpender@shaw.ca. The cost for 13 sessions is \$91 for members and \$130 for non-members.

Youth Night

Youth Night is for grades 4 to 7 on Saturday, February 17 from 7 to 9 pm. This month, we will have fun with chocolate Olympics...want to know more? Well, it involves chocolate in some fun games; the rest will have to wait until youth night. Free for members and \$5 for non members.

Teen Night

Teen night is grades 7+ Saturday, February 24 from 7 to 9 pm. Now it's the teens' turn to try their hand at chocolate Olympics. A fun 2 hours for the kids to hang out in a safe and fun environment. This program is free for members and \$5 for non members.

Membership

Membership has its privileges. You can book and use the space anytime to meet up with your friends or throw a party.

You will find the Epicentre to be a nice place to visit and meet up with friends. You will also receive discounts on workshops, classes, and drop-in fees. If you would like to become a full member, the cost is \$100 per family per year, but we also offer monthly memberships at \$10 for those who are new, curious, or just visiting the island. The Epicentre is a wonderful place to hold birthday parties or a special event. To book the space we ask \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members. Contact Karen at karenonpender@shaw.ca for more information.

Josephine Spaxman

German Shepherd Rescue of BC



Whether you have a puppy from a breeder or an adopted rescue dog, it is important to establish a bond with your dog. This bond will ensure that your new BFF will respond to your commands and follow your lead in stressful situations.



The handsome rescue dog, West, competing in the National Agility Championships, Photo by Chris Paul

Working dogs and their handlers have an exceptionally strong human/canine bond. This is exemplified by the herding dog and farmer, the police dog and K-9 officer, and 'search and rescue' dog and handler. These bonds are developed through intensive training and extensive time spent together. We can develop a similar bond of dependability, understanding, and mutual support with

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"Anne and Valerie's Dog Education" classes teach basic obedience skills and manners in a fun and positive manner. The use of the TTouch playground equipment helps dogs adjust to a varying environment and encourages thinking and problem solving. Anne and Valerie offer Puppy Classes (a great way to socialize the new pup), Adult Dog Classes, and specially tailored classes for any dog with specific fears or other issues. Saturday classes are limited to 6 students and the cost is \$20 per dog and handler. Contact Anne for more details at annebarry@shaw.ca.

"Just for Fun Agility" is an opportunity for dogs and handlers to try out the dog sport of "Agility." Agility allows dogs to race to complete an obstacle course for both time and accuracy. Dogs and

handlers must communicate through voice, movement, and various body signals. Valerie offers both private and group sessions. For more information, email Valerie at valonpender@shaw.ca

Tracking or Scent Work is a great way to experience your dog's world. This dog sport allows your dog to use his/her amazing sense of smell to locate objects and people. These activities teach the handlers to "trust their dog" and learn to read their more subtle signals. The human partner is always amazed at how well their BFF does and how quickly they learn to do what is asked of them. Our tracking sessions have been dormant for the last couple of years but are re-starting soon. Contact gerryphillips@mac.com for more information.

Education, Agility, and Scent Work are great ways to build the human/canine bond. Participating in and practicing these active and mentally stimulating dog sports will help your dog to develop this bond. A strong bond can help a dog ignore distractions, be more responsive, and feel more confident.

Gerry Phillips

Heartwood Folk School



The hellebore and blooming and snowdrops and daffodils are up!! Spring must be around the corner. Have you noticed the days lengthening? I spend a good deal of my day outside and I am encouraged by the earlier daybreak and longer, albeit slight, expansion of light into the evening. This is a good time of year to start planning the garden and tending to garden cleanup. It is also the time to prune those fruit trees!

Our February field lab "Basics of Pruning & Grafting" will take place at the much loved Twin Island Cidery located at 5601 Lupin Road on Saturday, February 24 from 10 am - 12:30 pm.

Join Matthew Vasilev and Katie Selbee at the Twin Island Cider orchard for a demonstration of how to prune both young and old fruit trees, as well as graft new apple trees. Pruning tools and theory will be discussed, followed by a hands-on demonstration in which you will be walked, step-by-step, through the process of restoring a neglected apple tree. We will finish with a short demonstration of bench-grafting apple trees. Bring waterproof boots and a notepad!

Matthew and Katie have studied under certified arborists and commercial orchardists, and Katie is a past intern of the UBC Farm Heritage Orchard. They have been grafting, planting, pruning, and restoring orchards on Pender Island for the past four years. Please pre-register for this class by emailing info@heartwoodfolkschool.ca. Cost is \$10 payable at the site.

In March we will be bringing you *Food Forests - How to Build an Edible Forest Garden in Your Yard*. Based on the principles of permaculture, this class will help you to build a resilient food producing landscape. Stay tuned!

If you would like to be kept up-to-date or get a sneak peek at upcoming offerings, sign up to receive our monthly mail-out about upcoming events and classes. Please send us a note at info@heartwoodfolkschool.ca. See you around the bend!

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North Pender Local Trust Committee

It is almost spring and the days are getting longer; we are off to a good start. Even with the cold days, the daffodils are poking their noses out. Let's hope they know something about the weather that we don't, and that it starts to warm up.

Now for Islands Trust business: our next meeting will be on January 30 at the Legion Hall at 10 am. I am hoping this may get out to you early enough to make it to the meeting. Our local Trust Committee projects under discussion this meeting are Secondary Suites and Waste Management. Both items could affect quite a few people on the Islands.

Secondary suites

It would be really nice to get an idea of how many people would be interested in having a legal suite in their home. It is a good income producer and there can be many side benefits for someone who is not able to care for their property, to have someone else perhaps help with maintenance and other things, so both parties benefit. There are many other advantages for both owner and tenant.

I would also like to hear from those interested in finding perhaps a 1 bedroom suite to rent, for more than a short term. Also, what kind of rents are realistic on the island? It really doesn't matter what the rest of the country is doing; let's talk fairly about our Islands. It has to be realistic for both parties.

The other important issues, for insurance, safety, etc, are that the suites are legal and conform to the building code. Any "legal suites" will need to have a building inspection done and a final inspection before they can be called "legal."

I ask you please to contact me at the number and email address below to help us establish the real numbers we are looking for. If there is no interest, it may not be worth the work involved. Your information is crucial. Thank you.

Waste Management

Another topic that is uppermost in my mind. There are many rumors as to where it is going to be located, how it will be done, and who is going to do it. We are in the long slow process of figuring that out. It is my desire to make a decision soon as to where and how, but the only thing I can control is the where. The how and who have yet to be sorted out. Please be patient; it will happen.

Any thoughts or comments on either topic would be welcome. Wishing you well, until next month.

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Dianne Barber

South Pender Local Trust Committee

The next meeting of the South Pender Local Trust Committee is Tuesday, February 13, at 10 am in the Community Room of the South Pender Firehall. We will be developing a work plan for the

priority projects that we agreed to at our last meeting. This will include working with the South Pender Historical Society to assist with the projects they have developed in partnership with First Nations, and to provide any support that we can to the plan to preserve the Church of the Good Shepherd and use it for community gatherings. In addition, we have committed to Moving Around Pender (MAP) that we will designate future cycle and walking routes on South Pender.

Dianne Barber and I met with Elizabeth May when she was on island for her Town Hall meeting with the community on January 15. She provided us an update on a number of issues, including the proposed derelict vessel legislation. She was interested in receiving information regarding anchorages in our area, since in past years she has convened meetings on the Southern Gulf Islands with representatives of the industry and locals with a view to improving the dialogue between the parties. The meeting was a good opportunity to thank Elizabeth for her assistance in bringing to the attention of the Environment Minister the plan by Parks Canada to trap and kill the

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beavers on Greenburn Lake. The beavers were given a reprieve while Parks Canada investigates alternate approaches to dealing with the work of the beavers, which may have the potential of weakening the dam. I said that I would keep her informed of our interactions with Parks Canada and of their work to resolve this issue without killing the animals featured on the Parks Canada logo.

I also attended a session on the National Marine Conservation Area, presented by Lisa Joe and James Gordon of Parks Canada. There was a very good turnout from people on the Pender Islands. The presenters explained that they were in the "feasibility" stage of consideration of a National Marine Conservation Area. Some members of the public expressed frustration that the process had been ongoing for more than twenty years with no tangible results; there were also concerns about what activities would not be allowed if the area is ultimately designated as a conservation area. The presenters expressed optimism about the process that they have been involved with to date, and believe that the consultations that they have undertaken will produce good results. The Government of Canada is committed to creating new marine conservation areas in a number of locations across Canada.

Bruce is away this month studying the habits of the humpback whales in the warmer Hawaiian waters. It is a nice change from the hours spent working closely with fellow residents, to study and inform us and the federal government about the negative environmental impacts of the freighter anchorages in our Southern Gulf Island waters, especially Plumper Sound. In addition, the

issue of Styrofoam pollution from derelict and neglected floating wharves has been high on his agenda.

If you have questions or comments for the Trustees, please call or email either of us.

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Wendy Scholefield

Magic Lake Property Owners' Society

MLPOS

Although the winter months are quieter than the rest of the year, MLPOS volunteers continue to work on projects that can be carried out now, and plan for work to be done when the weather grows warmer. At the marina, some of the hoops around pilings were replaced. In the coming months, work on the storage shed and fish station will happen. Although marina moorage slip assignment activity is slow at this time of year, in the last few months a few slips have been assigned. The marina team is happy to report that we are investigating software options to make assignment of casual moorage easier both for MLPOS and the wider public.

At the tennis courts, matches take place every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, weather permitting. The playground equipment needs some attention and that work will take place when warmer weather allows for repainting. Also in the spring, a work party will be organized at Mouat Park, located at the corner of Storm Crescent and Schooner Way, to spruce up the park.

At the January 8 MLPOS Board meeting, we were pleased to be able to donate \$500 to Junior Sailing. MLPOS has also contributed to the school's Parents' Advisory Committee's annual fundraiser, donating some moorage and tennis family memberships.

MLPOS Board members Peter Morton and Kathy Gilbert recently attended a presentation on the proposed National Parks Marine Conservation Area designation that will apply to much of the Southern Gulf Islands waters. We were interested in whether or not there will be any implications for boaters, anglers, and Thieves Bay Marina. The answer was a clear "no." Having said that, there will be future consultations on this forward-thinking project and I am sure that local knowledge at the detailed level will provide valuable input toward developing the management plan.

To close the chapter on the appeal of the 2017 marina property tax assessment, we can report that as a result of the reduced value assigned to the marina improvements, a property tax reduction has given MLPOS a credit of \$1522.79. As previously reported, the team, with assistance from the rest of the Board, worked really hard to secure the reduced assessment.

If you are new to the Magic Lake area, or even if you are not new to the area, and own property in Magic Lake Estates, consider joining MLPOS. MLPOS not only owns and manages Thieves Bay Marina, the tennis courts and playground, and Mouat Park, we provide an advocacy role for residents of the area, as well as a liaison with government and various committees such as the Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Commit-

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MLPOS usually meets on the second Monday of every month at 4:00 pm at the school. However, because the school will be closed for Family Day, the next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 13. All meetings are open to members of MLPOS.

Kathy Gilbert

Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Local Services Committee

Your local Committee attended the regularly scheduled joint team meeting with the CRD on January 9, 2018 at the Integrated Water Systems location in Victoria. The Water Services side of the business had little of note to report. Source lakes are approaching full recharge levels and all is well in the kingdom. A last word on Buck Lake newts -- the dam barrier has been altered and community feedback has been extremely positive as to the actions taken by both your Committee and the CRD team. To the social media wag who asked about crossing guards for the newts, we would be happy to create a seasonal volunteer position. We did the right thing. Thanks, Big Dig-Em and crew. There was an emergency water leak repair completed in the area of 3703 Signal Hill Road. Same repetitious story of poor original pipe trench bedding, causing a pipe rupture over time. Fortunately, these failure instances are becoming rarer and less impactful on water loss, thanks to the vigilance of residents in noting and reporting problems.

The wastewater operations side of the service is still experiencing the same problems directly related to the ongoing deterioration of infrastructure that was originally installed over 60 years ago. There was a failure of a sewage grinder pump motor at the Schooner Sewage treatment plant. Schooner also had to replace a return activated sludge pump due to wear and deterioration. All float control switches at the Capstan Pump Station were replaced as a result of a high level alarm emergency response that should have been detected earlier by the hardware. Out of compliance sewage outflow reports to the Environment Ministry of B.C. for November and December of 2017 exceeded twenty instances. Your Committee, in conjunction with our CRD team, plan to arrange a public tour of the existing sewage treatment plants for all interested subscribers to the system. The intent is to provide first hand exposure to service subscribers of the existing condition of this infrastructure. We have no date available for this initiative at the moment -- probably around the same timeframe as the AGM in August 2018. Interested Sewer Service customers could possibly be provided with a take home sample of the outgoing product from our treatment plants. We suppose that might be a way of getting your own back.

A last item of note should be the annual return of the haggis flock to Magic Lake on January 25. They have never failed to return on Robbie Burns' birthday, on their long flight from Capistrano. We know that you're probably having a difficult time swallowing that story.

Alex Wilson, for your Committee

Pender Island Chamber of Commerce



Welcome to a great new year of exciting opportunities at the Pender island Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber is ramping up for a busy season of activities, advocacy, business assistance, and Visitors.

Here's what you can look forward to:

Business Lunch and Learns

Have questions, want to learn new skills, find out about timely topics? This one to two hour lunch session is the perfect opportunity. Upcoming workshops will include Pender Island as a Fair Trade Island...How to be a No Plastic Bag/Straw Zone...Hey, Victoria did it!

Business Networking

Amazing things happen when entrepreneurs get together, and that's what networking is all about.

Online Newsletter

The Chamber's online Chamber Link newsletter is coming to your inbox soon...keep your eyes peeled.

Continued joint work with Mayne, Saturna, Salt Spring, and Galiano through the Southern Gulf Islands (SGIs) Consortium to increase awareness of the Gulf Islands, build cohesion and help make the SGIs the best region in BC. This year...Southern Gulf Islands transportation and business activity sharing.

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Membership

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, now is the time. If you don't have a membership, why are you waiting?! We have great member promotion opportunities, support, information, and connectivity. Every penny of your membership goes to help Pender Island local businesses!! If you haven't yet joined... call, email, or text us today!! We're here for YOU!!!

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Mamie Hutt-Temoana, President

Pender Island Child Care Society

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre



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Peter Pan

Parents and Babes

Parents and Babes is every Monday morning from 9 - 11:30 am. This is a free drop-in program for parents, caregivers, and their children. Come out and enjoy snacks, adult and children interactions, and the book library. There will be no Parents and Babes on February 12 due to the Family Day holiday. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and the Pender Island

Child Care Society, this program is free.

Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP)

HOP is every Wednesday morning in the school gymnasium 9 - 10:15 am. HOP is designed for parents/caregivers to engage in physical activities with their children 1-5 years. Thanks to the CRD, this program is free.

