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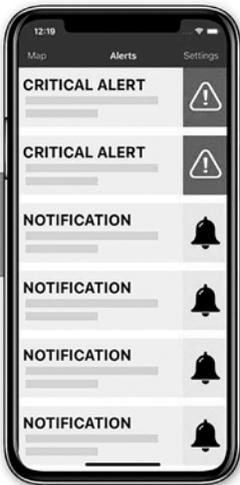
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WINNER OF THE JULY COVER PHOTO CONTEST



Annie presenting Leah Davies with a framed copy of the July cover

The winner of last month's "Guess the model year of the old timer Ford truck" was Leah Davies of Pender Island who correctly chose 1950 as the model year! The above presentation photo shows (back row, left to right) The Pender Post Society President Annie Smith, presenting our Ford truck expert and Grand prize winner Leah Davies with her framed prize, and writer Mike Wiley. Missing is Rose da Silva, photographer). The front row stars Leah's 3 year-old daughter Annie... we know that front row Annie is three because she held up three fingers to make sure we would remember!

Mike Wiley

COVER PHOTO

This cover photo of the water lily was taken by me, the Production Manager, at a favourite little pond on Pender Island. To read more about the cover photo by Mike Wiley, please turn to **page 43** or go to our website www.penderpost.org.

SPECIAL NOTICES

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Pender Island Pride 2021

Dear friends and neighbours. You may have seen, or soon will see, signs and posters around the island announcing our Pender Island Pride picnic which will take place on the grounds of the Community Hall on Sunday, August 8 from 11 am - 3 pm. We hope you will join us; bring a meal, some refreshments, and meet

your neighbours, enjoy some great local musicians and entertainers, and celebrate LGBTQ Pride and our resilient and inclusive community. There will also be a food truck on site.

We deliberated what Pride could or should look like this year, knowing that we still have a way to go before returning to our previous ways of gathering and celebrating. At the same time, we wanted to maintain the momentum kicked off by our amazing 2019 inaugural Pride (and the almost 500 people who attended) as well as the popular, fun, and successful Rainbow Convoy to which we pivoted last year.

So, we decided that a picnic would be an appropriately safe and fun way to gather, keeping it local to recognize and appreciate our community and how we all pulled together to make it through a year unlike what we have seen before!

We chose colour as our theme to both celebrate the rainbow associated with Pride and to colour over the grey left from our pandemic year. Find the Pender Island Pride colouring image on **page 33** of this issue of *The Pender Post* and show your colours either at home or at the creative table at the Pride Picnic.

Our activities have been necessarily low-key this year, but we aim for Pender Island Pride to have a presence beyond our annual summer celebrations. For example, we have been liaising with the Pender Island School to support the GSA student group, and we received a provincial grant which was used to offer a series of diversity and non-discrimination workshops in partnership with The Circle at www.thecircleeducation.org. and, as the province opens up further, we will continue with our plans to host social gatherings and meet-and-greet opportunities and support for LGBTQ2S+ persons and allies on the island.

We have greatly appreciated all the support we have received from individuals and businesses on the island over the past three years during which Pender Island Pride has been evolving to represent the island's Rainbow community. We know so many have struggled over this past year and a half because of the pandemic.

This awareness played a role in our decision to keep this year's Pride activities both locally-focused and smaller - so as not to need to explicitly reach out for financial support when times are tough for many islanders, and also to celebrate our collective strengths. We are, of course, grateful to receive any support anyone or any organization could offer, whether it be financial, volunteering, or in-kind contribution, but even more so we welcome your participation at the picnic and look forward to celebrating Pender Island Pride with you again this year.

Pender Island Pride Committee

2021 Virtual Terry Fox Run

Sadly again this year, due to the uncertainty regarding variants and such, the Terry Fox Run will be virtual.

The virtual run has been scheduled for Sunday, September 19, so it's suggested that everyone still get out and walk, run, roll, push that stroller wherever and whenever it works for you, You can walk around your neighbourhood, hike on one of our fabulous trails, go for a bike ride.

There will be no registration at the Community Hall but a Pender Island Event has been registered with the Foundation again. Go to terryfox.org to register (our site number is #131) or donate as an individual, team, or corporation! The Foundation still needs our help to keep Terry's dream alive! We are small but mighty and every little bit helps.

On the 40th anniversary last year, we actually raised more money than ever before! Mark your calendars and get yourself registered.

Cathy Nealy

CLASS OF 2021

These students have completed their last year at GISS and will be moving on to other endeavours. Please see the class of 2021 photos on **page 7**. You can also read more about the graduation class under the *Three on the Tree* submission, as well as finding the photo montages of the graduation starting on **page 14**.



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PENDER ISLAND: CLASS OF 2021



Jasmine Abraham



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Katie Cooper



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Chris Huk



Dermot Lonergan



Sadie Lucas



Maddie Muir



Graeme Parker



Maeve Wilde



Here are the students' responses to their favourite memory, their proud moments, their accomplishments, and their future plans.

Jasmine Abraham

My favourite memory is playing games with my friends in the courtyard at lunch. In August, I am moving back to Toronto. My mom and I are moving together, driving across the country, and I will spend the year working there and hopefully travelling. I plan on attending university in 2022.

Betsy Campbell

My favourite memory is all the wonderful friends I made during my time at GISS. I am most proud of completing the French Immersion program, which goes until Grade 12. Next year, I plan to live life to the fullest and see where it takes me.

Emma Chervatin

My favourite memory is June 26. I am most proud of myself in that I did not drop out of high school. Next year, I plan on buying a yacht!

Katie Cooper

My favourite memory from high school is being a part of the theatre this year. We put a twist on the original Our Town play and it was so much fun. I also made some great friends there and bonded a lot with my theatre team. I'm most proud of growing so much more in my musical abilities this year (I was in GISPA music). Next year I plan to take a gap year and save for post-secondary education while also working towards creating my own music album to put out on Spotify and Apple Music!

Marina Terra Morrison Garlick

My favourite memory from GISS is playing the Public Health Game in Biology 12, where we as a class made an action plan for BC response to the Smallpox Pandemic of 2021. I am most proud of being nominated by the Canadian National Committee for the United World College Program. It's a great honor to get to be a Canadian representative in the program. I was involved in the Community Hall's internship program and the Gulf Island Center for Ecological Learning camps. Next year I plan to attend the United

World College program in Maastricht, Netherlands.

Chris Huk

My favourite memory is sitting in Mr. Bunyan's class with friends. I am most proud that I only missed one day of school this year and that was because the water taxi wasn't running. Next year, I will be attending the University of Victoria for Engineering.

Dermot Lonergan

My favourite memory is practicing basketball from a very young age and getting to the level that I am at now. I am part of the Salt Spring Island Scorpions basketball team. I am most proud of myself and the people I am graduating with while getting through these uncertain times. Next year, I plan to improve my basketball and work for new opportunities.

Sadie Lucas

My favourite memories are just getting to know so many new amazing people. I was part of the environmental group. Next year, I plan to work on getting my early childhood education certificate and go tree planting in the spring.

Maddie Muir

My favourite memory from high school is meeting my best friend, Lila in Mr. Smith's Grade 9 composition class. I am proud of my art. I love pouring my heart into my creations and improving my skills. I was a part of GISPA. Next year, I plan to study at an Art School in England, where I can reconnect with my family and pursue my dream.

Graeme Parker

My favourite memory is riding one of the mattresses down the snowy slopes outside the hollow, which resulted in only one injury. I am most proud of throwing a butane canister in the fire. The grilling from my teacher was well worth the explosion. I was a part of SEEC, the semi-boarding-hippy school over on Saturna. Next year, I plan to sail, simple as.

Maeve Wilde

My favourite memory is getting to choreograph and perform a dance with my sister, Wren, and all the amazing moments I created with my friends over

Announcement

The following items were recently found missing from a float off South Pender Island in Plumper Sound:

- Walker Bay 8 Foot White Dinghy (see attached photo)
- Retractable Grey Plastic Ladder (see attached photo)
- Crab Pot

These items were of great value to me and if you have any idea where they are, please respond to the below email address and contact the local RCMP.

Thanks

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the years. I am most proud of myself and my classmates for making it through high school and graduating during a pandemic! Next year, I plan on taking a gap year where I plan on travelling, working, and applying to Vancouver Film School to become a director.

IN APPRECIATION

(The Pender Post received this submission from Frank and Celia DeVries, two long-time residents of Pender. Frank wrote, "We left the island a good number of years back, but left our hearts behind - the reason in the poem below." He and Celia sent warm greetings and wanted to share this poem.)

If once you have slept on an island
 You'll never be quite the same;
 You may look as you looked the day
 before
 And go by the same old name,
 You may bustle about in street and shop
 You may sit at home and sew,
 But you'll see blue water and wheeling
 gulls
 Wherever your feet may go.
 You may chat with the neighbours of
 this and that
 And close to your fire keep,
 But you'll hear ship whistle and
 lighthouse bell
 And tides beat through your sleep.
 Oh! you won't know why and you can't
 say how
 Such a change upon you came,
 But once you have slept on an island,
 You'll never be quite the same.
 ~ Rachel Lyman Field
 Frank and Celia DeVries

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Please join us on Saturday, August 28 at 1 pm in the field at Port Browning to celebrate the Life of Garry Dudley. If you have any questions please contact Shannon at dudleymcmanus@shaw.ca or Sue at spohl250@gmail.com.
 Shannon Dudley

THE ARTS

Pender Island Art Society



The Pender Island Art Society (PIAS) executive (Margaret Alpen, President; Peter Paré, Vice-President; Brenda Sledzinski, Program Coordinator; and Laura Vilness, Treasurer) met on June 21 to review the 2020-21 year and plan for the fall. We have booked the Anglican Parish Hall for one art session per month and the PIAS AGM. The dates are:

- September 20, 1 - 4 pm Share & Social. Bring artwork from the "time of COVID-19" to share with the group. Bring trading art cards as well. We will show, share, socialize, and renew our art friendships.
- October 4, 1 - 4 pm TBA
- October 19, 1 pm PIAS AGM
- November 15, 1 - 4 pm TBA
- November 26 - 28 Le Petit Salon Art Show, Community Hall
- December 6 TBA

PIAS received a CRD grant to host several full-day workshops. Our program coordinator, Brenda Sledzinski, is actively sourcing a workshop presenter for the fall.

PIAS cordially invites new members for the 2021-22 year. If you purchased a membership last fall it is in effect for this year as well. Potential new members can contact penderart@hotmail.com or attend the September 20 session. A membership is not required to attend the sessions; you can pay the drop-in fee of \$5 instead.

We are enthused with the resuming of in-person art sessions. We also encourage you to check out the PIAS website at penderislandart.com.

Laura Vilness, Treasurer, PIAS

Pender Island Celtic Music Society



We're delighted to be back, after what seemed like an interminable wait. Prior to 1 July 2021, the pipe band's last public performance was



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Alan Morrish and Larry Dempster at 2021 graduation ceremony on Pender Island. Photo by Rachel Lenkowski Photography

Remembrance Day 2020. No Car Show, no Fall Fair, no Santa Ship or Polar Bear Swim, and (gasp) no Burns Night. Last summer, we compensated for the absence of major community events by featuring ‘pop up’ performances at various venues across the island.

As we did last year, with no official program scheduled for Canada Day, the Highlanders gathered on the lawn at the Driftwood Centre and played a collection of favorite tunes for the sparse but eager crowd. Having learned of the discovery of numerous unmarked graves of indigenous children at former Indian residential schools, we chose to show a sign of compassionate solidarity by wearing orange ribbons on our uniforms, orange being the colour of T-shirts bearing the words Every Child Matters, in support of reconciliation. By request, Pipe Major Larry Dempster played the fitting lament, Flowers of the Forest.

Again as last year, we took a stroll down Razor Point Road to the driveway of Dave and Joan Williams, to provide a mini pipe and drum serenade in gratitude for Dave’s generous support of the band.

Piper Carole Sheaves surprised Joan by playing Happy Birthday on her special day and presenting the couple with gifts: a red baseball cap for Dave and a Canada face mask for Joan.

Another community event in which two of our members participated was the Pender Island School Grade 12 graduation. Alan Morrish and Larry Dempster had the honour of piping in this year’s grads, among them our very own piper, Graeme Parker. Congratulations on your achievement, class of 2021!

If we ever thought practice was drudgery, not so much now. We’re enjoying Monday evening’s opportunity to get back in the groove of polishing those familiar Celtic tunes, as we look forward to again doing our part to celebrate major events in our community.

Marie Dion

Pender Island Community Choir

The Board has made the decision that there will be no Community Choir this Fall session. It was a difficult and sad decision to make but considerations

had to be made regarding commitments to directors/accompanist, hall bookings and other costs. At the time of the last board meeting, there was not enough information regarding future public health directives and the greatest consideration is the health of our members.

An attempt was made to have an AGM in early July but there were not enough members present for a quorum so another date will be chosen and members will be informed by email. If you wish to stand for election as a board member, please contact Graham Garlick at 250-222-8733. The new board will make the decision regarding the Spring session and directors later in the fall. Enjoy our last full month of summer!

*Terry Shepherd,
Communications Liaison*

Pender Island Concert Society

The Pender Island Concert Society held its annual general meeting outdoors at the Community Hall July 6.

The occasion of the AGM was the first time since March 2020 we were able to actually meet in person, and it was nice to see none of us had aged in just over a year!

At this point, the board wishes to extend a huge note of appreciation to two of our long-time members.

Clarice Bloomenthal and Carole Elliott together have been the backbone of the Concert Society for some years. Clarice has been the presence on stage that has welcomed audiences and performers to our concerts. Carole and Clarice have attended hundreds of auditions over

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the years and from that trove of shared memory have been able to select the winning acts the Society has been able to present to Pender Island. After poring over contracts, accommodating touring schedules, and generating publicity, Clarice and Carole have wined and dined many of the performers, giving them memories of a warm welcome to our community. Just some of the many roles these two have had.

Carole and Clarice have elected to retire after a combined service of over 25 years. To say they will be missed is a serious understatement. We are thankful they have indicated they will give us advice when needed as we move into the 2021/22 season.

We welcome Kathy Curtis and Stephen Cropper to the board which now includes, in alphabetical order, Liz Gowen, Jon Heaney, Elaine Hitchcox, Helen Lemon-Moore, Sue Morton, and Kathy Resvick. All of us are enthusiastic to continue bringing top quality musical entertainment to Pender audiences of adults and school children.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to our first performance of Meaghan and Amy on violin and piano on January 30, 2022, followed by the MG3 - Montréal Guitare Trio on March 6, 2022. Finally, after a few disappointing delays because of COVID-19, we are excited to welcome George Zukerman and 10 members of the Vancouver Symphony in the presentation of The Young Beethoven, featuring some of the composer's early works.

Because we will be presenting only three concerts this season, and because seating limitations may still be in effect, we will not be selling subscription tickets. More on this as we get closer to the performance dates.

The Concert Society has always enjoyed the financial support of our local businesses. We never could have continued producing these concerts without their generous support. This sponsorship has represented up to 30 percent of our revenue. We recognize the challenges the business community has faced over these past 18 months so will not be pursuing sponsorship at this time. We can draw on some of our reserves to continue financially into 2022. We hope

to count on your support at some point as the economy begins to rebound.

