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What does the Legion do in the community? We support veterans and their families. We promote remembrance. We host events that raise money for other non-profit agencies on Pender Island.

What did we do last year? We raised over \$5,000 at our weekly charity Meat Draw raffles - which went directly to support the Pender community. We awarded \$4,500 in scholarships and bursaries. We awarded \$1,000 in the Remembrance Day poster/literacy contest. We conducted Canada Day, Remembrance Day and Labour Day events. Like lots of Pender Island non-profits we are almost entirely run by volunteers. Want to help? Contact us at branch239.rcl@gmail.com.

Want to become a member? There are many discounts when you become a member, starting with the lowest bar prices on Pender. Check out our website at www.penderislandrcl239.com/, Facebook- *Pender Island Royal Canadian Legion Branch #239*, Tania at 629-3844, or go to the national site at <http://www.legion.ca/join-us>.

How else you can participate? Hold a birthday party, wedding, celebration of life, business meeting, or family gathering at the Legion; contact Ally at 629-2029 or bookings239.rcl@gmail.com.

Want to be part of the leadership group of the Legion? We are actively looking for community-minded volunteers to help fill executive committee positions that guide the Legion.

Want to make a bequest or donate to the Legion? Contact us at finance239.rcl@gmail.com.

Want to check us out? We are open Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nights from 4 to 8 pm. Thursday and Saturdays are our Meat Draws, where over \$250 of Tru Value meats and fish are raffled off each night. All the profit is returned to the community via our annual donations. Friday nights are our weekly dinners, where for only \$18 and no tipping required, you receive a delicious meal and we take care of the dishes too!

Your Pender Legion is making changes to better serve the community. We have been here for over 60 years and many of you know past and present members – you won't feel like a stranger. We are a vital and active group of volunteers, and we'd love to welcome you, so please consider becoming a member or coming out for our events.



The Pender Post

The Pender Post is published once a month as a non-profit service to the community. Those who buy an annual subscription to *The Pender Post* and are residents here, are automatically members of the Pender Post Society. The board meets monthly and is comprised of representatives from the various non-profit clubs and societies. To send a new representative, please contact Annie Smith at annie-smith@shaw.ca.

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COVER STORY

This month's cover: Easter...the less serious side...chocolate bunnies, Easter eggs, jelly beans and whatever other treats are the centre of childhood delight in your family for Easter. To read more about Mike Wiley's rendition of Easter, go to www.penderpost.org.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Pender Island Truth and Reconciliation Circle

The Pender Island Truth and Reconciliation Circle, with the Pender Community Gathering Program and St. Peter's Anglican Church, are hosting a second Kairos Blanket Exercise. The event will be led by Lillian Underwood and ZsuZsa Harsman, with elder Selililye Claxton of the Tsawout First Nation.

The first exercise on Pender was presented last summer at the July 1 salmon barbecue and it was very enthusiastically received. The goal of the blanket exercise is to build an understanding of the shared history of indigenous and settler cultures over the last 200 years. It explores the profound impact these events have had on traditional peoples, their families, and on Canadian culture as a whole. It is a moving interactional experience.

If you attended the first presentation, I would encourage you to consider attending again. In a smaller setting you may find you hear new things, have new reactions, and you will have the opportunity to share and learn from others in the circle.

The event is taking place April 7 in the Anglican Parish Hall. There will be a potluck lunch at 11:30 am (optional), prior to the exercise beginning at 1 pm. A sharing circle will follow.

There are still spaces available, but they are going fast. If you are interested in participating, please let Tania Honan of the Community Gathering Program know as soon as possible to reserve your spot. You can contact her at community_gathering@outlook.com. Please indicate Kairos Blanket in your subject line.

There is no charge to attend, but donations will be welcomed to help defray expenses.


Susan Parr

The 8th Fire CBC Documentary series explores how the issues of our shared history still impact all Canadians today. The title refers to an Anishinaabe - Ojibwe prophecy which says that now is the time for us to come together to save the earth. Recent events have shown that environmental issues are drawing people together from diverse communities.

Due to a broken projector, we were unable to show the second film on March 7. The audience members had a good discussion among themselves, with tea and cookies provided. *It's Time* and *Whose Land Is It Anyway?* will both be shown on April 4 with a short break for refreshments, and a single sharing circle to follow. *At the Crossroads* is scheduled for May 2; from 7 - 9 pm. All showings are at the Anglican Parish Hall, 4703 Canal Road. All are welcome!

Monica Petrie and Ann Stafford

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ZOO-iSLANDER Rocked the Catwalk!



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Fed by the unpredictable and glorious creative spirit of Pender Islands, our second sell-out show took the audience on another beautiful and outrageous journey! This quote from John Cail, virtual fan on Facebook says it all:

"Wow. What do you get if you cross steampunk with Viking leather and buckets of theatrical creativity and watch it tumble onto a catwalk? An all ages and genders show that apparently mocks fashion while flaunting creativity and personal expression."

Team ZOO-iSLANDER is proud of the production and graciously thank all the brave and charismatic models who took

to the runway, and innumerable who helped backstage and beyond. We also thank once again our Gold sponsors, Dockside Realty for support, printing, and for Rachel Lenkowski capturing the night in images and Jo's Place generous donation towards show expenses and our in-kind supporters.

Bigger show, bigger deal. To reveal our underwear drawer in brief: revenue from tickets, donations and bar: \$3627, expenses: \$2789, including: 2-day hall rental, M.A.P shuttle, snacks for volunteers, honorariums for MC and show production (excluding runway leads, who give freely and cover all their own expenses for outfits and props!) and a few supplies, like duct tape and an SD card.

We are pleased to make modest donations of half the \$1000 profit to the groups chosen, namely: 13 Moons Project to honour the enduring connections of the WSÁNEĆ Peoples, the Pender Food Bank for those in need, and harm reduction against Naloxone. Team ZOO-iSLANDER decided to retain the other \$500 for seed money for next year. Fringe benefits go to the Epicentre who netted \$418 for their continuing efforts after hosting the concession!

Did you miss this flaunt of creativity? Catch the video, thanks to David Ohnونا Casablanca films, on YouTube or visit the Dockside Realty Facebook page to see the album and keep following us on Facebook @ZOO-iSLANDER; there is more to come!

Madelin Emery

Southern Gulf Islands Health & Wellness Fair 2018

Join us on Saturday, May 26 from 10 am - 3:30 pm for the revival of our annual Health & Wellness Fair! The day promises to be packed with some of Pender Island's best health and wellness vendors, interactive workshops, classes, and speakers for all ages and lifestyles. The lower hall will be reserved for vendor tables and will be free to the public. Tickets for workshops, classes, and speakers will be available at the door to the event. \$7.50 per session or get an all-day pass to any of the sessions for \$20. Family day passes will be available for \$30. Vendor tables available for \$20 by emailing Jon at freedom@channelsofflow.com. See ads on **pages 3 and 67**.

Jon Martin

IN APPRECIATION

My lesson has been learned! First responders, Fire Rescue, BC Ambulance, Clinic, water ambulance, and VGH: to all of you, my thanks. (And Heather, no I won't climb on the roof again!)

John Rumble

REMEMBERING

Andre Popov Vasilev

February 1924 - March 2018

Andre "Andy" left this world peacefully, with family by his side, on March 1, 2018. Predeceased by his wife and companion Bette, he leaves behind son Murray (Sharon), daughter Susan (David) and beloved grandsons Michael, Matthew, and Bryn.



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Andre Popov Vasilev

He also leaves behind his in-laws, Barry and Carla Hoag, who were a constant source of support through the years. He loved them and their three kids dearly. Andre will also be greatly missed by his best friend of over 60 years, Dr. Hans Heimlich, as well as Ruth and the family.

Born in Chernichevo, Bulgaria, in February 1924, Andre was the only child of Sonja and Nicholas Popov Vasilev. Instead of following his father and grandfather into the orthodox priesthood, Andre attended Karlovo Military School and graduated from the Nicholas Vaptsarov Naval Academy in Varna.

His naval career was cut short by the rise of Stalinism in postwar Bulgaria. His father's work with the Orthodox church put him on a blacklist in the new regime, and he was effectively sentenced to death as the engine mechanic on a minesweeper.

While docked in Allied-controlled Vienna, Andre managed to escape and declare refugee status. He eventually made his way to Canada by way of Montreal, then onto Cabbagetown in Toronto. After a year, he moved west to Victoria, where he found work as a marine mechanic.

Shortly thereafter, Andre met Hans Heimlich in a chance encounter in Beacon Hill Park. Through this friendship, some years later, Andre met Heimlich's next-door neighbour Bette (Elizabeth), and her two children. The story goes that within weeks Bette asked Andre to marry her. The marriage papers were signed at City Hall, and they celebrated with hamburgers at Beacon Hill Drive In.

In 1968, Andre moved the family to North Pender Island, commuting to his business, *Marine Motors*, in Victoria. Andre was a self-described "collector," and those who remember these years remember the towers of driftwood he gaffed from the ocean, the lawn of broken cars, and sheds full of marine-green tools. He also collected music, poetry, and instruments to accompany them. He was never short of words to say or songs to sing. His Eastern charm, easy smile, and quick wit were the stuff of Island legend. Andre will also be remembered for his great generosity and loyalty, knack for matchmaking, and zest for politics and the politically incorrect.

Huge thanks to the wonderful Highgate Lodge family, the professional Beacon Home support staff, Dr. Ted Rosenberg and his amazing team, and Simon and the incredible crew at Save-on-Foods Pharmacy on Blanshard Street. While it takes a village to raise a child, it takes equally as much to support elders with

the care and dignity that Andre received.

A celebration of Andre's life will take place Sunday, August 19 from 3 - 6 pm at the Pender Island Legion. You can leave the car at Swartz Bay and walk on the ferry; the Legion is only a short walk on the other side. All are welcome!

The Vasilev family

Barry Woollcombe

On March 6, 2018 Barry Woollcombe passed away surrounded by his family. Just hours earlier he had a heart attack at the Driftwood Center after a pleasant breakfast at the bakery with his wife of 56 years, Barbara. Within moments, he was surrounded by his daughter Alyssa, friends, and neighbours who administered skilled first aid and cared for Barbara, who is recovering from an earlier stroke. Fire Department and BC Ambulance paramedics and flight crews got him safely to Royal Jubilee Hospital where he continued to receive the finest care.

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one to simply walk by, and he expected no less of others. He paid his taxes, if not happily, then at least with the understanding that it was a part of Canadians caring for each other. He taught his children that caring went beyond one's self and family and, if you were lucky, you might get some of that caring back. Home is less a place than a group of people, and Barry had quiet, fierce faith and pride in his home on Pender Island, and his people. You.

Whenever anyone asked Barry if he would ever leave Pender, he would answer that he would only leave in an ambulance helicopter. Only the best for Dad.

He held on long enough for his wife and kids to be by his side, and the doctor told us he was the sickest person in the whole hospital. He would have gotten a giggle out of that, as he had a bit of a competitive streak. Usually, though, he didn't compete; he had goals and duties that he met with patient determination. He went from stringing phone lines for BC Tel to teaching thousands of Burnaby shop students how to build, fix, and take pride in their work. He built two houses for his family, and he and Bar-

bara provided everything in abundance, especially love.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, children Alyssa and Bryce, sisters Marilyn and Elaine, many grandchildren, even more cousins, and friends spread far and wide. To say he left us is not quite right: he remains a part of who we are. He got us this far, and we are thankful.

A celebration in his honour was hosted by the Royal Canadian Legion Branch #239 on March 24. Friendships were renewed, reminiscences shared, and some quantity of Scotch was consumed. Cheers.

*Bryce, Alyssa, and
Barbara Woolcombe*

THE ARTS

Pender Island Art Society



During March, PIAS members met twice. On March 5, Margaret (aka Willow) Alpen led the group in constructing an abstract drawing. Creating abstract works is



something many artists are interested in but getting a great piece going when images are altered dramatically from what we see can be daunting. Willow set up a still life display for members to sketch and then images were drawn from various angles. These were transferred to tracing paper and then moved around over top of one another until pleasing lines were found. This new composition contained elements of the display but also became quite abstract. The process provided a great solution to the problem of where to start when creating an abstract piece. Many thanks to Willow.

On March 19, Kelly led a session on still life. This style is suitable for many media and has the advantage of helping to develop skill in underlying components such as drawing and understanding light and shadow in a piece. Kelly was leading this as I was submitting the article so I don't have any photos or other information to share from her session in this issue. That said, we're very grateful to Kelly for all she gives to our group.

There is a drawing group open to all Penderites that meets regularly on Pender. The group meets each Wednesday, 4 - 6 pm at the school community room. No instruction or fee, it's just about people with a variety of skill levels that are interested in getting together for drawing practice. The sessions are usually at the school during October through May and then the group changes it up for 4 months with outdoor sessions scheduled around a variety of Pender locations during good weather. If you are inter-

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The timing of our sessions in April is affected by Easter this year. The first Monday in April is Easter Monday so our first session will be Monday, April 16. Lillian Tetreau will be leading a session on acrylic painting. She has recently attended a Mike Svob workshop and will be sharing information from that. Lillian will send out instructions and a materials list closer to the date. She is also suggesting that people will get more out of the session if some preliminary work is done, but she'll bring everyone up to speed when she sends out instructions.

Our second session is April 30; Sarah Gayle is going to introduce us to Fletcher's Watercolour Palette. Anyone who attended Sarah's session in February couldn't help but be impressed with the breadth of her knowledge in drawing. I'm really looking forward to hearing her ideas and tips on watercolour and the use of this palette.

Red hot item! PIAS is sponsoring a day long workshop with Peter Loebel at the Hope Bay Bible Camp on May 6. We will be subsidizing any and all attendees. The fee will be \$25 for PIAS members and \$35 for non members. This is an amazing bargain! He works and teaches as a full-time artist in Victoria, and a day with him would typically be much more expensive. Peter's watercolour and ink pieces are beautiful. You can check out his art on his website www.peterloebel.ca If you are interested please contact Laura at penderparadise@gmail.com.

We're now up to forty members and would welcome any others who may be interested. Annual fees are only \$35 for 10 months programming. We usually hold sessions on the first and third Mondays of the month from September through June and also have about 3 day-long workshops over the course of our 10 month year. Costs of the day-long workshops are very reasonable. Artists who are members of PIAS have the opportunity to display and sell work at our art shows on the August long weekend and in November. Please contact me by email at sled_shed@yahoo.com if you would like more information.