Child Care

Dragonfly Child Care has dedicated child care providers with ECE and ECEA certificates and is available Wednesday-Friday afternoons for prearranged drop-in child care. We are now open until 4:45 on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast will be on Saturday, February 10 from 9 - 11 am at Dragonfly. Thanks to the Ministry of Children and Families, this program is free.

Vegan Baking Night (rescheduled from December!)

Erin Pauch will be facilitating this program from 6 - 7:30 pm on February 13 just in time for Valentine's Day! Come on out and explore alternative ingredients and take home some tasty treats and recipes. Cost is \$10 per participant. To reserve your space call Sarah at 629-3039.

Youth ZOO-iSLANDER Workshop

This empowering workshop is facilitated by Geneva Jacobs and Angie Bowns. Come on out on Saturday, February 3 at Dragonfly and create a headdress or accessories for your opportunity to walk the runway in the ZOO-iSLANDER fashion show. This is for youth 10+ Par-

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ents are welcome too! Bring your own items to decorate, like hats, headbands, and/or sunglasses. Cost is \$10. Workshop runs from 9:30 am. to 12:30 pm. Thanks to the United Way for supporting this workshop.

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

Sarah Conley

Pender Island Community Gathering

We host weekly activities at the Community Hall every Friday at 10:45 am unless otherwise posted. Register early to ensure your space for the *Sew-a-Bear* (or a monster), *It's not Right*, and a *Wabisabi Introduction to Japanese Language & Japan* with Mariko and Mark Benson. Please RSVP so we know how many people to prepare for. If we don't hear from anyone at least a week prior to an activity, a class may be cancelled. RSVP to community_gathering@outlook.com or leave a message for Tania at the Pender Island Health Care Society with your contact details. You will be notified if there are any changes or class cancellations if you RSVP.

Sign up for Emails

If you would like to receive email notifications regarding last minute changes and additions to our classes and activities, and reminders about signup dates, register by visiting eepurl.com/dcei11.

Soup Luncheon

Every Friday we provide a soup lunch with bread, crackers, and vegetables and

live music for a suggested donation of \$5. If you would like to volunteer, contact Eric Lesage at ericlesage@gmail.com.

Maker's Meet-Up February 2, 10:30 am

There is no fee to attend our next Maker's Meet-Up and no RSVP is required. Drop in with whatever you are working on or network with other artists and crafters. If you have any questions, or would like to be an artist in residence, contact Kathy Cronk at kathyjohn829@yahoo.ca.

Sew-a-Bear February 9, 10:45 am

The Community Hall will be hosting *Sew-a-Bear*. Sew a teddy bear or creative creature (a monster?) for someone special. Fabric, needles, thread and stuffing will be provided; just bring your creativity, or maybe your buttons that are special to you for the eyes. This craft is suitable for almost all ages; younger children need to bring an adult to help them sew. Please RSVP to community_gathering@outlook.com

It's Not Right Program February 16, 10 am

Supporting older people who may be experiencing abuse or neglect: the *It's Not Right* program by Bridey Morrison Morgan with host Elizabeth Miles. Bridey has worked as a mentor for the BC CRN for over 3 years. The BC Association of Community Response Networks (BCCRN) works at the local community level with service providers, agencies, and community-related members to build a coordinated community response to the abuse, neglect, and self-neglect of vulnerable adults. Prior to

joining the BC CRN, she spent 6 years working for Silver Threads. She developed and delivered a program called *The Journey* to about 800 seniors in Greater Victoria. She is a daughter (one living parent with dementia), mother, partner, and a grandmother to 3 grandsons and 1 granddaughter who live close by her in Victoria. For more information, see Elizabeth's article in this edition of *The Pender Post* or visit www.itsnotright.ca. Please RSVP the Monday before at community_gathering@outlook.com so we can plan seating and photocopies or call Elizabeth Miles at 250-539-8843.

A Wabisabi Introduction to Japanese Language and Japan with Mariko and Mark Benson February 23, 10:45 am

We will be focusing on introducing several words or phrases that quintessentially encapsulate Japanese culture and the Japanese mind. We will introduce the language component woven into a storyline introducing Japan and its culture; quirks included. Class by donation. Please RSVP by Monday, February 19 so we know how many to prepare for.



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February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 11 am

We are pleased to announce that we will be offering a Repair Cafe four times a month. Lyle Hamer and Peter Murphy will be taking turns. Drop by around at 11 am and have your item repaired and kept out of the landfill. Repairs are often easy and inexpensive.

Tech Cafe

February 2, 9, 16, and 23, 11 am

Tech Cafe takes place at the hall every Friday at 11 am. You can bring your tech questions and devices by the hall to receive the capable tech support of Shon Tam.

Let's explore new passions, renew and deepen old ones, meet with old friends and make new ones at the weekly Community Gathering!

Tania Honan

Pender Island Community Service Society

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We are grateful to Island Savings Credit Union for the Volunteer Grant of \$1,500 that was awarded to our very own Anne Orlaw, who then donated it to the "New Nu-To-Yu Building Fund"! An anonymous donor has matched that \$1,500 with an additional \$1,500.

Our Annual General Meeting was held at the Legion on January 15. Our newly elected executive is as follows: President, Pam Petrie; Vice President, Jan Palko; Treasurer, Christine Elliott; Finance Chair, Jim Petrie; Secretary, Peter Wilson; Correspondence/Publicity, Sheila Veness; and Store Manager, Anne Orlaw.

Look for lots of new items in the store and remember our \$5 bag day, held on the last Friday and Saturday of each month. On Saturday February 27, you are also invited to browse our amazing collection of vintage books. We would like to extend our thanks to Mike Gray at Tru Value Foods for once again supplying us with brown paper bags.

Sheila Veness

Pender Island Conservancy Association

National Marine Conservation Area Reserve Forum



On January 17, James Gordon and Lisa Joe of Parks Canada came to Pender Island to

present an update on the efforts to establish a National Marine Conservation Area Reserve in the Southern Strait of Georgia.

NMCARs are marine areas managed to protect marine ecosystems while en-

suring the ecologically sustainable use of marine resources. They include the seabed and water, and may also include wetlands, estuaries, islets and coastal areas. They have been mandated by the Canada National Marine Conservation Areas Act. Although they are not parks, Parks Canada has been charged with establishing a system of NMCARs in Canada.

Although the purpose of NMCARs is to conserve biodiversity and safeguard culturally important features, there is a wide range of activities that are allowed, including:

- Traditional harvesting
- Commercial fishing
- Recreational fishing
- Shipping
- Marine transport
- Recreation
- Tourism

However, it is not "business as usual," since activities within NMCARs are managed based on conservation objectives and ecologically sustainable use. Activities not allowed are:

- Oil and gas exploration or development
- Mining
- Ocean dumping

NMCAR management is based on two principles:

- Principle of ecosystem management
- The precautionary principle: if there is good reason to believe that an activity will be harmful, even if there is not 100% proof, it can be restricted

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or banned. This gives an ecosystem protection since it puts the onus onto proving safety instead of proving harm.

James discussed some of the significant limitations to NMCARs. For example, management regulations cannot interfere with international marine laws, and Parks Canada has no authority over shipping lanes. This is of enormous significance since, according to James, approximately 30% of Canada's GNP is represented in the shipping that takes place in the Salish Sea. In addition, ports and marinas will not be included in the NMCAR due to the prohibitive cost. Fish farms are also outside of the mandate of Parks Canada since they are managed by the Department of Oceans and Fisheries. James did state, however, that Parks Canada will be able to collaborate with different departments and interest groups to develop guidelines and best practice agreements; for example, with the Port of Vancouver regarding anchoring and shipping noise. Under the Act, Parks Canada, DFO, and Transport Canada are mandated to reach consensus on usage issues within NMCARs.

The process for establishing a NMCAR is:

- Identifying representative areas
- Finalizing boundaries of a proposed site
- Feasibility assessment: information and feedback is gathered and sent to a steering committee that makes a recommendation to the Minister/Cabinet.
- Negotiating an agreement
- Development of Interim Management Plan
- Formal establishment through Parliament
- Development of a Formal Management Plan

This process is a long and complicated one. It is only at the feasibility stage, which requires extensive collaboration and consultation with all levels of government, special interest groups, and other stakeholders. Lisa stated that the proposed NMCAR is located within the traditional territories of 19 different First Nations, which fall into three main groups: Hul'qumi'num, Lekwun-

gen (Songhees), and Sencoten speaking peoples. Parks Canada is committed to consultation with all First Nations who may be impacted, through workshops and meetings with staff, Chiefs, and councils. Also, First Nations groups have met among themselves to discuss issues such as boundaries, impact of the Douglas Treaty, habitat degradation, and the protection and celebration of indigenous cultures.

There were many questions and comments, especially regarding diminished faith in government will, and frustration at the extremely long time this process is taking. Lobbying for a marine conservation area in the Salish Sea started decades ago (Jacques Cousteau endorsed the idea in 1972). James reported that the process was stalled in 2012, and when it began again, one message was clear: there had not been enough collaboration and consultation, and many relationships have had to be rebuilt as people and positions have changed over the years. However, he stated he believes that marine protection -- partly because of Canada's Ocean Protection Plan -- has become a priority, and there

is a strong mandate from Parks Canada as the Southern Strait of Georgia has been identified as a very important potential NMCAR.

Elizabeth Miles

Pender Island Farmers' Institute

PIFI

2018 Fall Fair Planning Underway

A re-invigorated group of over 20 people has already started working on the 2018 Fall Fair. The group meets regularly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Community Hall. Everyone is welcome and the more the merrier. We are still in the early stages, so now is a great time to get involved if you have ideas for how to make the Fair better than ever.

Our next meeting will be by February 28 at 7 pm at the Community Hall.

If you would like to get involved or have questions, contact Matthew Vasilev at matthewvasilev@gmail.com or Ben Kadel at bekadel@gmail.com.

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Pender Island Fire Rescue

PIFR



PIFR responded to 315 calls for service in 2017. This compares to 285 over the same period in 2016 – an increase of more than 10 per cent. The call volume in 2017 was the highest ever and was consistent across all types of calls.

Our PIFR volunteers and staff have had a busy start to the year and finished up the year in good form as usual. They ‘shook the boot’ at the Santa Ship on December 9 in support of the Lions Club and raised \$1,495 for the food bank again on December 15 at the Driftwood Centre. Next, we had volunteers at the Lantern Festival to protect the crowds and performers from traffic and any accidental contact with the flames and props used to make that event spectacular.

The first event of 2018 was the polar bear swim on New Year’s Day. January 2 - 4, we were focused on the grand opening for the training facility on January 5. Our sincerest thanks to all those who helped out with the ceremony and preparations, cleaning, and cooking. Special thanks to Sandy Johnson who delivered a wonderful presentation and overview of the training ground project and who helped us in so many ways leading up to and during the ceremony.

The new PIFR training ground is the result of a vision made possible through a tremendous effort by an amazing community, a vision that would ultimately be almost 10 years in the making and shared by Pender Island Fire Rescue, the Pender Island Fire Protection Society and its Boards, our generous Pender Island community members and businesses, the Conconi Foundation, Victoria Foundation, Nu-ToYu, Farm Credit Canada, and finally the Province of BC who through Emergency Management BC provided a \$370,000 grant to complete phase 3 of the project.

In total, almost \$800,000 in funding was raised through grants and donations over those years in a wonderful show of support. This is good news for Pender Islanders. Our volunteers will be better trained and safer in all that that they do

thanks to the vastly improved facilities, and taxpayers will be not burdened with debt-generated tax increases because of this project.

I would like to recognize a few special supporters who answered the last alarm before we could get the facility finished. As I looked around the room at the opening ceremonies, I couldn’t help but get choked up a bit as I thought of the faces that were missing that day: Peter Kappele, Wendy Hacking, Gord Souter, Brian Nord, and Ed Lye. Amazing folks who were great Board members and supporters of PIFR and all it does for Pender Island.

Remember folks, smoke alarms save lives. It is the law to have a current working smoke alarm in every dwelling with sleeping accommodations and it is easy to let those alarms get out of date. Should that happen, someone you love may not get the warning needed to get out of a house fire. So, folks, here’s how it works. If you cannot see a date stamp on the outside of your smoke alarms that is current, or if you are not sure the alarms are less than 10 years old, don’t rely on your memory; have them replaced. Only then can you be confident they will work when needed.

On the response front, please remember that your street address markers are your lifeline to emergency personnel including police, fire, and ambulance. If we can’t find your address, we can’t get to you quickly to help. Please make sure your address is clearly marked and visible from both directions on the roadway; keep it clear of vegetation. Doing so could save your life! Until next month, stay safe.

Charlie Boyte, Fire Chief

Pender Island Food Bank

Much appreciation to those who have made cash donations in the past month, including the Pender Pharmacy, B.C. Liquor Store, Evan’s Christmas Tree, E. Brownlee, Keith Blackmore, Estate of Wendy Hacking, Diane Seinfeld, and Island Savings. We have also received some generous donations of food and dog food. Thanks to all of you for keeping the hungry in your minds and hearts.

Here’s a recipe for restorative soup to boost the immune system, for those with family members who are feeling under the weather this flu season:

Restorative Soup

Sauté a shallot or two in coconut oil, add a few slices of fresh turmeric and ginger root, roasted garlic if you have it (or fresh), chicken broth, carrots and any other fresh vegetables you may have, and a good handful of sliced mushrooms (fresh or dried and soaked) and simmer until the vegetables are soft. Add a couple of spoonfuls of miso once the soup is off the heat, and top with fresh cilantro. Food is medicine.

The Food Bank is open every Wednesday morning from 9 to 11 am at the back of the Anglican Parish Hall.

Christine Shantz

Pender Island Health Care Society

PICHS

Unfortunately, Nicole Mouner, the foot nurse from Galiano, who was going to start service January 10 on Pender Island has informed us that she will not be able to provide this service in 2018. She has had a change in her support system for her three-year old child, and that will restrict her from coming to Pender for the foreseeable future. We hope she will be able to come to Pender to provide this needed service in the future.

Robert Dill

It’s Not Right

The It’s Not Right program supports older people who may be experiencing abuse or neglect.

Older people have a lifetime of learning and experience, and have much to offer our culture and our community. However, with increasing age there comes an increased chance of physical and sometimes cognitive problems that may mean increasing isolation, dependency and vulnerability. Also, in our youth-oriented society, older people and the contributions they make can sometimes be devalued. These factors can sometimes result in an older person being neglected, exploited, and even abused.

Elder abuse can take many forms, and is more than just impolite behaviour. It is an action, or pattern of actions, that causes harm, is controlling, belittling, restricts a person's rights, or makes them feel threatened. It is abuse if one person uses power, threats, or influence to take advantage of, or to control another person. It is abuse if a person within a relationship where there is an expectation of trust neglects a person who cannot manage on their own.