Jon Heaney, Society Chair

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



Summer is here, the BBQ is stoked, and friends have finally been allowed to gather without a mask. Is this the new normal? We sure hope so. Plans are in the making from your executive to have a great opening day on September 13 at 9:30 am. More news will follow in the beginning of September so please stay tuned. Jeannine, your new president, has some ideas and with her executive they will be sure to please. Plan on coming with work you have been mastering over this COVID-19 year. Ideas for the coming year too. We have already seen that if the weather is bad in January, we can always have a zoom meeting; we know how to do it and they have been very interesting mornings. As an added bonus, Charlotte Edwards, our programme convenor, sent Susan Purney-Marks' summer

quilting challenge (Mrs. Matisse Does Applique) via email to members and is hoping we'll take her up on it and share at the September meeting.

As Laura leaves her office and puts on her past president's hat, she leaves you with this thought for the month. We have so appreciated her thoughtful musings. This is only the beginning; more to come in the months ahead.

Quilter's Philosophy: As quilters, we have patterns and colour palettes we gravitate towards. We become comfortable with our favoured style. I have an affinity for traditional pieced and applique patterns and soft pastels or muted jewel tones. A friend has a signature palette of vibrant hues and patterns with an abstract appearance. When each of us participates in a workshop that takes us out of our comfort zone it is a challenge. Our natural tendency is to resist but when we capitulate and respond, we experience satisfaction from the new endeavour. Life is like this. Sometimes, unexpectedly, we are forced to step out of our routine and travel an unfamiliar and uncomfortable road, to embrace

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a new pattern or colour scheme metaphorically. It may be frustrating initially, but becomes a gift of new learning and awareness.

Karen Gagnier

Pender Solstice Theatre Society

Meet Solstice Pirates and a distraught Banker this Christmas



Solstice Theatre continues to celebrate 30 years of showcasing local talent in an eclectic selection of funny, dramatic, and mayhem-laden plays. Even though our normal theatre season has been curtailed, we've enjoyed some other options. Producer Barry Mathias organized a series of comedy skits performed by Solstice actors and filmed by another resident expert, Rutger Kamphuis. The 30-minute compilation was made available for Solstice members.

Although rehearsals for the *Treasure Island* panto are on hiatus for the summer, come September director Karen Parker expects every one of her actors to know their lines by heart. At the same time, the costume department (Tilly Smith), along with set designer/builder Jane Harrison and both their respective worker bees will be kicking into gear getting ready for this early December presentation at the Community Hall. Soundman Howard Southwell has already put together the music soundscape and sound effects for everything from bathroom noises to the wind in the sails of the pirate ship, The Hispaniola. *Treasure Island* panto dates and ticket information will be made available in the fall.



Evan Llewellyn as Squire Trelawney in the upcoming Treasure Island panto

The photo above is of a perplexed Squire Trelawney, who just isn't sure what is going on between Long John Silver and his pirate mates and the cake baking members of Smuggler's Cove Women's Institute. What better way to celebrate the Christmas holidays than attending this panto that will provide laughter, romance, music, and even introduce you to a cranky, talking parrot named - wait for it - Polly.

Director Barb Pender will also begin filming in the fall with her cast-of-thousands radio play of the Christmas

classic story, *It's A Wonderful Life*, which will be made available on-line for the island to enjoy in December.

We're always interested in welcoming new members into Solstice, for both on-stage and behind the scenes activity. If you're an actor, director, or interested in making costumes, gathering props, helping to build sets, write publicity material, or any of the many other areas that require helping hands in a Solstice production, we're happy to have you become part of the Solstice family. Contact pendersolstice@gmail.com if you want to find out more about us and our upcoming productions.

Joy Thierry Llewellyn

Ptarmigan Arts



We hope to see many of you at Mosaic Fest at Hope Bay on the August long weekend where we will be celebrating the sights and sounds of music, art, and our island culture all happening in one place!

Jazz Improvisation

This four-week course is for all musicians who want to develop their jazz and blues improvisation! Ben MacRae, a musician, bandleader, and director of PI Jazz will lead you through improvising over the 12-bar blues and blues-influenced forms, culminating in a live performance in the final class. Intermediate musicians of all instruments are welcome to join. The class is happening Sundays from 4 - 5:30 pm, August 8-29 at the Community Hall and the cost is \$60. Register and get all the info on our website.

Camp Create

We have a few spaces left at Camp Create for ages 10-12. Make pottery, collage, and other forms of art with Ilse Phillips, and learn to play and compose music with Ben McConchie, all while experiencing the beautiful natural setting of Hope Bay. This engaging arts camp is happening from 10 am - 4 pm, August 16-20 at Hope Bay. The cost is \$195 with a \$50 sibling discount, which includes all materials. Register and get all the information on our website.

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This Labour Day weekend, we are adding a very special night to our annual Film Festival to bring you something that's never happened before on Pender Island! Join us on Friday, September 3 for a screening of the 1925 version of The Phantom of the Opera outside at the Community Hall, with PI Jazz playing a live, improvised score directed by Ben MacRae. Doors open at 7:30 pm and the show will start at 8 with food and drinks provided by Nora Brulotte and Andrew Dimech. This is a one-night-only event you won't want to miss. Tickets are only \$15 (\$5 for youth 12 and under) and can be purchased on our website.

6th Annual Pender Island Short Film Festival

Following the Phantom of the Opera evening, we invite you to the 6th Annual Pender Island Short Film Festival on Saturday, September 4! Just like last year, we'll be enjoying the festival outside at the Community Hall under the stars. Come at 7 pm to enjoy food and drink provided by Nora Brulotte and Andrew Dimech and an opportunity to meet the filmmakers, and at 8 pm we'll start the screening. Bring a blanket or sweater; chairs will be provided. We will be awarding an "Audience Choice Award" to one filmmaker! Prize details to be announced. Tickets are \$15 (\$5 for youth 12 and under) and filmmakers are invited to come at no cost.

For Filmmakers

The deadline to submit your films is August 15. Films must be under 20 min in length, and we appreciate films of all genres from all ages. Send your finished films to penderfilmfest@gmail.com.

Fall Crawl Studio Tour

Even though it's still summer time, we are looking forward to our 4th annual Fall Crawl Studio Tour coming up on October 2 and 3. Artists are invited to register their studio for \$15 which includes a listing on the Fall Crawl map and an invitation to the post-Fall Crawl Soiree Sunday, October 3 at 7 pm (details TBA). Registration deadline is September 1.

Weekly Community Gatherings

We have been greatly enjoying the return of live music. Join us every Friday from 12 - 1 pm in person outside at the Community Hall to hear free live music from our local artists. This month we will hear from Lester Quitzau on August 6, Liam MacKenzie on August 13, Bill Heintz on August 20, and the PI Jazz Band on August 27.

The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts

Come visit us at the Gallery to see how our current show Finding the Light has been changing through the summer as pieces sell and more are added! We've also expanded our space so there's more room for local art. Artists can take note of the upcoming open call for Figuratively Speaking, which opens on September 29. The deadline to submit is September 10 and you can find all the details at www.ptarmiganarts.org/gallery. The Gallery is open Tuesday-Wednesday, 11 am - 2 pm, Thursday 11 am - 3 pm, Friday-Saturday 10 am - 4:30 pm and Sunday 11 am - 3 pm.

For information on any of the above programs and The Gallery, visit our website www.ptarmiganarts.org.

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Three on the Tree Production Society



This year with restrictions still in place we were lucky to once again get to sponsor, in part, the coordination of Pender Graduation. On July 2, parents, friends, and community members celebrated our Pender Island 2021 graduates at the Community Hall. Students were piped in by Larry Dempster and Alan Morrish, and we heard speeches from Greg Lucas and Nia Williams; Katie Cooper sang Husavik, and Liis Graham emceed. It was a very special event and we want to give thanks to Andrea Mills and her youth team, Gary Goodman on sound, and Rachel Lenkowski Photography. We are beginning a grad mural project, so please stay tuned for updates and the unveiling. See the photo montages on the previous pages. Congratulations to the grads!

We also had an amazingly successful group of young thespians join our drama camp in early July and were able to hold a small outdoor performance at the Community Hall for family and friends. We're looking forward to another older group mid August for ages 12+. For more info on this or any future programs please email threeonthetreeproductions@gmail.com. Enjoy a creative summer!

*Alaia Hamer and Liis Graham,
Program Coordinators*

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Gulf Islands Food Co-op



With summer in full swing, we are starting to reap the harvest of our spring labours! And that includes the Gulf Islands Food Co-op projects that are also now starting to bear fruit. Here's an update:

Co-op Sales Tables and Information Hub

The Saturday markets on Galiano, Mayne, and Pender Islands are all now featuring fresh local produce at the Co-op Sales Tables. Food growers of any scale (backyard to large farms) can

bring their fresh produce to the Saturday market and our coordinators will sell on your behalf. The Pender Growers Collective will operate the sales table right through summer and fall. Even if you have just a few excess garden veggies you'd like to sell, please contact Ben at pendergrowers@gmail.com for more details on how to participate. And once every few weeks you'll also see Nancy at the market, with an Information Table to share events, ideas, resources, and questions about food and farming on the islands. Please drop by!

Food Growers Hotline AsktheGIFC@gmail.com

Need some help with your food garden this year? We have hired Jenn to receive your questions and seek expert advice from experienced locals to answer them, whether it be pest control, or pruning, or seed saving, or any kind of food growing challenge. Also, we welcome any gardeners with experience to share to help others. If you're either looking for help, or have experience to share, please email Jenn at AsktheGIFC@gmail.com.

Pender Seed Library

Our Public Library hosts a collection of seeds for the Pender community to take for free, as a way to encourage food growing. We hope some growers will take the next step and return some of their seed to the Library so that the cycle can begin again for next year's growing season. If you would like some advice or help as to which seeds to collect and how, please contact Karin at Penderseedlibrary@gmail.com. In the fall, the GIFC will be presenting a seed saving workshop; stay tuned for details, and check out Instagram [sgiseedlibraries](https://www.instagram.com/sgiseedlibraries).

Ptarmigan Gallery "Food is Everything" Art Show

Everything is food - your dinner scraps feed the worms, your flowers sustain the bees, and plants miraculously 'eat' sunshine. Now is the time to start dreaming of artistic creations for the Ptarmigan Gallery's curated exhibition focused on food and farming (March to May 2022). Any Pender resident is invited to submit their work: How do you connect with food? What is it

about food that is important to you? The growing season is a great time to get the creative juices flowing!

Equipment Lending

The GIFC has one food dehydrator and one pressure canner available for community use - please sign up to book the equipment for your home preserving needs, <https://gulflandfoodco-op.org/equipment-borrowing/>.

More projects are currently being developed, and we'll have more updates to come. If you'd like to support the Co-op by becoming a member, or getting involved, please email Nancy at info@gulflandfoodco-op.org; we'd love to hear from you!

Roz Kempe, President

Magic Lake Water and Sewer Local Services Committee

Your committee met with the CRD at the regularly scheduled meeting in July. At the meeting we learned we were setting off low warning alarms during the 'heatwave.' It would seem

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everyone was out watering. Perhaps now is a good time to reflect on water usage, and how we can individually capitalize on the winter rains, for use during the summer dry season. While the water treatment plant is keeping up with the water usage, we have exceeded average use, and our reservoir levels are now below normal; with no rain in the forecast it is now time to be cognizant of how we are using water.

The sewer collection system upgrade is progressing ahead of schedule, and at the time of writing this, Privateers Road has been marked up for repairs. It appears they are working their way towards the Pirates/Cannon area. At the meeting we were told we are still waiting for news of 'the grant.' While the website says "Decision Made" we have not been informed if this is yes or no, so while Spring 2021 has passed, and July is over, we await the government announcement.

This year's AGM is on hold while the CRD works to figure out how to create a consistent plan for all their service areas. Once we are told how it is going to unfold, we will share this

information. Your committee is made up of six members of the community and the CRD director. Terms are for two years, with three committee positions being open each year.

We have had a large turnover of houses within our service areas: a gentle reminder, we are on limited water, so conservation is crucial - save and use your vegetable water for water, hand water only, your brown lawn will turn green as soon as it rains, wash your car in town, and it is a good excuse to shower with a friend.

A less gentle reminder: our sewage treatment systems are old, understated, and in much need of repair. Pumps at the best of times do not like stringy things like dental floss, tampons, hair, condoms, facial tissues, flushable wipes, etc., and the manual labour required to remove these materials and fix them is a direct increase to our user fees. Please only put the 3 P's into the system, Poop-Pee-Paper.

Kathy Heslop

Moving Around Pender

MAP



There is a great sense of enthusiasm and energy in the community with the gradual loosening of the COVID-19 restrictions, and MAP members share that sense of renewal, and have begun to plan for a busy time ahead.

Thanks to the generosity of landowner Karl Hamson, a new trail, called the Loretta Wood trail, is becoming a reality. The trail starts at the Community Hall's car park, and climbs up through Karl's land to an area of parkland that is under the protection of the Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission (PIPRC), across a small area belonging to the Wein family, where it connects with the Mount Menzies Park. For those who are energetic, the walk can continue down Mount Menzies, connecting up with Hooson Road and following down to Clam Bay Road, past the library and back to the car park. We are very grateful to these landowners for their co-operation and encouragement in our endeavours, and to PIPRC for agreeing to take on the maintenance of this trail through its park. We hope to have this trail operational in the near future.

If you don't have a car, or are unable to drive one, then travelling around Pender is slowly becoming easier as more people are making use of Car Stops. For those who are unaware, this unique transportation idea was originated by MAP as a way of legitimizing hitchhiking. There are dozens of Car Stops around both North and South Pender that are situated in safe areas where people can stand and indicate that they would like a lift. Following the establishment of Car Stops on the Penders, the idea was taken up by many of the Gulf Islands, providing a mode of transport that exists only on these islands. Because of the pandemic, there was an understandable reduction in drivers who would give lifts, but this is slowly changing, and on an island that, sadly, has no bus service and no taxi service, the Car Stop is a friendly and 'Islandish' way of moving around. However, for the foreseeable future, those who want lifts would do well to wear masks.

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Our last meeting, scheduled for July 3, was cancelled as many of our committee members were either on vacation or supporting the growing protests at Fairy Creek over the logging of the last remnant of our old growth forests. Our next meeting will be held outside the Community Hall at 1:15 pm on Saturday, August 7. We welcome new members and those who would like to know more of what we are doing and plan to do.

Barry Mathias

Pender Island Chamber of Commerce



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself: my name is Lori Davenport. I am the new Manager, Pender Island Chamber of Commerce. My husband and I moved full-time to the Island after spending almost three years part-time while we built our house in Magic Lake. We are both very excited to make Pender our home.

My priorities at the Chamber of Commerce are to ensure that we are representing the interests of our Chamber members. I welcome the opportunity to meet with the existing members to discuss how the Chamber can be a business enabler/partner. If you own a business and would like to understand what value membership offers, please feel free to reach out to me at info@penderislandchamber.com.

The Chamber has been busy working on the updated *Tear Away Map* and our new *Pender Island Visitor Brochure*, which we are hoping will be ready for distribution over the next few weeks.

The Island has been very busy with visitors and to help our visitors and residents with their summer planning we are preparing an Event Board at the visitor centre with upcoming events and a list of our restaurants and food trucks. If your business has an upcoming event that you would like to advertise, please send me the information and I will have it posted on our Board.

Looking forward to working with you and I wish everyone a great summer on our beautiful island!

Lori Davenport

Pender Island Community Service Society

Nu-To-Yu

Today is the good ol day of tomorrow.
~ Karl Valentin



There is nothing as constant as change. Change keeps us adaptable and on our toes. It helps us be forward thinkers and not stay stuck. Changes are happening at the Nu-To-Yu (NTY).