Brenda Sledzinski, Secretary



Callum MacKay, Pender Highlanders soundman

Pender Island Celtic Music Society



The Celtic Music Society was making its way toward its first ticketed event, featuring the Vancou-

ver Gaelic Choir. Preparations were falling into place relatively smoothly, considering the degree of planning and organizing entailed. The choir members were to arrive on the 11:05 am ferry Saturday morning. Typically, the Ceilidh Band practices on Friday evenings. So we did, gathering at the Anglican Par-



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ish Hall to check for sound, and iron out last-minute wrinkles. About halfway through our rehearsal, a startlingly loud, high-pitched groan poured out of the speakers, followed by an ominous silence. All eyes and ears turned to our sound man, Callum McKay, seated behind his sound mixing board at the back of the hall. He too, was silent, and intensely focused as he methodically set about testing electrical connections. "Something always happens," he later says matter-of-factly, "it's about troubleshooting." He's usually able to resolve problems on the spot, adjusting placement of instruments, regulating volume and coaching performers in the correct use of their mic..."It's your friend," he encourages. However, this time was different and we knew it when the dreaded announcement came: "It's shot...I'll have to get the backup panel." And off he went.

Within half-an-hour Callum was back and had the old sound board set up and functioning, or so we thought. Some of the channels began to kick out almost immediately...this wasn't going to be the answer; it was the old, outdated

system, after all. While trying his best to get it working, Callum began texting his friends in a desperate effort to locate an available soundboard before the next day's gig. No luck; they were all either not responding or their equipment wasn't available. It was Friday night and the weekend's scheduled events requiring sound systems had kicked in. Nothing more could be done at this point but to go home and hope for a good night's sleep. Saturday morning, Callum was able to reach Colin Hamilton, sound manager for the Community Hall - the Ptarmigan Society's equipment was available! At 3 pm Callum picked up the sound board and hooked it up at 4 pm. What remained was the critical soundcheck on the borrowed system involving 15 performers and eight musical instruments. The concert was to open at 7:30 pm. We felt entitled to our eleventh-hour jitters. By 6:30 pm we had reconvened, each performer connecting to their microphone. Callum proceeded to check: bass, treble... at least two dozen channels, all critical components of a system that was new to him. And the clock was ticking...

By 7:15 pm, Callum felt confident that things were under control enough for the performance to begin on schedule. The Gaelic Choir was piped in and the show went on, almost without a glitch. About halfway through the second segment, Paul Hamson and Gena Morrish were doing their raunchy rendition of *Five Hundred Miles*. From where the band was seated, it sounded fine. But when we saw the sound man make a beeline straight to Paul, we knew something was amiss. As it turned out, Paul had inadvertently disconnected his mic. From his place at the soundboard, there was nothing Callum could do. He had to intervene.

The sound board is sometimes described as the nervous system of an audio production, and its operator, the brain. Callum, as "the brain" you have done us proud, and for this we are grateful. And to Colin Hamilton and Ptarmigan Arts, who saved the day, a big thank you!

Marie Dion

Pender Island Community Choir

On Sunday, March 4, the Community Hall reverberated with song, as renowned musical director/composer Brian Tate conducted a choral workshop that embraced songsters from both the choir and the larger Pender community. Tate is an award-winning composer whose multifaceted career includes performing as a vocalist with his jazz quartet, directing Vancouver's 100-voice City Soul Choir, and teaching at Langara's Studio 58.

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lean and rangy choirmaster strapped on an African *djembe* drum and played along, while instructing us in pitch -- think "cheeks, teeth, and eyebrows" -- and other technical aspects of vocalization. Singing is in the body, he reminded us. "It's like hissing," he explained. "Physically, you're creating resistance, coiling up before releasing."

He also referenced other types of resistance. "Music can change the world," he mused -- echoing a sentiment our choir director Steph Jackson also expressed, in a recent inspiring missive to choir members. While books can be banned, "somehow, song gets through." Protesters arrested for opposing apartheid in South Africa sang "in the streets, in the paddy wagons and in jail", he said. One Pender choir member obviously related, as at break she quietly mentioned discovering the fine acoustics of the Wilkinson jail, after incarceration for protesting clearcuts at Clayoquot Sound. Who knew we had such radicals in our midst, braving not only jail but a 3-week house arrest with ankle bracelets?

We were encouraged to swing our hips and clap as we raised our voices in the Nigerian tune *Aramile*, and the classic spiritual *Soon Ah Will be Done*. Brian opened our minds further to the power of song with an anecdote about hearing music while drinking his morning coffee in Ghana, and following the sound to find people singing in the street a full half a mile away. "I saw people singing for two-and-a-half hours without a break in Ghana," he said. And no water bottles, either.

The following day, Brian dropped in to our regular Monday choir rehearsal and gave us some pointers on his song *Over-*

flowing (pronounced, as in New Orleans, "overflaowing"), which we will be singing in the Spring Concert. In churches in the South, this gospel-genre song would be accompanied by a 4-piece band, he explained, with all the musicians "in black and wearing shades". We expect to rock the house with songs like this one!

Full disclosure -- my husband and I knew him when Brian was a fellow student at Kitsilano High, and a 1972 Kits annual waxes prophetic: "Brian's activities have included Band, Stage Band, Mariachi and the school paper," his Grade 12 write-up reveals. "He plans to write and play for a contemporary jazz group, and develop a new style of Music! He enjoys writing, playing, and listening...to music!"

A fine thing, for the world of music and songsters everywhere, that Brian has followed his passion!

Just a reminder to choir members: there will be no rehearsal Easter Monday, April 2.

Barbara Stowe

Pender Island Concert Society

Youth Engagement Initiative

In the morning of March 5, at the Pender Island School, the students from kindergarten to grade 8 gathered in the gym to experience the first live musical program of this initiative. Bursting with enthusiasm and very adept at engaging students, Philip delivered a presentation full of opportunities for student participation while learning about composers, themes, imagery, etc. interspersed with lively piano performance and stunning accompanying videos. It was delightful



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to see the students' exemplary behaviour, good listening skills, and enthusiasm for sharing during question and discussion periods. Clearly the students enjoyed the experience! Many thanks to Philip and agent Andrew Kwan, our sponsors, subscribers, and ticket holders, the BC Touring Council Youth Engagement Initiative, and the BC Arts Council for making this concert possible. Our appreciation is also extended to Dan Sparanese, Angela Gray, teachers and staff at the school for supporting this program, and for the invaluable assistance provided by Denny and Owen Goertz and Colin Hamilton. Bringing live musical performance to the students is of major importance to the Pender Island Concert Society. We are, therefore, both thrilled and encouraged by the success of this first program and look forward to next season when, as part of the Youth Engagement Initiative, school programs will be presented by Double-Double Duo, Cheng²Duo, and Lizzy Hoyt.

2018/2019 Concert Season Quartom

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

Double-Double Duo

In a classy and dynamic show, world renowned performers Dr. Kornel Wolak (clarinet/piano) and Michael Bridge (accordion/piano) bring comedy, virtuosity and musical sensitivity together as they uniquely fuse classical showpieces with folk, world, jazz, and pop music. (Wednesday November 21, at 7:30 pm). (Student program, Wednesday morning November 21).

Cheng²Duo

Named one of CBC Music's "30 hot Canadian Classical Musicians under 30", cellist Bryan Cheng and pianist Silvie Cheng have brought treasured masterworks to prestigious concert halls in

North America, Asia, and Europe, captivating audiences and critics with their youthful spirit and artistic maturity. (Sunday February 3, 2019 at 3 pm). (Student program, Monday morning February 4).

Lizzy Hoyt

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

New Board Members

We are happy to welcome Susan Morton and Helen Lemon-Moore to our board and look forward to working with them as we move into our next season.

Subscriptions

Subscriptions (\$75) are available at Talisman Books & Gallery and Southridge Country Store.

Single adult tickets (\$25) will be available in September 2018 at Talisman Books & Gallery, Southridge Country Store, and at the door for each performance. Student tickets are complimentary and are available at the door.

Carole Elliott

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



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light the work.” February’s meeting was just that - a little bit of this and a little bit of that. We are slowly getting ready for giving out very nice keepsakes for our turn at Hands Across the Water. I think all the ladies that attend will be pleased. Cindy found a cute pattern for simple flowers that we thought would look great as centrepieces for the tables. Members will need plain fabric or fabric that has a slight pattern but from a distance looks plain. About a 10-inch square should be enough. Thanks to all those that are working so hard to make these projects happen. Janet Ellis gets special kudos for seriously depleting her stash.

March was again a very fun morning. It was amazing at the end of the morning to see all the packages we have put together for our auction at our June meeting. Thanks to all members for supplying leftover stash pieces that went together so nicely with the next member’s pieces. We have many lovely quilts ready to be sewn when the fun begins with our silent auction.

Show and Tell was very interesting this past month. A wonderful Keepsake quilt was designed and built by Sue Foote for her son Scott’s trip across Canada on his motorbike. Using pictures, a flag and some clever ingenuity, this black and white quilt will be a joy for Scott for many years to come. Thanks for sharing this with the whole guild. Martha also had a very interesting ½ square triangle quilt of her own design. Karen showed off her table runner from Connecting Threads - a very colorful addition to her household. The challenge quilt ladies are up to date and ready to finish the last block this coming month and will be ready to put them all together with zing-

ers, sashing, and borders that Martha will lead us through at this April meeting. If time permits, Martha will also demonstrate layering a quilt for quilting.

A special thanks to Martha Deme for stepping in and doing a great job of *The Pender Post* for March. I’ll have to hone up my skills to keep ahead of her good work.

Thanks again to Beth Arcand, the coffee will be on and hot for the April meeting on Monday, April 9 at the Anglican Parish Hall. If you are new to Pender, do come out and see what we are all about. Our meetings start at 9:30 am and go to 1 pm. Bring along your lunch if you can spend the time. We try to wrap up our meeting at noon so we have an hour of catch up and meeting new members.

Happy Easter to all

Karen Gagnier

Pender Photo Club

Jeff Bough shared his journey through many interesting and exciting careers (police officer and commercial SCUBA diver to name two) to land most recently on professional photographer. If you haven’t yet checked out his website, please do: <http://www.jeffboughphotography.com/>. His photographs of speed skaters in the 2010 Winter Olympics, his industrial shots, and his aerial fire-fighting shots are incredibly compelling. He kindly shared the technical decisions he made for each of his photographs (lighting, aperture, framing, and leading the eye into the picture), and the key considerations he takes into account when making the photograph: what am I taking a picture of, can I get closer, is the frame filled, is the subject place-

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Legs, by John Fotheringham

ment optimal, and he also directs himself to “keep it simple.” Jeff discussed how he created his beautiful night photography shots from Pender’s very own lantern festival and I am already looking forward to bringing my camera to this year’s festival and trying out some of his suggestions.

Next we viewed images from our assignment “Legs.” We saw tantalizing crab

legs, chair legs, bird legs, and eerie legs cast in green light in a hot tub, as well as legs of a journey, fancy legs, horses’ legs, and propulsion legs. Our members are certainly creative and think outside the box!

At our next meeting, we will have a workshop on Post Processing presented by Urs Boxler. From Urs: It is most important to shoot photographs carefully

with respect to selection of subject, composition, cropping, exposure, and focus. With digital photography it has become possible, and it is equally important, to polish the final product in post processing on the computer with suitable software. Urs will take us through the typical steps of post processing to improve and finish a photograph in a variety of ways. While many of the capabilities are also available with other software products, Urs will use Adobe Photoshop Lightroom, and in the process, will explain some of the underlying technical aspects of Lightroom and point out many of its functions and capabilities.

For the next assignment, challenge yourself to photograph something you usually avoid. If you’re a landscape person, pluck up the courage to find some willing subjects for portraits; if you like sports, try still life. We can’t wait to see what you come up with. Submit your four favourite images to Urs Boxler at ursboxler@gmail.com, who will share them with the group at our next meeting. Come join us at 7 pm on Monday, April 9 at the Pender Island Elementary School in the Community Meeting Room. New members are always welcome. See you then!

Niki Roberts

Pender Solstice Theatre Society

Executive Board Election



Solstice Theatre Society is inviting anyone who would like to be a member of their

Executive Board to come forward and be nominated at our AGM (see below). This is an opportunity to be involved in the running and direction of our Society. Some experience preferred, with enthusiasm and a willingness to donate a few hours of your time each month for meetings and activities. If you are interested or have more questions, please email pendersolstice@gmail.com.

AGM

Our Pender community is invited to join Pender Solstice Theatre for our next AGM which will be held at the home of Gregory and Julia Nicholls. Membership is still only \$5 per year. Anyone







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Karen and Kevin reading Heisenberg: The Uncertainty Principle

interested in theatre is welcome. This event is a celebration of our many creative accomplishments. Because of the huge success of our skits at last year's AGM, we extend an invitation to anyone who wishes to perform this year... just remember there is a five minute limit. This will be an evening of camaraderie, imagination, and fun - not to mention, culinary delights. The event, as always, will be a potluck. The date is May 27 at 5 pm. The place is 2227 Port Washington Road. We hope to see you there.

Play Reading

Gregory and Julia hosted a reading of *Heisenberg: The Uncertainty Principle*. The readers were amazing! Many thanks to John Allen, Barb Pender, Maryanne Pare, Gregory Nicholls, Lisa Heggie, Robert Dill, Evan Llewellyn, Karen Parker, Julia Nicholls, Kevin Ade. After enjoying good food and listening to this entertaining play, the readers and audience discussed the themes and structure of the play, and we concluded with the intent to hold more evenings like this one because it was an evening to remember.

Next Reading

Barb Pender has graciously offered to host our next reading in her home. The play to be featured is *Dead Man's Cell Phone* written by Sarah Ruhl. This is a captivating, dark-edged romantic comedy with an extraordinarily creative premise. The scripts have been ordered,

so when they arrive all members will be notified as to the time and date of this reading.

Crimes of the Heart Field Trip

Many thanks to Barb Pender for organizing a group of us to see the University of Victoria's Theatre program's production of *Crimes of the Heart*. It was interesting to see another group's rendition of a

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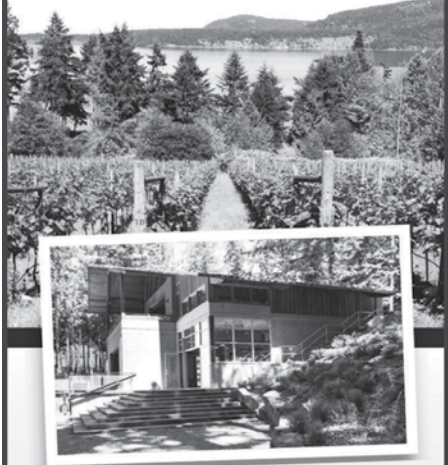
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play we had done ourselves.

Stage curtains

We would like to extend a big thank you to Lisa Heggie for her hard work on repairing the curtains for the Community Hall. We are fortunate that she has the skills and an industrial sewing machine, making it possible to get this work done on island.

Gregory Nicholls

Aladdin: The Panto

Yes, it's happening again! Here is your opportunity to be a part of the 2018 Solstice Christmas extravaganza: *Aladdin - The Magical Family Pantomime*. Auditions will be held on Wednesday, April 25, 6 pm - 9 pm and Sunday, April 29, 2 - 5 pm, upstairs at the Community Hall.