Everyone has the right to be free from abuse and exploitation. We all have a shared responsibility to create a safe, respectful, and healthy community, and even a small personal action can have an impact.

Neighbours, friends, and family are often the first people to see warning signs, but may not know what to do. To this end, the BC Association of Community Response Networks has developed the "It's Not Right! Neighbours, Families, and Friends for Older Adults" program, which includes presentations that help people in the community identify and support older people who may be experiencing abuse or neglect. (The examples given for actions of support are very concrete and straightforward, and can be as simple as gently asking the right question). The presentation helps people learn the warning signs of abuse, recognize ageism, respond safely and supportively, and find help and resources in your community.

There will be two *It's Not Right* presentations being offered on Pender February 16. The first will be held at the Community Hall from 10 a.m. until noon, as part of the Community Gathering Program. (You can stay and have soup and listen to music over lunch if you wish -- suggested \$5 donation). It is open to anyone in the community, and is aimed at friends, neighbours, family of seniors, and also to anyone who may work or volunteer with seniors in the community. For example, home cleaners, volunteer drivers, store clerks, members of our faith communities, Better at Home and Home Support workers, and those who volunteer at organizations such as the Food Bank, Wheels to Meals, Nu-To-Yu, et al. The presentation is free (although donations are welcome). No

pre-registration is required but if you email Tania Honan at *community-gathering@outlook.com* a week or more in advance, it will give us a better idea of numbers, and she can notify you in the unlikely chance that something changes.

The second presentation will be held at the Pender Islands Health Care clinic and is aimed at health care professionals, at the clinic or in the community, as well as Health Clinic staff. Home support and care workers are invited to either presentation as their schedules permit. Please call Elizabeth Miles at 250-539-8843 if you plan to attend so that we have an idea of numbers to plan for.

Elizabeth Miles

Pender Island Lions Club



The Pender Island Lions Club would like to thank the following whose generous contributions aided us in providing a successful Santa Ship visit and the Annual Polar Bear Swim to the young and not so young: Dockside Realty, the Boyte family; Philly's Diner, Sabrina and Phil; Pender Island Pharmacy, the Swan family; Pender Island Home Building Centre, the Wein family; Port Browning Marina.

2018 Lions Telephone Book

Please see *Special Notices* for corrections to listings in 2018 telephone directory.

Polar Bear Swim

Penderites and visitors filled the walkways, and with 15 minutes to go, 35 shaking bodies carefully picked their way down to the beach. Don Peden signed up the last few, while Gary pumped up the music and three Firefighters put the torch to Ron Henshaw's newly cut cedar for the bonfire.

The Pipers tuned their instruments and moved into position, and our favorite of all MCs, Gary Goodman, began the countdown for Splashdown 2018. Ten, nine... and go!

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February 25	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Circle Service

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February 11	10:45 am	George Hodgson	Worship Service
	2:30 pm	Hymn Sing	Everyone Welcome
February 18	10:45 am	Barbara Young	Worship Service
February 25	10:45 am	Wally Sawatzky	Worship Service

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- If you have any questions or requests, please contact Helen Allison, 629-3527

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February 11	4:00 pm	Mass with Father Scott
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February 25	4:00 pm	Mass with Father Scott

- For further information, contact Mary Adele Mulligan, 629-3141 or Michael Doyle, 629-3862 - email stteresachapel@gmail.com

The Bahá'í Community of Canada

The Bahá'í Group of Pender Island

Around the world, Bahá'ís gather nineteen times a year for an all-community meeting called a feast (<http://www.bahai.org/action/institutional-capacity/nineteen-day-feast>).

The Bahá'í Group of Pender Island extends a warm invitation to attend the unity feast in February

February 6	2:00 pm	Feast of Dominion
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- For the location of the feast on Pender Island, please contact Andrea Cribb at 629-9945 or Bev Peden at 250-412-2524.

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JANUARY

29	Mon	1:00 pm	Copying the Masters with Malcolm Armstrong, Part 2 to 4 pm, Anglican Parish Hall	
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30	Tue	10:00 am	North Pender Local Trust Committee meeting, Legion Hall	25
31	Wed		Super Blue Moon Total Eclipse before sunrise.....	6
		5:00 pm	Registration deadline for Down By The Bay! Preschool Performing Arts Program	

FEBRUARY

1	Thu	9:45 am	MYI: Intro to Pilates with Jenny, Community Hall*	20
		10:00 am	4 th Annual Pender School Silent Auction, February 1-23, Talisman Books & Gallery.....	25, 47, 69
		11:15 am	MYI: Recover, Restore, Revitalize with Ella, Community Hall*	20
		1:30 pm	Carpet Bowling to 3:30 pm, Community Hall*	39, 43
		3:45 pm	After-school Sewing Workshops 5:30 pm, Epicentre*	22
		5:30 pm	Legion Meat Draw and Games Night with Darts & Euchre at 7 pm, every Thursday, Legion*	46, 67
2	Fri	10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open on Friday and Saturday until 4 pm*	
		10:00 am	Community Café to 1:30 pm, Community Hall*	29
		10:30 am	CG Makers Meet-Up, Drop In, Community Hall	29
		11:00 am	CG Free Repair Cafe to 12 pm, every 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday, Community Hall.....	29
		11:00 am	CG Free Tech Cafe to 12 pm, every Friday, Community Hall	
		12:00 pm	CG Soup Luncheon with Live Music by John Palmer, Community Hall.....	29
		1:30 pm	Highschool math group every Friday to 3:30 pm, Epicentre*	22
		5:30 pm	PI Soccer Club meets every Friday, all welcome, 14 years plus, free, School Field or Gym*	
		6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Stuffed Meat Loaf, Legion Hall	46, 67
3	Sat	9:30 am	ZOO-iSLANDER Fashion Workshop to 12:30, Dragonfly Centre.....	28
		10:00 am	Winter Market every Saturday to 1 pm, Community Hall*	39
		10:00 am	Treasure Hunt at the Market to 1 pm, Community Hall	39, 43
		10:00 am	Harry Potter Wand Making to noon, Epicentre.....	22
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot Winter Hours: Sat. 10am - 3pm, Sun. 1pm - 4pm, Tue. 8am - 3pm*	44
		11:00 am	Down By The Bay! Performing Arts Program for Preschoolers begins at Hope Bay Studio.....	17
		1:15 pm	Moving Around Pender meeting, Community Resource Centre, Driftwood	
		5:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw, every Saturday, Legion Hall*	46, 67
		7:00 pm	Craft Night For Kids 12 years and up to 9 pm, Epicentre.....	22
4	Sun	8:30 am	Pender Pacers run every Sunday, call Herb for details, 629-3205*	51
		10:00 am	Badminton meets every Sunday, 10 am - 12 pm, School gym, Peter Taylor, 629-3375	
		1:00 pm	Community Choir presents a Choral Workshop with Brian Tate to 7 pm, all welcome, Hall	12
		2:00 pm	<i>Adventure in China</i> talk by Dianne and Peter Wilson to 4 pm, Library	42
5	Mon	9:00 am	Parents and Babes to 11:30 am, (also on 19, 26), Dragonfly Centre	28
		9:25 am	Walking Group meets every Monday and Friday, St. Peter's, call Carol for details, 629-9959*	
		1:00 pm	PIAS presents Mixed Media with Kelly Leroux, Anglican Parish Hall	11
		3:30 pm	Home Alone Course to 4:30 (also on 19), Dragonfly	
		3:45 pm	Epic Art Class every Monday to 5:15 pm, Epicentre*	23
6	Tue	9:45am	MYI: Moderate Yoga with Jenny, Community Hall*	20
		10:00 am	Toddler Time to 11 am, Epicentre	22
		11:15 am	MYI: Gentle Yoga with Ella, Community Hall*.....	20
		12:30 pm	MYI: Yoga for Men with Lester, Community Hall*	20
		3:00 pm	Taoist Tai Chi Beginners' Class to 4:30 pm, Community Hall*	
		3:45 pm	Epic Kid's Club After School Program Tuesdays to 5 pm, Epicentre*	22
		5:00 pm	Ptarmigan Arts Registration deadline for Music Theory For Beginners with Sabrina Werbowski	18
		8:00 pm	Badminton meets every Tuesday 8 - 10 pm, School gym, Peter Taylor, 629-3375*	
7	Wed	9:00 am	HOP to 10:15 am, (also on 14, 21, 28), in the school gym	28
		9:00 am	Food Bank open Wednesdays to 11 am, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	32
		12:00 pm	Wheels to Meals Weekly Luncheon, RSVP Nora 629-3845 Anglican Parish Hall*	20
		2:00 pm	Socrates Cafe meets every Wednesday to 4 pm, Pender Island Public Library*	
		7:00 pm	Truth and Reconciliation, 8 th Fire - <i>Indigenous in the City</i> , All welcome, Anglican Parish Hall.....	6

CALENDAR CONTINUED

8	Thu	1:00 pm	Garden Club presents Mark Benson on How To Build Soil, Anglican Parish Hall.....	49
9	Fri	10:00 am	CG Sew a Bear (or a monster!) with Andrea Mills, RSVP, Community Hall	29
		12:00 pm	CG Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Cole Dine, Community Hall	29
		6:00 pm	Friday Night Dinner, Prime Rib and Yorkshire prepared and served by Jo's Place, Legion Hall	46, 67
10	Sat	9:00 am	Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast to 11am, Dragonfly Centre	28
		10:00 am	Puzzle Day at the Market to 1 pm, Community Hall.....	39, 43
		10:00 am	Music Theory For Beginners with Sabrian Werbowski, Philly's Diner.....	18
		11:00 am	Lego Club to 12 pm, Library.....	42
		3:30 pm	<i>Duo Corvi</i> Medieval Music Recital, Community Hall	39, 43
		7:00 pm	Mum's Night Out, Epicentre	22
		7:30 pm	Film: <i>Blade Runner 2049</i> , Community Hall	39, 44
		7:00 pm	5 th Annual Pender Valentine's with <i>Deer & Coyote</i> and guests, see ad for tickets, Steph's Studio	17, 72
11	Sun	10:30 am	PIAS with guest artist Odette Laroche to 4:30 pm, Pender Island School	11
12	Mon	10:00 am	Pender Island Quilters' Circle, Anglican Parish Hall.....	14
13	Tue	4:00 pm	Magic Lake Property Owners' Society Directors meet, School Community Room.....	27
		5:00 pm	Shrove Tuesday Pancake supper prepared by the Pender Hylanders, by donation, Anglican Hall	
		6:00 pm	Vegan Baking Night, Dragonfly Centre	28
14	Wed	11:45 am	Newcomers' Club meet, Community Hall Lounge.....	49
		6:00 pm	PIJazz <i>Sweetheart Ball</i> , Dinner 6 pm, Dance 7:30 pm, Tickets sold separately, Legion Hall.....	15, 46
15	Thu	12:30 pm	55+ Take a Break, call Andrea for details 629-3346.....	20
16	Fri	9:00 am	Pender Island Parks and Recreation meeting, open to the public, Plum Tree Court	
		10:00 am	CG <i>It's Not Right</i> with Elizabeth Miles, RSVP, Community Hall	29, 32
		12:00 pm	CG Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Kristi Hawkes, Community Hall.....	29
		5:00 pm	Pender Island School Winter Carnival to 8 pm, Community Hall.....	25, 47
		6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Spare Ribs, Legion Hall	46, 67
17	Sat	10:00 am	Dress-up Day at the Market to 1 pm, Community Hall	39, 44
		10:00 am	Cardboard Farmyard Diorama Workshop to 1 pm, Epicentre	
		10:00 am	Seedy Saturday with speaker Julie Johnstone on <i>Hugelkulture</i> , Community Hall.....	7
		7:00 pm	ZOO-ISLANDER Fashion Show, @zooislander, penderzooislander@gmail.com, Hall	7, 39, 44, 70
		7:00 pm	Youth Night to 9 pm, Epicentre	23
18	Sun	2:00 pm	Museum AGM with Anne Gafiuk and her new book <i>Quietus: Last Flight</i> , Community Hall.....	41
19	Mon	10:30 am	PIAS presents <i>Drawing</i> with Sarah Gayle to 4:30 pm, Anglican Parish Hall	11
		10:00 am	Pender Post Directors meet, Medical Centre Meeting Room	
		7:00 pm	Pender Photo Club meets, Pender Island Elementary School.....	16
20	Tue	10:00 am	South Pender Local Trust Committee, Community Room, South Pender Firehall	25
		7:00 pm	PIRAHA Sponsored BINGO, Community Hall.....	39, 44
21	Wed	9:15 am	Field Naturalists 3 rd Wednesday Nature Walk at Peter Cove, meet at St. Peter's parking lot.....	49
		5:00 pm	Registration deadline for Film Making Workshop #2: <i>The Making</i> , Community Hall t	
22	Thu	12:00 pm	Newcomers' Graduates and the Lunch Bunch, Jo's Place	
		7:00 pm	SGIAC meeting, 2785 Schooner Way.....	18
23	Fri	10:30 am	Otters Swim Club AGM at Board Room, contact Helen 629-2020, Panorama Recreation Centre.....	50
		10:45 pm	CG A Wabisabi Introduction to Japanese Language & Japan, Community Hall.....	29
		12:00 pm	CG Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Nate and Shon, Community Hall	29
		2:00 pm	4 th Annual Pender School Silent Auction, bidding closes, Talisman Books & Gallery	47, 69
		6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Chicken Diablo, Legion Hall	46, 67
24	Sat	9:00 am	Scrapbooking Club meet to 5 pm and February 25, 9 am - 5 pm, \$20 per day with lunch, Legion....	46, 67
		10:00 am	Heartwood Folk School presents <i>Basics of Pruning & Grafting</i> to 12:30, pm, Twin Island Cidery.....	24
		10:00 am	Garage Sale Day at the Market to 1 pm, Community Hall	39, 44
		10:00 am	Messy Science Workshop to noon, Epicentre	22
		7:00 pm	Teen Night to 9 pm, Epicentre	23
		7:30 pm	Film: <i>Battle of the Sexes</i> , Community hall.....	39, 44
25	Sun	2:00 pm	Film Making Workshop #2: <i>The Making</i> , Community Hall.....	18
28	Wed	7:00 pm	Fall Fair Planning for 2018, Community Hall	31