NTY now plans to be open the first Saturday of each month in addition to our regular Fridays. The hours are unchanged (10 am - 4 pm) and while we will no longer be offering \$5 bag days, the NTY will have 50% off sales on Saturday. The first sale, 50% off adult's and children's clothing (not linens), will be Saturday August 7. All other items in the store are at regular prices. Donation days are unchanged: Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9 am - 12 pm. There is a limit of 2 small to medium boxes per household per day. If you moan to lift it we will not be able to lift it at all; please keep the boxes under 10 lbs - which is about the weight of a gallon of milk. Call 629-2070 during the above hours if you have any questions (especially about larger items), or go to the website www.nu-to-yu.com.

NTY has significantly increased the number of customers in the store to 10 at a time. Wish to avoid the evil exit gaze when exiting past the outdoor line up? Just limit your shopping to 15 minutes when there is a line up outside the store. This is usually in the morning so if you like a lazy, relaxed shop, the morning shopping hours are not for you. Please be

considerate. Covering your smile with a mask continues to be a requirement to shop as is hand sanitizing, signing in, and practicing safesix:

- Keep your distance
- Keep your hands clean
- Feel sick? Stay home
- Avoid crowds
- Travel with respect
- Self-isolate

For those few individuals who choose to give the NTY volunteers flack about face masks, a gentle reminder that this recommendation comes directly from the Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Henry. She recommends that when around other individuals whose vaccine status is unknown or those who cannot be immunized (including the under 12 years of age group), masks make sense. This is especially true over the next few months when the summer silly season means a mixing of individuals from many communities from across Canada. Please stop with the push back when asked to don your mask by the volunteers. It is about the health of our community and the communities of others.

Thank you to the Penderites who have listened to our pleas and stopped dropping off donations after hours. It has made a big difference to how we can move merchandise around in the store and has decreased wastage. While storage will always be an issue, our volunteers (who include many septuagenarians and octogenarians) no longer have to leap over as many boxes. Trust us, every box not leapt is a joint saved.

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Speaking of waste, a firm reminder in my strongest teacher's voice that the dumpster behind the NTY is not for public use. The repeated removal of the "Private - Do Not Dump" sign may assuage your guilt of throwing in your dogs' feces, your children's feces and urine (diapers), however this is a big no no. The contamination of items in the bin with human and animal waste is a public health violation when NTY goes to empty the bin. Unless you want to volunteer to empty the bin (i.e. climb in and pull out the waste, as well as other "not to be dumped" items which are now contaminated with fecal material), do not "donate" anything into the bin nor place these items on top of the bin. It is, quite simply, not your garbage bin and certainly not your dogs'. If karma has its way (and it often does on Pender), you will eventually "meet up" with the octogenarian who has repeatedly needed to climb in and out of the bin to remove your "deposits." Usually the meet and greet will occur in the ferry line, delighting all those with freshly primed hearing aid batteries. Ah, what we do for entertainment.

Peter and Diane W. make quite a team. Peter puts in long hours ferrying unsold clothes to *Our Place* in Victoria. Diane is a regular on Fridays, always happy to take your cash, or to recommend an item to purchase. Thank you Peter and Diane. Vicki B. also takes a truck load of clothes and various items that are excess to our requirements to various charities in Victoria. Also volunteering twice a week to sort clothes, Vicki wins the NTY Busy Bee award for August. To the three of you, thank you. You are gems.

Saturday, July 31 is silent auction day, a fundraiser for a new building for the NTY. It will take place 10:30 am - 3 pm next to the Driftwood hardware store. New to silent auctions? Bids are placed by writing down your bid on a piece of paper next to the item being auctioned. The highest bid at 3 pm wins.

Since the closure of Pender's only bank, ready cash appears to be in short supply unless one travels off-island. At the NTY, the cashiers' floats can only accommodate making change for so many \$20, \$50, and \$100 dollar bills. Using cash of lower denominations (\$5, \$10) when paying for small ticket items helps us keep the float alive. Please and thank you! A reminder that the NTY does not take credit or debit cards, but it will accept personal cheques from those who live full time on the island.

Final laundry items

Tops stay on when in the store and this includes the tops (shades) of lamps. Our lamps like their tops. The lamp base feels covered, and secure. The shades like being connected to their bottoms. Those shades which are attached to a base come as a set and are not to be separated. It is all or nothing. When a customer separates a shade from its base they are stealing. Please don't. The tops (of clothing) also prefer to live with like-minded friends. Lately there has been a rash of clothing being chaotically tossed about as individuals shop. By the end of the day the place is a mess that takes numerous volunteer hours to clean. Hangers parted from their shirts, panties hanging out with the dishes, socks over by the books, trousers and shirts on the floor pretending to be rugs. We are not expecting customers to

fold each item neatly up again (though it would be nice), but we do ask that the clothing area remain reasonably tidy, items not moved to other locations, and clothes kept off the floor and certainly not stepped on. It takes just seconds to do and allows for a more enjoyable shopping experience by the person who comes after you. This issue has gotten progressively worse with time and we need to reverse the trend, bend the curve or, quite simply, stop making such a mess of things. Thank you.

Towards the end of August you will see Halloween items out for display. Costumes, decorations, bags; we have been given it all by you to give back to you! So please purchase it again so NTY can donate back to the community!

Thank you for supporting NTY in its endeavour to support the Pender community. Enjoy August and all the sun that comes with it. Create some memories today to reflect on tomorrow.

Daurel Minion

Pender Islands Conservancy

Volunteers needed for 2021 bull kelp surveys



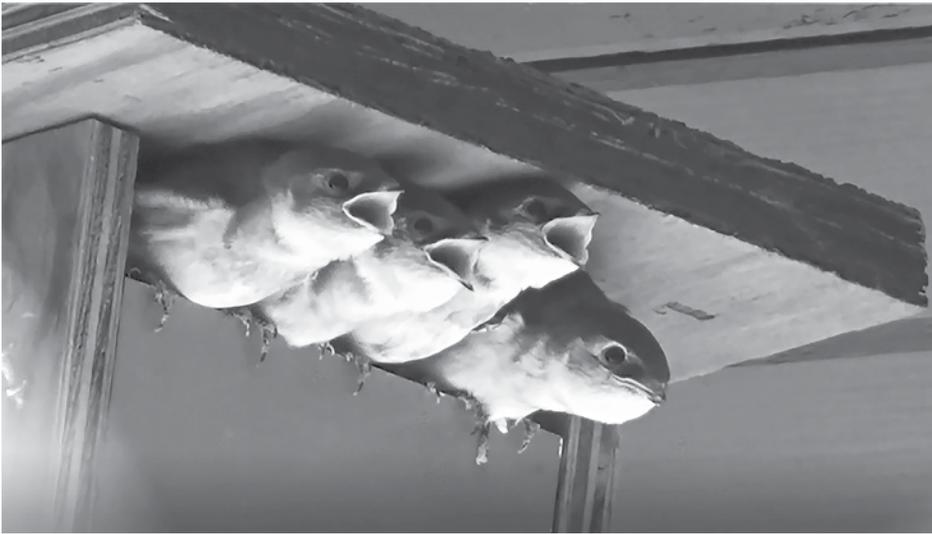
Kelp forests are a beautiful and crucial feature of the ecosystem of the Salish Sea, providing food and shelter for many marine creatures and acting as significant carbon sinks to help offset climate change. This will be the sixth year that Pender Conservancy volunteers will be out on the water during the lowest tides of August mapping kelp forests around Pender. The surveys will take place over three to four days starting August 7. The

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Violet-green swallow slot entrance box. Photo by David Manning

time commitment for volunteers is an average of four hours per day for two to three days. If you are handy with a kayak or canoe (or if you have a truck or trailer to help transport kayaks) and wish to help out with this important citizen science project, please contact Elizabeth at president@penderconservancy.org.

Conservancy Nature Centre

We are busy keeping our gift shop stocked with sustainable and locally made products, and our summer students Aislyn, Meredith W, Taylor, Meredith B and Annika are always planning new educational displays and activities. Come down to the Centre at Hope Bay to chat with them or visit our booth at the Saturday market: we are confident you will be reassured that the future of the Earth is in good hands with this next generation of young conservationists!

**Natural History Notes
Salute to the Songbirds**

As another bird nesting season comes to a close, we salute all the tiny feathered folk who have travelled hundreds or thousands of kilometres to reach our forests, wetlands, and meadows, taking advantage of the seasonal pulse of insects and seeds - and who now face another long journey back to their southern wintering grounds. Along the way, as here on their breeding grounds, they face forest habitat loss, raging human-caused fires, cities of glass and light, free-ranging cats, insecticides and other toxins, drained wetlands, and too many other perils at the hands

of humans. And yet every spring they return with persistence, though in ever dwindling numbers, their songs the cue for our seasonal perceptions. Thank you to everyone who is supporting our Pender Island Avian Bioindicator Research Project by allowing us to install nest boxes and monitor the birds using them - the highlight this year was the discovery of a female violet-green swallow who was raised in a nest box on South Pender in 2020 and returned this year to raise four young of her own in a nest box on North Pender! Long-term studies like ours allow us to detect environmental changes through responses of birds that live in and rely on those environments, but also give us insights into the basic ecology and behaviour of our study species that we could never gain without following individuals over time (i.e. bird banding).

Side note

Our violet-green swallow study uses nest boxes with slot entrances, which you can see installed on fence posts around North Pender Island; as shown in the accompanying photo, this design allows all the young birds to line up and wait for food deliveries from their parents, ensuring more equitable distribution of food among siblings (not to mention abundant entertainment and photo opportunities for human observers!)

Erin O'Brien

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The Farmers' Institute would like to thank the farmers, volunteers, and customers who have helped to grow the new Wednesday food-only market, as we work to provide local food to our community.

The Saturday Farmers' Market has both local food and local artisans. Operating since 1978, everything is "made, baked, or grown" on the Pender Islands. Market hours are 9:30 am - 1 pm every Saturday at the Community Hall, rain or shine. There is plenty of parking. As we ease into a post-Covid world, there is hand sanitizer available and masks are optional, depending on your immunization status and comfort level.

There is no Fall Fair in August, but we are encouraging everyone to support the Hall fundraiser "Car Boot Sale" event on August 15. The Community Hall is an important venue for our Farmers' Markets and annual Fall Fair, and many other community events and activities.

The Pender Island Farmers' Institute AGM will be held August 17 at 7 pm by Zoom. To register email penderislandmarket@gmail.com.

Barbara Johnstone

Pender Island Fire Rescue

PIFR



As of writing, our dedicated members have responded to 145 emergency calls.

We have been fielding many questions since being in the "extreme wildfire" rating about what activities residents can and cannot do. Remember there is absolutely no outdoor burning allowed from July 1 - September 30.

We are asked daily about work restrictions and I want to clear the air on this topic. During "extreme," operating your lawn mower, line trimmer, power washer, and generator etc. are considered low risk activities. We ask that your work be completed by 1 pm and you maintain a two-hour fire watch of the job site post work. Chainsaws are specifically cited in the BC wildfire act as a high risk activity and are not permitted to be used without an exemption permit.

When operating a gas engine, allow it to cool before refueling, as this is best practice to prevent fires from overflowing etc. Keep hot exhaust out of dry grass and other combustible materials and use common sense when it comes to work around your home. Ask yourself if the chores must be done now or could it wait until we drop out of "extreme"? Is the grass green and actually in need of a cutting or is it brown and crispy?

Please visit our website www.penderfire.org for the current wildfire rating as well as the full set of regulations in regards to high risk/industrial activities and many other FAQs.

Lastly I want to say this past week at the Farmers' Market, I was very pleased to talk to a local resident who told me they had read last month's article about civic address signage and had gone out and ordered the recommended signs for their home as well as one for a family friend and that they appreciated the suggestion to do so since delays in response could be life c,hanging. Sometimes we have the feeling that our message falls on deaf ears, and to have someone in the community come up and tell us they appreciate our message and took it to heart really makes your realize that we're doing the right thing here and it feels good, so thank you very much from all of us at PIFR.

*Captain Jon Grelik,
Fire Prevention Team*

Pender Island Food Bank

Hello everyone, from the volunteers at the Pender Island Food Bank. The Food Bank is located up the little hill, at the back of the Anglican Parish Hall. We continue to be open to serve our clients each week on Friday from 10 am - 12 pm. While COVID-19 restrictions are being eased, for the time being we will keep in place our COVID-19 practices, which include one client at a time in the Food Bank, plexi-glass divider, face mask wearing and use of hand sanitizer. A reminder to all clients, new and regular, and to anyone dropping off donations, please bring and wear a face mask when in the vicinity of and in the Food Bank. In the event you have forgotten to bring your face mask, we will provide one.

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Our jam making volunteers have received plentiful plums for the jam making season, and they are hoping to be just as fortunate in the donations of blackberries; while precious blackberries often do not get past the picker, should your blackberry picking exceed your needs, your extra blackberries will be lovingly made into jam to benefit our clients. We are still short of 250 ml glass jam jars however; should you come across jars that you no longer have a use for, please consider donating them to the Food Bank. Thank you so much.

Pender Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) has for several years donated bagged and canned pet food to the Food Bank to supplement client pet care. This has been an amazing service that has benefited the Food Bank greatly in us not having to purchase pet food out of our funds, and, in turn, this has also benefited our clients with the Food Bank being able to supplement pet food needs. Our clients, should they require it, are provided with pet food once a month. Anyone that has or has had pets knows how greatly they enrich our lives, and we are happy to be able to supplement client pet needs. PAWS, going forward, will continue their generous regular donations in the way of funds, and we will ensure the Food Bank is stocked with pet food. Thank you PAWS for your continued invaluable contribution; we, and our clients, are grateful.

This is simply a reminder that any person(s)/family that has a need for the use of the services of the Food Bank but is reluctant to do so because of concern of the wider community becoming aware of this need, please rest assured that any information the Food Bank requires from you is for our purposes only; this information is collected by Food Bank volunteers and used by Food Bank volunteers for purposes of tracking, assessing future needs, etc.

We understand that most people are in need of support at some point in their lives, whether that be financial or emotional - there is no judgment on our part.

Please be safe, healthy, and happy as August is already upon us.

Teresa Young

Pender Island Health Care Society

PIHCS

CRD approves Referendum 2021



As regular readers of this Health Centre column will know, the clock has been ticking

on our referendum decision. CRD staff reviewed our final application and budget numbers in June and passed their recommendation for support to the CRD Directors of the Gulf Islands. In mid-July, the CRD Board approved a referendum to be held on November 20, 2021, under Bylaw No. 4441.

The synopsis of the Bylaw is as follows: “The intent of Bylaw No. 4441, the ‘Pender Islands Health Care Centre Contribution Service Establishment Bylaw No. 1, 2021’, is to establish a new service to contribute to the costs incurred by the Pender Islands Health Care Society in operating the Pender Islands Health [Care] Centre. The bylaw permits the CRD to raise a maximum annual requisition for the purpose of funding the operating costs

of the service to the greater of two hundred and thirty-five thousand dollars (\$235,000) or \$1.1803 per one thousand dollars (\$1,000) of taxable land and improvements in the service area. It is estimated that the participants will pay an additional \$93 per average household on an annual basis if the bylaw is approved.”

This information may also be viewed on the CRD website at www.crd.bc.ca.

The rules that govern how referendums take place may seem bureaucratic, but they ensure the integrity of the process and outcome. Several steps are required for all assent voting (i.e., referendums) under the Local Government Act.