The main characters we are looking for are Abanazar, who is an evil male wizard; Aladdin, male or female up to 30 years old and will involve singing; Bubbles, male or female who is a comical character; Genie of the Lamp and Genie of the Ring, male or female; Princess Jasmine up to 30 years old and will involve singing; PC Ping and Sergeant Pong, both comical policemen

or policewomen; The Emperor, male 30+ years will also involve singing; Widow Twankey, male or female, very comical character. Lots of other smaller parts available or positions helping out backstage. If you are interested in being scheduled for an audition or helping with this event, please email penderpanto@gmail.com or if you want to discuss any details, please call Keith at 250-891-5267. We look forward to seeing you and having you as part of this fun Christmas event.

Keith Smith, Director

Spotlight on Bronwen Merle

I was born in Edmonton, Alberta. As a child I was bewitched by making up elaborate stories. My siblings and I entertained our parents with performances. I remember the delight of making them roar with laughter.

I moved to Toronto when I was eleven and soon began to act in school productions. I began to study theatre in earnest at the Three Schools of Art. By age fifteen, I knew I wanted to have a life in the theatre. At twenty-one, I was accepted into the Royal Academy of Dramatic



Bronwen Merle,

Photo by Maryanne Pare

Art (RADA) and moved to London, England. During my seven years there I wore many hats, including teaching and performing in Children's Theatre and teaching drama in Adult Ed classes.

I then returned to Toronto and studied clowning with the late, renowned Richard Pochinko. I appeared in various theatre productions including *In Treatment* and singing and clowning in Pochinko's musical, *The Beavers*.

My next adventure brought me to Pender Island, where I joined Solstice Theatre and began to teach acting. During this period I studied directing. I developed the Showcase concept for Solstice Theatre and with producer Grace Jordan, presented a series of successful productions. I acted and directed in all of them. I later performed in the two-hander, *'Night, Mother* with Tracey Gillespie, directed by Grace Jordan. This production was entered in the BC Theatre Festival.

I then directed *Educating Rita*, which also went to the festival. This was followed by an open-air production of *Twelfth Night* and Zorah Starr's musical, *The Goddess Blew A Bubble*.

Over the years I have continued clowning and have developed a stable-full of comic characters. I am presently in the process of creating film vignettes of these characters with artist, Maryanne Pare.

Bronwen Merle

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Bronwen has been a huge inspiration to many people in Solstice. Her production of *Twelfth Night* was my introduction to Pender Theatre as well as to Gregory. Both of these have been amazing life changers. My heartfelt thanks for her creative insights, deep understanding of the many aspects of theatre, her support and generosity.

Julia Nicholls

Pender Young Violins

Spring Concert

Sunday, April 22
2-3pm, by donation
Community Hall

Please don't miss our well-loved spring concert. We have prepared a short list of some of our favourite pieces from past years. It is a great mix of classical and contemporary folk music. You will be impressed by the level of skill amongst these young Pender violinists. I have also arranged for some extra special treats to make it a truly memorable afternoon. This year we will be saying farewell to four of our violinists as they venture off to the next stage of life. This will be your last chance to see them all together on the Pender stage, so be sure to mark this one down. Thank you,

Denny Goertz

Ptarmigan Arts



On April 7, Ptarmigan Arts is sponsoring Buckman Coe's Album Release Concert and Dance. Concert starts at 7 pm and tickets are on sale now at Talisman Books & Gallery and Southridge Country Store, \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door, teens are \$10 and 12 and under are free. Gooding Cater Company will be doing a Licensed Pop Up Restaurant before the concert from 4:30 - 6:30 pm and running the concession at intermission.

The next day, April 8, Ptarmigan Arts partners with the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre to bring you a Pender Island Drumming Workshop from 1-3 pm at the Community Hall. Facilitated by award-winning Jordan Hanson, who to date has taught drumming workshops to over 250,000



Everest Masselink, Cole Dine, Ava Powelson, and Anna Oudman. April 22 will be their last performance with Pender Young Violins. Photo by David Ohnona

people, the cost of the workshop is \$39 and African drums of all shapes and sizes will be provided. Our hope is that this inevitably exciting afternoon will spur the beginnings of an ongoing coop-

eratively-run drumming circle here on Pender. Register through the Chamber of Commerce website at www.penderchamber.com/events.



Ptarmigan Arts held another Music Theory For Beginners program led by Sabrina Werbowski



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April will also continue to feature local musicians at the Pender Island Health Care Society's Community Gathering on Fridays at the Hall...this month brings Lester Quitzau, Shelley Richards, Patrick Brown and Kauko Pennanen, and Darrel Zell. Soup served at noon by donation, music from 12:15 - 1:15 pm.

For more information about any of the above, future programs, ways to get involved, becoming a member, or how to donate, please visit www.ptarmiganarts.org.

Krista J. Konkin

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Support Programs

Light is the task where many share the toil. ~ Homer

55+ Take a Break!

This month the Take a Break group had the opportunity to get together in the sunshine, and make Spring planters! The group had over 14 people in



Take a Break group putting together spring planters

attendance, and everyone was eager to share their gardening supplies, flowers, and laughter. For next month, we will be getting together on April 19 at Jo's at 12:30 pm for lunch and socializing, and we always welcome new folks to join us. For more info, please contact Elise Dri at 250-858-2158.

Maintain Your Independence

Tuesdays, March 6 - April 24

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

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

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

Thursdays, March 8 - April 26

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

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

Next MYI Sessions

Tuesdays, May 1 - June 19

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

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

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

Thursdays, May 3 - June 21

9:45 am ZUMBA with Jacque at the Community Hall

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

The \$40 pre-registration deadline for these classes is Thursday, April 26. After this the cost will be \$45 for the full session or \$7 to drop in. If the cost poses a hardship, contact Community Support for assistance. To register call 250-629-3346 or email communitysupport@shaw.ca. Many thanks to the CRD/Pender Parks and Recreation Commission for its financial support of the MYI programs.

Free Income Tax Preparation and Filing

April 9, 21, and 23. Beacon Community Services is hosting a Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. This program is a free service for community members who are on a low to modest income. Single person up to \$30,000, a couple up to \$40,000, one adult and one child up to \$35,000 and each additional dependent \$2,500. Interest income must

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Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Medical Equipment Loan Cupboard and as volunteer drivers for medical trips and meals on wheels.

Act of Kindness Story

"A few months ago I returned home to Pender after being in Victoria for several weeks for the arrival of our new baby. Just a few short days later, I had to return back to Victoria with my older daughter and her potentially broken foot! We set out with a packed lunch and plans to eat breakfast at the ferry terminal while we waited. However, we were unable to get breakfast, so we had to eat our lunch for breakfast. We were now in the emergency waiting room at the hospital and my two children and I were starting to get hungry after having to wait for quite some time. The cafeteria wasn't open because it was a holiday Monday, and the vending machine had very limited options at a very high price, and two of our purchases had already gotten stuck on their way down! So I sat there wondering how I was going to

feed my children. Fortunately they were distracted for a while with the entertainment of a kind man and his wife. He told the children jokes and different stories as we sat in the waiting room. The couple was called in for their turn and when they finished we were still waiting. As they passed by on their way out, they asked if they could grab us some lunch. They drove ten minutes away, bought us a couple of 12" subs and a few drinks, brought them back, and wouldn't let me pay for them! I felt so blessed that this man would see our need, and extend such an offer. I will always remember their kindness. (There was so much food that we were able to save some for dinner on the trip home)."

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

Andrea Mills,

Community Support Coordinator

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April Programs

An English tea

Saturday, April 14, 1 - 3 pm

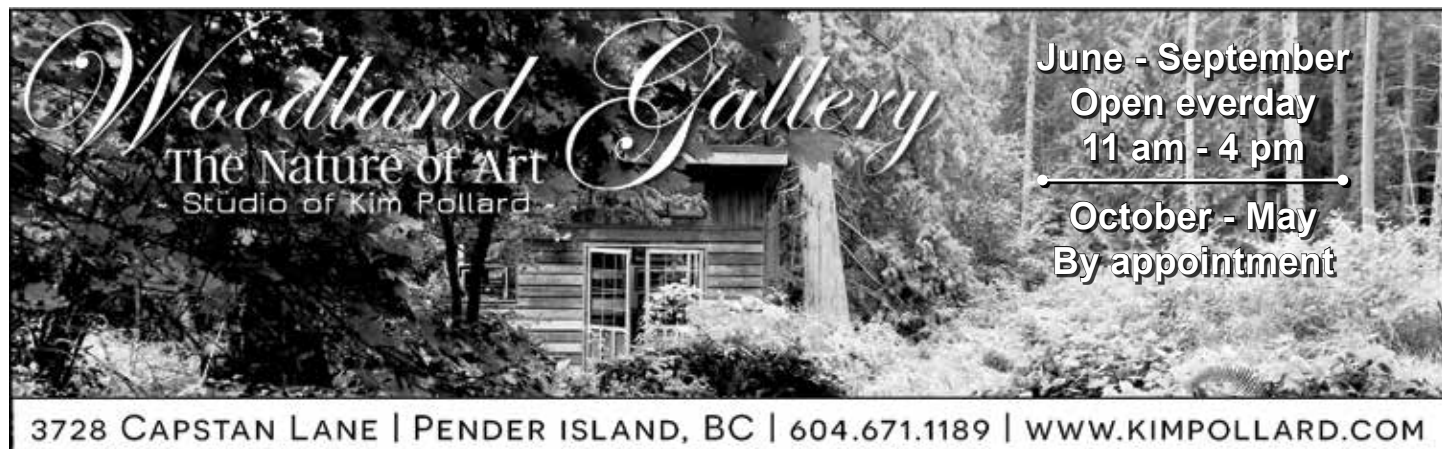
This event is for children 10+ who would like to work on their English accents and enjoy a most civilized tea. This means more than just a good cuppa tea. A full English tea includes small sandwiches, mini sausage rolls, little cakes and of course the most important, freshly baked scones with cream and jam. The children are invited to dress up for this special event and not only to enjoy an English tea but also have fun role-playing. Registration required, \$25 for members or \$40 for non members. This includes the full English tea. (Don't eat lunch beforehand, have a late breakfast instead)

Tuesday after school Epic Kids Club, 3:45 - 5 pm

For children 5 to 10; this program continues to be our most popular program with 15 children attending each week. Lots of activities including painting, play dough, baking, our newest collection of Playmobil, reading, and playing outside. I also plan to include woodworking and gardening. The term begins after Spring break, starting on April 3, and will run every Tuesday for 13 weeks. The cost for members is \$40 for 13 weeks, or \$60 for non-members. Registration required. Fills up quickly. No drop ins.

Tuesday's Toddlers, 10 - 11 am

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After-School Sewing Club Thursdays 3:45 - 5:30 pm

April 5 to May 31. By popular demand our sewing club continues. 8 classes (no class on April 19). This term we will continue learning new sewing skills and strengthening the skills already acquired. We will work on an ongoing project each week as well as shorter projects that the children can complete in one class and take home. This is the last term until September. \$80 for members or \$110 for non members. Registration required. Limited spots.

Art with Celene

Mondays 3:45 - 5 pm. April 9 - June 4 (8 classes). Come join this group and, under Celene's guidance, create some beautiful pieces of original art. For

those not already signed up in this class, registration is \$56 for members or \$80 for non-members.

Saturday Evening Craft Time

April 7, 7 - 9 pm, Ages 12 to adults. This monthly time is for kids and adults alike to come and work on craft projects while socializing, and sharing stories, tips, and ideas. Bring your own projects from home to work on. This month I will bring my sewing machine. Also, the Epicentre was given a bag full of scrapbooking supplies which I will also bring if anyone has some photos they would like to scrapbook. Free for members or \$5 drop in fee.

Youth Night

Saturday, April 21, 7 - 9 pm, for children in grades 4 to 7. This month, we will try our hand at some team games such as post-it note games, blanket name game, dead cow, etc. If you want to send snacks to share, that always makes it

more fun for the kids. Free for members or \$5 drop in fee.

Teen Night

Saturday, April 28, 7 - 9 pm, for children grades 7+. This month, we will explore some team games such as backwards charades, electricity, human tic-tac-toe, turtle walk, etc. If you want to send snacks to share that always makes it more fun for the kids. Free for members or \$5 drop in fee.

High-School Math Group

With Graham Garlick on Fridays; will be restarting April 13 from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. This group is free and is for any students doing High School Math. Students bring homework to work on or questions to ask. Graham will help the kids analyze a question so they can work on a solution, check an answer to confirm that they are on the right track for subsequent questions, or figure out where they went off track and do a mini-lesson. Session cancellations will be posted on the Pender Island Parents Facebook page and emailed to all students/parents who provide Graham or Tina their email address.

To register or for more information, please contact karenonpender@shaw.ca

Membership

Has its privileges. You can book and use the space anytime to meet up with your friends or throw a party. You will find the Epicentre to be a nice place to visit and meet up with friends. You will also receive discounts on workshops and classes, and the drop-in fees for toddler time, after-school programming on Tuesdays, youth and teen night events will no longer apply. If you would like

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to become a full member, the cost is \$100 per family per year, but we also offer monthly memberships at \$10 for those who are new, curious, or just visiting the island. The Epicentre is a wonderful place to hold birthday parties or a special event. To book the space we ask \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members. Contact Karen at karenonpender@shaw.ca for more information.

Josephine Spaxman

German Shepherd Rescue of BC

G.S.R.B.C. Pender Island's first fully fenced area for dogs and dog guardians is almost ready! And what a community effort it was. Suddenly faced without a play area last fall, members of the Monday Morning Dog Club approached Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission for help. PIPRC recognized Pender's need for a safe place for dogs to exercise, play, and socialize off-leash. Then, with the support of PAWS and the backing of the CRD, a grant was received to provide fencing and a double-gate to provide for a secure area for the dogs. The new dog park is located just outside left field at the Danny Martin Park. A big thanks to the Pender Island Youth Sports for their cooperative spirit - once again the Pender Island community has shown why we love this great island.

Although dog parks may not be appropriate for every dog, the new park will be a great spot for individual dogs and owners to work off-leash with limited distractions and without the worry of bothering others. Special care will be



Dog park clean up crew and 4-legged supervisors, Photo by Gerry Phillips

taken to ensure that during Pirates baseball games and practices, the park will be closed. By the way, if you haven't attended a Pender Pirates game you're missing out on another incredible Island experience.