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

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

Al-Anon Family Group	Wednesday, United Community Church, 250-383-4020
Alcoholics Anonymous	Monday 12 pm and Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, 7:30 pm, Plum Tree Court, 629-3205
Art Society..	Usually the First and third Monday of the month, Anglican Parish Hall, 1-4 pm, Brenda Sledzinski, 629-6766
Badminton.....	Tuesday 8 - 10 pm, Sunday, 10 am - 12 pm, School gym, Peter Taylor, 629-3375
Bridge	Monday, 7 pm, Gail Jamieson 629-6228 or May Ready 629-3316
BC Historical Federation Gulf Islands Branch.....	Location and dates vary, call Elizabeth Campbell, 629-3483
Canadian Power & Sail, Pender Island Squadron.....	David Kirsop, 629 6846
Choral Society.....	John Pollard, 629-2022
Chamber of Commerce.....	250-999-6371
Community Support/Volunteer Program	Andrea Mills, 629-3346
Conservancy Association.....	Eleanor Brownlee, 629-8330
Epicentre.....	Daily for members, workshops and activities for members and non-members, Tina Christensen, 629-3045
Farmers' Institute	Barbara Grimmer, 629-3819
Farmland Project.....	Matilda te Hennepe, 629-3829
Field Naturalists.....	Bob Vergette, 629-3820
Garden Club.....	Second Thursday of the month, 1 pm, Parish Hall, Carole Sheaves, 629-6900
Health Care Society.....	Third Monday of the month, 10 am Health Care Centre Meeting Room, Rob Dill, 629-6639
Legion.....	Open Wednesday - Saturday, 4 pm - 8 pm, 629-3441
Library.....	Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm, 629-3722
Lions Club	First and third Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, Dave Dryer, 629-6012
Lunch Bunch (Newcomers' Graduates)	Val Butcher, 629-6621
Magic Lake Property Owners' Society	Second Monday of the month, 4 pm, School, Peter Morton, 629-6244
Motor Club.....	Last Wednesday of the month, Duncan Batty, <i>penderis.mc@gmail.com</i>
Moving Around Pender	First Saturday of the month, 1:15 pm, Community Hall, Peter Pare, 629-6919
Museum	John MacKenzie, 629-9963
Newcomers' Club.....	Second Wednesday of the month, 11:45 am, Dianne Wilson, 629-6029
Nu-To-Yu	Friday and Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Otters Swim Club.....	President Helen Lemon-Moore, <i>penderottersswimclub@gmail.com</i> or 629-2020
Parent Advisory Council	Monthly meetings 6:30 pm, School Library, dates TBA, Jenn Kaila, 250-885-1719
Parks and Recreation Commission.....	Third Friday of the month, 9 am, Community Hall, John Chapman, 629-6274
Pender Highlanders Pipeband.....	Monday, 6:30 pm beginners, 7 pm band, Anglican Hall, Jim Dunlop, 250-222-0375
Pender Islands Trust Protection Society.....	Peter Easthope, 360-639-0202
Pender Pacers.....	Meets every Sunday, call for place and time, Herb Katz, 629-3205
Pender Photo Club.....	Second Monday of the month, Hans Tammemagi, 629-2029
Pender Solstice Theatre Society	Gregory Nicholls, <i>gregariousgarden@gmail.com</i> or 629-6223
PIJazz - Community Jazz Band	rehearsals Tuesday, School, 6:30 pm, 629-2047
Ptarmigan Music and Theatre Society	1-866-859-0634
Quilters' Circle.....	Second Monday of the month, 9:30 am, Anglican Parish Hall, Cindy Hultsch, 629-6091
Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association (PIRAHA)	Board meets every second month, see calendar, 629-3669
Recycling Depot - Winter Hours (October thru May):	Tues 8-3pm, Sat 10-3pm, and Sun 1-4pm..... Closed on Fridays
Soccer Club.....	Fridays 5:30 pm, soccer at school field/gym. All welcome, 14 yrs+, free
Tai Chi	Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays: contact Ken, 629-8332 or Kali, 629-3848
Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue - RCM-SAR Station 20.....	Elizabeth Wilkes, 250-538-8083
Volleyball, Adult Recreational.....	7:30 pm every Monday, School
Walking Group "Let's Go Walking"	Meets every Monday and Friday, 9:25 am, St. Peter's, Carol Davis, 629-9959
Yacht Club	Every third Monday of the month, 7:30 pm, Otter Bay Pavilion, Bruce Waygood, 629-6836

Special Events & Activities at the
COMMUNITY HALL



ZOO ISLANDER FASHION SHOW
FEB 17
7:00 PM

DUO CORVI CONCERT
 February 10
 3:30 pm



BINGO
 February 20, 7 pm

Winter Market
 Saturdays 10 am - 1 pm
 Special Activities

- February 3 Treasure Hunt Day**
 (Find a goodie bag treasure)
- February 10 Puzzle Day**
 (Bring a puzzle to share get a free hot drink)
- February 17 ZOO-iSLANDER Dress-up Day**
 (Dress up in wacky clothes for a free drink)
- February 24- Garage Sale Day**
 (for a table call 629-3669)

Now Showing

Saturday, February 10
Blade Runner 2049

Saturday, February 24
Battle of the Sexes

Community Gathering

- 10:00 - 1:30 Community Café
- 10:45 - 11:45 Activities
- 11:00 - 12:00 Tech Table
- 11:00 - 12:00 Fix it Café
- 12:00 - 1:15 Soup lunch (by donation)
- 12:15 - 1:15 Local musicians - live



Thursdays
1:30 - 3:30
Carpet Bowling



An up to date calendar can be found at: www.penderislands.org



Polar Bear Swim 2018. Photo by Leona Luchkow

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As the swimmers finished, Marcus Lee and sister Acacia handed out participation cards and framed plaques made by Jim Dunlop, for the oldest, youngest, best costumed, farthest away, and the

most 'unusual' swimmer.

Keenan Nowak, full of youthful energy, kept selling the tickets for the 50/50 and the door prizes donated by the Pender Island merchants. The remainder of the 50/50 and the money made in hot dog

sales, went to the Food Bank.

In the background, Fred Vye and his crew, Lion Sandy Mundy, Pearl Nowak, and daughter Nadia who returned to Pender Island from Prince George just for this event, busied themselves cooking and selling hot dogs, smokies, and hot chocolate.

Thanks to the 'Lone Kayaker,' who we assume was an auxiliary coast guard member ready to jump in to handle swimmer problems, or maybe..shoot the pilot for a new TV series?

Prize draw winners

50/50 Draw of \$60 to Brian Forbes, \$25 gift certificate from Kandis' Nails and Esthetics to Kim Brown, box of chocolates from Pender Chocolates to Krista, bottle of wine from Medicine Beach Liquor store to Henry H, two \$50 life jackets from the Medicine Beach Store, one to Debbie Katz, and the other to Katherine Bridge, \$50 gift certificate to Jo's restaurant won by Robyn Eaton, two \$25 gift certificates from Port Browning Marina Resort, one to Myron and the other to Robyn Eaton.

The many prizes that were given out at the swim from Pender Island Pharmacy and Pender Island Home Building Centre were much appreciated. Thank you everyone for your donations and help.

Swimming Prizes

Best costumes, Wanda Thibodeau and Kim Brown; oldest swimmer, Herb Katz age 71; youngest swimmer, Priya Raichura 2½ years old; farthest away, Peter Davis from Bristol, England; and the most athletic swimmer to Sandor Csepregi who swam to Poets Cove before our swim began.

Those who also helped

Jason Dryer and Elise Dri, President Dave Dryer, Lion photographer Marshall Luchkow, and new islanders who came to help were Richard and Anne Sullivan. See you next year.

Doug Patterson

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Pender Island Museum Society



Our 2017 museum year is one for the history books. We had a successful 5-day run from December 26 - 31 with 173 visitors. That put total museum attendance at 1542 for 2017, just short of doubling last year's total annual visitation. The museum looked and smelled festive and visitors kindly expressed their enjoyment in our guest book. As always, we appreciate this level of community support and the volunteer contribution of our wonderful hosts: Ethel Sabbagh, Ursula Poepel, John Cowan, Jon Heaney, Rob England, Peter Taylor, and John Mackenzie.

The Pender Island Museum Society kicks off 2018 with a presentation by guest speaker, historian, and author, Anne Gafiuk on Sunday, February 18 at 2 pm at the Community Hall.

Perhaps you've paused to pay your respects at the Grover Stewart Sargent memorial cairn as you walk the trail off Clam Bay Road. Who was the RCAF pilot whose plane crashed there in 1943 and what's the larger story? In 1948, a decorated RCAF navigator would attend medical school. His thesis would look at the accident proneness of fully trained RCAF pilots, looking at 16 incidents in 1943-44, including the case of Grover Sargent.

Ms. Gafiuk brings those stories to life in her recently published book, *Quietus: Last Flight*, with updated information from military sources, eyewitness accounts (including a Pender Islander who saw Sargent's plane go down), and the families of pilots and crew. A brief AGM follows the presentation, with refreshments at intermission.

Our museum is completely volunteer run and donor funded. We are planning an active program for 2018 and ask for your financial support through memberships or donations. Membership in the Pender Island Museum Society is \$10 per person or \$15 per family. If you are already a member, thank-you and we encourage you to renew at the February 18 presentation.

Simone Marler

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission



A new year...and a chance to catch up on a few items we were not able to finish last year due to budgetary restraints. We will be completing the modification of the Gowlland Point Ocean Access which will be friendlier for disadvantaged access. The short path to the platform will be improved, and a picnic table suitable for a wheelchair will be installed on the right hand side. Also we will replace the gravel on the Boat Nook access path with a smaller, more compact type -- the original trail was constructed with coarse loose gravel making it difficult to manoeuvre a wheelchair. We anticipate seeing our drainage project for the Thieves Bay lawn begin around mid-August. This will allow more use in all seasons as in its present condition water does pool and boots are needed. The timing of the project will allow completing the grading prior to the rains, and allow seeded grass to grow during the fall and winter without having to water. Thus the

Thieves Bay Lawn will be closed from mid-August 2018 to spring 2019.

Another shorter term closure: we will be closing the Mortimer Spit outhouse while the interior is renovated. This improvement will improve the sanitation and make your experience somewhat more enjoyable. Hopefully it will not be out of action for long.

We are excited to inform Pender Island clubs, groups, and non-profit organizations of a new possibility for obtaining liability insurance and perhaps to cover other required insurance needs. It would be great for Pender Island (and the other SGI's) if any club needing liability coverage could sign up under such a policy with a minimum of fuss. Our Regional Director, Dave Howe, is engaging large insurance companies to determine if it is possible to craft an umbrella-type policy in which any interested club/group etc., could enrol. [PIPRC is involved through its management of recreation funding and the School/Community Use agreement.]

To determine whether this is possible, we need to collect pertinent data from as many clubs/organizations as possible in

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the next few weeks. Please spread the word. This data will be organized and sent to insurance companies who will then attempt to devise a suitable umbrella policy.

If your club/organization has any interest in this approach, please provide the following information without delay to Melody Pender, Southern Gulf Islands Resource Centre, email SGICRC@shaw.ca or mail to *Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre, PO Box 95, Pender Island, BC V0N 2M0*:

- Entity Name (ie Rowing Club...)
- Activities carried out by your organization and equipment, if any, that you use.
- Where do you carry out your activities at present?
- Estimate the number of people in your organization and age groups (ie <18, 19-65, >65)
- Does your organization have a board/society status?
- Contact person (phone and email) that we can use to get back to you, and to keep you updated on progress.

- For background information for us, please let us know if, and how, you are presently covered by insurance.

Once we receive feedback from the insurance company we will re-engage with you, our community, re suitability and hopefully to consider administration/funding models. The first step is to establish feasibility.

As feature trail and ocean access for this month, we wish to draw your attention to Trail #36 Fawn Creek & Ocean Access. After crossing the bridge from North to South Pender Island, turn right towards Ainslie Point. There is parking at the Mount Norman / Beaumont trailhead. Continue a short distance along Ainslie Point Road until you come to the Fawn Creek Trail sign on the right. This is a circular trail which gives access to a muddy beach at the bottom end and takes about 15 minutes to walk. This trail offers ecological interest, such as some rather large trees as you traverse its steps and board walk ramps. Fawn Creek itself is a seasonal watercourse. Some sections of the trail are steep, and the trail can be wet and slippery so we recommend good footwear. Remember

to always take out whatever you bring in. If possible, should you find something that does not belong, like litter, bottles, or cans etc, we would appreciate if you would kindly do your part, and take it out with you leaving the trail as natural as possible. Enjoy!

A last note for your information: Our annual elections have returned John Chapman as Chair, Ray Pink as Vice Chair, and Rob Fenton as Treasurer.

*John Chapman, Arnie Alksne,
Commissioners*

Pender Island Public Library

February, a form Pale-vestured, wildly fair; -- One of the North Wind's daughters, With icicles in her hair. ~ Edgar Fawcett (c. 1878)

Art in the Library

Because the “North Wind’s daughter” has yet to release us from her wintry grasp, the exhibit of ‘Winter Themes on Pender’ will remain up until the end of the month. Remember, if you wish to purchase one of these lovely pieces, all you have to do is consult with our librarians - they’ll give you the details.

Lego Club at the Library

Join us Saturday, February 10, at 11 am - 12 pm for Lego building fun. We meet the second Saturday of every month, and we have more Lego than you’ll know what to do with. Remember that this is a free program, but you have to have an adult with you.

Adult Programming

A journey to ‘far away places’ is the topic of our first February talk. In August 2008, Dianne and Peter Wilson embarked on an adventure in China. What started out as a two year commitment turned into three years of living, working, and travelling in this vast and varied country. Dianne had the opportunity to be the first Canadian ESL Director for the Dalian Maple Leaf International High School, which was located near the small town of Jinshitan (only about 70,000 people) over an hour away from the city of Dalian in Liaoning Province. Peter willingly went along and worked as one of the ESL teachers, an “unofficial tour guide,” and a substitute teacher

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in the BC high school program. During their three years, when not working, they travelled to several parts of China. A few of the well-known places they visited were Dandong, Xi'an, Beijing, Shanghai, Dali, Lijiang, Guilin, Yangshuo, Hong Kong, and Macau. As well, they travelled to small villages and rural areas. Their many experiences left them with wonderful memories, not to mention thousands of photographs. Their challenge for the upcoming presentation, on Sunday, February 4, at 2:00 pm, is to pare the photos down to about 200. Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this talk, but seating is limited. Please try your best to arrive early, so as to be relatively certain of getting a seat. Standing room only has been the rule rather than the exception lately. Refreshments (coffee, tea, and home-made baked goods) are always available.

February, though blissfully short, still allows lots of time to select a book or two with which to curl up in your favourite chair, before the busy spring season arrives. For fans of the Library's free eBook and eAudiobook collection, the company that provides access, *OverDrive*, has launched a new app called *Libby*, by *OverDrive*. This new app allows for faster downloads, is easier to use, and is very secure – you can get it for free on your handheld device or computer from the App Store, Microsoft, or Google Play.

Heads up for March

The Library's AGM will take place on March 5, 2018 at the Pender Island Public Library. The meeting starts at 10 am, and is open to the public. It may come as a pleasant surprise to many patrons to know that all Pender Island Public Library adult patrons with an active library card are eligible to vote at the AGM.

Sarah Rose

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

PIRAHA



The PIRAHA board would like to sincerely thank James Constable and his crew for the awe-

some cleaning, painting and oiling that they did upstairs at the Hall. The place looks just great.