First, the CRD Board must give three readings to the Bylaw and the Inspector of Municipalities must give approval before the green light flashes to proceed to the referendum. Approval cannot happen sooner than 80 days prior (i.e., August 31, 2021) to the proposed voting date of November 20, 2021. (This is not a COVID-19-related requirement. Under the Province’s COVID-19 Restart Plan, there are no health safety concerns about holding a referendum this fall.)



40
YEARS

Pender Islands
Health Centre

Where Caring and Community Come Together

Built by the community, for the community

- 1960s Bishop Michael Coleman retires on Pender and quickly sees the need to build a clinic. He leads the early plans but dies suddenly in 1969.
- 1970s The Lions Club forms the Pender Islands Health Care Society to keep the dream alive. Often frustrating efforts follow to gain government assistance.
- 1979 After raising \$60K in local donations and years of lobbying, the Society gains BC Gaming funding of \$85K. Detailed planning finally gets under way.
- 1980 A land donation opposite the school is accepted by the community. Construction begins immediately, much of it done by volunteers.
- 1981 **Forty years ago on May 30th, the new health centre opens with a medical clinic, dentist office, waiting area and three offices shared by various healthcare providers.**
- 1989 Ambulance Station is built beside the health centre.
- 1994 New East Wing provides space for home support and alternative therapies.
- 2008 \$1.4M expansion almost doubles the size of the health centre with a new medical wing, trauma bay and interior renovations. Paid for with \$700K from the community, a CRD grant of nearly \$600K, plus \$142K from Island Health.
- 2020 COVID spurs the need to address the centre’s aging infrastructure. Local donors are generous, but predictable funding becomes a priority.
- 2021 In mid-July the CRD approves the Society’s request for a Referendum to stabilize funding for long-term operating costs via the tax roll. Voting day is set for November 20, 2021.



Pender Islands Health Centre

What local health care means to me

The Pender Islands Health Care Society and the clinic have been cornerstones of the Pender community for 40 years.

We must renew our commitment to support the Health Centre and keep it strong in the days ahead.

Paul Michael Petrie



Lastly, Elections BC requires the Society to register as an advertising sponsor as part of the Society's plan to inform and engage with property taxpayers ahead of the referendum. For its part, the CRD also has communicated with the Deputy Chief Election Officer to confirm their availability to conduct the referendum.

About the Pender Islands Health Care Society

To get all this done in an efficient and timely fashion for November 20, your Health Care Society is going to have a busy time this summer and fall. To refresh everyone's memory about us:

Run by dedicated volunteers, the Society's mission is to facilitate access to primary health care and complementary services to support the health and wellbeing of the Pender Islands community.

To accomplish this important mandate, the Society:

- Manages the health care facility
- Enables the delivery of complementary health programs

- Seeks and manages funding (this is where the referendum comes in)
- Engages the community to assess health and wellness needs
- Advocates for improved health services

In this 40th anniversary year of the Pender Island Health Centre, we are celebrating a vital community organization that was built by the community, for the community. (See a brief history timeline with this article.) The Health Centre has been here for you for 40 years, and we look forward to being here for the next generation.

Communications Committee, PIHCS

Pender Island Lions Club



The next Lions Club meeting will be Wednesday, September 8 at 5:30 pm at the Legion.

If you wish to become a member, forms are available in the Lions Club folder at the Community Box, Dockside Realty, Driftwood.

A reminder that there will be no Santa Ship this year but the Lions Club will find a way to bring Santa to Hope Bay in December - date to be determined.

Used eyeglasses and hearing aids can be dropped off at Tru Value, Western Financial, or the Nu-To-Yu. Please remove glasses from the cases as we can not send these in the shipment. In July 126,000 pairs of glasses were shipped to Africa through an African Lion in Edmonton and more will be shipped in August. Thank you all who donated to help others in need. *Together We Serve*

Terry Shepherd, Secretary

Pender Island Museum Society

The Quilt Came Back



Sue McNair and Nori Outerbridge of Salt Spring display the patchwork quilt when it made its remarkable return to the Gulf Islands in August 1991



Last month's column was devoted to the 60th anniversary of *A Gulf*

Islands Patchwork, that first collection of published stories of the Penders, Galiano, Saturna, and Mayne, which has remained in print since 1961.

In the array of local histories to appear during the 1960s, the *Patchwork* stitched together the colourful memoirs of our islands. Behind-the-scenes, however, was an actual patchwork quilt with a story that merits its own column.

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As Doug Harker of North Pender said in the 1992 introduction to *More Tales of the Outer Gulf Islands*, “when the lady members of the Gulf Islands’ Branch of the BC Historical Federation were putting together *A Gulf Islands Patchwork* in the late 1950s, they financed a portion of the publishing costs by raffling a quilt. It was a unique piece of work, with thirty-two embroidered patches, each of a local scene.”

The winner of the raffle took possession of the quilt in late 1958 and nobody thought much more about it - until its dramatic reappearance more than 30 years later.

“Marjorie Beattie, daughter of the late Dr. Adam Beattie (from Victoria), who had won the original raffle, found it among her father’s possessions,” wrote Harker, “recognized its historic value, and delivered it to the Sooz Sewing Centre in Ganges” on Salt Spring Island.

In August 1991 the Driftwood newspaper published an article headlined “Historical island quilt is seeking a new home.” Sewing store owner Sue McNair said, “the fabulous piece of art history was dumped in her lap because the woman who brought the quilt to Salt Spring didn’t know where to start...she felt it should be viewed by the public.” McNair added that the quilt was “exquisitely embroidered...it is hand-stitched, and has natural wool batting...we don’t want to shove it in a box.”

Luckily, 89-year-old Winifred Spalding was living in a Salt Spring care home and may have read the newspaper article. Raised on Galiano, she had trained as a nurse on Salt Spring, married Herbert Spalding in 1926, and settled on South Pender. One of the quilt patches was her very own handiwork! It didn’t take long for the precious quilt to come home.

That the quilt survived is even more remarkable because it travelled right across Canada. Raffle winner Dr. Beattie retired in 1964 after a distinguished career in public health in BC, and he and his wife took a posting at a remote hospital in Newfoundland. Even though the well-used quilt was damaged along the edges at some point, it was packed up when the Beatties eventually returned to their Victoria home, where it ended up in the attic.

Ever since 2005 when the Pender Island Museum opened to the public, the quilt has held pride of place on the wall in the heritage kitchen display. We welcome you to visit and take a closer look. Open Saturdays, Sundays, and holiday Mondays from 1 - 4 pm.

Postscript - The Inspiring Woman Behind the Quilt

Like Bea Freeman, who was the driving force behind *A Gulf Islands Patchwork*, Mabel Foster was a remarkable woman. Born in 1877 in Portugal to English parents, she came to Mayne Island in 1920 with husband Herbert and her two young sons. The story “The Fosters” in the *Patchwork* (pp. 163-5) notes that Mabel “through the years, contributed so much to the gentle arts in the life of the community.”

Despite hard farm work, family tragedy, and a growing household, during the 1920s, “Mrs. Foster started to paint again, sitting on the beach with the children....Much of Mrs. Foster’s finest work dates from this period, work which catches the atmosphere of the islands in many moods.” At the new “Arts and Crafts Club” on Mayne Island in the mid-1920s, Mabel “started the weaving in which she became so skilled that she taught it on the other islands and became a demonstrator at the Folk Festivals in Vancouver.”

So it was that the quilt, conceived and guided to completion by Mayne Island’s marvelous Mabel Foster at age 80, was displayed and raffled off in 1958. The raffle raised \$471 (equal to \$4300 today) and helped fund the first printing of *A Gulf Islands Patchwork* in July 1961.

Simone Marler

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

PIPRC



The last meeting was held on July 9 via Zoom, chaired by Ben McConchie and attended by several delegates and members of the public.

In response to a request to close some Pender Parks because of fire danger, Fire Chief Mike Dine described how they determine the fire hazard (Low to Extreme). It’s a complicated process, done daily, and involves many parameters including temperature and humidity, as well as consultation with other agencies. Local fire ratings are therefore based on objective measures rather than media and social media sentiment. A motion was passed that PIPRC would base potential park/trail closures on the Fire Department’s assessments.

Tim Frick noted that the proposed trail from the Community Garden through a PIPRC designated park leads to a viewpoint of what may be the largest tree on the island. Nicknamed the ‘Big Tree Trail’ until an official name can be assigned, this trail is being made possible through the collaboration of long-time resident Karl Hamson, MAP and PIPRC. The magnificent tree is on private property but is within a few metres of the trail for hikers to enjoy.

Several thank-you notes were received for having fixed the wood chips under the swing sets at Shingle Bay Park, and then having re-installed the swings. The Commission was informed that the family event approved for the park on August 4 has been moved elsewhere.



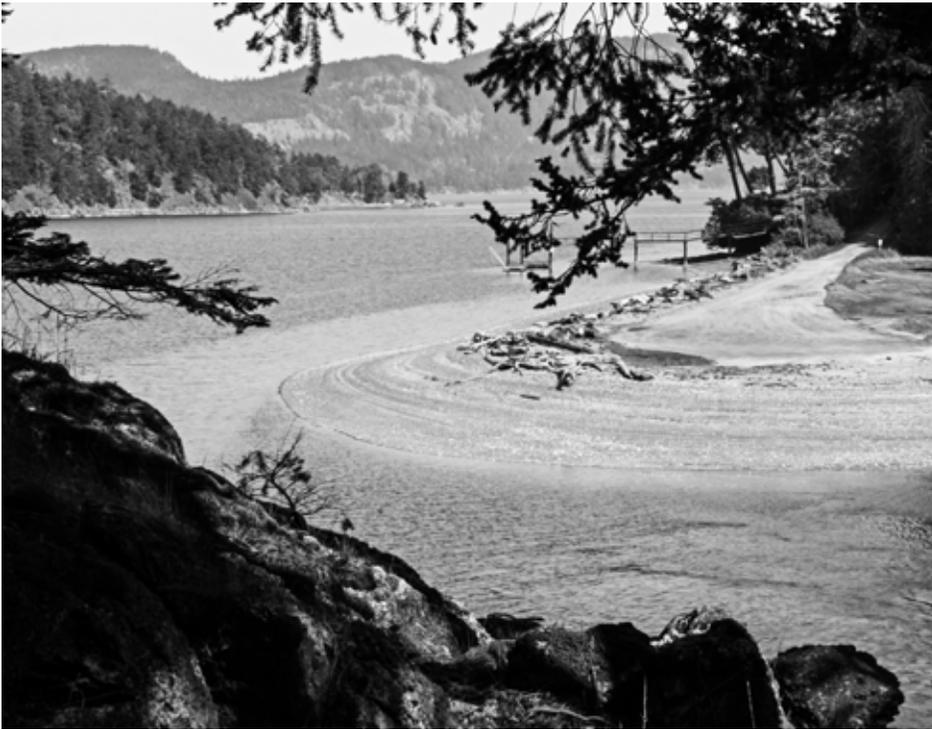
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Mortimer Spit: A popular Pender park

The WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council approved the repair of the steps on the Found Road Trail without an archaeological observer present. The Commission is pleased that the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council acted so

quickly. The steps have been fixed and the Trail reopened.

Tim Frick reported on the search for new dog park sites. A number of potential sites are being considered and although

the process is taking longer than many dog owners had hoped, we are confident that a great dog park will be eventually established. If you have any ideas for the dog park location, please send suggestions to penderparks@crd.bc.ca. A dog waste station has been installed at Boat Nook.

The regular PIPRC meeting for August has been cancelled and will be replaced by a Master Plan meeting. (Time and place yet to be determined.) Decisions regarding a potential memorial garden at Thieves Bay and installing proper drainage at Shingle Bay were deferred until after the Master Plan meeting.

Estimates of the cost of repairs to the shed and dugouts at the Danny Martin Ball Field will be started.

A motion was passed allowing Dog Mermaid to rent flotation devices and paddle boards at the Magic Lake swimming hole for one month on a trial basis. The approval is contingent on Dog Mermaid not providing kayaks or canoes, its insurance meeting CRD standards, and that the site will be cleaned at the end of each day.

The requests for recreation grants were reviewed and, following minor adjustments, the amounts were approved. For information send an email to penderparks@crd.bc.ca.

Several other ideas for improving the parks and trails were raised, but decisions were postponed until the Commission sees how they mesh with the Master Plan and CRD's requirement for all earth-moving projects to be approved by the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council.

Please report any problems with our trails and facilities and/or provide your input to how the Commission should proceed by contacting a commissioner, sending an email penderparks@crd.bc.ca or by attending one of our monthly meetings, which are open to the public. Please note we are seeking a Treasurer. Note that the August meeting will be replaced by a Master Plan session.

With the sun shining brightly overhead and with COVID-19 receding, now is the time to get out and immerse yourself in the many picturesque parks and trails on Pender.

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Pender Island Public Library

Indigenous resources



With news stories of the tragic legacy of Canada's residential school system, we can all learn more about reconciliation and the lasting impacts on Indigenous peoples through their personal stories. To start understanding this complex issue, pick up a book from our ongoing display of titles by Indigenous authors: *Peyakow: reclaiming Cree dignity* by Darrel McLeod; *Five Little Indians* by Michelle Good; *What was said to me: the life of Sti'tum'atul'wut, a Cowichan woman* by Ruby Peter; *Call me Indian: from the trauma of residential school to becoming the NHL's First Treaty Indigenous player* by Fred Sasakamoose; *I Am Not a Number* by Jenny Kay (youth).

Books on display this month Pride!

Celebrate Pender's Pride events with books by LGBTQIA+ authors and help bring about a world that is more inclusive. Check out stories showcasing humour, achievements, and struggles, featuring a mix of titles for readers of all ages.

Kids' Summer Reading Club

This club is open with the theme "Crack the Case!" for all young detectives. The Club has activities at the library and online - sign-up in-person or online at bcsrc.ca to track your summer reading. Pick up a free SRC grab bag and try our scavenger hunt to test your sleuthing skills.

Art in the Library

Come for a visual treat featuring two local artists, Annie Smith (charcoal portraits) and Lisa Mollinson (vibrant acrylics).

Re-opened Services

Leisure seating, laptop area, more public computers, no occupancy limits and free movement throughout the building. It is recommended that you wear a mask inside the library until you are fully vaccinated. Opening hours: Tuesdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 10 am - 3 pm.

Library HelpDesk: Tuesday to Saturday, 629-3722, or libraryhelpdesk@crd.bc.ca.

Place a Hold on a Title

Patrons can place a "Hold" on items currently available on the library shelves, or items that are checked out. Place your Hold online through your library account, by calling, or in-person. A Hold secures your place in the queue, and an email notification is sent when pick-up is ready.

Readers with dyslexia

Did you know that our digital books have a helpful setting for those with dyslexia? Readers of eBooks from our Libby collection can turn on "dyslexic font" in any book - our testers say this font really works! For assistance or more info, call our Library HelpDesk.

Summer student

Welcome to Kaity, our local Grade 12 student helping at the front desk and behind the scenes this summer. We remain committed to providing valuable work experience to local youth as they embark on their first jobs. Thank you for choosing Tru Value Spirit Board #16 that helps fund our youth employment program.