After a one year hiatus, GSRBC's giant garage sale is back! This year's garage sale is scheduled for Saturday, May 19 and Sunday, May 20 (½ price sale day) at 37259 Schooner Way. Even at this early date, the 2018 garage sale is shaping up to be the best ever. And it will be the social event of the garage sale season! If you can help with clean usable items, please contact me by email gerryphillips@mac.com or by phone 629-8394 to organize drop off or pick up. We'd also love any seedlings or plants that you don't have room for in our "garden section." As always 100% of the money raised goes to help the dogs in need. Thank you

Gerry Phillips

Heartwood Folk School



Heartwood is happy to announce that on Earth Day weekend, we will be hosting a very special event right here on Pender. *Heartwood's Eco Home Tour* begins at 9 am on Saturday, April 21 and continues throughout the day. With the support from SGICRC, we have enlisted the Buss-a-Nova to



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pick people up at various locations around North Pender and shuttle them to the homes to view and learn about four green building styles within our community. These innovative homes utilize solar energy collection, rainwater collection, cob and straw bale building and geothermal heating and cooling. We will have builders and an architect on hand to answer your questions and provide insight into how to build or incorporate green energy into your lifestyle. Heartwood acknowledges and is grateful for support from The Victoria Foundation, PIRAHA, SGI Community Resource Centre, Slow Coast Coffee, Twin Island Cider, the Buss-a-Nova, members of the Eco-Home Network, volunteers and participants. Come and join us and get inspired to reduce your carbon footprint and learn to live sustainably. Special thanks to homeowners Mary Reher and Andy Nowak, Wendi and Willow Lopatecki and Colin Hamilton, Tara and Jerry Folk, and Mary Anne Pare for sharing their dedication to greener living. Tickets are \$20 and limited to 40 people. If you are interested, please sign up at www.heartwoodfolkschool.org. Participants are asked to bring a packed

lunch, but will receive a voucher from Slow Coast for a regular coffee or tea and a cookie.

Sneak Peek for May's class

As another component of our "Making a Sustainable Living on an Island Series," we will present award winning creative director and Pender resident Dougal Muir on Branding your Business.

If you would like to be kept up-to-date or get a sneak peek at upcoming offerings, please sign up to receive our monthly mail-out about upcoming events and classes. Email us at info@heartwoodfolkschool.org.

Mae Moore



Islands Trust

North Pender Local Trust Committee

Happy Spring everyone; it is finally here. Daffodils and many other things starting to come to life. Promising signs of a great summer. The Islands Trust Council was held on Salt Spring Island on March 13 - 15.

The Trust has extended the term for the temporary Senior Freshwater Specialist for another year. Many of you saw him at a Freshwater clinic that he hosted last fall. He has been doing a great job, and people who have attended his seminars are saying good things about Jason.

Revenues from sales (permits, application, etc) have increased by \$160,000. I am sure it is due partly to the fact that

Temporary Use Permits for Short Term Vacation Rentals are now available. Please take note those of you who are renting your homes out without a permit. The Bylaw enforcers are watching. You can apply for a permit. The cost is \$700 for three years, and it is renewable for \$165 for another three years with the condition that you advise your neighbours of an on-island caretaker, and a few other requirements. The application is available online at islandtrust.bc.ca.

Speculation Tax

The new tax that our new government has introduced has many people very upset. How it can apply to the Gulf Islands with its few vacation homes owned by people with another home, and not include places like Whistler and other recreational areas, is rather confusing. At Trust Council last week, a motion was passed directing staff to express concern regarding implementation of the Speculation Tax to Mr. Olsen and the Minister of Finance and to request a reconsideration of the application of this tax to the rural Islands Trust Area. There is serious concern about how a tax designed to curb urban property speculation will impact Rural Gulf Islands property values where many homes have been owned for decades by off-island and out-of-province owners as vacation properties.

Our current agenda is to work on making secondary suites available on Pender Island. In an effort to provide some much needed lower income housing, we think it is crucial to look at many options; it seems it is the only way to create affordable housing. The cost of building has become unaffordable, even if someone donated land to build on. By having legal, as per building code, homes with suites,



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we hope that this change in bylaws will help several families. If you have a larger home that can accommodate a suite, perhaps a change of thoughts would be to build a suite for yourself downstairs, and rent the upper level to a family. Perhaps an adjustment in rent in exchange for help in maintaining the home or property might make it feasible for both parties. Just think of the options.

Just a reminder that Island Trust elections are in October, so if you or anyone you know would be interested in running, now is the time to get involved. I would be happy to talk to anyone who may be interested.

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Dianne Barber

South Pender Local Trust Committee

The next meeting of the South Pender Local Trust Committee is Tuesday, April 3, at 10 am in the Community Room of the South Pender Firehall. The last meeting of the Local Trust Committee was on February 20. The focus of that meeting was discussion of two of our priorities for the next few months: designation of hiking and cycling routes on South Pender, and considering options for preserving the Church of the Good Shepherd. We were fortunate that Peter Pare (MAP) and John Chapman (PIPRC) were able to attend the meeting and provide their input to our plans for designating these routes. It was decided to include proposed future routes on both the Schedule H Transportation and Schedule D Recreation maps that are part of our Official Community Plan. The intent of these designations is to encourage the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure to expand road shoulders where possible in order to accommodate people who are not in cars; unfortunately, the Trust has neither the funds nor the authority to make this happen so we can only advocate for the change and do what we can to assist others in making our roads safer. The Local Trust Committee directed staff to develop a Community Heritage Register that

includes only the Church of the Good Shepherd. This work will be done in cooperation with the South Pender Historical Society.

Trust Council met on Salt Spring Island from March 13-15. The primary focus of the March meeting of the Council is the discussion and approval of the budget for the next fiscal year (April 1, 2018 - March 31, 2019). The budget was increased and is now \$7.86 million. The portion of property tax that is for the Islands Trust increased 2% across the Trust area. The budget was passed with one Trustee opposed. Full details of the budget are available through the Islands Trust website.

The Executive also brought forward an Amendment to Application Fee Bylaws for First Nations Engagement. The Amendment also outlined fees for Heritage Designation and for Heritage Alteration Permits and a fee for Cannabis Application referrals. Since Trust Council had had no input to the proposed changes, Trustees asked a number of questions of clarification. The item was moved to the June meeting, with a request to staff to prepare an explanation of the proposed changes and how

they will be implemented. The staff report and details of the proposed change are available in the agenda package for Trust Council's March meeting.

Executive also brought forward a proposal to allocate \$5000 for History, Heritage, and Conservation Grants-in-Aid for community groups. The proposed policy was approved by Council with minor changes.

The June Council meeting on Saturna Island will include a session with the Agricultural Land Commission. This session is timely both because the provincial government is undertaking a review of the Agricultural Land Commission to consider how to increase its effectiveness (<https://engage.gov.bc.ca/agriculturallandreserve/> go to the website and provide your input by 4 pm, April 30) and because a number of issues and concerns have been raised about the interaction of the authorities of the Islands Trust and the Agricultural Land Commission.

A late item of business was the proposed provincial Speculation Tax, tabled as part of the provincial budget. There was discussion about the impact of this tax



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on many of our islands. Council voted to direct the Executive to write a letter to our Minister expressing our concerns about the tax. You may also contact our MLA Adam Olsen to express your views.

Please review the Agenda package for the Trust Council meeting for details of these and other items on the agenda. If you have questions, or comments, for the Trustees, please call or email either of us.

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Magic Lake Property Owners' Society MLPOS

Now that spring has sprung, we are emerging from our winter domiciles, like bears coming out of hibernation.

At the marina, Glenn Henderson, marina manager, is working with a pile-driving company to cost out replacement of several piles. Even more exciting is that starting a few weeks ago and going every Saturday, weather permitting, work parties are doing some board replacements, and will be constructing a new and improved fish cleaning station, re-floating the equipment shed, and installing more non-slip decking to the dock by the ambulance boat. Best news of all, work party volunteers will be treated to a sumptuous lunch of BBQ hot dogs, chips, and a cold drink. Trimmings will include Kathy's homemade dill pickles. Although Glenn has had great response setting up the volunteer work parties, not everyone is able to make it every Saturday. If you would like to help out, contact Glenn at glenn5ft19@shaw.ca. Or come on down to the marina to watch the goings on and think about volunteering in the future. The marina crew is also looking at ways to make casual bookings less labour-intensive for the operations manager, Patrick Crammond.

At the March 12 meeting, the MLPOS Board further discussed a possible lawn bowling facility on the tennis courts property with the group doing the re-

search on the viability of the proposal. After much discussion, the Board decided the proposal was very tenuous financially, had environmental impacts, and expressed concern that a lawn bowling facility might not be the best use for that land. A considerable amount of work was done by the lawn bowling group, which the Board thanked them for. Further, the proposal raised the Board's interest in engaging the membership and the Pender Island community generally to look at adding to (or not) the uses on the tennis court property.

Resurfacing of the tennis courts will happen soon. A reminder - organized tennis matches are on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Friday mornings, are for any playing level and are FUN. Anyone can use the courts at anytime. Contact Mike Wiley at mwiley@shaw.ca for further information, and to get a key for access to the courts. Or visit the MLPOS website: www.magiclake.ca. Also, as soon as weather permits, the playground will be spruced up.

As we get further into spring, Kathy Gilbert will be beating the bushes for volunteers to do some maintenance, weeding, pruning, and planting at Mouat Park (corner of Storm Crescent and Schooner Way.) The date will be decided a little further into spring. Contact Kathy at kgilbert@gilberts-bc.ca if you'd like to help.

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

MLPOS usually meets on the second Monday of every month at 4 pm at the school. The next meeting will be on April 9. All meetings are open to members of MLPOS.

Kathy Gilbert

Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Local Services Committee

Your local Committee attended the regularly scheduled joint team meeting with the CRD and Integrated Water Services on March 13 at their location in Victoria. The hundreds of community members who closely follow these meetings will have noted that the Committee has gone in camera as part of the agenda for quite some time over the past couple of years. In the event that you're curious, in camera doesn't indicate that we stop official meeting recording and take photographs. There were litigation issues related to the finalization of the water treatment plant contract and performance to deliverables. The Committee would point you towards the CRD website posted minutes of our March meeting and the detailed breakdown of finalized costs for our plant. There is no space here to go into great detail, but a major issue related to defects in stainless steel pipe weld integrity has been resolved through an agreement to replace the piping under warranty. No cost to the community.

Water service continues to provide safe, potable water to subscribers. Fluctuation in perceived chlorine content at your tap happens periodically. Unfortunately, we don't have the luxury of drawing raw water from the crystal-clear waters of the Swiss Alps. We're good.

The sewage treatment side of the service, again, continues to be an ongoing problem child, much like the 30 something kid who still lives in your basement. The necessity of the sewer pipe replacement project at Buck Lake is understood and supported by affected residents. Kudos to the CRD team for prior communication with property owners along the alignment path for this remediation.

Your Committee notes, again, ongoing Environment Ministry violations to our licensing requirement for compliance regarding ocean outflow product from both the Cannon and Schooner Wastewater treatment plants. The sewage treatment infrastructure is failing - please pay attention.

Alex Wilson, for your committee

Moving Around Pender

MAP



Ridership on Buss-a-No-Nova, the Pender Community Bus, is slowly increasing. Some Pender Islanders have taken advantage of our regular service to get to the Driftwood, the Hall or the Ferry Terminal. Our schedule is optimally designed to get people to the Friday Gathering at the Hall and home again. Check it out. The fare continues to be by donation.

We have modified the look of the bus schedule which is shown on **page 61** of this issue of *The Pender Post* and is available online at: <http://penderbus.org/?p=routes>. We hope that the new-look schedule is easier to read.

There have been slight changes to the schedule for April. Specifically note one change: there will be no *Saturday Evening* shift. There were too few passengers to make it worthwhile. We will consider reinstating this run in the summer months. The present schedule is just for April. We will revise the schedule for May-June when there are changes in the Ferry Schedule.

Trail work has been slow in the wet winter months. The plan is to complete the Valley Home Farm Trail this spring by partnering with Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission to extend the trail right to the Community Hall.

Next meeting is April 7 in the lounge of the Community Hall at 1:15 pm. All welcome.

Peter Pare

Pender Island Chamber of Commerce



A shout out and congratulations to all members of the Pender Island Chamber of Commerce for supporting our community. As of March 19, we have 99 members.

The new feature-rich Pender Island Calendar of Events is up and running. Stunning and easy to use, it includes Pender events as well as events across the Southern Gulf Islands. Not only can you find events and details but you can

actually reserve tickets and pay online. Try it out -- you will be most pleasantly impressed. Check out www.southern-gulfislands.com for the up-to-date listing. Our Chamber also takes online payments using Apple Square. You can do this through the Chamber website or by coming into the visitor centre at the Driftwood.

Details for the AGM are being finalized and invitations will be sent out to all members. The AGM will be held on Tuesday, April 10 at Bridgeman's Bistro and will include cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and a delicious dinner. The AGM provides a great opportunity to network with fellow Penderites, to listen to a guest speaker, and to vote for your 2019 board of directors.

May 1 has been set as the launch date for the new Pender Island tear-away maps. These maps have proven to be very popular among visitors and residents alike as more than 5000 were distributed over the year. If you haven't taken the opportunity to advertise your business on these very popular maps, email the Chamber at info@penderislandchamber.com or drop into the visitor centre for further details.

Would you like to contribute to our community by volunteering at the visitor centre? We are looking for someone who can help out a few hours each week. Your assistance would be greatly appreciated.

The *Tour des Isles* is getting bigger and better. The fourth annual event is taking place on June 22, 23, and 24. All day inter-island small boat services will connect you to all the Southern Gulf Islands. On Pender, courtesy shuttles, with

knowledgeable and friendly local drivers, will take people to island attractions, such as art galleries, the market, the museum, and several other points of interest.

The Pender Island Chamber of Commerce is a member of the BC Chamber of Commerce. The BC Chamber has identified 10 key issues that BC's business community are watching closely. These issues represent major themes in BC Chamber policies: public finance and taxation, local and regional government, transportation and infrastructure, trade, electricity, skilled workforce, natural resources, productivity, regulation, and healthy communities. They will play a pivotal role in shaping BC's economic future. As well, the BC Chamber is an advocate for all members on "hot topic" issues that affect people in BC. For more information, check out the BC Chamber's website <http://www.bcchamber.org>.

Remember, your Chamber is here to serve the Pender Island community. We welcome your input and encourage you to stay involved in this wonderful community.

Dianne Wilson, Director

Pender Island Child Care Society

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre



We all see children as capable, but how do our own personal fears prevent children from experiences? CCRR, Victoria.

Parents and Babes

Parents and Babes is every Monday morning from 9 - 11:30 am. This is a free drop-in program for parents, caregiv-

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ers and their children. Come out and enjoy snacks, adult and children interactions, and the book library. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and the Pender Island Child Care Society, this program is free. There will be no Parents and Babies on April 2.

Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP)

HOP is every Wednesday morning in the school gymnasium 9 - 10:15 am. HOP is designed for parents/caregivers to engage in physical activities with their children 1-5 years. This month the school gym is set up with gymnastic equipment. Come on out and tumble, balance, rope climb, vault, and swing. Thanks to the CRD, this program is free.

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast will be on Saturday, April 7 from 9 - 11 am at Dragonfly. Thanks to the Ministry of Children and Families, this program is free.

Parent Education Night

Join us on Monday, April 16 from 6 - 7:30 pm as Stephen Roberts gives a short presentation on the beneficial properties of Kombucha. Participants will sample a variety of homemade fla-

vours and learn how to make and bottle their own kombucha. The cost is \$10 per participant. Thanks to the United Way for helping fund this program.