Thank you also to Julie Moore Keating, who has offered to maintain the little garden at the front of the Hall. Last but not least, thanks to Mason Prouse for keeping those potholes in the driveway filled up. With all the rain we are having, he is hard pressed to keep up with them. Andrea Mills deserves special mention for coming up with all the new ideas to encourage more attendance at the Winter Market - treasure hunts, jigsaw puzzles, funky dress up day, and a garage sale. What more could you ask for?

Carpet Bowling

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

Treasure Hunt Day Saturday, February 3 10 am to 1 pm

There will be a Treasure Hunt at the Community Hall during the Winter Market. Receive a clue from the Café Hosts and search the Hall grounds to find your treasure.

Puzzle Day Saturday, February 10 10 am to 1 pm

Bring a jigsaw puzzle to share and you will receive a free drink from the Café. Putter the rainy hours away visiting with neighbours and friends, new and old, by working on puzzles that transport you to faraway lands.

Duo Corvi Medieval Music Concert Saturday, February 10 3:30 pm

One of Canada's most captivating early music groups, and recognized internationally for the interpretation of historical repertoire, Duo Corvi specializes in the creative performance of music from 13th- to 15th-century Italy, Spain, and France. Pairing voice and percussion with clavicymbalum and organetto, they transfix audiences with a rare glimpse

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into the world of secular medieval music. Each of the ensemble's programs is carefully researched and explored through bold text, engaging sound and delicate improvisation.

Film: *Blade Runner 2049*

Saturday, February 10 at 7:30 pm

Officer K (Ryan Gosling), a new blade runner for the Los Angeles Police Department, unearths a long-buried secret that has the potential to plunge what's left of society into chaos. His discovery leads him on a quest to find Rick Deckard (Harrison Ford), a former blade runner who's been missing for 30 years.

ZOO-iSLANDER

Saturday, February 17

10 am to 1 pm

To get you in the mood for the funky, fantastic, fun ZOO iSLANDER Fashion Show we would like to encourage you to dress up in your feathers, sequins and miscellaneous spectacular clothes. Come looking 'FUN'ky and you will receive a free drink from the Café.

BINGO

Tuesday, February 20 at 7 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm and BINGO starts promptly at 7 pm and goes until about 9 pm. \$7 includes three chances for each of the 11 regular games plus three chances at the Mini Jackpot. BINGO cards for the BONANZA Jackpot are \$2 each...buy as many as you wish. If you would like to attend the BINGO games and don't want to drive in the dark, please call Dianne Allison at 629-3372 and a ride can be arranged for you.

Garage Sale Day

Saturday, February 24

10 am to 1 pm

It's time to go through your cupboards, drawers, and garage to find things that need a new home. Cost per table is \$5 or 10% of what you earn (whichever is lower); the tables are 6x3 feet and you must book ahead by calling 250-629-3669 (leave a message with your email address) or email bookings@penderislands.org

Film: *Battle of the Sexes*

Saturday, February 24 at 7:30 pm

The 1973 tennis match between Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs became the most-watched televised sports event

of all time. Trapped in the media glare, King and Riggs were on opposite sides of a binary argument, but off-court each was fighting more personal and complex battles. With her husband urging her to fight for equal pay, the private King was also struggling to come to terms with her own sexuality, while Riggs gambled his legacy and reputation in a bid to relive the glories of his past.

Volunteers Needed

The Community Hall is looking for volunteers. We are looking for people to help in the café, people to help beautify the garden, people to help mentor the interns, BINGO callers, film projectionists, and general help for Hall-led events or activities. Let us know what interests you have and we will find something that suits! For more information please call 629-3669 or email bookings@penderislands.org

Dianne Allison and Andrea Mills

**Pender Island
Recycling Society**



At the Depot, the Arosemary is flowering and the irises are bravely poking their tender leaves through the dirt. This can only mean that spring is around the corner and that now is a wonderful time to book your backhaul in anticipation of another productive growing season. We haul soil, mulch, and gravel and our schedule is wide open; don't hesitate to book your spot as the number of bookings increase along with daylight hours. Your use of our backhaul service provides revenue to fund reduce and reuse initiatives, as well as making our recycling operation a little greener by ensuring we return to Pender with a full truck.

Another great way to support the Depot is through your membership dollars. For twenty dollars annually we happily go above and beyond recycling the basics, and those of you that have moved from the city will notice that we accept many more items than the curbside blue box service does. Besides packaging, we accept scrap metal, large and small appliances, lightbulbs, electronics, smoke detectors, batteries, paint, tea lights, and

corks, as well as gently used items for our FreeStore, ReShop, and ReValue areas. Memberships can be renewed at the Depot or from the comfort of your own home at PenderIslandRecycling.com.

We are often quite busy at the depot, which is a popular place to catch up on Pender news with your friends and neighbours, but if you notice other visitors circling through our parking area in search of a spot to park, please finish your recycling so that others may have your spot. Our parking spaces are often outnumbered by our keen recyclers, especially during peak operating times, which are within an hour of the depot opening or closing.

If you have mobility issues, please don't hesitate to ask staff for help. We are glad to offer assistance, and if our hands are currently occupied, we will be with you as soon as we can.

You may have noticed on our website, Facebook page, or in our column of *The Pender Post*, that we have become an authorized Paint Plus Depot. This means that we accept flammable liquids, pesticides, and flammable aerosols. These items must be taken from your car by a staff member and inspected to ensure that they are part of the program. Either visit our website PenderIslandRecycling.com, drop by the depot during opening hours, or call us at 629-6962 during opening hours for further information.

Niki Roberts, Executive Director

**Pender Organic Community
Garden Society**

POCGS



It's a perfect day to sit and contemplate vegetable gardening for the coming growing season. It's raining and much too wet to even think about visiting the Community Garden. Although on a good day, if fall and winter planting has been done, it is still possible to harvest beets, carrots, leeks, good old kale, and Swiss chard. On a personal note, we are watching our rapini very carefully as it appears to be doing very well in this fall/winter environment after two unsuccessful attempts at home. We've started to give some

thought to which vegetables we want to grow this year. One decision, garlic (and lots of it), was made in the fall and has already been planted.

Last year was our first year of participation in the Community Garden and we relied on a lot of advice from other members, and also a number of free starters including tomatoes, squash, and potatoes. We planted the starters, plus our own peas, beans, squash, zucchini, carrots etc., in what we thought was a fairly organized way only to discover that certain plants, especially the potatoes and tomatoes, became inaccessible as the growing season continued. It became a balancing act to get in close enough to water the roots of one plant while not stepping on another. I remembered that when we purchased our first small house back in Ontario, we decided we had enough room for a 10 x 10 foot backyard garden. Not being particularly avid gardeners, we looked around for some guidance as to what to plant and how to plant it. Help came in the form of a government booth at an event that escapes our memories. However, they provided us with a printout (this was before the Internet) of which vegetables made sense in our environment and how they should be planted in order to take advantage of the sun. I don't remember a lot about the results, but there was lots of growth and lots of weeds. Anyway, the memory of that print-out made me wonder if that type of service was still available, but now on the internet. It is.

After a short browse, I was able to find charts for determining what to plant and when. There was a Seasonal Vegetable Planning Chart as well as one more specifically for fall and winter. I was also able to find sample vegetable garden planting guides based on 10 x 10 foot or 20 x 20 foot sections. I even found a sample 4 x 4 square foot garden. You can also interactively design your own vegetable garden based on your own preferences. The nice thing is that it gives you a guide as to how much you should plant and how much space you require for the planting. These are obviously guidelines, but I think they will provide a good starting point for our second year in the garden. Below is a list of the websites I found. I hope you enjoy them and can make use of them.

Sites

- <https://www.westcoastseeds.com/garden-resources/west-coast-seeds-planting-charts/> or visit West Coast Seeds
- <http://www.vegetable-gardening-online.com/>

Happy gardening.

Frank and Martha Deme

Refugee Support Project

RSP

Hussain Alkhowein



A Canadian baby for the Alkhoweins. Welcome little Hussain (Alkhowein family),

A Grateful Farewell

We love our Pender family. We will visit in the spring, said Luis Carlos.

See photo montage on page 53

Oh, what a rollercoaster ride it's been over the past two years!

Since October 2015 Pender Island RSP has rescued fifteen refugees from desperate situations. What a vertical learning situation it has been for us all, Canadians and newcomers alike.

First, we rescued the six members of the Alkhowein family from Syria - Morhaf and Maha and their four children. After six weeks on Pender we needed to resettle them in Victoria. Despite the information on their settlement papers, we discovered they were not rural people after all. They were city folks who couldn't adjust, and were frightened by

being surrounded by trees where they thought snipers could lurk.

With help through the Anglican Diocese (our government-approved supervisor, SAH), we re-settled them with a support group in Victoria. They later moved to Windsor, Ontario to be reunited with family members from the refugee camp. They celebrated by having a Canadian baby! They sent us a picture of little Hussein, with grateful thanks for all we did to give them a new start.

Since our first refugee family left so quickly, we still had most of the money raised, so we applied again, stressing we needed a rural family. A match was found with a nine-member extended family, refugees from the jungles of Colombia. They had never known peace, having spent their entire lives in war zones, been run off the land repeatedly, and seen several family members killed. The Santana Sanchez families comprised two brothers, Azael and Luis Carlos, their wives Ines and Sandra, and five children.

They loved Pender. They stayed with us for fifteen months learning that Canada is a safe and welcoming country. They studied Basic English and learned skills such as how to shop, how to use the bank and the clinic, the importance of dentistry, and the importance of regular attendance at school. The men worked hard with a landscaping company, the women learned house-cleaning skills, the older children loved school and the younger ones socialized at Dragonfly.

Their integration was going really well, but they were scared of the city, and we knew that to become independent Canadians they had to be able to function there as well as on Pender.

With the help of our SAH group, after the completion of their first year, the Santana Sanchez families were introduced to another support group in Victoria, who offered to help them learn city life. This help was only available for a short window in their second year in Canada, so with much trepidation they agreed to move.

The Victoria group helped them find the perfect housing. They rent two suites in a four-plex in the Colwood area. Luis Carlos and Sandra and the four children

have the three-bedroom suite upstairs, and the smaller family has the one-bedroom apartment below, so each family has their own space.

They have good jobs and are working hard. After the first weeks of adjustment to city life, this has proven to be a really successful move.

We too have succeeded. We successfully completed our RSP mandate! We knew we could not change the world, but we did dramatically change the lives of fifteen people and their future generations.

The Victoria SAH group says we did a most professional job, and that we are now officially absolved of our responsibilities. Our newcomer families will continue to live in Canada with the privacy they deserve. However they love their Pender family, have said they would like to visit in the spring, and love it when we drop in.

This brings an end to the work of Pender's Refugee Support Project. I would like to thank everyone who became directly involved in RSP with an outpouring of time, energy, donations and gifts, and the many who generously gave to the project, from a distance. I am so proud of this community achievement; I have never before lived in a place with so much 'Heart.'

Part of my heart will always be with these brave and resilient newcomers who are now working hard to become fully Canadian, so let's give the last word to Luis Carlos. When we visited at Christmas, he proudly said, "It is not easy for adults to learn so much, but look at our children."

Once again, I had tears in my eyes.

May 2018 bestow peace and blessings on you all. With gratitude,

*Andrea Spalding, Facilitator -
Pender's Refugee Support Project*

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 239



Legion Called y mis Cbach by the Welsh, meaning "little month," and Februum in Latin, meaning purification after the early Roman spring cleaning festival "February," we know it best as a month of love,

flowers, and yup, chocolates: Valentine's Day. Did you know, to this day, the Italian city of Verona, where Romeo and Juliet lived, still receives 1000 letters on Valentine's Day addressed to Juliet? How romantic is that? Statistics tell us that 73% of men and 27% of women buy flowers. And you can bet of the 189 million stems of roses sold, most are red - favourite of Venus, Roman Goddess of Love (and my dog). And ladies, if Mr. Right hasn't coughed up for flowers - remember 15% of women buy flowers for themselves. And let's not forget the 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate sold yearly. Lastly don't forget your BB- don't be embarrassed to join the 3% of the population who remembers Fido with a heart-shaped biscuit.

Valentines Dinner and Dance

And how better to spend a romantic evening with your loved one than dining and dancing to the PIJazz band at the Legion? A delicious dinner of chicken in a white wine cream sauce with mashed potatoes, peas, and swede (root vegetable), finished off with Panna Cotta and strawberry coulis, for \$20. The dinner and dance are two separate events and tickets are sold separately. Got plans for dinner but want to dance the night away? Tickets for the dancing queen are available for \$15 in advance and \$20 at the door. A little birdie told me the band is busy learning all sorts of new material, making this another fabulous evening.

Liquor Primary

With a change of liquor licence, the Legion is now available to the public without having to be signed in by a member. Never been to the Legion? Here's the perfect opportunity to change that and meet your old and new friends, and even become a member. And if you want to become even more involved, the Legion is looking to immediately fill the position of Secretary. All those interested, contact John Pender 629-6051 or jpender@hotmail.com.

Legionnaire of the Year

After wading through the hundreds of votes that came in for Legionnaire of the Year, I came across one individual who voted for someone because he "spent a lot of money on beer." While we appre-

ciate his patriotism, the Legionnaire of the Year designation is for a person who has gone over and above the call of duty. And this year, it couldn't have gone to a nicer, more deserving guy. Many, many congratulations to Legionnaire of the Year, Ken Pelley.

Scrapbooking

All those creative scrapbooking folks will be gathering again February 24 - 25 at the Legion from 9 am - 5 pm for \$20 per day including lunch. Contact Melody at 629-6051 or melodyre@shaw.ca to ensure your spot.

Friday Night Dinners

Our new caterers have been busy lining up great dinners for you, starting February 2 with Stuffed Meatloaf. Our favourite guy, Jo from Jo's Place, returns as a special guest February 9 to serve his famous Prime Rib and Yorkshire for \$20. As with last year, Jo will generously donate all labour and food costs to the Legion. On February 16, enjoy mouth-watering Spare Ribs, and bringing it home on February 23, they're serving up scrumptious Chicken Diablo.

Thursdays are another busy day at the Legion with euchre at 4 pm, darts at 7 pm, and our famous Meat Draw at 5:30 pm. If you miss Thursdays, the Meat Draw continues on Saturday at 5 pm, with all money going back to the community.

General Meeting

Please note that the February General Meeting has been postponed to March 3 at the Legion at 10 am. The regular March General meeting will be held on March 31.