New books on the shelves

Adult non-fiction

Hunting Whitney (Casey Sherman), *The Book of Eels* (Patrick Svensson), *How to Eat With One Hand* (Christine Flynn), *Essential Turkey* (Jennifer Hattam), *Killers Of The Flower Moon* (David Grann)

Adult fiction

A Gambling Man (David Baldacci), *The Venice Sketchbook* (Rhys Bowen),

One Two Three (Laurie Frankel), *The Guncle* (Steven Rowley), *Legacy of War* (Wilbur Smith), *The Last Night in London* (Karen White)

Adult Mystery

Turn a Blind Eye (Jeffrey Archer), *When the Stars Go Dark* (Paula McLain), *A Lethal Lesson* (Iona Wishaw)

Youth books

The Sleepy Snowy Owl (Amelia Cobb), *I Talk Like a River* (Jordan Scott), *Love is You & Me* (Monica Sheehan), *Just One Goal!* (Robert Munsch)

We would like to thank Island Savings Credit Union for their generous donation and helping us provide the best library services possible to our local community.

Carmen Oleskevich,
Library Director

Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

Unfortunately, because of the timing of our meetings with *The Pender Post* deadline, as of the submission deadline we haven't had our July meeting.

There are still some updates to report.

We did an initial bell ringing at St. Peter's Anglican Church on June 6 in remembrance of the 215 innocent children found in unmarked graves at the former Kamloops Residential School.

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August 1	10:00 am	St. Peter's Hall	Holy Eucharist
August 8	10:00 am	St. Peter's Hall	Morning Prayer
August 15		Explore online and attend the church service of your choice.	
August 22	10:00 am	St. Peter's Hall	Holy Eucharist
August 29	10:00 am	St. Peter's Hall	Circle Service

Everyone is welcome to join us in St. Peter's Hall for these services.

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

Bookings for the Parish Hall: rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca
Parish E-mail: admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

Pender Island Community Church (PICC) (www.picchurch.ca)

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

August 1	10:45 am	George Hodgson	Communion Service
August 8	10:45 am	George Hodgson	Worship Service
August 15	10:45 am	Arnold Alksne	Worship Service
August 22	10:45 am	Shaun Schaffrick	Worship Service
August 29	10:45 am	Greg & Becky Ouellette	Worship Service

We are now allowed to hold services in person once more! Please visit our website for more information about this, or telephone Judy at 629-6168.

St. Teresa's Chapel - Roman Catholic Services

4705 Buccaneers Road

August 1	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
August 6	9:30 am	Friday Mass (in lieu of Sunday)
August 15	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
August 20	9:30 am	Friday Mass (in lieu of Sunday)
August 29	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider

Pender Island residents and visitors are welcome to celebrate Sunday and Friday liturgies with the chapel community. You no longer need to register to attend liturgies at the chapel. The wearing of masks is optional. If you have any questions, please email stteresachapel@gmail.com or phone 629-6029.

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

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

August 20 7:00 pm Feast of Asma' (Names), via Zoom

We have established a weekly devotional zoom meeting every Thursday evening. For an invitation to this and other events, please email bevpedenpenders@gmail.com for me to send you the zoom link, or call 250-412-2524, or visit bahai.org for more information.

O SON OF DUST! Verily I say unto thee: Of all men the most negligent is he that disputeth idly and seeketh to advance himself over his brother. Say: O brethren! Let deeds, not words, be your adorning. ~ Bahá'u'lláh, The Hidden Words

Pender Island Fellowship

(www.penderislandfellowship.ca)

The Pender Island Fellowship is a grassroots group of believers on Pender who want to be formed by the eternal love of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. All are welcome, all are loved! If you would like to be added to our email list to receive notifications of weekly sermons and any updated service information, please contact us at pendersislandfellowship@gmail.com. May everyone in our community feel the deep anchoring of God's love and hope during this uncertain season.

Health Services

Medical Emergency 911
Medical Clinic..... 629-3233

Dr. Gerry Moore, Dr. Robyn Wiens, Dr. Bruce Rebner
 Nurse Practitioner - Tracey Adams

Monday to Friday, 9 am - 12 pm and 2 - 5 pm

Please do not call clinic staff at home. If your circumstance is genuinely of an urgent nature that will not wait until the clinic reopens, call **1-800-866-5602** and ask for the “**Doctor on-call for Pender Island.**” Your call will be returned.

Audiologist, Donna Stewart..... 778-426-4876

Better at Home Program 629-3346

Chiropractor, Mark Wensley 629-9918

Community Nurses..... 629-3242

Carolyn Cartwright-Owers and Miranda MacKenzie

Community Support Worker/Volunteer 629-3346

Crisis and Mental Health Counsellors

Elizabeth Miles 250-539-0905

Shellyse Szakacs 250-538-8711

Ulla Rembe 250-539-0325

Family Advancement Counsellors 250-222-0025

Dentist, Dr. Gary Sacher..... 629-6815

Lab Services..... 629-3233

Massage Therapy, Tru Hartwood 250-889-3923

Krista Wissink 250-381-7318

Optometrist, Dr. David Schaafsma 629-3233

Public Health Nurse, Immunization, Prenatal Education

Lois Woolley..... 250-544-2400 or 539-3099

Pharmacy

Pharmacist, Christine Swan 629-6555

Home-based Licensed Health Professionals

Physiotherapy, Mieke Truijen 629-9910

Help Lines

Healthlink BC Dial 811

Nurses 24/7, Pharmacists 5 - 8 pm, Dieticians 9 am - 5 pm

Problem Gambling Help Line..... 1-888-795-6111

211 - Free multi-lingual information/referral to wide range of community/social/government services.....Dial 211

24 Hour Crisis Help Lines

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)

Crisis support/transition..... 1-877-435-7544

Stopping the Violence Counselling 250-538-5568

Women’s Outreach Counsellor..... 1-888-537-0717

Kids’ Help Phone 310-1234

Text 686868

Chat..... www.kidshelpphone.ca

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Mental Health Distress Line

Support/Information 310-6789

Suicide Prevention Helpline 1-800-784-2433

Vancouver Island Crisis Line..... 1-888-494-3888

Text..... 250-800-3806

Chat (Adults) ww.CrisisCentreChat.ca

Chat (Youth) www.YouthinBC.com

Ministry of Child and Family Development

MCFD..... 800-663-9122

Victim Link..... 1-800-563-0808

Community Support Numbers

Capital Regional District (CRD)

Director SGI, David Howe 250-216-5618

Building Inspector 629-3424

SGI Harbours, Ben Mabblerley...*benmabb@telus.net*

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

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

Magic Lake Water & Sewer Emergencies 1-855-822-4426

Emergency Hydro 1-888-769-3766

Fire Rescue (Emergencies)..... **911**

Duty Officer is available 24/7..... 1-250-478-7770

Non-Emergency - Hall #1 and Admin 629-3321

Burning Permits - online *www.penderfire.ca*
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Hall/Meeting Room Bookings

Anglican Parish Hall.... *rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca*

School Community Room 629-3711

Health Care Centre 629-3326

Legion Hall..... *bookings239.rcl@gmail.com*

Pender Island Community Hall..... 629-3669

Plum Tree Court..... *plumtreecourt@gmail.com*

Home Support Services

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

Islands Trust: Victoria 1-800-663-7867

NP, Deb Morrison.... *dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca*

NP, Ben McConchie . *bemconchie@islandstrust.bc.ca*

SP, Steve Wright..... *stwright@islandstrust.bc.ca*

SP, Cameron Thorn..... *cthorn@islandstrust.bc.ca*

Member of Parliament

Saanich-Gulf Islands, Elizabeth May.... 1-800-667-9188

Pender Island Emergency Program

Emergency Coordinator - Pat Haugh..... 629-9991

ESS - Barbara Tarris 629-3052

Pender Island Public Cemetery 629-6625

Pender Island Veterinary Clinic 629-9909

Poison Control Centre..... 1-800-567-8911

RCMP, Outer Gulf Islands (non-emergency).. 629-6171

Crimestoppers 1-800-665-TIPS (8477)

Victim Services 629-6531

Rescue

Marine & Aircraft distress 1-800-567-5111

Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC)

Search and Rescue (Land) Emergency 911

School Trustee, Greg Lucas..... *glucas@sd64.org*

AUGUST CALENDAR

1	Sun	9:00 am	Weekly Drop-In Pickle Ball to 12 pm, Tennis Court Magic Lake	
		1:00 pm	Museum open for the summer Saturday and Sunday afternoons to 4 pm	25
		1:00 pm	Mosaic Fest afternoon activities w/wooden boat building, Spirit Moves Dance and more. Free!	12
		6:00 pm	Mosaic Fest concert w/Jill Barber, Peach & Quiet, Caitlin Rae, \$25	12
2	Mon	10:00 am	Science Explored for 8 - 12 years to 4 pm, Aug. 2-6, Community Hall.....	34
			Hope Bay Bible Camp - Junior Camp for ages 7-9 to Aug. 6.....	6
		1:00 pm	Adventure Earth for 13 - 19 years to 5 pm, Community Hall*.....	35
3	Tue	10:00 am	Library is open Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	27
4	Wed	10:00 am	Weekly walking group every Wednesday until noon, Community Hall Path*	36
		3:00 pm	Weekly Food-only Farmers' Market to 6 pm, Farmers' Institute barn behind the Hall*	22
		11:00 am	Café and music Jam to 1 pm, Community Hall*	36
5	Thu	9:00 am	Recycling Depot, summer hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to 4 pm*.....	36
		10:30 am	SGI Non-profit Leader Network, Zoom Meeting	40
		7:00 pm	Youth Night to 9 pm, Epicentre*	35
6	Fri	9:00 am	Recycling Depot, summer hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to 4 pm*.....	36
		10:00 am	Food Bank open Fridays to 12 pm, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*.....	22
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open every Friday to 4 pm*	19
		10:00 am	Library is open Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	27
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by Lester Quitzau to 1 pm, Community Hall and online	13, 36
		4:00 pm	Legion Friday Burger BBQ from 5 - 7 pm, Patio or Take-Out, Legion.....	39, 45
		6:00 pm	CRC Youth, 'Shatter Movie Magic' # 1 to 7 pm, Community Hall	
7	Sat	9:00 am	Recycling Depot, summer hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to 4 pm*.....	36
		9:30 am	Farmers' Market to 12:30 pm, Community Hall*	22
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open this Saturday only, to 4 pm*.....	19
		10:00 am	Bike shop is open to 3 pm, Recycling Depot*	36
		10:00 am	Library is open Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	27
		1:00 pm	Museum open for the summer Saturday and Sunday afternoons to 4 pm	25
		1:15 pm	Moving Around Pender regular meeting, Community Hall.....	19
		4:00 pm	Legion Meat Draws, Legion Hall*.....	40, 45
8	Sun	11:00 am	Pender Island Pride picnic to 3 pm, Community Hall	6
		4:00 pm	Jazz Improvisation with Ben MacRae, \$60 for four weeks, Community Hall	12
9	Mon	10:00 am	Under the Sea for 6 - 12 years to 4 pm, Aug. 9 - 13, Community Hall	34
			Hope Bay Bible Camp - Preteen Camp for ages 10-12 to Aug. 14.....	6
10	Tue	1:00 pm	SGI CRC Annual General Meeting, via Zoom	40
11	Wed		Tour of Twin Islands Cidery, through the Community Hall.....	35
		5:00 pm	CRC Youth, 'Hot Topic Chats' to 6 pm, Online	
13	Fri	12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by Liam Mackenzie to 1 pm, Community Hall and online	13, 36
		4:00 pm	Legion Friday Burger BBQ from 5 - 7 pm, Patio or Take-Out, Legion.....	39, 45
		7:00 pm	Deer & Coyote, Adam Dobres at Stoney Pocket, Tickets \$30, www.ptarmiganarts.org/programs	2
14	Sat	7:00 pm	Deer & Coyote, Adam Dobres at Stoney Pocket, Tickets \$30, www.ptarmiganarts.org/programs	2
		7:00 pm	Outdoor Youth Dance for 13 - 25, Community Hall.....	35
15	Sun	12:00 pm	Car Boot Sale to 4 pm, Community Hall	22, 34
		2:00 pm	Jam and Chutney Workshop to 5 pm, Community Hall	35
			Deadline for submissions to the PI Short Film Festival.....	13
16	Mon	10:00 am	Camp Create for ages 10-12 to 4 pm Aug. 16-20, \$195, www.ptarmiganarts.org/programs	12
			Get Outdoors for 6 - 12 years to 4 pm, Aug. 16-20, Community Hall	34
			Hope Bay Bible Camp - Teen Camp for ages 13-15 to Aug. 20.....	6
17	Tue	7:00 pm	Pender Island Farmers' Institute AGM, via Zoom	22
18	Wed	10:00 am	Pender Post Directors meeting, Community Hall	
		3:30 pm	Let's Talk Food to 5:30 pm, Community Hall	35
19	Thu	4:00 pm	Zine making workshop to 7 pm, Epicentre and Live streamed	
20	Fri	12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by Bill Heintz to 1 pm, Community Hall and online	13, 36
		3:00 pm	Youth Book Club, via Zoom	
		4:00 pm	Legion Friday Burger BBQ from 5 - 7 pm, Patio or Take-Out, Legion.....	39, 45

AUGUST CALENDAR CONTINUED

	6:00 pm	CRC Youth, 'Shatter Movie Magic' # 2, TBA	
22 Sun	2:00 pm	Tomato Canning Workshop to 5 pm, Community Hall.....	35
23 Mon	10:00 am	Creativity Camp for 8 - 12 years to 4 pm, Aug. 23-27, Community Hall.....	34
	12:00 pm	CRC is hosting the SuperHost Foundations of Service Quality to 4 pm, and Aug. 25, via Zoom	
25 Wed	3:30 pm	Let's Talk Food to 5:30 pm, Community Hall.....	35
27 Fri	12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by PI Jazz Band to 1 pm, Community Hall and online.....	13, 36
	4:00 pm	Legion Friday Burger BBQ from 5 - 7 pm, Patio or Take-Out, Legion.....	39, 45
28 Sat	1:00 pm	Celebration of Life for Garry Dudley, Port Browning Field.....	9
29 Sun	2:00 pm	Fermentation Workshop to 5 pm, Community Hall.....	35
30 Mon	10:00 am	Harvest Fair Camp for 8 - 12 years to 4 pm, Aug. 30 - Sep. 3, Community Hall.....	34

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER

1 Wed	4:00 pm	<i>Ukulele Strum</i> at the Community Hall to 5pm. All ages and abilities welcome. \$5 drop in fee.....	
		Fall Crawl Studio Tour registration deadline 13	
3 Fri	7:30 pm	Phantom of the Opera with PI Jazz at Community Hall. \$15 tickets, www.ptarmiganarts.org	13, 60
4 Sat	10:00 am	Trincomali Improvement District Annual General Meeting, end of Swanson View Drive.....	10
	7:00 pm	6 th Annual Short Film Fest at Community Hall. \$15 tickets, www.ptarmiganarts.org	13
8 Wed	5:30 pm	Lion's Club regular meeting, Legion.....	24
13 Mon	9:30 am	Quilters' Circle meetings resume.....	11
14 Tue	6:00 pm	Beginner's Pottery at Community Hall to 8pm for eight weeks. \$205 includes materials	
18 Sat	10:30 am	Music Theory at Community Hall to 12 pm for six weeks, \$90, www.ptarmiganarts.org/programs	
19 Sun		Terry Fox Virtual Run, go to terryfox.org to register (our site number is #131).....	6
20 Mon	1:00 pm	PIAS Share & Social to 4 pm, Anglican Parish Hall.....	9
22 Wed	4:00 pm	Pender Island Recycling Society Annual General Meeting, Community Hall.....	36

Let's get moving, Pender!

We're rolling out ideas for a transportation service. Help us plan how to connect the Islands by community buses, water taxis and pathways.