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

Sarah Conley

Pender Island Community Gathering

We have some great workshops and events happening this month. To register, just contact community_gathering@outlook.com and request the registration link. If you don't have email, can call the health centre before Tuesday 12 pm. Drop in might work, but some classes require many people to run them, have a deadline, or have a limited number of spots, so register early.

Bike Skills Workshop April 6, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm, RSVP, \$40, Community Hall

Bike to Work Victoria will be leading a 55+ Bike Skills Course. Deadline for

this class will have passed, but please check in as we may have space still available. Call or email for more info.

Kairos Blanket Exercise April 7, 9:30 am - 4 pm, by Donation, Anglican Parish Hall

We are working with the Truth and Reconciliation Circle and the Tsawout First Nation to bring back this very moving interactional experience. Check the Reconciliation Circle article for more details. People are encouraged to attend a second time. A big thank you to the Anglican Parish for providing the space for this event.

Nettle Picking, April 12, 10 am, with Tania, by Donation

Come and pick nettles to take home and turn into delicious soups and breads. Some supplies needed. I'll be picking for the soup lunch. Deadline is April 9.

Community Kitchen April 12, 2 pm

There has been interest in offering a community kitchen and we'd like to do a trial run in April. A community kitchen is where a group of people come together to make food for the community and food to take home, to learn about food preparation, and to connect and enjoy each other. Deadline is April 9.

Vancouver Island Food Trip to Town - April 25

We will rent the community bus and take a trip to town with Theresa Carle-Sanders who will show us all of her favourite spots to shop for food supplies. The cost will be around \$40 for the bus, plus ferry fare and food costs. Deadline April 16.

Child Care

Barbara Stowe will be hosting fun and games for children 6 and over from 12:30 pm - 1 pm on the last Friday of the month during lunch. Barbara Stowe has been a wonderful addition to our community. She has taught exercise and dance classes through the Pender Island Health Care Society and Ptarmigan Arts. She has also been an engaging and fun participant in many of our activities.

Online Events Hosting

We are pleased to announce a new partnership with the Pender Island Chamber of Commerce and the Community Re-

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source Centre. They have event hosting software that will make it easier for our community to keep all our events in one place and save time in tracking registration and promoting our events. Check out their website for a list of all community events and to submit your own for publishing. www.penderislandchamber.com. Their contact is Melody Pender.

Thank you to all of our partners: The Pender Island Community Hall, Ptarmigan Arts, St. Peter's Anglican Church, Community Resource Centre, Chamber of Commerce, Reconciliation Circle, and South Pender Historical Society! Thank you also to our amazing volunteers. It's been a joy to work with everyone and get to know each person.

Dancing and Games

We'd love to have someone 55+ host and DJ and a morning of dance, and a games day once a month. Contact us if you are interested. Would you like to offer a free or at-cost service for the community? We welcome you! We've had a request for hair cutting.

Community Space

We host a couple of events a month, leaving the downstairs space available for other community groups from around 10:45 - 11:45 am. This space is great for engaging and messy activities that require space but not a lot of quiet or intimacy. We can also tutor you in event planning and hosting to help make your event more successful.

Sign up for Emails

If you would like to receive email notifications regarding last minute changes, reminder notices, and additions to our classes and activities, register by visiting <http://eepurl.com/dcei11>. That last character is a #1.

Soup Luncheon

Every Friday we provide a soup lunch with bread, crackers, vegetables, and live music. Lunch is pay what you can. This lunch is for all ages and incomes. If you would like to volunteer, contact Eric Lesage at ericlesage@gmail.com. Volunteering for the luncheon is a fun way to connect with our community. Thank you to all the unofficial volunteers who help at the end to put away tables and chairs.

Makers Meet-Up April 6, 10:30 am

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

Repair Cafe

Repair Cafe takes place at the hall every Friday at 11 am. Drop by and have your item repaired and kept out of the landfill. Repairs are often easy and inexpensive fixes.

Tech Cafe

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

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

Tania Honan

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Pender Island Community Service Society

Nu-To-Yu



Yay! Spring is here! If you want to brighten up your deck with bulbs, we have all sorts of containers you can use – some actually meant for plants, and some you can repurpose.

April 22 is Earth Day, so Reuse/Repurpose/Recycle. Nu-To-Yu can help with the first two. Bring your no longer used, but still usable, items to us. We will then make them available, for a very low price, to others. Thus saving the resources to make new items, fuel to travel off-island, and all the over-packaging involved. The money received is then returned to the community.

Speaking of that, now is the time to submit applications for bursaries. Forms are available in the Nu-To-Yu (PICSS) folder at Dockside Realty at the Driftwood Centre, and on our website. You have until June 30 to return them.

Be sure to check out our website nu-to-yu.com - changes are happening. You

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can download forms from there instead of going to the mall to pick them up. There is now a blog, where we will post interesting items that have come in and are for sale, coming events, and anything else we think people would like to know.

The ladies that unpack and sort donations have a request: please make the bags and boxes lighter so they will be easier to carry around.

And, as usual, don't forget \$5 bag day, which is held on the last Friday and Saturday of each month.

Sheila Veness

Pender Island Conservancy Association

Earth Day Beach Clean-up



Please Come and Help Clean our Beaches! A lot of plastic and other garbage has washed up

onto the shores of Pender Island during the winter storms and high tides, so please join us at the annual PICA Earth Day Beach Clean-up. It will be held

on Saturday, April 21 at the Medicine Beach Centre parking lot from 9:30 am - 12:30 pm. All are welcome. You can register first and collect bags and gloves, or if you know which Beach you will be cleaning, you can go straight to your beach and register when you drop off the garbage and debris you have collected. If you find something that you cannot move on your own, please let us know and we will send someone down with a truck to help. There will be the usual bins for garbage as well as containers for sorting recyclables collected. Please stay afterward to visit and enjoy hot drinks and some lunch, while listening to live music. For those who wish to go out on kayaks to collect garbage from spots hard to reach from land, Pender Kayak Adventures and Dog Mermaid EcoTours will have kayaks available. Please call Elizabeth at 250-539-8843 for more information.

Scientists' Second Notice to Humanity

In 1992 a group of Nobel Laureates teamed up with scientists from all around the world to form the Union of Concerned Scientists. They issued a let-

ter to humanity, signed by over 1700 scientists, warning that humans were on a "collision course" with nature, and that "...a great change in our stewardship of the Earth, and the life on it, is required if vast human misery is to be avoided." The letter got a lot of press at the time, but real action toward heading off the environmental threats it outlined, was sadly inadequate.

Last year, 25 years later, a second letter of notice has been issued. This notice is not the work of just a few "alarmists"; it was signed by 15,364 scientists from 184 countries. It states that with the exception of the thinning of the ozone layer, the threats to our planet remain, and are in fact, worse than ever. The notice states that humanity has failed to curb damage to the planet and protect our own future by failing to:

- adequately curb worldwide population growth
- limit per capita consumption of resources
- reduce greenhouse gases
- protect habitat
- stop deforestation and the spread of invasive species
- reassess the role of an economy based on unlimited consumption and growth.

Despite the huge number of scientists who signed this warning, and the enormity of the threat outlined in it, there was not a lot of notice paid to it by the press, at least in North America. This may be due to the continued effort of climate change deniers in government and industry to discredit and gag scientists over the years. Or it may be that people have become weary of hearing about impending calamity that they feel helpless to avert.

Yet, the notice was not about helplessness or hopelessness. It reported on important gains made by humanity, such as the growth of the renewable energy sector, reductions in the rate of deforestation, and declining birthrates in places where investments have been made in the education of girls and women.

The notice also outlines what we can do to make change. For example, our poli-

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ticians and policy makers are influenced by pressure, and we can all continue to call on our governments and corporations to make changes toward a sustainable future.

Elizabeth Miles

Pender Island Farmers' Institute

PIFI

Another Successful Seedy Saturday

We had another successful Seedy Saturday with many people attending and beautiful weather.

The Farmers Institute would like to thank Stuart Scholefield - an amazing Master Gardener, Julie Johnston for her Hügelskultur presentation, and Isla, Annika, Liam and friends for taking care of the kids' corner. And of course, a special thanks to Monica Petrie and Sanae Kikuchi for organizing the event.

Farmers' Market

Following the Seedy Saturday, we had a well-attended meeting of our regular Farmers' Market vendors, preparing for the upcoming season which will be May 19 - September 1. Sanae Kikuchi will manage the market, assisted by Isaac Grimmer. Andrea at the Hall will organize the rest of the weekends. We discussed various options for the layout, as the parking lot has expanded and is expected to have more changes. A follow-up meeting on Sunday, April 8 at 1 pm will help us finalize these changes. Thank you to the vendors who attended and provided valuable input. Vendors are reminded that Food Safe certificates are good for five years; those with older Food Safe certificates will expire July 2018. For information on the summer market email penderislandmarket@gmail.com. Please contact Andrea at the Hall to reserve a space for the Easter market, and other Hall markets.

2018 Fall Fair Planning Continuing Fall Fair August 25!

We are pleased to announce that the Farmers Institute and the Fall Fair have a new website at www.pifi.ca! Some parts of the site are still under construction so please bear with us.

Our goal with the Fall Fair page is to make volunteer registration easier, have a mobile friendly version of the catalogue available (May/June), and provide online registration for all the exhibits.

As this issue of the Post goes to print we are meeting on Wednesday, March 21 to discuss:

- the possibility of including more local judges and more judges for individual sections to reduce the amount of time needed for Convenors to help on Friday evening
- reducing the burden placed on Convenors during the Fair on Saturday

At present we are still seeking food vendors for lunch time service. Please get in touch if you are interested in vending! Local groups and organizations will be given priority but there is plenty of space for private vendors also!

Another key role we are looking to fill is the creative job of Parade Marshal! If you or someone you know might be interested, please get in touch.

The group meets regularly on the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Com-

munity Hall. Everyone is welcome and the more the merrier. We are still in the early stages, so now is a great time to get involved if you have ideas for how to make the Fair better than ever.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 25 at 7 pm at the Community Hall.

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

Barb Johnstone

Pender Island Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC)

Ferry Facts

On February 23, BC Ferries (BCF) released its third quarter financial statements ending December 31, 2017. The net earnings for 9 months are \$100.9 million, which is a drop of \$17.3 million for the same period in 2017. A 4.1% increase in revenue was more than offset by an 8.1% increase in operating costs. The net earnings include \$141.9 million in service fees from the Provincial Government. BCF provided an additional 439.5 round trips in the fourth

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quarter to accommodate higher traffic volumes. In addition, maintenance costs were significantly higher, mainly due to the timing of refit activities undertaken in the third quarter to ensure vessel coverage while the Spirit of British Columbia was undergoing its midlife upgrade. For the 9 month period, BCF spent \$191.3 million in capital for vessel replacements/upgrades and modifications, terminal marine structures, information technology, and terminal upgrades and equipment. The Northern Sea Wolf is undergoing extensive upgrades at the Esquimalt Drydock Company. The complete report can be found by Googling: BC Ferries Third Quarter Results.

The next edition of printed schedules will cover the April 1 - 30 period and will be in a new Island format. The new schedule was sent to the printers on March 11 and should be available by April 1. To follow will be the May 1 - June 26 edition. The font colour will change for each edition to help differentiate between them. The new schedules for summer, fall, and winter are also available online at the BC Ferries web site using the drop down feature. Online reservations are now available for

the period May 1 - 23 to cover the long weekend. Beyond May 23 is not available at the time of writing.

The Salish Eagle was taken into dry dock on March 7. The last of the A/C ducting/fan work will be completed with the result of full galley service when it returns to service. In addition, repairs will be made to the damaged elevator. Once the Eagle returns to service, the Raven will have its A/C ducting and fan system installation completed, likely in April.

For the Year 2016 March through to the end of February 2017, traffic on route 5 between Swartz Bay and Otter Bay is up 0.58% for vehicles, but down 1.3% for passengers. Ferry traffic continues to show a steady increase over last year for route 9 Tsawwassen/Otter Bay, traffic is up 14.46% for vehicles and up 15.35% for passengers. The overall BCF traffic is up 5.0% for vehicles and 4.7% for passengers.

The local Ferry Committee advises BC Ferries on fares and schedules. Pender Island representatives are: Dave Dryer, chateaupender@shaw.ca; Jill Justice, jill_justice@shaw.ca; and Roy Moore, penderwork@shaw.ca.

Roy Moore

Pender Island Fire Protection Society

The Pender Islands Fire Protection Society is the link between our community and Pender Island Fire Rescue (PIFR) who are our firefighters, rescue and medical first responders that we depend on in an emergency. The Society responds to the needs of our community by investing in the training, education and equipment needed to keep us and our environment safe. The Society Board is responsible for establishing policies for fiscal management, service levels, and governance of the fire and rescue service. Membership is open to all property owners and residents. The membership fee is \$2 annually.

Our Annual General Meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 2 at 7 pm at Fire Hall #1 (across the road from the Community Hall). At the upcoming meeting, we will be presenting amendments to our Constitution and Bylaws, for approval by members, as required by the new Societies Act. The terms of three Board members are up and all three members have indicated that they will stand for re-election. Memberships can be purchased at the meeting.

If you would like more information about the Society or the nomination process for Board elections, please contact me.

Jane Perch

Pender Island Fire Rescue

PIFR



Our Pender Island Fire Rescue volunteers have been busy responding to 44 calls for service as of March 16 this year. Calls included a large structure fire, a vehicle fire, medical emergencies, rescue from equipment, and a variety of others.

May 2 is the annual general meeting of the Pender Island Fire Protection Society (PIFPS). Please mark that date on your calendar and plan to attend. Membership is open to all persons that own property or are domiciled on the Penders. Membership allows you to vote and shape the future of your fire and rescue

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services. Please look for the PIFPS article in this issue of *The Pender Post*.

In March we sent the following report to the Office of the Fire Commissioner of BC regarding the \$370,000 grant provided by the Province for our Live Fire Training Facility:

“Pender Island Fire Rescue and the Pender Island community recognize, and are very grateful for, the generous and innovative support of the Office of the Fire Commissioner and Emergency Management British Columbia.

“The project has been completed as proposed, and the funds provided have been fully utilized as intended, with 100 percent of the spending with a British Columbia owned and based supplier. The completed structure is being effectively and aggressively utilized to deliver improved community service quality, responder safety, and volunteer retention. In a phrase - Thank you for your help; we’ve used the funding as planned; your support is delivering results. Those results will serve the Penders’ residents and visitors long into the future.”

We were able to complete this project because of the support we enjoyed from this amazing community, our Board of Directors, the volunteer fundraisers, and all others who stepped up to help. And, we should all be grateful for the vision, work, and perseverance of Deputy Chief Mike Dine, Captain Adrian Hanson, Lieutenant Sandy Johnson, and all others who put their souls into this project over the many years it took to bring it to fruition. Ultimately, we must be forever grateful for all our dedicated PIFR responders and their commitment to excellence in service delivery. That commitment provided the heart and incentive to overcome all obstacles and drive the project to completion.