Tania Schissler

Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue

Station 20 - Pender Island



Station 20, Pender Island, was called out 20 times in 2017. Most of these taskings occurred in the earlier part of the year, leaving from mid-October on very quiet for us. Training goes on during all months of the year, though. We recorded 49 classroom sessions and an astonishing 89 on-water exercises. The importance

of training for RCMSAR is huge: if the crew doesn't locate and check each piece of equipment on a regular basis, or simulate night running with, say, an equipment failure of radar and GPS, we are not going to be prepared in a real emergency situation. Our coxes throw each of our three crews enough curve balls to try to keep us prepared for any situation we'll encounter. Many of our on-water training sessions are run in support of community happenings, such as the visit of the Santa Ship to the Gulf Islands in December and the Polar Bear Swim at Port Browning in January.

Our Training Officer, Brian Morton, has done an outstanding job, especially with bringing new crew to full crew status, a lengthy job. We wish Brian a speedy recovery from his surgery. Thanks very much to Elizabeth Wilkes for stepping up as Training Officer. We very much enjoyed having Elise Dri, a BC Ambulance Paramedic, attend our January training meeting and run some medical scenarios with us. Our volunteers "fell off a boat roof onto the deck," "collapsed in diabetic shock," and underwent a "cardiac incident," all of which were successfully identified and as stabilized. Elise gave us front-line knowledge of what an ambulance crew is going to want to see from us as first responders in our interactions with folks with medical issues.

We welcome two new members, Wayne Shirk from Pender Island and Monique Dufault from Saturna, and our first junior member, Graeme Parker. We'd also like to congratulate our latest cox'n, Kevin Gosling, who wrote the December RCMSAR article about attending RHIOT training in Bamfield. Kev will be taking over training for new recruits.

On January 1, after the Polar Bear swim finished, our boat went out training in Swanson Channel. The duty coxswain spotted something on the shore he wanted a closer look at and made a routine call, "Stop the boat." This is known in boat-speak as a "hard stop." In this case, when our boat came to a halt, the two Yamaha 250 engines shut off and wouldn't start again. It's theorized that water was sucked back in through the exhaust because of the sudden stop. The long and short of the matter is that when

we had the boat towed in to Sidney to Forsche Marine, the mechanic found such a huge amount of damage to each engine that it looks at this time as if the insurance adjuster will recommend two new powerheads.

Zoe Landale

School Parent Advisory Council

February is a big month for the Parent Advisory Council! This month we will be hosting two of the largest fundraisers for the school - the Winter Carnival and the 4th Annual Pender Island Elementary School Silent Auction. The Winter Carnival will be held on Friday, February 16 from 5:00-8:00pm at the school. There will be games, a cake walk, raffle prizes, popcorn, and cotton candy. The local RCMP will also be on hand to provide information about D.A.R.E., a program that teaches school-aged children the critical thinking and life skills necessary to choose a drug-free life. If anyone is interested in volunteering at this fun-filled event, please contact Rita Boyte at rrrainaldi@yahoo.ca. It is sure to be a night filled with family and recreation, so come and beat those winter blues with some carnival fun!

The 4th Annual Pender Island Elementary School Silent Auction is open for bidding from February 1-23 at Talisman Books & Gallery. There is a fabulous selection of items to bid on, donated by many local as well as off-island businesses, artists, and individual sponsors. Some of this year's local sponsors include Ainslie Point Cottage, Braedon's Big Dig Em, Canada Post, Coastal Life Realty, Creative Hands, Dog Mermaid Eco Excursions, Jo's Place, Kandis' Nails, Maple Cove Cabin, Magic Lake Property Owners' Association, Nancy Silo Pottery, Pender Otters Swim Club, PI Cab Company, PI Pharmacy, PI Fire Rescue, PI Home Building Centre, PI Veterinary Clinic, Pender Chocolates, Pender Plumbing & Gas, Poets Cove Resort & Spa, Sea Star Vineyards, Studio B Hair Art, Slow Coast Coffee, Sublime Design, The Stand, Vanilla Leaf Bakery, and Virtual Wave Media. Some of our off-island sponsors include Alexander's Coffee, Arbutus RV & Marine, BC Transit, Beacon Auto Parts, Bos-

ley's, Boston Pizza, Brown's Florist, Clair Downey Service, Craigdarroch Castle, Kiddin' Around, Lifestyles Market, Lordco, Maria's Souvlaki, Mariner Pizza, Miniature World, Muffet & Louisa, Panago Pizza, Victoria Symphony, Vancouver Symphony Orchestra, West Port Marina, Wendy Everson Law and many, many more. This is the largest fundraiser for the school, with proceeds directly benefiting the entire learning community. There's a little something for everyone, so please come and support this worthwhile cause. See ad on **page 69**.

With tax season around the corner, for those community members or businesses that would like to make a monetary contribution, charitable tax receipts are available. This is another great way to contribute, thus providing educational opportunities for the Pender Islands Elementary School. Please contact Jennifer MacGillivray at robjennifer2000@yahoo.ca for further information.

Thank you to all the sponsors who have contributed this year, and to Talisman Books & Gallery for kindly opening up the gallery space for this wonderful event. We look forward to seeing you at Talisman Books & Gallery this month to view this spectacular display.

Bidding closes at 2 pm on Friday, February 23

Rita Boyte, PAC - Silent Auction & Winter Carnival Coordinator

SGI Community Resource Centre



CRC
Southern Gulf Islands
Community Resource Center

The Community Resource Centre's

Educational Tourism project is approaching the final months of our pilot year. The goal of this project has been to foster a sustainable economy through experience-based tourism in the off-season. In order to achieve this goal, we have had to put some creative solutions in place. Here is a peek at some of the projects that we are currently working on:

Pender in the Winter Photo Campaign

We are reaching out to local photographers and will be working with them to create a portfolio of photos that show-

case our island's winter beauty, our off-season events, and our businesses that run here year round.

Heartwood's Eco-Home Tour

Throughout our first year, we have sought to help local organizations and businesses pilot their own edu-tourism events. We are excited to work with Heartwood as they develop the Heartwood Eco-Home Tour. We will leave them to share all of the wonderful details, but you can look forward to an event at the end of April that includes transportation by Bussa Nova and the photography of Rachel Lenkowsky.

Pop-Up Restaurants

We hope to create a series of pop-up restaurants that will showcase our local caterers and chefs, and provide a unique dining experience. This idea is still in its early days and we would love to hear from more culinary experts who may be interested in participating. Our first Pop-Up Restaurant will run on March 3 at the Community Hall. This licensed venue will feature a menu by Rebecca and Derek Gooding.

Mobile Classroom Computer Lessons

Shon Tam will be leading a Computer Group to help advance your computer and technology skills. Currently the program will be held on Mondays at 1:00 in the Community Hall Lounge. There will be 6 free sessions (see ad on **page 68** for more details).

CRC Advisory Councils

Our two councils are also heading into the final months of their first projects. The Wellness and Sustainability Council set their initial goals with the hope of uniting our islands' wellness practitioners and creating opportunities for collaboration. Future events include a series of retreats, the creation of a Wellness Society, and hosting of a Wellness Fair.

The Arts and Adventure Council has also been working to foster collaboration, but this time their focus is on the islands' musicians. In fact, the Pop-Up Restaurant on March 3rd is part of a larger event – the debut show for a local community record label. Stay tuned to hear more about this project.

Attention local clubs and organizations: CRD Regional Director, Dave Howe, has engaged a large insurance company to determine if it is possible to craft an umbrella-type policy in which any interested clubs, groups, and non-profits could enrol.

To determine whether this is possible, we need to collect pertinent data from as many clubs/organizations as possible in the next few weeks. This data will be organized and sent to the insurance company, who will then attempt to devise a suitable umbrella policy.

If your club/organization has any interest in this approach, please provide the following information without delay to Melody Pender, by email at pendercrc@shaw.ca or mail to Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre, PO Box 95, Pender Island, BC V0N 2M0:

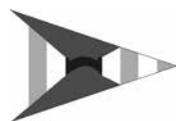
- Entity Name (ie Rowing Club...)
- Activities carried out by your organization and equipment, if any, that you use.
- Where you carry out your activities
- Estimated number of people in your organization and general age range (<18, 19-65, 65+)
- The name of your Board or Society if you have one
- Contact person's phone and email
- Whether or not you currently have insurance and how you are insured.

This information will be used by the insurance company to assess feasibility and, if possible, develop an umbrella policy.

Jim Peacock, Chair SGICRC

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Canadian Power and Sail Pender Island Squadron



Here is a sampler of courses that will be offered by your local squadron in 2018.

Various absences and commitments by our members have prevented having dates and venues finalized but advertising will commence by March.

ROC(M) Operator's Certificate

Every owner/operator of a VHF marine radio is required to have a Radio Operators Certificate (Maritime). This course will introduce participants to the proper use of the marine VHF radio and the protocols for making informative broadcasts, assistance calls and Mayday calls. Students will be given an exam at the end of the course and will receive their ROC(M) certificate on successful completion of the exam.

DSC Seminar

This seminar is aimed at those who have their ROC(M) but are looking to update their skill levels with respect to DSC capabilities. Most VHF radios sold today are equipped with Digital Selective Calling (DSC) – do you know how to configure your radio and make the best use of the features that come with this new technology? If you have, or are thinking of upgrading to, a DSC equipped VHF radio then this seminar is for you. We will be using our DSC VHF radio simulator to demonstrate and allow participants to experiment and familiarize themselves with the process and protocols to get the most use out of these very versatile radios.

Boating 2, Beyond the PCOC

The PCOC makes sure you have immediate navigation and safety skills but it's just the beginning of what you should know when you get on a boat. In the second of our Boating Series, 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; these include towing, trailering, and a checklist for layup and launch.

Boating 3, Navigation

In January, I wrote about the use of charts and course plotting to navigate in fog. This course will teach you those skills. The course will extend over 6 weekly sessions and is scheduled to take place from April 3 to May 8.

Fundamentals of Weather for Gulf Islanders

Anyone venturing out on the water should be aware of the potential for

weather related sea conditions. Beyond “red sky in the morning”, the new CPS Weather Course provides boaters with the tools to find and accurately interpret weather reports and forecasts, and to develop keen judgments in “reading” the sky and sea for optimum boating safety. We will also put a local focus on this as our local land formations significantly affect how weather systems play out in the Salish Sea.

Please keep safe when out on the water and enjoy the experience.

David Kirsop

Pender Island Field Naturalists

PIFN



The Christmas Bird Count held on December 16 was a rousing success. A record 108 species of birds were identified in our area, which included the islands of Pender, Mayne, and Saturna. For the Southern Gulf Islands, we had 127 people out walking and 33 watching their bird feeders - an excellent effort by everyone. A number of records fell, from 160 Bald Eagles on the large side of the size spectrum to 192 Anna's Hummingbirds on the other end. If you thought that there were a lot of Chestnut-backed Chickadees around, well, you were right. We counted 1,022. The most numerous species was, as usual, the Dark-eyed Junco, with 1,619 counted although I am sure the number is low, as there seems to be that many at times at our feeders! Unusual species reported but not normally seen on the Christmas Count included Orange-crowned Warbler, Yellow-rumped Warbler, Eared Grebe, Long-tailed Duck, and Steller's Jay. The jay, though common elsewhere in the region, is not frequently found on the islands, but this year we had an influx with 35 noted for the three islands.

The Christmas Count is a great example of citizen science that helps to identify trends in wintering bird populations. Thanks to the many who helped make the count a success and to the landowners who allowed us to bird on their properties. For those interested in a detailed list of species, email me at [\[eating@shaw.ca\]\(mailto:eating@shaw.ca\) and I would be happy to send you a copy.](mailto:geraldmck-</p></div><div data-bbox=)

Gerry McKeating

On February 21, the 3rd Wednesday Nature Walk will be to Peter Cove, named after Peter William Wallace MD, assistant surgeon, HMS Satellite in the 1850s. The nearby Wallace Point was also named after him. Indigenous Peoples set up reef nets there over the millennia; early settlers boated over for community picnics; today's “Trinco” residents think it's the gem of the Penders. See if you agree by joining PIFN leaders Bob Vergette and Julie Wilmott for a leisurely walk to this picturesque cove where varied beach accesses reveal nature's treasures. Meet at 9:15 am at St. Peter's Anglican Church upper parking lot to carpool, or go directly to the corner of Plumper Way and Bedwell Drive.

A heads up for March 9 at the Community Hall as we welcome Paige Erickson-McGee, Stewardship Coordinator for Habitat Acquisition Trust, as she shows us how to support native bees in backyards and gardens. Did you know 70% of crops require or benefit from pollinators? More on this next month.

After the pollinator presentation, we will hold a brief AGM to elect the Board of Directors for the Pender Island Field Naturalists. This seemingly simple event is important because the organization is only as strong as the leadership shown by its directors to create interesting programs that, in turn, are supported by the membership.

Bob Vergette and Simone Marler

Pender Island Garden Club



Despite a rainy day our January meeting was well attended. LeeAnne Mueller gave a very good presentation on hoop greenhouses and other ways of extending your growing season. The slide presentation was easy to understand, showing step by step construction of a hoop greenhouse with easy-to-follow instructions no matter how large you decide to make it. LeeAnne also showed us how to keep prices down by building the greenhouses out of found or

second-hand items. I predict a run on anyone offering recycled windows or sliders in the next few months as gardeners try to collect enough windows to build a greenhouse.

Our February guest will be Mark Benson on the topic *How To Build Soil* which is a critical part of gardening on Pender because we have no soil to speak of. As always this is free for members but there will be a \$5 drop in fee for non-members. Remember to bring your cups for tea or coffee and anything you may have for the Show & Tell table.

Val Butcher, Publicity

Pender Island Newcomers' Club

Our first Newcomers' meeting of the year was held on January 10. After chew-and-chat, we headed over to Fire Hall #1 for a presentation by Mike Dine. Given the very real danger that fire poses on our islands, this is probably one of the most important sessions for newcomers to attend, and one well worth repeating. As usual, Mike gave an exciting and illuminating talk, which was followed by a personal tour of the new training facility! It was fascinating to get a look at how the new structure will serve to train our Pender fire volunteers, as well as fire fighters from other districts. It is such an impressive achievement to have this facility on Pender. We finished the afternoon with hands-on training in how to properly use our fire extinguishers.

We are holding a Newcomers social event on January 31, 6:30 - 9 pm, in the Community Hall Lounge. We are going to learn how to play court whist. If you are new to Pender and would like to know more about this event, please call Dianne at 629-6029. Members please RSVP to Dianne, as well, as she needs an accurate headcount.

Next meeting is February 14 at 11:45 in the Community Hall lounge. Newcomers' Club welcomes anyone who is new(ish) to Pender Island. It is a fun group of people who want to make new friends and learn more about life on Pender. Please come and try us out! We know that the best way to encourage people to come is by personal invi-



Deputy Fire Chief Mike Dine demonstrating how to use a fire extinguisher

tation, so if you have a new neighbour who might be hesitant, please encourage them to give us a try, too. Also, check our spiffy new cards and welcome sheets at the realty offices, the Chamber, the Driftwood notice board, and more.

For more information, contact our chairperson, Dianne Wilson, at 629-6029.