Tell us your thoughts this fall and sign up for updates at www.crd.bc.ca/sgi-transportation

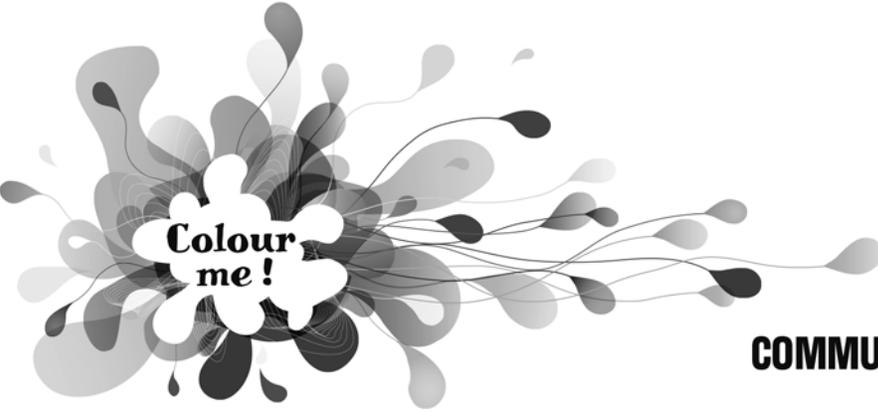
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Transportation Integration Plan

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

Al-Anon Family Group.....	Monday, 7 pm, Plum Tree Court, 5719 Canal Road, 250-383-4020
Alcoholics Anonymous... Tue, Thu, Sun - 7:30 pm, Mon - 12 pm, Wednesday Women's AA - 12 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, 778-677-0175	
Badminton.....	Tuesday 8 - 10 pm, Sunday, 10 am - 12 pm, School gym, Peter Taylor, 629-3375
Bridge.....	Contact Gail Jamieson, 629-6228 or May Ready, 629-3316
Canadian Power & Sail, Pender Island Squadron.....	David Kirsop, 629 6846
Chamber of Commerce.....	250-999-6371
Community Choir.....	Graham Garlick, 250-222-8733
Community Support/Volunteer Program.....	629-3346
Conservancy Association.....	Graham Boffey, 629-099
Epicentre.....	Daily for members, workshops, and activities for members and non-members, Tina Christensen, 629-3045
Farmers' Institute.....	Barbara Grimmer, 629-3819
Farmland Acquisition Project.....	Matilda te Hennepe, 250-537-7707
Field Naturalists.....	Bob Vergette, 629-3820
Food Bank.....	Every Friday from 9 to 11 am, upstairs of the Anglican Parish Hall, Barb MacPherson, 629-6052
Garden Club.....	Second Thursday of the month, 1 pm, Community Hall, Leeanne Mueller, 778-977-6937
Health Care Society.....	Third Monday of the month, 10 am Health Care Meeting Room, Marion Alksne, 250-222-0457
Legion.....	629-3441
Library.....	Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm, 629-3722
Lions Club.....	First Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, Fred Vye, 629-2096
Lunch Bunch (Newcomers' Graduates).....	Val Butcher, 629-6621
Magic Lake Property Owners' Society.....	Second Monday of the month, 4 pm, School, Jeremy Harwood, 629-0019
Moving Around Pender.....	First Saturday of the month, 1:15 pm, Community Hall, Niall Parker, 629-6936
Museum Society.....	Open Saturday and Sunday for the summer, 1 - 4 pm, Simone Marler, 250-217-0823
Nu-To-Yu.....	Friday only from 10 am - 4 pm, 629-2070
Otters Swim Club.....	President Helen Lemon-Moore, penderottersswimclub@gmail.com or 629-2020
Parent Advisory Council.....	Jenn Kaila, 250-885-1719
Parks and Recreation Commission.....	Second Friday of the month, 9:30 am, Tom Bell, 629-3160
Pender Highlanders Pipeband.....	Monday, 6:30 pm beginners, 7 pm band, Anglican Hall, Larry Dempster, 629-6218
Pender Island Trust Protection Society.....	Peter Easthope, 360-639-0202
Pender Pacers Running Group.....	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.....	Keith Smith, 250-891-5267
PIJazz - Community Jazz Band.....	rehearsals Tuesday, School, 6:30 pm, 629-9938
Ptarmigan Arts.....	Lauren Mann, 629-0004
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.....	Summer hours Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 am - 4 pm, Niki Roberts, 629-6962
Soccer Club.....	Fridays 5:30 pm, soccer at school field/gym. All welcome, 14 yrs+, free
South Pender Historical Society.....	Sandra Johnson, 250-812-9776
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
Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre.....	Open Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 10 am - 2 pm, 629-3665
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.....	Tom Caston, 629-6477

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COMMUNITY HALL
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12PM TO 3PM



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we gathered to ring the bell 751 times, remembering each of the lives lost

Most recently, the Penelakut Tribe has discovered more than 160 “unmarked and undocumented” graves in the area around the former Kuper Island residential school (located across the water from Chemainus). We will begin our July meeting with a communal ringing of the bell as a tribute to the people in these graves.

The circle is committed to continuing the ringing of the bells as more unmarked graves are announced, to truly acknowledge that *Every Child Matters*:

- Honouring the children whose lives were taken and bodies finally found at the residential school
- Honouring the children who survived residential school
- Honouring Indigenous children of today
- Honouring our inner child

In July, after the bells, we will be going back to the plan we had for June, sharing our reactions to the book *Treaty Words: for as Long as the Rivers Flow*,

written by *Aimée Craft* and illustrated by Luke Swinson. Aimée Craft affirms the importance of understanding an Indigenous perspective on treaties in this evocative book that is essential for readers of all ages. Although it is geared to middle school we can all learn from the lessons of philosophy, indigenous studies, and treaty literature.

August is a month off from meetings; stay tuned for the September details. Take good care.

Susan Parr

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

PIRAHA



The Community Hall is so very grateful to the Pender Island community for all their support during our fundraiser; we have now reached our goal amount and will be able to start repairs in September.

Events

Car Boot Sale

Sunday, August 15 from 12 - 4 pm come to the Community Hall for a chance to find a treasure, boogie with local musicians, grab a burger, beer, ice cream, or treat. If you would like to get a ‘pitch’ to sell from your car, call 629-3669 or email bookings@penderislands.org. Space fees, table rentals, and general donations will be shared with the Epicentre.

Summer Children’s Camps

Endless fun for kids 6 to 12 years! Spend your summer with us as we connect with old friends and make new ones, explore our island surroundings, get creative with crafts, play fun games, and try out interesting activities! Children’s Camps run Monday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm and are \$175 per camp. If cost is a hardship, please let us know as the Legion has provided some funding for camp scholarships.

Science Explored August 2 - 6

Join this camp if you’re interested in anything science! We’ll be learning about space, water cycles, plants, animals, and so many other exciting things.

Under the Sea - August 9-13

Interested in the ocean? We’ll be learning and exploring the waters around the island. Learning about anemones to orcas and everything in between.

Get Outdoors - August 16-20

Your classic camp games, songs, and activities while exploring the great outdoors. Beachcombing, hiking, swimming, exploring, and lots of fun games at the community hall.

Creativity Camp - August 23-27

Painting, cooking, crafting, exploring, and creating our own stories and possible field trips!

Harvest Fair Camp August 30 - September 3

Missing the Fall Fair? Well, so are we! This summer, we are going to get creative and attempt to recreate our own fall fair for campers. Cooking, gardening, learning about seeds, and growing food. Those are just a few of

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the fun activities we will have available for kids ages 6-12 at the Harvest Fair camp to celebrate summer and the beginning of fall and the harvesting season. It's going to be a blast!

If you're interested in registering or have any questions, please contact Aimee at the Community Hall at pendersummerprograms@gmail.com and she'd be happy to give you more information. A minimum number of campers is required to run each camp.

Summer Youth Programs

Youth Night at the Epicentre

Are you 13-21? Come spend your Thursday evenings at the Epicentre with Callum and Lucy! We'll be doing art, playing music, games, and so much more. For more information, email pendervolunteers@gmail.com or get in touch with us through our Facebook or Instagram accounts. Thursdays from 7 - 9 pm.

Adventure Earth - Mondays

This summer weekly activity is for youth 13-18 years interested in outdoor leadership, wilderness skills, environmental leadership, food security, farming skills, and civic engagement! Older youth may be interested in joining as assistant leaders. Each week is something different; we may challenge ourselves to climb a mountain, go to a local farm to meet the animals and help in the garden, volunteer to help a local organization, travel off island to a special site, or learn how to lead games and other activities. Participants will help decide the focus of each week. For more information, email pendervolunteers@gmail.com or get in touch with us through our Facebook or Instagram accounts.

Youth Outdoor Dance

Come and dance under the stars with DJ Marc on Saturday, August 14 at 7 pm at the Pender Community Hall.

Donations accepted; proceeds will be given to a local non-profit decided by youth who have RSVP'd. To RSVP, find the event on the SGI Youth Instagram page or the Pender Community Hall Facebook page.

All Ages Activities

Food Workshops and Programs

Let's Talk Food Discussion Group, Wednesday, August 18 and 25

Ponder some food for thought at our Wednesday group where we will learn more about different food issues and present our perspectives too, all while picking up your groceries at the Market. Please call in advance to confirm timings to 629-3669.

Wednesday, August 11, time TBA

Visit the Twin Islands Cidery on Pender Island to learn more about how they produce their delicious apple goodness! For more information, contact penderhallheritage@gmail.com or call 250-629-3669 to confirm exact timings.

Sunday, August 15, 2 - 5 pm

Jam and Chutney Workshop with Anne Burdett. Join us as we learn to make some delicious blackberry jam and chutney. You can even take a jar home! Admission, sliding scale (\$5 suggested). For more information, contact penderhallheritage@gmail.com or call 629-3669

Sunday August 22, 2 - 5 pm

Tomato Canning Workshop with Karin Campbell. Come try out some water canning of everyone's favourite tomatoes. Don't forget to take your jar home with you! Admission, sliding scale (\$5 suggested). For more information, contact penderhallheritage@gmail.com or call 629-3669.

Sunday, August 29, 2 - 5 pm

Fermentation Workshop with Karin Campbell. We'll be creating a tasty, fermented cabbage today; you won't want to miss it! You can even take a jar home! Admission, sliding scale (\$5 suggested). For more information, contact penderhallheritage@gmail.com or call 629-3669

Other Food Activities

Keep an eye out for other potential workshops and activities that we are working on, like a visit to New Direction farm, Avondale farm, flower pressing, seed saving, and more! We will be posting them on the Community Hall Facebook and Instagram pages.



Prescription Drug Drop-Off

No drugs down the drain

Summer is in full swing and many of us will have guests and visitors with children. We want to keep everyone safe. It is a good time to clean out your medicine cabinet and return all those unused and expired medications to the Pharmacy for proper disposal.

Pender Island Pharmacy accepts medications for disposal anytime, but this month, you will be entered into a draw for a fabulous summer gift basket.

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**Walking Group, Wednesdays
10 - 11:30 am**

Focus on your health, happiness, and fun every Wednesday at the Community Hall. The Walking Group is a drop-in activity; join others in a walk along the flat and level Home Valley farm trail, and afterwards stop in and visit the café if you want to stay for a chat.

**Community Café and open
music jam, Wednesdays
11 am - 1 pm**

Stop off at the café on your way to the food only market or on your way home. Grab a coffee or tea, by donation, and visit with the other lovely people taking a break from the summer bustle. Or bring your musical instrument and jam with anyone else who shows up with theirs! The café will be able to offer an assortment of drinks by donation and you will be welcome to bring snacks while visiting outside on the patio or grass. If you are interested in volunteering to be the café host, please contact Andrea at 629-3669 or bookings@penderislands.org.

**Community Gathering Picnic,
Fridays 12 - 1 pm**

A weekly outdoor concert at the Hall. Masks are a requirement when not eating or drinking. If you can't join in person, we livestream on the Pender Community Hall Facebook page.

Andrea Mills and Dianne Allison

**Pender Island
Recycling Society**



Our members are invited to the Pender Island Recycling Society Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, September 22 at 4 pm at the Community Hall. Coffee and cookies will be served.

With the warm weather, the wasps are out in full force. To help reduce their numbers, please carefully clean residual food from containers and meat trays, and liquids from beverage containers. Although the number of wasps can be disconcerting, people are rarely stung at the depot. If you are allergic to wasp stings, let us know and we can assist you with your recycling. Also remember to

rinse bottles that contained caustic cleaners such as bleach. When these containers are compressed in the baler, the residual liquid can spray onto staff and cause rashes and burns.

Have you ever wondered what to do with Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)? This includes items like paint thinner, butane, and pesticides. Most of these items can be taken to the Hartland Landfill, just outside of Victoria, where they are accepted free of charge and then safely disposed of. Hartland is a 25-minute drive from the ferry terminal and is well worth a visit.

House paint is not HHW and can be brought to the Pender depot. It must be in the original (non-leaking) container with the label still attached, and be for residential use only. See staff for assistance with paint drop off. Propane tanks are accepted at Fire Hall No. 1 for a small fee.

Do you have other items that we don't take and that you are unsure how and where to recycle? The CRD offers a great recycling encyclopedia that will help you find the closest recycling options for things such as textiles and toilets. Visit <https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/waste-recycling/recycle/myrecyclopedia> to find out more. Simply google "myrecyclopedia" and their website will be one of the first listed.

You can renew your voluntary membership at any time either at the depot or online at penderislandrecycling.com. A charitable tax receipt will be issued. Membership revenue helps fund the FreeStore, the Bike Shop, the non-packaging plastic initiative, depot and equipment maintenance, recycling education, and so much more. We are so grateful for your continued support!

Niki Roberts

**Pender Organic
Community Garden Society**



Last year, I saw a post on Facebook that a plot was available in the Community Garden. I responded immediately that I would take it - having no clue where it was or what I was doing. A month later, along came COVID-19. My plot #1 was full of

weeds and morning glory, but I worked at it for weeks, amended the soil, and finally planted. It was hard to get seeds so I took what I could get and stuck them in the ground. It was so great to see things grow a few weeks later!

I have to say that having the garden helped me keep my sanity throughout that challenging year. Youtube became one of my best friends and I learned a lot about planting, harvesting, canning, pickling, freezing, and dehydrating. I found new recipes to use up the tons of zucchini and pattypan squash. The zesty pattypan relish is now a family favourite. And of course, I saw my grocery bill plummet.

The best thing about the Community Garden is the pastoral location at Karl's property. Each spring we see the beautiful trees and shrubs and the new lambs and goslings. Often I am there after work alone and listen to the wind moving through the trees and am reminded of my Swedish great-grandparents who left their homes and endured a dangerous journey so they could come to Minnesota to a place where they could grow food for their families. My parents always had a beautiful food garden and we often joked that we could live for years off the food and wine in their basement. I wish I had paid more attention to all their skills when they were here.

It is such a joy to walk around the garden, see the different plants and styles of growing and to learn from my fellow members. This year I have two kinds of potatoes, three kinds of beans, two kinds of cabbage, five kinds squash, four kinds of tomatoes, cucumbers, garlic, onions, leeks, arugula, kale, radishes, beets, carrots, swiss chard, peppers, basil, broccoli, rhubarb, and turnips. I seem to be able to grow things and I am so grateful for the chance to have found this special place where I feel peaceful and at home.