Beginning April 1, fire permits are required for all outdoor burning. Permits are available on our website www.penderfire.ca and most work days at Fire Hall #1 by the Outer Gulf Islands RCMP Detachment. The website allows you to apply for a fire permit and pay online simply by clicking on “Fire Permits” in the navigation bar on the right side of the screen. If online purchases are not realistic for you, we will be happy to fill out the permit for you at Fire Hall #1

Monday through Friday between 8 am and 4:30 pm.

If you purchase your permit online, print a copy or store it on your personal device so you have it available to show at all times when burning. Tickets for infractions can be issued by a variety of enforcement agencies. You must be able to show a valid permit if requested. Remember, you are responsible and accountable for any fire you light, including any damages from an escaped fire.

Please burn responsibly and respect your neighbours’ health and welfare. Smoke can be deadly to people with breathing issues or other health problems. A friendly talk across the fence can eliminate a health emergency or a complaint-driven response by the fire department.

The change to Daylight Saving Time means it is time to replace smoke alarm batteries. Residences, summer homes and cabins must have working smoke alarms in areas with sleeping accommodations. It is the law. Please make sure they are installed as necessary and are less than 10 years old.

Don’t wait; check those smoke alarms today and stay safe.

Fire Chief Charlie Boyte

Pender Island Food Bank

Among the Friends of the Food Bank we would like to recognize this month are Donna and Jeremy Harwood, and Linda Oglov, for their generous and much appreciated donations.

Here is a message from Diane Swindell, who organized a wonderfully successful fundraising contribution to the Community Hall’s Seedy Saturday:

“I wish to thank the many people who came to our Seedy Saturday table on March 17 -- as a result of your patronage, we were able to raise over \$580. All monies will be donated to our local food bank. I also wish to acknowledge my friends who helped by donating their time and efforts to assist at the table: Pat Taylor, Ene Haabniit, and Kathy Cronk. In addition to my own collection of plants, seeds, and llama manure, Sam and Rob Burnett donated beautiful heliobores and our annual “mystery” plant

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(identified by Stuart Scholefield as a euphorbia variety). Bruce Waygood donated potted perennials, strawberry plants, and over 100 dahlia tubers to our table. Wishing everyone a wonderful gardening experience this year."

We are constantly bombarded with information and advice - which can be confusing and contradictory - about what we should eat to stay healthy. Sometimes it's good to remember that it's not really that complicated.

Michael Pollan's advice of ten years ago is still valid: Eat food. Not too much. Mostly plants.

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

Christine Shantz

Pender Island Lions Club



Our AGM and our next Lions business meeting will be Wednesday April 4 at 7 pm at the clinic meeting room. In this meeting we will also select our new executive. Please let

Dave Dryer at 6012 know if you would like to attend, or become a Pender Lion.

Our eyeglass collection boxes located at the Nu-To-Yu, medical clinic, and Tru Value Foods are getting well-used. Please recycle your usable prescription eyeglasses, and help the poorer people in the world see again. Please also donate your unneeded hearing aids by dropping them in the hearing aid box at the clinic, or in any of our eyeglass collection boxes.

We want to also thank you all for your Tru Value Spirit Board donations. We are number 8. All your donated monies help us serve Pender Island even more.

Please remember to use our drop off mailbox at Western Financial Group, to save a stamp, for any mail or donations. Thanks again to Western Financial and their friendly team.

Vision Screening at School

Since 1917, Lions Clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, while also making a strong commitment to community and serving youth throughout the world. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organi-

zation, and any donations are well used by the many needed programs.

For April, the Pender Islands Lions are pleased to offer the Your Vision is Our Vision program on Pender as part of the Pender Lions' Eye-Care Month. We will be assisting the Pender Island School to conduct non-invasive vision testing for all students in April. A specialized instrument like a point-and-shoot camera prints a report for students appearing to have signs of impaired vision. The test is performed about one metre away from the student and takes about 30 seconds in total. The screening tests are about 97% accurate for six common visual problems (lazy eye, crossed eyes, refractive issues, far and near sightedness, and astigmatism). Nearly 1 in 4 children have some vision concerns. Because about 80% of a child's learning is visual, children's learning suffers if they have undiagnosed and treated vision problems. This testing does not replace professional eye care. Students with possible impaired vision will receive a report recommending referral to a professional health provider.

New Members Needed

The Lions provide about \$20,000 or more to different groups, individuals, and charities on Pender each year, and we are the sole funder for many different initiatives all across Pender. We need new active members.

The lack of active members makes it quite difficult for us to put on our normal projects, as well as to keep the funding flowing to all the different groups. Please check out our website

e-clubhouse.org/sites/penderislands. On our website, you can see all the work we normally do in a year, and who we help.

Please contact Dave at 629-6012 or email penderlions@gmail.com, if you would like to learn more, or become a new member.

Paul Weyer

Pender Island Museum Society



As of Easter, the museum is once again open to the public every Saturday and Sunday from 1 - 4 pm. Our volunteer guides

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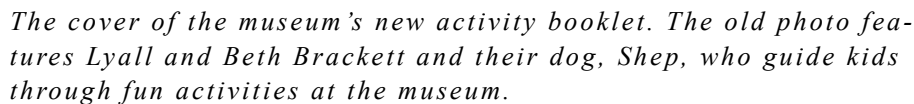
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April 7	11:30 am	St. Peter's	Potluck and Kairos Blanket Event
April 8	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Holy Eucharist
April 15	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Holy Eucharist
April 22	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Circle Service
April 29	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Holy Eucharist

Clergy: The Venerable Ellen Willingham, 629-6700

Church Office: 629-3634 - Parish e-mail: stpeterstchristopher@gmail.com

Bookings for the Parish Hall:
Loralee Gower, Parish Administrator

Pender Island United Community Church (PIUCC)

4405 Bedwell Harbour Road - www.picchurch.ca We are an inter-denominational church, all are welcome!

April 1	10:45 am	Barbara Young	Easter Sunday and Communion Service
April 8	10:45 am	George Hodgson	Worship Service
	*2:30 pm	Hymn Sing	Everyone Welcome; tea, coffee, and cookies to follow
April 15	10:45 am	Wally Sawatzky	Worship Service
April 22	10:45 am	Al Fowler	Worship Service
April 29	10:45 am	Garth Klassen	Worship Service

- Bible Study: Tuesdays at 1:30 pm. For more information, call Michael Plumb, 629-6806.
- If you have any questions or requests, please contact Helen Allison, 629-3527

St. Teresa's Chapel - Roman Catholic Services

4705 Buccaneers Road

April 1	10:30 am	Easter Mass with Father Keith
April 8	4:00 pm	Mass with Father Scott
April 15	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
April 22	4:00 pm	Mass with Father Scott
April 29	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider

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

The Bahá'í Community of Canada

The Bahá'í Group of Pender Island

Upcoming feasts (<http://www.bahai.org/action/institutional-capacity/nineteen-day-feast>):

April 9	7:00 pm	Feast of Glory
April 29	7:00 pm	Feast of Beauty

- For the locations on Pender Island, please contact Andrea Cribb at 629-9945 or Bev Peden at 250-412-2524.
- From the writings of the Bahá'í Faith: "The world of humanity is possessed of two wings: the male and the female. So long as these two wings are not equivalent in strength, the bird will not fly. Until womankind reaches the same degree as man, until she enjoys the same arena of activity, extraordinary attainment for humanity will not be realized..." ~ 'Abdu'l-Bahá

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School Trustee, Anna Herlitz..... 629-6773

MARCH CALENDAR

30 Fri	12:00 pm	CG Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Isabella Sokolosky, Community Hall	
	6:00 pm	Legion Good Friday Dinner, <i>Lamb and Pork</i> , tickets \$20, Legion	
	7:30 pm	Film, <i>The Shape of Water</i> , Community Hall	
31 Sat	10:00 am	March Legion General Meeting, Legion Hall	
	1:00 pm	Museum open every Saturday and Sunday to 4 pm for the season, Roesland*	32

APRIL

1 Sun		Easter Sunday.....	34
		Daily – Take a Stroll Along Studio Row (Galleon-Port; look for open signs or call ahead)	68
	8:30 am	Pender Pacers run every Sunday, call Herb for details, 629-3205*	
	10:00 am	Badminton meets every Sunday, 10 am - 12 pm, School gym, Peter Taylor, 629-3375	
	12:00 pm	19 th Annual South Pender Island Easter Art Walk to 5 pm.....	69
	5:00 pm	Submission Deadline for Pender Island Short Film Festival	17, 39
	7:15 pm	Speakeasy, Free, Hope Bay Studio	
2 Mon	9:25 am	Walking Group meets every Monday and Friday, St. Peter's, call Carol for details, 629-9959*	
3 Tue	9:45 am	MYI: Moderate Yoga with Jenny, Community Hall*	18
	10:00 am	Recycling Depot, New Spring Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm*	42
	10:00 am	Toddler Time to 11 am, Epicentre	19
	10:00 am	South Pender Local Trust Committee, Community Room, South Pender Fire Hall.....	22
	11:15 am	MYI: Gentle Yoga with Ella, Community Hall*	18
	12:30 pm	MYI: Yoga for Men with Lester, Community Hall*	18
	3:00 pm	Taoist Tai Chi Beginners' Class to 4:30 pm, Community Hall*	
	3:45 pm	Epic Kid's Club After School Program Tuesdays to 5 pm, Epicentre*	19
	8:00 pm	Badminton meets every Tuesday 8 - 10 pm, School Gym, Peter Taylor, 629-3375*	
4 Wed	9:00 am	HOP to 10:15 am, (also on 11, 18, 25), School Gym.....	25
	9:00 am	Food Bank open Wednesdays to 11 am, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	32
	10:00 am	CRC and UVic Ed presents <i>Thunderbird and Whale: BC's next big earthquake and tsunami</i>	47
	12:00 pm	Wheels to Meals Weekly Luncheon, RSVP Nora 629-3845 Anglican Parish Hall*	
	2:00 pm	Socrates Cafe meets every Wednesday to 4 pm, Pender Island Public Library*	
	7:00 pm	Truth and Reconciliation, 8 th Fire - <i>It's Time</i> and <i>Whose land Is it Anyway</i> , Anglican Parish Hall.....	5
	7:00 pm	Pender Island Lions Club AGM, Medical Centre Meeting Room.....	32
5 Thu	9:45 am	MYI: Essentrics with Heather, Community Hall*	18
	10:00 am	Recycling Depot, New Spring Hours: Thursday, Saturday, and Tuesday, 10 am - 3 pm*	42
	11:15 am	MYI: Recover, Restore, Revitalize with Ella, Community Hall*	18
	1:30 pm	Carpet Bowling to 3:30 pm, Community Hall*	
	3:45 pm	After-school Sewing Club to 5:30 pm, Epicentre*	20
	5:30 pm	Legion Meat Draw, Euchre at 4-6 pm, Darts at 7 pm, every Thursday, Legion*	44
6 Fri	9:30am	CG Bike Skills workshop to 4:30 pm, \$40ea, Community Hall*	26
	10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open on Friday and Saturday until 4 pm*	27
	10:00 am	Community Café and CG Makers Meet-Up, Free Drop In to 1:30 pm, Community Hall*	27, 39
	11:00 am	CG Repair Cafe Free Drop In to 12 pm every 1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th Friday, Community Hall*	27
	11:00 am	CG Tech Cafe, Free Drop In, to 12 pm, every Friday, Community Hall*	27, 39
	12:00 pm	CG Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Lester Quitzau, Community Hall.....	18, 26, 39
	5:30 pm	PI Soccer Club meets every Friday, all welcome, 14 years plus, free, School Field or Gym*	
	6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, <i>Spareribs</i> , Legion Hall	44
7 Sat	9:00 am	Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast to 11am, Dragonfly Centre	26
	9:30 am	CG Kairos Blanket Exercise, RSVP, By Donation, Anglican Parish Hall.....	5, 26
	10:00 am	Recycling Depot, New Spring Hours: Saturday, Tuesday, and Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm*	42
	10:00 am	Saturday Market to 1 pm, Community Hall*	
	1:15 pm	Moving Around Pender meeting, Community Hall	25
	4:30 pm	Pop Up Restaurant by Gooding Cater Company, Community Hall.....	17, 39, 68
	5:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw, every Saturday, Legion Hall*	44
	7:00 pm	Buckman Coe Album Release Concert and Dance, Community Hall1	17, 39, 68
	7:00 pm	Craft Night to 9 pm, Epicentre.....	20