Annie Smith

Pender Island Otters Swim Club



Important news for all swim club members: it is time for our Annual

General Meeting, so please mark your calendars for Friday, February 23. We will hold the meeting at Panorama Recreation Centre in the Boardroom to the left and down the hall from the Entry Desk. Note the time of 10:30 am start to facilitate allowing our swimmers to still participate in their time slots, and also get business done. Anyone interested in helping out on the board for the coming year, contact Helen Lemon-Moore at 629-2020. It would be great to have some new volunteers on our board. Many hands make light work. Come help keep our inter-island swim club going. Hope to see you there.

Helen Lemon-Moore, President

Pender Island Yacht Club



The Pender Island Yacht Club first General Meeting of 2018

was held on January 15 at Bridgemans

Bistro. A large group of members enjoyed a meal in the pub prior to the meeting. The turnout was decent and we were treated to an informative lesson on anchoring by Glenn Henderson and Bob Coulson. Plans for our 2018 cruises are coming together nicely. The Annual Sail Past and Dinner will be held in May (date TBA) at Otter Bay Marina. This event has always been a popular and well-attended start to our Club's cruising season. Other cruises planned are a (tentative) trip to Rosario via Friday Harbor in June, to Ladysmith in August where our group will attend the Chemainus Theatre production and dinner, and Port of Sidney in September. The cruise destination in July will be announced later. There are also plans in the making for a club golf tourney to be held in June.

The first race of the winter season racing schedule was held January 13. The race was Course N, Deep Ridge and Enterprise Ridge, 10 nm. This is Shingle Bay to the UN Buoy in front of the Channel Islands, then to the light on Enterprise Reef, to the can buoy (U51) off Mayne Island, and back to Shingle Bay. The day was grey, but essentially without rain. There was a steady wind on the first leg to Deep Ridge, but after that the wind was fickle. It picked up just around 3 pm, when the race finished. The winner was Take Time at 240 minutes, captained by Stephen Fairclough. We are glad to see Stephen out again. However, the only other boat out of 5 starters to finish was Paddington, captained by Bruce Waygood. The last time this course was raced, the winning time was 108 minutes.

Membership in the PIYC is one of the finer things that can be done on or near the water, whether you own a boat or not. Please visit our web site at www.piyc.ca for more information and a contact form to fill out and submit, to join our club to experience good times and great people!

Here's to another great cruising season in 2018!

Carol Budnyk, Media/Signals Officer - www.piyc.ca/

Pender Pacers

Winter Report

Runners are like postal delivery people: whatever the weather, the job needs to get done, and so on January 7, six Pacers found themselves at the start line of the Prairie Inn Harriers 8K Road Race on the outskirts of Sidney BC. Ev McLachlan, Kim McLachlan, Carol Davis, Kim Brown, Debbie Katz, and Herb Katz raced for the Pender Pacers. The rain that was falling was almost hail, the wind was strong, the puddles were deep, and it was cold. We ran, and we ran as fast as we could to get out of that miserable weather. There was warmth and comfort and wonderful food at the Finish Line for all of us and further glory in the Awards Ceremony when Herb Katz won First Place in his age category, Debbie Katz, fourth place in her category and the four other Pacers gave great cheers and whoops. This was the first race in the Vancouver Island Race Series, which runs all Winter, eight races in all, ending on April 8. Most of the races are shorter distances, 8-10K, one half-marathon thrown in for good measure. The races are held all over Vancouver Island and attended by some of the very fastest runners, young and old, from the various running clubs on the Island and the Southern Gulf Islands. It's a great excuse to get off the Island for the day and earn the right to eat a lovely lunch/brunch when you get home. So why should you come out to run with the Pender Pacers on Sunday mornings? Here is the top 10 List of good reasons:

- You will be running so you can't stay home and work on that report that needed to be in last week
- You will start and finish the run at

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- You will learn how the world works as Pacers have endless theories on everything
- You will have a good reason to update your sports wardrobe, running shoes included
- You can walk if you don't want to run. Some Pacers are lovely company on a Sunday walk
- You will burn between 500-800 calories on the Pender hills
- Yes, you will become acquainted with the rolling hills of Pender Island
- You will become virtuous
- You will stop caring how many calories are in a cinnamon bun, and
- You will know bliss, because when you stop it feels so good.

Come on out; we meet at Slow Coast Coffee every Sunday at 8:30 am. Call Herb at 629-3205 for details.

Debbie Katz

OF GENERAL INTEREST



Pender Post Past

February 1988

January 15, 1988 saw the General Store at Port Washington close its doors as the store at Driftwood was attracting most of the business on the island. In the Real Estate section was an ad listing the Old General Store Building for sale. No price shown.

There were Sweetheart dances and dinners being offered at The Legion, Bedwell Harbour Resort, and Port Browning Resort. No excuse for not taking your best gal out for Valentine's Day.

A Tudor style dog house was one of two prizes being offered by the CRD in a contest open to people who purchased dog licenses by March 31.

Also on January 15, a tree with an eagle's nest was blown down in the 100 block of Schooner Way but eagles were seen carrying sticks to another tree nearby so it appeared another nest was under construction. Wally Bradley said he and Don Grimmer had spared that tree in 1951 while logging in the area due to the nest site.

An interesting article in the Legion News concerned the Tate family, who belong to many associations on Pender, and asked if anyone recognized them. The old man was Dick Tate who wants to run everything while Uncle Ro Tate likes change for change's sake. Agi Tate and her husband Irri Tate like to stir things up. Then there is cousin Hesi Tate who always wants to wait before starting new projects and her husband Vegi Tate who likes to think before taking action. Luckily there is Facili Tate who likes to get things done. Have you any of the Tate family in your group?

Valerie Butcher

An Act of Kindness

Once upon a time a little grey cat came to see that she was all alone. Her master wasn't coming into her cat house to feed her anymore. No one was coming to see her or feed her. Her days of living quietly on the edge of the forest, in a cat house on the deck of the master's house had gone on for many years. The mourning doves told her first, "Your master is sick; they have taken him to a hospital. You are all alone. Go into the forest for your final days." The little grey cat curled up tightly in her cat house and waited and thought of all the days of her life. She knew that she could find food and shelter in the forest, but that wasn't what she needed now. She waited. Days passed and then one morning strong arms gathered her up and carried her quickly up the road into a carrying cage in a car. Quiet voices traveled with her and she soon found herself inside a warm, cozy house. A soft voice spoke to her and said, "We will call you Mia and we will care for you now, for the rest of your days. We will give you food and shelter and love, everyday, as much love as you need." Her new mistress gave her the most important thing of all - the priceless gift of love.

This is a true story, thank you Ali Tam-memagi for stepping in and caring enough to take the little old grey cat into your life.

Debbie Katz

Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards

The Salt Spring Island Potters Guild will host its second juried Exhibition and Prize competition in 2018 to showcase excellent ceramic art produced in the province of BC. The exhibition and awards are meant to encourage artistic and technical excellence in the practice of ceramic artists/potters living and working in the Province of British Columbia. The range of ceramic work eligible for consideration is broad, including sculptural and functional ceramics: any creative work consisting mostly of fired clay. The exhibition will be located in historic Mahon Hall from October 4 - 14, 2018. For more information on the Salt Spring Island Ceramic Awards, go to www.ssicaceramicawards.com.

SSI Potters Guild

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	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	6.3	1.7	4.0	9.5 several times	-2.5 on 24 th	114.2	3.0	117.2
Normal	7.0	2.4	4.7	15.0 in 2014	-11.5 in 1990	118.3	10.3	128.6

Comparing 2017 with the average annual temperatures and precipitation since 1987:

	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Total Precipitation		
	High	Low	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
2017	15.7	6.8	11.3	33.0	-5.0	753.4	66.0	819.4
1987 – 2017	14.9	7.1	11.0	35.0 in 2007, 09 & 16	-12.5 in 1989	834.9	28.5	863.4

Was that a white Christmas we just had? If you looked out at the right time, it was! On Christmas morning there was about a centimetre of snow covering almost everything; our dock was white and from a distance you could not tell that the snow was very thin. There was ice covering about half the lake and the ice was covered in snow. All very pretty while it lasted but by evening it had almost all gone; the ice gradually disappeared as the temperature became unseasonably warm. December is on average our snowiest month, but not in 2017 - disappointing for some but good news for others. If you are surprised to see that we had 66 cm of snow in 2017, let me remind you that most of that snow fell in February 2017. December is also the month with the lowest average temperatures and in 2017 the December temperatures were slightly below average.

We finally had about average rainfall for December; we had 12 consecutive days without rain early in the month, which is very unusual in our wet season, then the rain came again near the end of the month. The average snowfall for December is 10.3 cm but this figure is misleading and is such a high average because we have had two Decembers with 90 cm or more (1996 and 2008). Total precipitation for the year was low but by

no means a record. There have been several years when the total precipitation was less than 800 mm, the lowest being 664.5 in 1989 and the wettest year was 1996 with 1099.5 mm which included a record 110 cm of snow. Rainfall on Pender Island is variable from month to month and from year to year. We know the winter is always wet and the summer is mostly dry, but beyond that there is no predicting what we will get.

Looking at the average daily maximum temperatures for the whole year, over a thirty year period there has been no dramatic change. 2015 was exceptional with an average daily maximum temperature of 17.5°C, but no other year has been even close to that figure. Also there have been a few years when the average daily minimum was higher than usual, namely 1992, 1997, 1998, 2016, and 2017, but unusual events and statistics come up all the time where the weather is concerned and they do not indicate a trend.

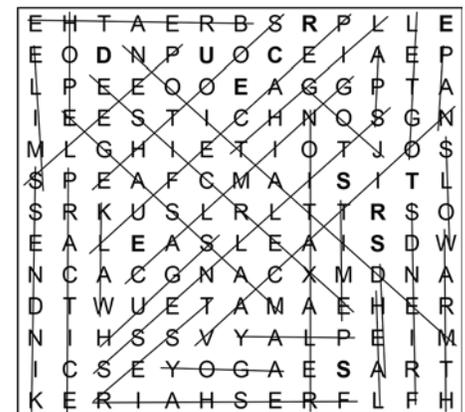
So far our winter has been milder than last winter, but January has only just started as I write and February is yet to come. Our lowest temperature ever, -12.5°C, was in February 1989; we most often get no snow in February but in February 2017 we had 58 cm and in February 2014 we had 41 cm, so you never know! Rainfall in February has varied

from 18 mm in 2003 to 200 mm in 1999. It is never dry but at least we know that spring is just around the corner.

February is an important month in my life but I think birthdays are over-commercialised now. I remember when St Valentine's Day was truly a romantic day and cards were only sent to those we loved or thought we loved in a romantic way (often anonymously), also to those whom we hoped might love us. I was quite amazed and shocked when I was first made aware of the North American practice of sending "Valentine" cards to all friends and family and acquaintances.

Malcolm Armstrong

Solution to last month's puzzle
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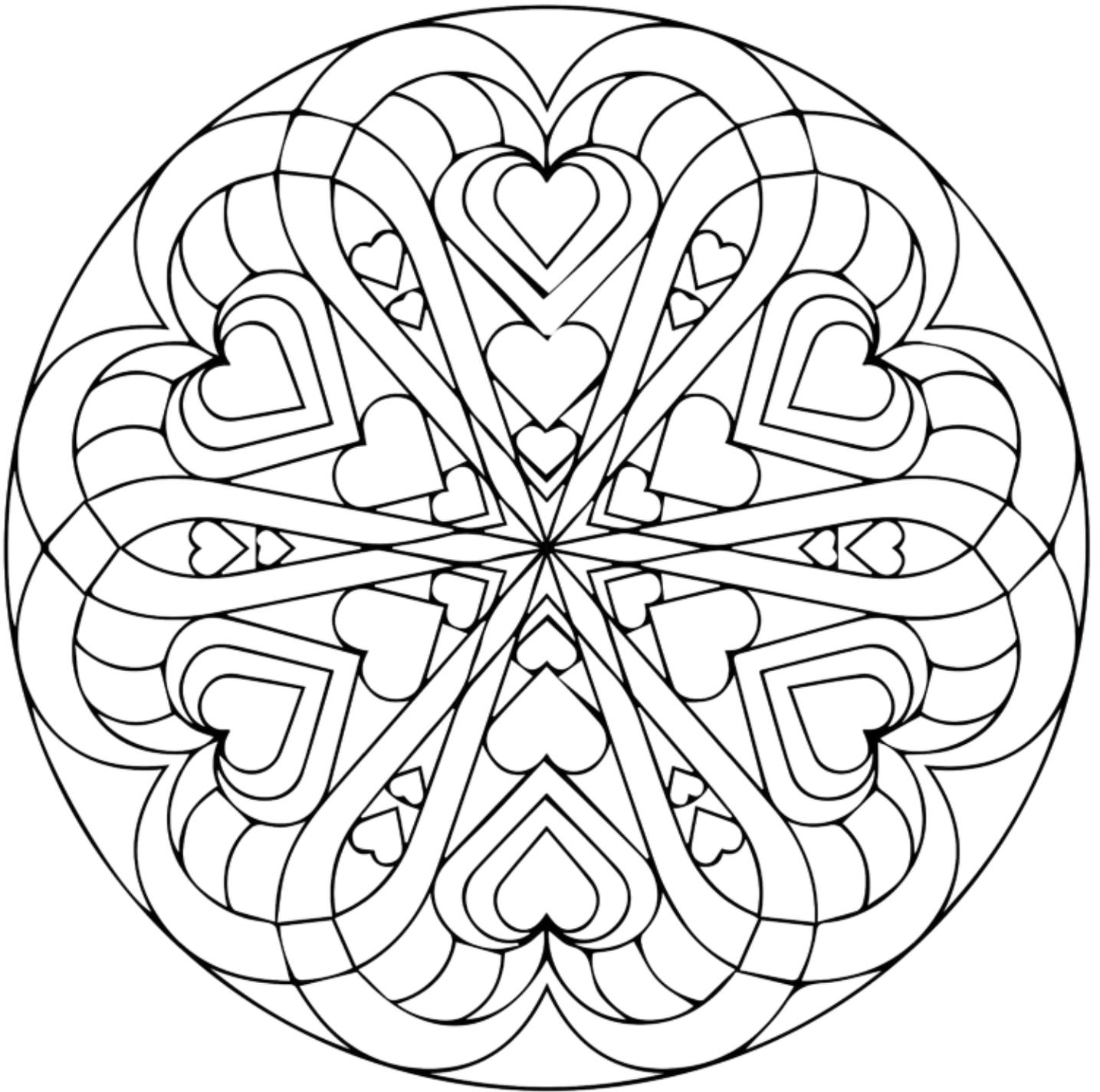
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- The Santana Sanchez family catching the ferry for the last time, photo by Nancy Westell
- Luis Carlos proudly shows us his Construction Company's Jacket