Terry Shepherd

The Pender Seed Library

The Pender Seed Library has been restocked with a collection of winter vegetable seeds for you to "check-out" and plant. Although the

window of opportunity has closed for some vegetables, August is not too late to seed for growing vegetables through the winter and early spring. Plant arugula, beets, broccoli, carrots, kale, kohlrabi, leeks, lettuces, mustards, onions, scallions, pac choi, peas, radish, spinach, Swiss chard, and turnips. We are missing a few of those seeds or have low numbers, but come see if there is something you want to grow. We have lots of lettuce and kale, both of which stand up well to cold and snow. By September this planting window will have closed.

Let's talk about saving kale seeds. We have some really nice pictures and a short video about harvesting and cleaning kale seeds that Roz Kemp sent to our Instagram page. Follow us on Instagram @sgseedlibraries. (Southern Gulf Islands Seed Libraries). If you have seed saving photos or videos send them as a message in Instagram and I will post them. Kale is a Brassica, along with Brussels sprouts, cabbages, collards, cauliflower, kohlrabi, and broccoli. This genus is a little unique in that all of them are of the same species,

Brassica oleracea, so they all cross pollinate! They are biennials and are pollinated by bees which might make saving true seeds tricky; however, in my experience kale seeds are easy to save. Perhaps we don't have anyone around us letting the Brassicas go to flower. Because they are biennials it's easy to make sure you only have one variety of Brassica blooming. For example we are currently growing all the Brassicas. They were planted this growing season so they will not flower until next spring/summer. The kale planted last year flowered and is now seeding its beautiful self all over the garden. The birds are enjoying them too. It's a good idea to pick the sprays of pods a little early and finish drying them in a paper bag or bucket to avoid losing them. A single kale plant makes an abundance of seeds. In addition to planting them in the vegetable garden, try planting them in shallow trays in the winter for micro-greens or sprouting them to add to salads. Kale is our most reliable and easy to grow four season vegetable, and they are at their best after cold weather when we really need some good healthy dark leafy greens.

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The Pender Seed Library is located inside the Library at the back of the Children's section. There is no charge to become a member and take out seeds. If you don't want to become a member you can still take out seeds; membership just helps us stay connected. There is also a place to put your donations of seeds at the bottom of the cupboard. If you are new to saving true seed, please only share the self-pollinating veggies: lettuce, peas, beans of all kinds, peppers, tomatoes, and grains.

Karin Campbell

PenderPOD

Orca Tile Painting Project



As mentioned in last month's issue of *The Pender Post*, PenderPOD and the Podlings have completed the Orca Tile project and the installations will soon be placed at trail heads: Gowlland Point, Boat Nook, Bridges Road, Oaks Bluff Trail, and Thieves Bay. PIPRC has kindly agreed to mount the four that will be at PIPRC Trail heads.

For this project Pender Community members picked one of the 48 Orca born since 1998 and painted an image of an Orca and the whale's name on a tile. The installations will celebrate the living Orca and be located at spots where it is possible to view Whales from land.

Pender Orca Sighting Network

The most recent return of the Southern Resident Orcas to the Salish Sea was noted on July 4th, with members of all three pods spotted off the west side of San Juan Island in Washington State. There is a Whale Protection Zone in effect year round in that area. The Orcas must travel north across the Boundary Pass - Haro Strait shipping lanes to the west side of North Pender Island to reach the Government of Canada's Interim Sanctuary Zone here - where they can forage for fish, rest, and communicate without boat or noise disturbance.

The Zone is a half nautical mile (926 m) wide between Wallace Point and Thieves Bay. Transport Canada has two electronic signal markers for the zone which can be picked up by any vessel with an Automatic Identification System. Many small boats are not

required to carry AIS and many boaters seem to be unaware of the ISZ. The resulting infractions are numerous, both for boat presence and fishing in the zone which are restricted from June 1 to November 30.

The Marine Traffic app (available on a smartphone) shows these sanctuary zone markers on a map for Pender as small diamond shapes with a dot, in Swanson Channel.

I hope that boaters will look them up and note the position of these markers, so they will be in compliance with TC and DFO regulations for the Killer Whale Recovery Strategy.

Our islands are the centre of much whale activity year round, with frequent visits from migrating Humpback Whales, Bigg's Killer Whales (mammal eaters), Harbour Porpoise, Dall's Porpoise and Pacific White Sided Dolphins. The endangered SRKWs have been seen here less frequently than in past years due to the diminishing numbers of nutritious Chinook (Spring) salmon, their preferred prey.

Pender Sighting Network members look forward to seeing (and reporting to the BC Cetacean Sighting Network) J, K, and L Pods return to the waters around our islands where we can watch them from the shore.

Old Growth and Orca Food: Members of Pender POD continue to be involved in efforts to protect the old growth forest in Fairy Creek and surrounding drainages. There is a connection between old growth and Orca since preserving old growth protects streams and rivers where salmon spawn and salmon feed Orca. Industrial clear-cut logging causes erosion and silting up of gravel beds in Salmon bearing streams. Most recently, POD members got up at 3:30 am to spot Marbled Murrelets returning to their nests in the old growth around Fairy Creek. We used sophisticated recording devices (iPhones!) to record over 100 birds! Murrelets require old growth for their nests so the hope is that documenting this endangered bird at these locations will help preserve them.

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As I set pen to paper once again (and yes, I really do still use a pen and paper to do my report), I wonder if it will ever rain again! Over a month without a drop and none in sight. I guess I should go on holiday...watch it pour buckets then!

I begin with some sad news, and that is to report on the passing of yet another long time Legion stalwart. Keith Lacey dedicated a huge part of his life to the advancement of the Royal Canadian Legion. For as long as I can remember Keith has always been there for our little Legion, as President, Executive member, or general supporter of so many Legion functions. Most recently his generous financial contributions were a godsend to help us through these difficult COVID-19 times. As his health deteriorated, he never lost his concern for all things Legion, and he and Marge were always there every Friday for their dinner, and to give weekly thanks to us volunteers for continuing to do the physical Legion work he could no longer do. He was so glad to see that someone cared as much for the Legion as he did. Keith and I did not always see eye to eye on Legion matters over the years but there was never any doubt that the betterment and continuation of the Legion on Pender was our mutual goal. I know that Marge is now going to be living in Sidney, but I sincerely hope that she will continue to make Branch #239 a part of her life. Her Friday night visits and catching those kisses she would throw across the hall will be sorely missed. Our condolences and best wishes to Marge, and family, for the next chapter of their lives.

Speaking of people who have dedicated a good portion of their life to the work of the Legion, I would like now to thank those special few who have done so much on the front lines and behind the scenes to get us through the most difficult time of our existence. It is not always easy to be a volunteer for any organization or group. There are different expectations and egos to deal with that sometimes cause friction between seemingly like-minded people. The reasons I believe

that a person volunteers is to assist a cause that they believe in and to hopefully have a little fun in the process. The difference between a volunteer and a paid employee is that you might put up with a load of cxxp for financial return, but dedication to a good cause alone can soon run thin if appreciation, understanding, and that elusive fun are absent from the equation! As a long time volunteer, I have seen a lot of good people come and go for many different reasons. Getting old is a big one, moving off island is another, and for a lot it's "I've done my bit, now someone else should step up!" In a perfect world that would be true, however, this is far from a perfect world and volunteers are getting harder and harder to find, and the fact that they have to put up with me, most of the time, can be a real test of their devotion to duty! What can I say? We are only human, we all make mistakes and egos are easily dented. I too have had frustrations through the years with the powers that be, but have never given up on what the Legion stands for. We have some fantastic volunteers now and I think we do have a lot of fun

(mixed with a little panic and stress). Some of them actually understand that my bizarre sense of humor and gentle sarcasm helps me, and perhaps a few others, get through those occasional harried moments. That's my story and I'm sticking to it!

What this is all leading to is that we need some new (or even slightly used) volunteers to carry on the charitable work of the Legion. Without the assistance of our members I'm afraid that one day we will just be a fond memory to all those students, individuals, and organizations we have assisted over the last 75 years here on Pender. We currently have to decline several functions because we don't have people willing to take the lead on these events. If you would like to help out in any way call me, John Pender, at 629-6051 and we will put you on the volunteer list. Don't do it because I asked you, do it for all those veterans who've come before, and all the people we hope to assist in the years ahead!

In other Legion news, Friday burger nights are going well, and why not? Just \$12 for a deluxe burger with potato salad and coleslaw and a great patio to



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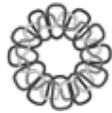
enjoy it on! Over the last month we have also had live music and our thanks go out to John Temple, Enzo Marino, and Dean Steeves, for generously sharing their musical talents. We have more entertainment lined up for August. The well known, *Plumper Sound* on August 6, and *John Temple and Friend* on August 20. So, if you are looking for some food, fun and music on a Friday night between 5 - 7 pm come to the Legion (reservations recommended). Big thanks to our musical coordinator Charles Baker for the lining up of all these great local musicians.

If you don't already know, meat draws are back again every Saturday. We open at 3 pm, and draws start at 4 pm. It's great to see everybody having so much fun again in the Legion. Why not come by this Saturday and join in the laughs and perhaps take home some choice pieces of meat as a bonus! All proceeds are donated back to the community. We also need more people to take over hosting an occasional meat draw for only a couple of hours on a Saturday afternoon. Perhaps that could be you!

Finally, I would just like to say that the Legion is doing well. Our Friday night gang is a pretty happy bunch of burger makers, and the meat draw crowd seems born anew and glad to have all the regulars back together again! Here's hoping we see you at the Legion as a customer or volunteer this summer. Cheers,

John Pender

SGI Community Resource Centre



Congratulations on making it through some of the hottest days on record! The Pender Island CRC office is now OPEN Monday-Friday, from 10 am - 4 pm. Call the CRC Helpline at 629-3665 to speak with a staff member or a volunteer who can provide details on all of our programs and services. At our office you will have access to laptops and tablets available for Islands Savings online banking. We can guide you on how to use the tablets to deposit cheques, pay bills, and transfer funds on the Island Savings app. Our tablets or laptops are also available for PANS sign up and for Work-BC job-related searches. We also have free bottles of hand sanitizer to give away; let's help keep Pender germ free for as long as possible. Email admin@sgicommunityresources.ca or call the Helpline to reserve a bottle.

Save the Date

August 10, at 1 pm will be our SGI CRC Annual General Meeting. If you need to renew or would like to be a member of the Southern Gulf Island Community Resource Centre you may go to our website <https://www.sgicommunityresources.ca/membership-join/> and click on the membership link. We are now offering 1 or 3 year memberships. We hope you join us as we will discuss some exciting changes for the SGI CRC.

New Community Sustainability Director appointment.

As our islands and the province continue to open up, the Southern Gulf Islands

Community Resource Centre (SGICRC) has implemented a new project to help understand what Southern Gulf Islanders want as we "build back better" after COVID-19.

The project, funded by the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICET), has hired a Community Sustainability Director for a year-long contract. In mid-June, Allister Hain, from Mayne Island, was brought on board.

After a 30-year career in public relations, communications, and social marketing in the fields of education, natural resources, and labour and economic market analysis; Allister and his wife, Abigail, purchased a farm on Mayne Island in 2019, arriving in May 2020. "We came to the Southern Gulf Islands because it is a special place with a unique outlook and way of life. After COVID-19, we've all earned the opportunity to envision and decide what truly belongs in our lives. That's what I want to hear from islanders."

During the coming year, Hain will be visiting all SGIs multiple times, listening to what residents and business owners have to say about how they see their futures. He'll also be working on creating and building tools and services to help islanders navigate the post-COVID world. For more information email islandsupport@sgicommunityresources.ca.

The CRC is actively recruiting people to lead 2 hour tech workshops this Fall, helping folks navigate technology they may not be familiar with. These are decently paid instructor roles and the course will be offered from September onward. Courses will likely be hosted in a hybrid model of Zoom and/or in-person. If you have skills to share, or are interested in talking about possible workshop ideas, please email Carol at galianocrc@sgicommunityresources.ca.

The CRC Island Kindness Program has proudly helped Pender residents get their Tru Value Foods grocery orders delivered since March of 2020. We were able to fulfill almost 500 requests during the COVID-19 pandemic, and we are honoured that you trusted us with this service. The program has now returned to Tru Value Foods, and any resident who needs groceries shopped






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The CRC website offers information and opportunities for SGI residents. Stay up-to-date on new Programs, Volunteer opportunities, Employment Services and upcoming projects on the Islands. Our free Jigsaw Puzzle Loaning Library is sure to keep everyone busy during Summer Break! The confidential Emergency Funds relief program will continue on an ongoing basis as long as the need exists within the community and as long as the generous donations continue. Funds are dispersed as Tru Value gift cards (\$50, \$100 or \$200 denominations depending on family size), or as micro-grants (up to \$500). See the website www.sgicom-munityresources.ca for details.

Youth Programs

August brings a lot of fun youth activities! For more information on the Pender Pride Picnic and the Allyship Week of Activities as well as Food Workshops and Programs check the website at www.sgicom-munityresources.ca/programs-resources/youth-programs/ or email youthprograms@sgicom-munityresources.ca or see our page on Instagram [sgiyouth](https://www.instagram.com/sgiyouth).

Employment Services: The CRC is hosting the SuperHost Foundations of Service Quality Course over Zoom as a two day course August 23 and 25, 12 - 4 pm (attendance both days is mandatory). This \$60 course teaches customer service skills including communication etiquette and best practices, business case and return on investment, teamwork, service recovery, and problem-solving. All participants who complete the final exam are certified as BC Superhosts. Email islanddir@sgicom-munityresources.ca or call 629-3665 to register. *bursaries are available if cost is a barrier.

Have you completed an exhaustive job search and are struggling to find something that meets your needs? Are you needing to change careers due to a disability or a change in circumstances and not sure what might be a good fit? Have you started a new business but are struggling to get it off the ground? Do you need financial assistance? Do you need access to equipment to complete your Job Search? We can help you identify the

supports and services you are eligible to receive and that are right for you.

WorkBC Services are available to all unemployed or precariously employed BC citizens legally eligible to work in BC. Self-Serve Services include access to computer workstations, telephone, photocopying, career exploration and labour market information, job search resources, and more! Employment Services offers everything in Self-Service as well as group workshops or individual sessions with a case manager, job search services, skills enhancement services such as academic upgrading and training, wage subsidy, customized job placement and work experience placement services for clients with significant barriers to employment, self-employment services, financial supports for childcare, and other support services.

If you wish to apply, go to apply.workbc.ca. Our island coordinators are trained to assist with registration for WorkBC services. Not sure who to contact? Call 629-3665 or email admin@sgicom-munityresources.ca. Employers and employees can learn more at www.workbc.ca.

All Self-Serve and Case Managed clients are invited to join us for a series of Job Club sessions where we will discuss goal setting, mind set, job search tools, and more. Dates will be announced online at sgicom-munityresources.ca.

Summer is a time for reflection and regrouping for the Southern Gulf Islands Community Justice Program. September seems to be the start of a new year for us, so we are taking the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful islands and prepare for the Fall. Our monthly(ish) Community Conversations have allowed us to connect with some wonderful people on all four islands and we have been invited in by several community groups to help problem-solve and plan. And, as Restorative Justice is one of the keystones to our program, we wish to thank Sgt. Kim Bruce and Cst. Joanne Harrison for their help in creating a strong link between the RCMP and our program. We wish them good luck on their new postings, and we look forward to continuing our relationship with their replacements.

We are always looking for volunteers who wish to be part of our growing program. Training in Restorative Justice and Peace Circle facilitation is provided, and we know you will find the work rewarding. Please join us in helping to keep the Southern Gulf Islands “inclusive, accountable, compassionate, and respectful.” Contact us at sgicjp@shaw.ca. Meanwhile, please be cool during this hot, beautiful summer.