CALENDAR CONTINUED

8	Sun	1:00 pm	Pender Island Drumming Workshop, Community Hall.....	17, 46
		2:00 pm	Favourite Poem Day with Sandy Shreve to 4 pm, Library	40
9	Mon		Free Income Tax Preparation and Filing. (Also April 23), Call 629-3346 to book a spot.....	18
		9:00 am	Parents and Babies to 11:30 am, (also on 16, 23, 30), Dragonfly Centre	25
		10:00 am	Pender Island Quilters' Circle, Anglican Parish Hall.....	13
		3:45 pm	Art with Celene to June 4, Epicentre*	20
		4:00 pm	Magic Lake Property Owners' Society Directors meet, School Community Room.....	24
		7:00 pm	Pender Photo Club meets, Pender Island Elementary School.....	14
10	Tue		Chamber of Commerce AGM, details to be finalized, Bridgeman's Bistro.....	25
11	Wed	11:45 am	Newcomers' Club's next meeting is at Medicine Beach.....	50
12	Thu	10:00 am	CG Community Nettle Picking with Tania, RSVP, Location TBD	26
		1:00 pm	Garden Club Meets, Speaker TBA, Anglican Parish Hall	48
		2:00 pm	CG Community Kitchen with Eric, RSVP, Community Hall.....	26
13	Fri	9:00 am	Pender Island Parks and Recreation meeting, open to the public, Plum Tree Court.....	40
		12:00 pm	CG Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Shelley Richards, Community Hall	18, 26, 39
		1:30 pm	Highschool math group every Friday to 3:30 pm, Epicentre*	20
		6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, <i>Guest Chef</i> , Legion Hall.....	44
14	Sat	9:00 am	Arts, Crafts and Scrapbooking meet to 5 pm, Sunday, 9 am - 5 pm, \$20/day with lunch, Legion.....	44
		10:00 am	Garden Club Spring Plant Sale at Saturday Market, Community Hall.....	48
		11:00 am	Lego Club to 12 pm, Library.....	41
		1:00 pm	English Tea to 3 pm, Epicentre	19
		3:00 pm	Clouded Title Art Display and Panel Discussion, Community Hall	47, 69
		7:30 pm	Film, <i>Lady Bird</i> , Missouri, Community Hall.....	39, 41
15	Sun	2:00 pm	Matinee, <i>Paddington</i>	39, 41
16	Mon	1:00 pm	Pender Island Art Society (PIAS) meets, Anglican Parish Hall.....	8
		6:00 pm	Kombucha Workshop until 7:30 pm, Dragonfly Centre	25
17	Tue	7:00 pm	PIRAHA Sponsored BINGO, Community Hall.....	39, 41
18	Wed	10:00 am	Pender Post Directors meet, Medical Centre Meeting Room	
19	Thu	12:30 pm	55+ Take a Break, call Elise for details 250-858-2158, Jo's Place	18
20	Fri	12:00 pm	CG Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Kauko & Patrick, Community Hall	18, 26, 39
		6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, <i>Chicken or Vegetarian Korma</i> , Legion Hall.....	44
		7:00 pm	PIFN presentation, ornithologist Dr. Rob Butler's film <i>The Perfect State</i> , Community Hall.....	39, 48
21	Sat	9:00 am	Heartwood Folk School Eco Home Tour	21, 45, 46
		9:30 am	PICA Annual Beach Clean-up 12:30 pm, Medicine Beach Centre Parking Lot.....	28, 48
		9:30 am	PIFN walk with Dr. Rob Butler, meeting place to be determined	39, 48
		4:30 pm	Pop Up Restaurant by Gooding Cater Company, Community Hall.....	18, 70
		7:00 pm	Pender Island Short Film Festival, Community Hall.....	17, 39, 70
		7:00 pm	Youth Night to 9 pm, Epicentre	20
22	Sun	2:00 pm	Pender Young Violins Spring Concert, By donation, Community Hall.....	17, 39
24	Tue	5:00 pm	Ptarmigan registration deadline for <i>Tell Your Story, A Storytelling Workshop Series</i> , Andrea Spalding...	18
25	Wed		CG Off Island Bus Excursion, Food Tour with Theresa, RSVP	26
		6:00 pm	Solstice Theatre auditions for <i>Aladdin: The Magical Family Pantomime</i> to 9 pm, Community Hall ..	7, 16
		7:00 pm	2018 Fall Fair Planning, Community Hall.....	
26	Thu	10:00 am	North Pender Local Trust Committee Meeting, Anglican Parish Hall.....	22
		12:00 pm	Newcomers' Graduates and the Lunch Bunch, Jo's Place	
27	Fri	6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Asian Beef and Broccoli Stir Fry, Legion Hall	44
		12:00 pm	CG Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Les Vaughn, Community Hall.....	18, 26, 39
28	Sat	10:00 am	Legion General Meeting, Legion Hall	44
		7:00 pm	Teen Night to 9 pm, Epicentre	20
		7:30 pm	Film, <i>The Post</i> , Community Hall	39, 41
29	Sun	2:00 pm	<i>The Old Man and the Vultures</i> with Dave Manning to 4 pm, Library	41
		2:00 pm	Solstice Theatre auditions for <i>Aladdin: The Magical Family Pantomime</i> to 5 pm, Community Hall ..	7, 16
30	Mon	1:00 pm	PIAS, Fletcher's watercolour palette with Sarah Gayle, Anglican Parish Hall	8

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COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

Al-Anon Family Group	Wednesday, 12 pm, United Community Church, 4405 Bedwell Harbour Rd, 250-383-4020
Alcoholics Anonymous	Monday 12 pm and Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, 7:30 pm, Plum Tree Court, 629-3205
Art Society... Usually the first and third Monday of the month, Anglican Parish Hall, 1-4 pm, Brenda Sledzinski, 629-6766	
Badminton.....	Tuesday 8 - 10 pm, Sunday, 10 am - 12 pm, School gym, Peter Taylor, 629-3375
Bridge	Contact Gail Jamieson, 629-6228 or May Ready, 629-3316
Canadian Power & Sail, Pender Island Squadron.....	David Kirsop, 629 6846
Choral Society.....	John Pollard, 629-2022
Chamber of Commerce.....	250-999-6371
Community Support/Volunteer Program	Andrea Mills, 629-3346
Conservancy Association.....	Eleanor Brownlee, 629-8330
Epicentre.....	Daily for members, workshops and activities for members and non-members, Tina Christensen, 629-3045
Farmers' Institute	Barbara Grimmer, 629-3819
Farmland Acquisition Project	Matilda te Hennepe, 629-3829
Field Naturalists.....	Bob Vergette, 629-3820
Food Bank.....	Every Wednesday from 9 to 11 am, upstairs of the Anglican Parish Hall, Barb MacPherson, 629-6052
Garden Club.....	Second Thursday of the month, 1 pm, Parish Hall, Carole Sheaves, 629-6900
Health Care Society.....	Third Monday of the month, 10 am Health Care Centre Meeting Room, Rob Dill, 629-6639
Legion.....	Open Thursday - Saturday, 4 pm - 8 pm, 629-3441
Library.....	Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm, 629-3722
Lions Club	First and third Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, Dave Dryer, 629-6012
Lunch Bunch (Newcomers' Graduates)	Val Butcher, 629-6621
Magic Lake Property Owners' Society	Second Monday of the month, 4 pm, School, Peter Morton, 629-6244
Motor Club.....	Last Wednesday of the month, Duncan Batty, <i>penderis.mc@gmail.com</i>
Moving Around Pender	First Saturday of the month, 1:15 pm, Community Hall, Peter Pare, 629-6919
Museum	John MacKenzie, 629-9963
Newcomers' Club.....	Second Wednesday of the month, 11:45 am, Dianne Wilson, 629-6029
Nu-To-Yu	Friday and Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Otters Swim Club.....	President Helen Lemon-Moore, <i>penderottersswimclub@gmail.com</i> or 629-2020
Parent Advisory Council	Monthly meetings 6:30 pm, School Library, dates TBA, Jenn Kaila, 250-885-1719
Parks and Recreation Commission.....	Third Friday of the month, 9 am, Community Hall, Niall Parker, 629-6936
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.....	Meets every Sunday, call for place and time, Herb Katz, 629-3205
Pender Photo Club.....	Second Monday of the month, Hans Tammemagi, 629-2029
Pender Solstice Theatre Society	Gregory Nicholls, <i>gregariousgarden@gmail.com</i> or 629-6223
PIJazz - Community Jazz Band	rehearsals Tuesday, School, 6:30 pm, 629-2047
Ptarmigan Arts	1-866-859-0634
Quilters' Circle.....	Second Monday of the month, 9:30 am, Anglican Parish Hall, Cindy Hultsch, 629-6091
Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association (PIRAHA)	Board meets every second month, see calendar, 629-3669
Recycling Depot.....	Winter Hours (October thru May): Tues 8-3pm, Sat 10-3pm, and Sun 1-4pm
Soccer Club.....	Fridays 5:30 pm, soccer at school field/gym. All welcome, 14 yrs+, free
Tai Chi	Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays: contact Ken, 629-8332 or Kali, 629-3848
Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue - RCM-SAR Station 20.....	Elizabeth Wilkes, 250-538-8083
Volleyball, Adult Recreational.....	7:30 pm every Monday, School
Walking Group "Let's Go Walking"	Meets every Monday and Friday, 9:25 am, St. Peter's, Carol Davis, 629-9959
Yacht Club	Every third Monday of the month, 7 pm, Bridgeman's Bistro, Bruce Waygood, 629-6836

Special Events & Activities at the **Community Hall**

Buckman Coe Concert
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**Pender Island
Film Festival**



**7:00
April 21**

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April 17 7 pm

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with
Dr. Rob Butler
April 20
7:00 pm




**Community Gathering
every Friday**

10:00 - 1:30 Community Café
10:45 - 11:45 Activities
11:00 - 12:00 Tech Table
11:00 - 12:00 Fix it Café
12:00 - 1:15 Soup lunch 1
2:15 - 1:15 Local musicians - live



Young Violins Concert



**April 22
2 pm**

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way.) The booklet is free of charge.

The museum is also using the booklet as part of guided education programs for school classes, homeschoolers, summer camps, and family groups. We welcome requests for group tours/programs by special appointment. If you are interested in booking a program outside of weekend open hours, please get in touch by sending an email to pendermuseum@shaw.ca or by calling Simone Marler at 250-217-0823.

Admission is by donation, and the museum is completely volunteer-run and donor-funded, so we appreciate your support.

Simone Marler

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission



Many of you will have noticed that the new outhouse at the Disc Park was demolished when a large tree landed directly on it in one of our nasty winter storms. The Commission is in the process of finding a contractor who can

carry out the necessary repairs.

The improvements at Boat Nook and Gowlland Point are waiting for the contractor to carry out the work.

The outhouse at Mortimer Spit is to be repaired and generally cleaned up. The commission has also contracted with Gulf Excavating to grade the spit and deal with the seasonal potholes.

The New Dog Park has obtained funding for a fence and other minor improvements that will be required, and work has started.

The Commission will be looking at whether or not the present bylaws allow bicycles on any of the PIPRC trails. We understand that this is a controversial subject and intend to discuss it at subsequent meetings, which are open to the public, once the interpretation of the bylaw has been clarified. Very few of the trails are suitable for bicycles. Any of the trails that may be accessed by bicycles will be considered carefully.

The new minimum-width egress through Lively Peak has been constructed and will be completed shortly. The reason why the CRD felt it was important to have this trail was explained in

the March edition of the Pender Post by the Pender Island Fire Protection Society. The decision was further supported as a result of several major forest fires in Western Canada, particularly the fire in Fort McMurray. The egress is the only sure way to have a second emergency access from Magic Lake. It was initially explained that there were other possible routes but it was uncertain whether any of them could be developed. The Commission took a lot of care and attention in working with the consultant and the contractor to ensure that only the most necessary trees were removed. In addition, there was a public community meeting in which a significant number of people looked at the proposal and by a strong vote supported the proposal. As the construction had to be completed by the end of March, to take into account the effects on wildlife, a decision was made to move forward on the egress.

As most residents on Pender Island are aware, the Commission is advisory and has no ability on its own to pass rules or regulations. Please keep in mind that our meetings are open to the public and our agenda is posted on the CRD and Parks website so there is access to and for the public to have a general understanding of the Commission's agenda.

We are sad to say that several small trees and numerous branches were removed from the PIPRC viewpoint at Skeeles Road. The culprits did this on more than one occasion and have destroyed a number of trees and left a significant mess. This action was not only unlawful but unnecessary and has been reported to the RCMP. The RCMP have visited the site and are in the process of doing a full investigation. Please note that the PIPRC welcome any reports of actions of this nature. If you have any concerns about a PIPRC trail, please feel free to bring your issue to the monthly Commission meeting for consideration.

Rob Fenton, Commissioner

Pender Island Public Library



April hath put a spirit of youth in everything.

~ William Shakespeare



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Adult Programming

Well, I guess we all feel young when spring reappears. Or perhaps it's that we know that April is poetry month! To celebrate, Sandy Shreve hosts the ever-popular Favourite Poem Day, on Sunday, April 8. Everyone is welcome, no matter your age. All that's required is that you bring along your favourite poem (or two) -- not written by you. You don't even have to read it yourself: if you'd prefer to have your poem read by someone else, that's fine. It would be wonderful if you could tell us why you love your selected poem(s), and, perhaps, something about the poet(s) -- aim for five minutes. Our second Sunday Afternoon at the Library talk is set for the last Sunday in the month on April 29. Pender's own Dave Manning will tell us everything we ever wanted to know about Turkey Vultures. Dave is a senior who became hooked on vultures when he stumbled upon a white fuzzball of a chick peeking from its nest cave. His program on the three Vultures of North America follows one turkey vulture nest in particular, from mating to migration. His recently published book, bearing the same title as his program, will be available for purchase and signing. All talks in this very popular series are held in the Library, on a Sunday, from 2 - 4 pm. Everyone is welcome, but seating is limited, even with our beautiful new window-seating. Refreshments (coffee, tea, and home-made baked goods) are always available.

Children's Programming

Lego Club at the Library

Join us Saturday, April 14, at 11 am - 12 pm for Lego building fun! We supply

lots of Lego blocks and mini-figures. This popular, free program is held on the second Saturday of every month. Kids must have an adult with them.

French Materials

Based on requests by patrons, our Library is increasing its collection of French books for adults and youth. We are purchasing books in French as well as requesting donations. If you happen to have books in French that are in good condition and published within the last 10 years, we'd appreciate any donations. We are looking for popular materials, either fiction or nonfiction, but please no dictionaries, school textbooks, or books that have been defaced or contain personal notes. Merci beaucoup in advance!

Sarah Rose

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

PIRAHA



**Lady Bird
Saturday, April 14
at 7:30**

An outspoken teen must navigate a loving but turbulent relationship with her strong-willed mother over the course of an eventful and poignant senior year of high school.

**The Post
Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 pm**

Katharine Graham is the first female publisher of a major American newspaper -- The Washington Post. With help from her editor, Graham races to catch up with The New York Times to expose

a massive cover-up of government secrets that spans three decades and four U.S. presidents. Together, they must overcome their differences as they risk their careers -- and very freedom -- to help bring long-buried truths to light.

Matinee Paddington 2 Sunday, April 15 at 2 pm

Settled in with the Brown family, Paddington the bear is a popular member of the community who spreads joy and marmalade wherever he goes. One fine day, he spots a pop-up book in an antique shop -- the perfect present for his beloved aunt's 100th birthday. When a thief steals the prized book, Paddington embarks on an epic quest to unmask the culprit before Aunt Lucy's big celebration.

BINGO Tuesday April 17 at 7 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm and BINGO starts promptly at 7 pm and goes until about 9 pm. \$7 includes 3 chances for each of the 11 regular games plus 3 chances at the Mini Jackpot. Bingo cards for the BONANZA Jackpot are \$2 each...\$1 from each ticket goes into the Bonus Jackpot...buy as many as you wish. If you would like to attend the BINGO games and don't want to drive in the dark, please call Dianne Allison at 629-3372 and a ride can be arranged for you.

Volunteers Needed

The Community Hall is looking for volunteers. We are looking for people to help in the café, people to help mentor our youth volunteers/interns, BINGO callers, film projectionists, and general help for Hall-led events or activities. Let us know what interests you have and we will find something that suits! For

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Pender Island Recycling Society

New Hours



Starting April 1, the Recycle Depot is open Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays from 10 am - 3 pm. Please come by and pick up a fridge magnet or business card with our new hours and contact information. We anticipate that Saturdays will be especially busy and hope that many of you can make Thursdays your new recycling day. Remember that the Nu-To-Yu accepts donations on Thursday mornings and that the library is open from 10 am - 4 pm, so you can combine a few errands to make the most of your trip.

Ken Marshall has re-opened the ReCycle Community Bike Shop and offers tune-ups and repairs on Saturdays from 10 am - 3 pm. The bike shop is beau-

tifully decorated by our resident artist, Celene Wilde, and is located near the depot exit; come soon and check it out!

Janey Rowland will be organizing the FreeStore and ReShop for us. We are pleased to have her back on board and appreciate the unique skill set she brings to this endeavour. We also appreciate the many generous donations to the FreeStore and ReShop. You wouldn't believe how often we hear someone joyfully proclaim, "Why, that was just what I was looking for!" with a new treasure in hand. We kindly ask you to check with staff before donating any items to the FreeStore or ReShop as not all items are suitable. Some non-eligible items: old life jackets, laminated wood (e.g., wooden knife blocks), chipped or cracked dishware, textiles, and PVC pipe. It's costly for us to dispose of non-recyclable garbage items as it requires staff sorting time and garbage disposal fees.