Next row from left to right

Sandra and Mabel ready for Christmas at their Colwood home (Note, Sandra put up the awards we gave them for completing their first year, along with the children's school photos) • Marlen, Mabel, and Miguel decorated the tree • Ines and Tatiana are thrilled to have their own apartment

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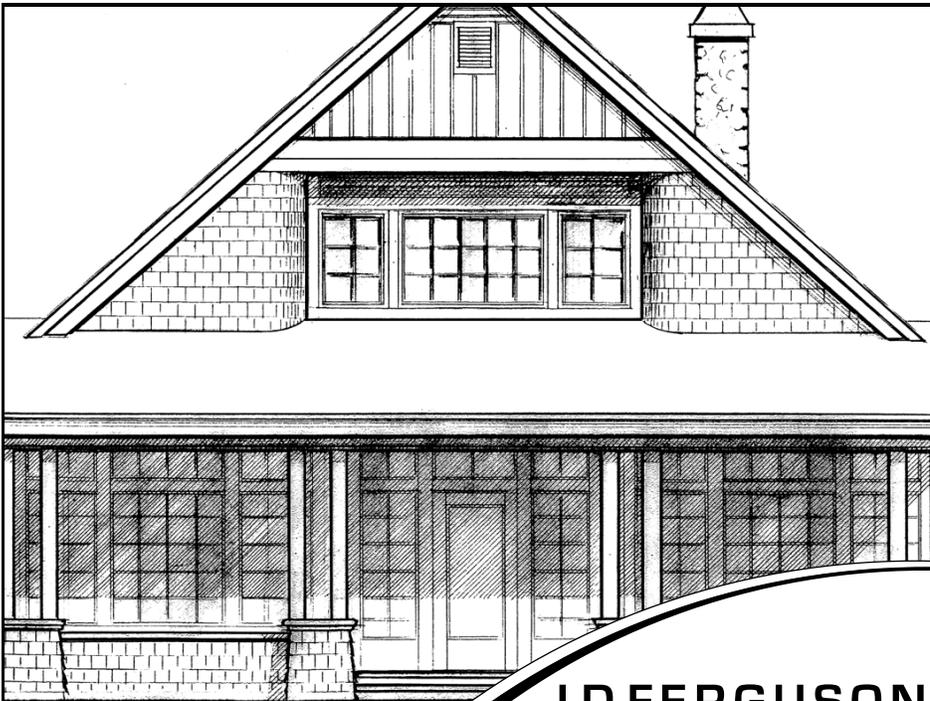


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8:00 ^D	8:04 ^D	8:07 ^D	8:10 ^D	D	8:25 ^D				

October 10, 2017 – March 31, 2018. Check penderbus.org for a route map, service notices and the most recent schedule.

Otter Bay via Port Washington Rd									
To Otter Bay					To Driftwood Centre				
Driftwood Centre	Community Hall	Home Hardware	Port Wash. Rd & Otter Bay Rd	Otter Bay Ferry Terminal	Otter Bay Ferry Terminal	Auchterlonie Centre	Port Wash. Rd & Bedwell Hbr	Community Hall	Driftwood Centre
Friday Schedule									
8:35	8:40	8:45	8:50	8:55	9:10	Direct	9:15	9:20	
9:55	10:00	Community Hall Only					10:00	10:05	
10:55	11:00	Community Hall Only					11:05	11:10	
11:45	11:50	Direct	11:55	12:10	12:15	12:18	12:23	12:28	
1:05	1:10	Community Hall Only					1:35	1:40	
2:20	2:25	Direct	2:30	2:45	2:50	2:53	2:58	3:03	
4:10	4:15	4:20	4:25	4:30	4:45	4:50	4:53	4:58	5:03
6:55	7:00	7:05	7:10	7:15	7:30	7:35 ^D	7:38 ^D	7:43 ^D	7:48 ^D
Saturday Schedule									
7:55	8:00	8:05	8:10	8:15	8:30	8:35	8:38	8:43	8:48
9:50	9:55	Community Hall Only					9:55	10:00	
10:40	10:45	10:50	10:55	11:00	11:15	11:20	11:23	11:28	11:33
12:55	1:00	Community Hall Only					1:00	1:05	
2:50	2:55	3:00	3:05	3:10	3:25	3:30	3:33	3:38	3:43
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9911 Craddock Rd	\$549,000.00
3609 Masthead Cres	\$298,000.00
3804 Pirates Rd	\$448,800.00
3722 Bosun Way	\$349,000.00
47290 Schooner Way	\$79,000.00
2618 Yardarm Rd	\$255,500.00
2660 Galleon Way	\$565,000.00
8808 Canal Rd	\$675,000.00
2705 Yawl Rd	\$735,000.00
8837 Canal Rd	\$869,000.00
4609 Sailor Rd	\$295,000.00
1638 Schooner Way	\$420,000.00
4740 Bosun Way	\$108,000.00

PENDER SALES & LISTINGS

Month	Actual Sales		Active Listings	
	2017	2016	2017	2016
Jan	2	2	26	53
Feb	6	5	25	55
Mar	7	8	29	62
Apr	8	6	33	67
May	9	10	35	64
Jun	7	14	40	54
Jul	7	12	46	46
Aug	13	11	35	44
Sep	7	12	29	39
Oct	6	3	33	33
Nov	5	3	31	30
Dec	4	2	24	28
TOTALS	81	88		
Waterfront	15	23		
% of WF	19%	26%	33%	41%

2017 PENDER SALES By Price

Dollar Value in 1000s	Total Units Sold	1/4 Share	Water-front Sold
0-100	11	11	
101-200	1		
201-300	10		
301-400	12		
401-500	17		1
501-600	10		2
601-700	7		3
701-800	5		2
801-900	3		2
901-1 Mil	2		2
over 1 Mil	3		3
Total	81	11	15
		14%	19%

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ADVANCE NOTICES FOR MARCH

1	Thu	2:00 pm	Pre-registration deadline for MYI Exercise classes. Call 629-3346.....	20
3	Sat	10:00 am	Postponed February Legion General Meeting, Legion Hall	46
			CRC Pop-Up Restaurant, Community Hall	48
		7:30 pm	Vancouver Gaelic Choir and Ceilidh Band, Anglican Parish Hall.....	11
4	Sun	1:00 pm	Community Choir hosts a choral workshop with Brian Tate to 7 pm, All Welcome, Hall	12
		7:30 pm	Concert Society presents Philip Chiu, last concert of the season, School	13
5	Mon	10:00 am	Pender Island Public Library AGM, Library.....	43
7	Wed	7:00 pm	Truth and Reconciliation, 8 th Fire - Whose Land Is It Anyway, All welcome, Anglican Parish Hall	
12	Mon		Community Support Free Income Tax Preparation and Filing	21
31	Sat	10:00 am	March Legion General Meeting, Legion Hall.....	46

OF GENERAL INTEREST CON'T

Doody Calls!

Doggy Doo Facts

The average dog produces 274 lbs of waste per year.

Dog waste is teeming with E.coli and other harmful bacteria.

Just one ounce of dog feces contains 23 million microorganisms of bacteria, nearly twice that of human waste.

Parasite eggs in poop left on the ground can linger for years; the eggs of round-worms are viable for up to ten years.

Dog waste increases the presence of flies and other pests like fleas and ticks that aid in disease transmission.

Children are most vulnerable since they play in dirt.

Dog poo does not act as a fertilizer. When it breaks down, it leaves toxins in the ground which are harmful to other animals, to humans, and to the environment. Pet waste left sitting on the ground can and will seep into the ground and be carried into water tables under ground. Dog feces is third on the list of water contaminants and pet waste has been

classified by the EPA as a dangerous pollutant, in the same category as toxic chemicals and oil.

Picking up after your pets is not only a common courtesy, it is a health imperative. Please, don't be a poopetrator. Pick up after your pets. Don't discard plastic wrapped poo by the roadside or in the forest. Bring your doggy bag home with you and dispose of it properly, in your garbage. Currently, the landfill is the best place for it.

Peggy Hopkins

FEBRUARY 2018 WORD SEARCH PUZZLE BY CORINNE MCAULEY - SOLUTION TO JANUARY ON PAGE 52

Find all the words listed below within the puzzle. Circle each letter, not the entire word. Words will appear horizontally, diagonally, vertically or backwards. Leftover letters spell out the mystery word(s).

G	U	Y	S	D	G	I	V	I	N	G	P	S
N	H	C	Y	E	A	B	P	U	R	S	E	S
I	E	L	O	T	B	U	O	P	A	U	L	P
D	R	O	T	A	R	Y	P	H	O	N	E	S
D	U	T	V	N	A	T	O	I	S	U	C	A
E	T	H	N	O	L	I	H	S	H	S	T	T
B	I	I	K	D	L	N	S	L	O	U	R	U
F	N	N	I	E	O	U	B	O	E	A	O	R
R	R	G	D	S	D	M	N	O	S	L	N	D
I	U	C	S	U	E	M	G	T	O	A	I	A
D	F	T	U	N	V	O	U	T	E	K	C	Y
A	O	Y	U	P	I	C	T	U	R	E	S	S
Y	G	A	L	S	F	K	R	O	W	T	R	A

Word List

Artwork	Gals	Toys
Bedding	Giving	Unusual
Books	Guys	Used
Buy	Hasp	Volunteer
Clothing	Kids	
Community	Pictures	
Cup	Purses	
Donated	Rotary Phones	
Electronics	Saturdays	
Five Dollar Bag	Shoes	
Friday	Shop	
Furniture	Tools	

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Legion Activities for February

Friday Night Dinners & Special Events

February 2 Stuffed Meatloaf

February 9 Prime Rib and Yorkshire prepared and served by Jo's Place, \$20

February 14 **Valentine's Dinner and Dance** - Chicken in white wine sauce, \$20

February 16 Spare Ribs with a spicy dry rub or sweet and sour sauce

February 23 Chicken Diablo

Dinner prices are usually \$18 including GST unless otherwise posted. Tickets available at the Legion Lounge and Talisman Books & Gallery. The **Valentine's Dinner and Dance** tickets sold separately; \$20 for the dinner and \$15 for the dance (Tickets must be purchased in advance).

Scrapbooking - Saturday, February 24, Sunday, February 25, \$20 per day with lunch provided.

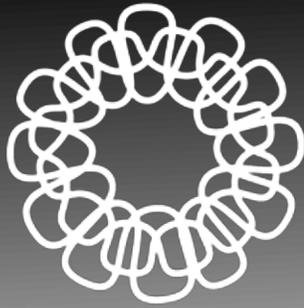
Contact Melody to register at 629-6051 or melodyre@shaw.ca

Legion Hall Bookings - Please contact Ally Tammemagi at 629-2029 or bookings239.rcl@gmail.com

Games Night - Euchre, Darts, Pool, and Shuffleboard have changed to Thursday nights at 7 pm, after the Meat Draw.

Meat Draws - Thursdays at 5:30 pm (note the time change) and Saturdays at 5 pm

General Meeting - The February General Meeting has been postponed to Saturday, March 3 at 10 am at the Legion Hall. The March General Meeting will be held on March 31.



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An upcoming event . . .

Pender Island Computer Group

with Shon Tam

Looking for a Space to Meet or Work?

The Community Resource Centre offers a full service meeting space with video conference capabilities coming this Spring.

Fun, easy, and interesting weekly workshops to help make technology a lot more friendly. Bring your laptop, iPad, tablet, or phone to the Community Hall at 1:00 (or just bring yourself!) There is no cost for these classes.

File Management

February 5th

Have you ever struggled with understanding how files work in Windows? Do you ever download a file and then seem to lose it? Would you like a better understanding? In this 45 minutes workshop, we will cover the ins and outs of files & folders in Windows.

Mac OS X Basics

February 12th

Mac computers, iPads, and iPhones have a unique feel to them, especially if you've always used Windows. If you own a Mac but are finding yourself slightly confused or feel like you're not using it to its full potential, then this 45 minutes workshop is for you.

Security Basics

February 19th

Which online dangers are real and which are just tales designed to scare you? In this essential 45 minute lesson we will cover the basics of online security, including dangers that you may encounter using your computer and online services such as Facebook.

Online Market

February 26th

You have probably heard of the Pender Island Online Market and the Pender Forum on Facebook. These online resources allow locals to buy/sell items, promote events, and discuss local issues. You can join the conversation with this 45 minute lesson.

Library Online

March 5th

Did you know that the Pender Island Library has a huge online collection of books, magazines, audio books, and videos that you can download at home? In 45 minutes you will be set to enjoy this invaluable resource - all you need is a library card!

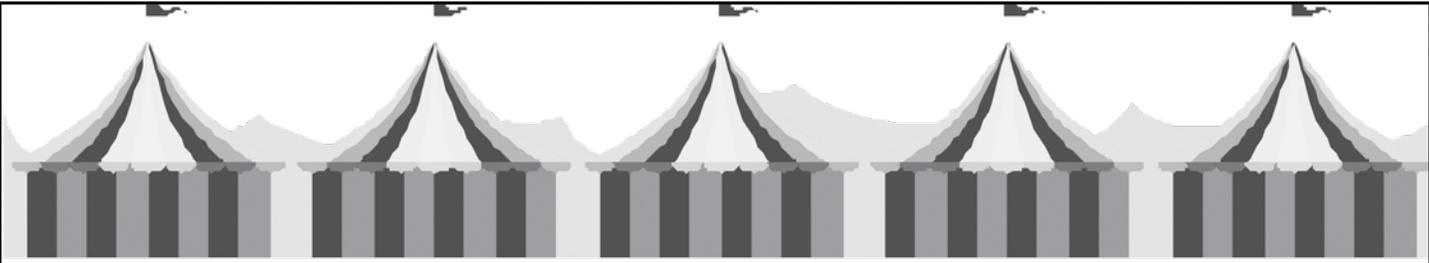
iPads & iPhones

March 12th

iPads and iPhones promise so many features and abilities. But with all of that potential, it is easy to become overwhelmed. This 45 minute lesson will teach you to unlock the potential of your devices and how to use them to make your life easier.

Attention all Local Organizations and Clubs:

We are excited to inform Pender clubs, groups, and non-profits organizations of a new possibility for obtaining liability insurance and possibly other insurance needs. See our article for more information.



Parents Advisory Council Presents the...

4th Annual Pender Islands Elementary School Silent Auction

**All items will be showcased and open for bidding at
Talisman Books & Gallery from February 1-23, 2018**

Over 100 confirmed silent auction prizes include moorage at Thieves Bay, tickets to the Vancouver Symphony, wine from Pender Island's own Sea Star Vineyards, art work from local artists, and gift basket and gift card donations from businesses such as Westport Marina, Braedon's Big Digem, Mariner Pizza, Starbucks, Jo's Place, Thrifty Foods, Brown's Florist, Pender Cab Co., The Rumrunner, Bosley's, Kiddin' Around, Slow Coast Cafe, Southridge Farms, Tru Value Foods, David's Tea, and many more! There's something for everyone, so come have a look!

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