Jim Peacock

The TETÁCES Revitalization Project” Sharing WSÁNEĆ Traditional Knowledge with Southern Gulf Island communities: The SGICRC and its partners have received approval from the Real Estate Foundation of BC for a \$75,000 matching grant for a follow-up project to the successful 2019-20 TETÁCES Climate Action Project. The TETÁCES Revitalization Project involves the creation of five original videos. The central video will be a presentation by Drs. Nick Claxton and John Price of U Vic summarized the key findings in their seminal paper “Whose Land Is It?” *Rethinking Sovereignty in British Columbia* published in *BC*

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Studies: The British Columbia Quarterly. Additionally there will be an animated version of the TETÁCES creation story which describes how the Creator, XÁLS created TETÁCES which translates from SENĆOTEN as “relatives of the deep.” (AKA the Southern Gulf Islands). Three additional videos will provide a WSÁNEĆ perspective on each of three of the Southern Gulf Islands: S,DÁYES/ Pender; S,KFAK /Mayne and TEKTEKSEN/Saturna. These videos will feature Traditional Knowledge shared by Elders to illustrate the importance of each of these “relatives of the deep” to WSÁNEĆ culture.

These videos will be owned by the WSÁNEĆ School Board and provide resources for their curriculum to support revitalization of WSÁNEĆ People in their traditional Homeland and with WSÁNEĆ consent and oversight the videos will also be used in community forums for the Southern Gulf Islands to enhance the developing community to community relationship that is necessary for progressive reconciliation in building more resilient and sustainable communities.

Partners on the project include WSÁNEĆ School Board, WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council, Raincoast Conservation Foundation, UVIC Living Lab Project, and the South Pender Historical Society.

Melody Pender

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Lunch Bunch

With COVID-19 restrictions loosened and our local businesses trying to recoup losses I have been asked to find out if there is any interest in reviving the Lunch Bunch. We are a bunch of ladies, originally graduates of Newcomers, who meet once a month for lunch here on Pender. We welcome anyone who would like to join us and you do not have to be a graduate of Newcomers. Please contact me at vbutter@shaw.ca if you would be interested. We meet the fourth Thursday of the month to try not to interfere with other planned events. August or September would be our first lunch depending on how many are interested.

Val Butcher

Pender Island Garden Club



The executive met in early July and are busy planning a full 21/22 season of speakers, workshops, and off island visits. I cannot give away any more information as speakers need to be confirmed.

The Pender Island Garden Club has been around for many years. I have been a member for 17 years and we welcome gardeners of all abilities and experience. When I moved here my previous garden experience had been in Edmonton and Ottawa so I had a lot to learn about gardening in the Gulf Islands. I found this club to be a great resource with experienced gardeners to talk to and beginners who had already made the mistakes they warned me not to repeat. We are not a bunch of rose growing old ladies but gardeners interested in sustainability, water conservation, composting etc. Watch the next issue of *The Pender Post* for more information on meeting times and venue. If you want to come and join us, you are more than welcome. Did I mention goodies along with tea and coffee are served at the end of the meeting during social time when you get to chat with the other members?

Val Butcher

Pender Island Golf Club



We continued to see hot dry days in July and, as I write this, all of us at the golf club hope there will be some rain, although none is forecast. Despite the course being so dry, the hard work of Patrick Deme and the volunteer maintenance crew has kept the course in good shape. This has been commented on frequently by both our members and visiting golfers.

During July, members were able to play the Corbett-Martin and Evans-Grimmer Tournaments, which was a relief after the restrictions of 2020. Congratulations to low gross winner Laurie Auchterlonie and low net winner Mel MacDonald. The outcome of the Ladies' Corbett-Martin Tournament is eagerly awaited.

Members and casual players also enjoyed a 'Fun Night' on July 23. It's



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good to see that, with the success and take up of vaccinations, restrictions have lifted and we can move towards the new 'normal.'

Visitors, mainly from BC and Alberta, have returned and the course is busy! Bookings are needed to ensure you can play at the time you choose. Go to our website at penderislandgolf.ca to book online or call the pro shop at 629-6659 and we will be happy to book a tee time that works for you.

Our green fee rates are still some of the best deals in BC so, if you've been meaning to get out to the Club now is a great time. Our 'Two for one' Wednesdays are still going strong; show up with a friend and golf for half price.

Remember, if you want to golf after 4 pm you can enjoy our 'Twilight' rate of \$31.50 (inc. tax) for unlimited evening golf. Just take an envelope from the box, put your money in and post through the mail slot in the wall.

We are opening our small pro shop to two people at a time (preferably with masks on!) So if you are suffering from a lack of retail therapy, please come and look at our clothing for the 2021 season. Don't golf? Our clothing is stylish, comfortable, and ideal if you like running, hiking, kayaking, or camping.

Richard Mudge, Pro Shop

Pender Island Otters Swim Club



Things have really started to open up in recreational facilities by the middle of July. Panorama Pool is again open for drop-in swimming, which means gone is our sole presence in the pool area during our time span of 12 noon - 2 pm. Funny, that while this is a wonderful thing, one suddenly feels 'crowded' with other folks in the changing rooms and around the pool deck. But, it is all a bit of a return to what was before COVID!! We now are back to 3 lanes, but do not have to cover the additional cost of Lifeguards, as we are not the only ones in the pool. And, we have lined up our rental space for the fall and winter, as it was necessary to secure our space before other programs booked our preferred time. For the rest

of the summer Otters have a few things on their calendar, although some will have already happened by the time you read this. On July 23, we ran a Swim-a-thon to raise some funds to get new swim caps. Our present supply is down to 2 caps, and while most of us still possess a club cap, they do wear out, and any new folks (of which we have several) have not got one yet. Caps are useful for a number of reasons:

- to keep your hair out of your eyes during swimming
- since ours are neon lime green, you can be seen easily in the pool
- during a swim meet (yes there were/are a few this summer) they can readily identify a club from other swimmers in a heat for a race. I do not find that they keep one's hair as dry as one might think though!

And, on the subject of the Swim-a-thon, our members will try to generate pledges for the number of laps they can do in either 1 or 2 hours of our practice time. We'll see how we do - both in donations, and distance everyone gets. In July, there have been a few inter-club swim meets. While there are still some restrictions, a few Vancouver Island Region clubs with outdoor pools have invited one or two other clubs to do one day swim meets in late June and July. And, on August 6, 7, and 8 weekend, Nanaimo White Rapids club is hosting the "Gator Games" where all 10 Vancouver Island Region clubs are invited to what will be our Regional "Finals." It is proposed to offer a few more fun swim events as well as the key swim races, and swimmers can enter as many as they like. We know we will have swimmers at that meet at least, but you will have to wait till my next report to find out how we did. It is just great to be back to having some events for the summer, after 15 months of either no pool time, or lock-down. Oh, and why the Gators Games you ask? Well, collectively, the Vancouver Island Region clubs are called the Vancouver Island Gators when they head to Provincials for the Finals. While all clubs have their own names, when we are together as a group for Final competition, we are the Gators. This summer there is no Provincial final, so we Gators will celebrate together and

share how the year has gone for all of us for the first time in over a year. Let's keep on swimming.

Helen Lemon-Moore, President

COVER STORY



The cover of our August Pender Post features a single white water lily. The photo was taken by our own Production Manager, Michel Pelletier. One glance at the cover will confirm that there was no favouritism in this photo being chosen to lead the August 2021 *The Pender Post* cover sweepstakes.

Thanks to the recently loosened COVID-19 restrictions, everyone must now be celebrating being able to finally invite friends inside their house. Only a few family members - and an enthusiastically greeted plumber! - had been in our house for well over a year. At the Magic Lake tennis courts, only a few of the pandemic rules remain, and players are able to enjoy a more comfortable and relaxed game. No argument with that.

The flower on our cover is simple, white, and pure. The moment I saw the cover I felt that its simple purity represented change: change, and a better way. Trust me, I was as surprised at my reaction as anyone. To me that lily had a message of hope, welcoming a better way of living than what we have been accustomed to since March 2020.

Are we witnessing the end of the pandemic? Perhaps. Welcome the changes we see, but remain alert and aware. As the rules relax, we should all appreciate the new freedom, but remember to continue to do our part to protect ourselves and others, and stay in touch with current, science-based information that informs of any new developments. Continue to be well.

Mike Wiley

	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation
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Magic Lake	24.4	13.2	18.8	39.9 on 28th	7.0 on 7 th	24.0
Normal	20.6	10.6	15.6	39.9 in 2021	6.0 several times	30.7

June started on what we thought was a high note with a temperature of 31°C, which was by far the highest this year so far, but not a record for June; we had 32°C way back in June 1995 and several times since then. The lake water temperature rose to 22.5°C. But it was a short-lived heat wave. Our total precipitation for the month was well below average, but there very rarely is much rain in June; only July and August have less precipitation.

The temperature stayed below 30°C until June 21 and we had no rain after June 15. On June 24 another heatwave arrived and, not surprisingly, the outdoor ban on fires came into effect a week early. The maximum temperature on June 26 was 39.0°C and this was a record, but not just for June. It was the highest temperature I have recorded on Pender Island in any month in the last 34 years, beating the previous high of 35°C. That reading of 39.0°C was not a record for very long, as on June 28th the maximum temperature was 39.5°C and after that it cooled off for the rest of the month. Our average daily maximum and minimum temperatures were the highest I have ever recorded for June. I like the fact that we have a varied climate with not too much extreme weather - hot or cold - and as a weather observer I find it more interesting than having the same weather all year round. The pundits and politicians predict that we will have many more extreme heat waves because of global warming, but perhaps June 2021 was just an anomaly. July and August are usually hotter than June but not necessarily so. I don't mind the heat, perhaps because I lived in Australia for a good many years. Our garden seems to cope very well in the hot weather, but the most serious problem is the danger of fires and we must all be extremely careful. The fire hazard is extreme.

August is the most popular month for holidays and travel and it is usually our second driest month and our second warmest month. We still have

COVID-19 to contend with even though most of us have had our second vaccination. We are in the middle of fire season so we have to be vigilant. Much of BC has been hard hit by forest fires this year but, at least up to the time that I am writing this in the middle of July, we have managed to avoid serious fires this year. We have had no rain for a month; we could equal the record but we cannot set a record because in July 2013 we had zero precipitation. The average precipitation for August is 25 mm and there have been several years when the August rainfall was single digit.

There are still two months of summer 2021, so enjoy it and be careful.

Malcolm Armstrong

PENDER POST PAST



August 1971

As always during the summer months, fire was a major concern in 1971 and North Pender Island had formed a committee to look into establishing a voluntary fire brigade with a central building and equipment. Some islanders questioned the cost of such an undertaking and were reassured that all costs had been thoroughly researched and household insurance rates may even drop with an established firefighting force. A plebiscite was scheduled for August 14 and if successful then a registered association would be established. I guess the plebiscite was successful as we currently have a very fine Voluntary Fire Department. There was a letter to the editor lamenting the fact that BC Ferries did not dress the ships for Dominion Day. Join us next month to see what was happening in September 1971.

Val Butcher

OF GENERAL INTEREST

Canadian wheelchair basketball teams announced for Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games

July 19, 2021 - Ottawa, ON

The Canadian Paralympic Committee (CPC) and Wheelchair Basketball Canada (WBC) officially announced today the men's and women's teams set to compete for Canada at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games in August.

A total of 10 athletes are returning from the women's team that captured gold with a huge victory over the United States at the Lima 2019 Parapan Am Games, which qualified Canada for the Tokyo Paralympics.

The team finished fifth at both the 2018 world championships and Rio 2016 Paralympic Games. Five women from the Rio 2016 team will be in Tokyo – Melanie Hawtin, Rosalie Lalonde, Cindy Ouellet, Tamara Steeves, and Arinn Young, while the other six athletes are set to make their Paralympic debuts – Sandrine Bérubé, Kady Dandeneau, Danielle DuPlessis, Puisand Lai, Tara Llanes, and Élodie Tessier. Ouellet is the veteran of the team, heading to her fourth Paralympic Games in the sport of wheelchair basketball.

In Tokyo, Canada will be competing in Group A for preliminary action against Australia, Great Britain, Japan, and Germany. The team will open their tournament against Great Britain on August 25 before finishing up the round-robin against Australia on August 29.

“Both teams have been working extremely hard in preparation for the Tokyo Paralympics,” said Jeff Dunbrack, high performance director, Wheelchair Basketball Canada. Please search “Canadian wheelchair basketball teams announced for Tokyo 2020 Paralympic Games” in your Browser.



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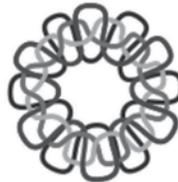
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Rules and Tips

This one is quite difficult. Sandi thought it was not particularly difficult; we did it independently and of course without reference to the original full page and we got quite different results, but both correct. You may come to a point where you have to make a decision about which number you have to put in which square. Make a choice and write it in pencil and indicate your choice in some way so that if it does not work out you can go back and erase it and make an alternative choice. To solve the puzzle you must fill in all the vacant squares, but you must finish with only one of the numbers 1 to 9 in each row, each vertical column and each group square of nine numbers. There is more than one correct solution.

Malcolm Armstrong



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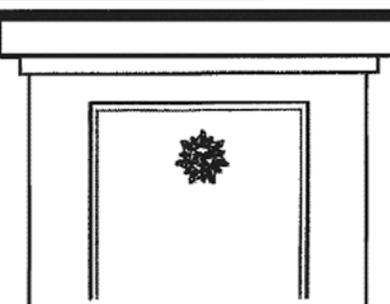
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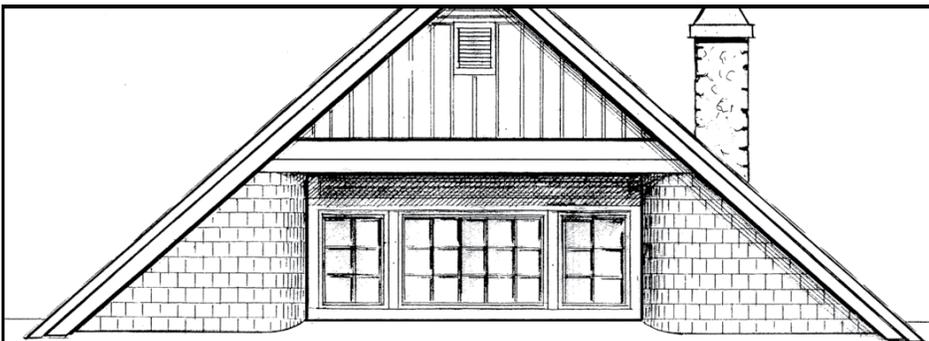
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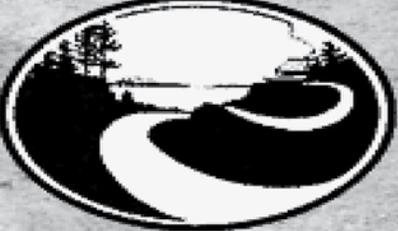
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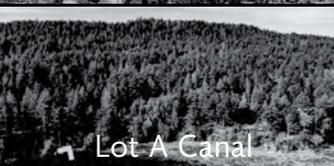
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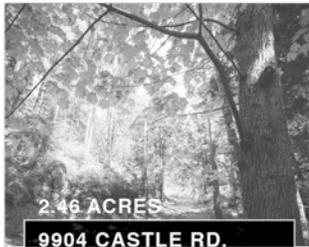
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