Stricter recycling regulations and China's National Sword policy have led to a diminished market for plastics, and we can now only accept *packaging* plastic. *Non-packaging* plastic items, e.g., lawn

chairs, totes, kiddie pools, and plastic wine glasses, are now considered garbage. You can find more information on the CRD website.

Paper recycling regulations have become stricter too: plastic lined paper bags, such as tortilla chip bags and dog food bags, are now garbage. Thank you for your patience in continuing to learn alongside us, as regulations change and we work to meet new standards. We are optimistic that the diminished market for recyclables overseas will lead to more local processing.

Please take the time when you are next at the depot to renew your 2017 membership, or if more convenient you can renew on our website. Tax receipts are available and we really appreciate the support!

Spring has sprung at the depot and we (and the daffodils) would like to thank Ursula Poepel for weeding our flower garden. If you too would like to beautify Pender, don't forget to join the Pender Island Conservancy Association on Saturday, April 21, for a beach clean-up; interested parties can meet at the Medicine Beach parking lot at 9:30 am. For more information visit www.penderconservancy.org.

Niki Roberts

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Pender Island School PAC



The school year is speeding along at an incredible rate.

The parent community is celebrating the success of another Winter Carnival and Silent Auction that was held at the Talisman Books & Gallery this past February. Please see the ad on **page 65** in this edition of *The Pender Post* to see all of the people and businesses the PAC wishes to acknowledge for this past auction. The final tally is still being worked out as far as how much we made but we are estimating the proceeds of the two events to be around \$15,000 at least. That is amazing; we thank the community members who donated prizes as well as the community members who placed generous bids on those fantastic prizes. I am always awed by the generous support of our community for our school and children - thank you.

The Winter Carnival at the school was pretty amazing this year; the gym was truly transformed into a wonderland of games and fun. So many parents and community members volunteered away the night to make a much-anticipated event come to reality for the kids. I thank all of you who ran a game or station, helped set up, or stayed late to clean up.

It is a lot of work to bring together events like the Winter Carnival, rounding up all the volunteers, organizing so many details. But the end result is so worth it; all of us parents came together that night. Parents of all of the different classes ran games and sold tickets. We did puzzles, played mini putt, and threw wet sponges at our kids. The point I want to make is that I hope we never take events like the Winter Carnival for granted; all of that work provided us with a moment in time where we all played with our kids and I bet most of us talked to another parent that we don't get to see much. Yes, it can happen even in a small place like this. We are all on a journey together right now raising our kids. I feel very lucky to be here at this time with all of you, and I hope all of our differences and similarities can continue to come together to make a pretty cool present and future for our schooling community.

Thank you, Joyce, for fortune telling, Rachel for pictures, Tania for manning the concession all night, Rita for everything, Darcie for that raffle room, Tina for the bouncy castle (again!), Cheryl's class for the sponge toss, Steve's class for the puzzles, Port Browning for the pizza deal, Hardbite for the chips, Jeff on Hockey, Oh yeah. Jojo for the rocking cake walk yet again! So many more.

Jenn Kaila, PAC Chair

Pender Organic Community Garden Society



One early February day a window of opportunity presented itself for me to go to the Community Garden and have a meet-and-greet session with my plot. I committed to being custodian/guardian of the roughly fifteen foot square patch of potential last October, but hadn't been able to spend any time there over the mid-winter period.

It was about 2 pm when I set out and the Weather Networks hourly forecast assured me there'd be no rain before 6 pm. On this occasion they were wrong. By the time I arrived ten minutes later, it was raining lightly but steadily. Oh well, I had come prepared with already muddy gardening jacket and my blue rubber boots.

It wasn't really cold. It was fabulous. No-one else there (surprise, surprise!), just the baa-ing of the sheep and newborn lambs in the fields all around and a gentle breeze wafting the drizzle across my face. I turned over the soil of about a quarter of my plot, pulling weeds and gently breaking the sodden clumps of soil. Heavy work, but so satisfying. I apologized to the weeds as I pulled them out; after all, they are only plants growing in what the gardener has not decreed as their "forever home." And I talked to the volunteer and left-over plants in the rest of the space (kale, Swiss chard, clumps of parsley and some unknown bushy things), and formulated a plan for how I'd like to see this looking next August, say visions of abundant crops



SLEEP

Getting enough sleep helps prevent chronic diseases and promotes overall health. Here are some tricks for a better sleep:

Going to bed at the same time, and more importantly, getting up at about the same time every day greatly helps to sleep a full night.

Avoid big meals close to bedtime. Allow a few hours to digest properly.

Make sure your bedtime routine is calm and relaxing. Use your bed for sleep only and avoid other activities in bedroom such as watching TV or using a computer.

The light from screens has been proven to alter sleep, so avoid screen time before bed. Try reading a book instead.

Arrange your bedroom so it is a quiet, dark, and relaxing environment, which is neither too hot nor too cold.

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and lots of flowers. I've already hit the catalogues and have a ton of seeds just waiting for the right moment to be given their big chance.

Having been gardening on Pender Island for over a quarter of century, this experience - in the rain - was memorable. My fork actually sank into the soil without hitting rocks, shale or tree roots and without wrenching or jarring my back! The plots at the Community Garden get pretty much full sunshine all day and the soil is deep and, to varying degrees, fertile. Many of the gardeners bring in organic fertilizers and soil amendments, but this first year I plan to see how it goes just the way I've inherited it.

Earlier in March I completed turning over the soil. The lambs are big now, and not nearly so noisy! Raspberry canes are ordered, and a very special, very expensive couple of dahlia tubers are in transit from an Oregon nursery, complete with special Phyto Certificate to allow them entry into this country. I can't wait for the summer, but meanwhile there are seeds to be planted and supports to be erected. A gardener's job is never done.

There are 24 plots in the Community Garden, some of them divided in half, and at this point in time there is one half plot still available. If you would like to join our group of enthusiastic gardeners and take over this one, please contact Diane Swindell at dswindell53@gmail.com.

Patricia Callendar

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #239

Legion  **H e r e**
C o m e s
April along with the Easter Bunny and all his goodies. The most unpredictable month, April was named after the Greek Goddess of Love, Aphrodite. Appropriately, the Romans spelled it Aprilis, meaning to open, as this month flowers and trees begin to open and bloom. April's two flowers are the daisy, known as the friendliest flower, and the sweet pea which has adorned many plates for over 11,000 years. For you historians Leonardo de Vinci, William Shakespeare (born and died April 23, 1564 and 1616)

and Adolph Hitler share your signs.

We know how much you all enjoy the many activities the Legion has to offer. How about giving us a couple of hours of your time to help lessen the load on those few volunteers who do everything? And why the heck should I join the Legion, you ask. Well, aside from the obvious, check out the ad on **page 4** and you'll be surprised to see all the benefits you get. Our membership chair has been busy tracking down all of you that haven't paid for this year. Just drop your \$55 cheque to the Dockside Realty at the Driftwood Centre, join or renew online, or mail it to 1344 MacKinnon Road. Call Tania at 629-3844 if you need more information. Speaking of which, we're still looking for that special person to fill the position of secretary. Could it be you?

I don't have to tell you how great the meat draws are. Now, Thursday nights are even better, if you believe that. Every Thursday will feature a special draw for a \$50 Tru Value certificate that will be drawn the last Thursday of the month. Thanks to Mike Gray and his staff.

And anybody and everybody can join the scrapbookers April 14 and 15 for 2 full days of fun. So bring any arts and crafts you're into and have a ball. A great lunch for only \$20 is included. Confirm online or call Melody 629-6051.

I know you're all chomping at the bit to hear about Friday night dinners and do we have a line up for you. Starting April 6, we have a gorgeous Rack of Spare-ribs for you. Check the newsletter and posters to see who our Guest Chef is for April 13. How disappointed were you that the Chicken or Vegetarian Korma was cancelled last month? Well, come on down April 20 and enjoy it. And a lovely Asian Beef and Broccoli Stir Fry is awaiting you on April 27. Phew! Too much excitement.

See you at the General Meeting at 10 am on March 31 and the General Meeting and Initiation of new members at 10 am on April 28.

And as Mark Twain once said, "The first of April is the day we remember what we are the other 364 days of the year."

Tania Schissler

And now, a Veterans story from our very own Production Manager of *The Pender Post*, Michel Pelletier.

A Veterans Story

Here is an abridged version of my career in the Canadian Armed Forces.

I joined the military way back in 1972 on a dare. My two best friends from Langley, BC asked me if I wanted to go with them to Vancouver one day; I could go shopping at A&B Sound while they went to the Recruiting Centre on Seymour Street. I said, "Sure, of course." I had no intentions of joining the military, but I thought I would go into the recruiting centre with them to see what it was all about. I ended up staying while my friends were seen sneaking out the back door. Next thing, I was writing the aptitude tests and entrance exams. They said I did well and asked me what I wanted to do in the military. I really had no idea since I had not given it any thought. I told them that I liked airplanes, but I did not want to fix them or fly them. They told me "We have just the trade for you: Traffic Technician." I was told it was a very new trade at the time, and it involved movement of material on and off the base, loading and unloading aircraft, passenger handling, and flight reservations. I said "Sure," and I was soon on my way to basic training at the Canadian Forces Recruit School (CFRS) in Cornwallis, Nova Scotia.

On completion of basic training, I was off to trades training at the Canadian Forces School of Administration and Logistics (CFSAL) at CFB Borden. This was an amazing course where I learned all aspects of the trade, and I met some wonderful people.

On graduation, I was posted to CFB Comox (my first choice) where I worked at the passenger terminal. At the time, we were using the Air Canada reservation system to reserve personnel on military and commercial flights. The system was also used to process passengers boarding our scheduled and special flights in and out of Comox, so my job didn't feel all that military. Since I had a knowledge of the reservation system, I was able to get a part time job at the civil terminal in Comox. While in Comox, I completed a tour with the United Nations at the Movement Control Detach-

ment in Tel Aviv. As a basic private, I had many responsibilities presented to me since my supervisor returned to Canada and his replacement did not arrive for many months later. I fared well meeting all incoming flights, commercial and military, and cargo laden ships in the interest of the UN. I helped them get through customs, processed all their manifests, and got them on their way. Oh yes, I lived in a beautiful hotel across the street from the Mediterranean.

I spent five years at CFB Comox and was then transferred to CFB Lahr, Germany where I worked in the travel office. I also completed five years at this posting, and once I got used to the idea of the pending imminence of war, I was thankful for having a chance-in-a-lifetime posting in the heart of the Black Forest. With my roots in Lahr, there wasn't much of Europe that I didn't see.

Prior to leaving Germany, I came back to Canada to attend a six month course to become a loadmaster on the Boeing 707. For those that don't know, a loadmaster is an aircrew member on transport aircraft tasked with the safe loading, transporting, and unloading of cargo and passengers. On our scheduled passenger runs, the loadmaster would also be in charge of the cabin crew.

On return to Canada, I was posted to 437 Transport Squadron at CFB Trenton (now 8 Wing). I flew with 437 Squadron for five years flying military and civilian passengers, Canadian politicians and prime ministers, heads of state from other countries, along with other visiting dignitaries. When I wasn't flying passengers, the aircraft would be converted into a freighter configuration carrying cargo around the world for humanitarian relief, or for restocking bases outside of Canada. Again, this was an incredible experience.

After my tour with 437 Sqn, I was transferred across the street to 426 Transport Training Squadron. At this posting, I instructed loadmasters and cabin crew on the Boeing 707 and Convair 580 (Cosmopolitan). I still flew with 437 Sqn. personnel, along with my students completing the flying phase portion of their training, as well as flying with 412 Transport Squadron out of CFB Ottawa. 412 Sqn provides high-ranking govern-

ment officials and foreign dignitaries with VIP air transportation worldwide. I enjoyed this challenging and exciting posting for five years as well. While I was at this posting, I was involved with the first Gulf War in 1991 (commonly known as Desert Storm). We would leave Trenton never knowing our return date. The job was scary as I would be responsible for the load planning, loading, and completing of the weight and balance of an aircraft full of bombs.

But, before it was time for me to be grounded and be posted to the base to be the supervisor of the travel office, I had an extraordinary event happen to me. I was on my last flight with the 426 Sqn., and on this flight, we had a very influential passenger on board that I got to serve. This passenger had heard that it was my last flight and asked me if I was going to miss the flying. I told him "most definitely." Since I didn't have anything to lose, I told him it would be my greatest dream come true if I could continue flying as an augmentee with 437 Sqn. He said "why not," and proceeded to help me draft a letter to my new Commanding Officer with that request. Lo

and behold, my new unit accepted my request, which allowed me to continue flying as an operational loadmaster for another three years. I only flew the minimum hours to keep up my proficiency, but none the less, I was still flying and able to travel around the world rather than flying a desk. I flew over 5000 hours in my 13 years as aircrew.


After being at Trenton for 13 years, they felt it was time for me to leave. I had my posting instructions in hand and was to be off to CFB Petawawa. At this posting, I was going to be unloading aircraft in all the hot spots around the world, and my first assignment was Bosnia. At the same time I received my transfer, the Canadian Forces was offering a Force Reduction Plan (FRP). This plan was very lucrative and was an offer no one could refuse. I had seen many of my friends returning from places like Bosnia and I thought it would be best to leave the military while I was having a great time and not have to worry about returning from an assignment with PTSD. In the end, I decided to take the money and run, and enjoy an early pension.

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Throughout my career, I was constantly on a course of some sort for trade and career advancement. All in all, I had an amazing 23 years, learned lots, and I do not regret that day at the recruiting centre way back in 1972.

Michel Pelletier

Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue

Station 20 - Pender Island



*A sailboat requesting help,
Photo by Roger Pilkington*

I am pleased to report that Station 20, Pender Island, is back on line. A crew picked up our lovely Titan 249 from Forsch Marine on the afternoon of February 22. We topped up the fuel tanks and advised MCTS/JRCC (Marine Communications and Traffic Services/Joint Rescue Coordination Center) that we are back in business. The two new powerheads are working perfectly.

Our first tasking came at 1:37 am on Sunday, February 25

It was sleeting out and very cold. The wind was from the south-east at 20 knots, with gusts of 30 knots.

JRCC called us with a report of a sailboat requesting help. The vessel was 61 LOA, of ferro-cement construction. The boat was dragging anchor in very windy conditions near the entrance to Port Browning Marina.

The crew quickly located the sailboat in distress. There were two persons on-board, both wearing PFDs. By the time we arrived they had managed to get their engine started. They wanted to take shelter in Port Browning Marina from the stormy conditions. It was so windy, we had to assist guiding them/pushing their bow with our bow into an available berth. Then we helped secure their vessel on the dock.

We assessed the vessel and its two crew. The vessel was undamaged as far as we could tell. The crew were shaken and exhausted but well.

By 3 am, the cox was able to call in to MCT that we were "all fast base," SAR-speak for we're home and tied up.

By the time you read this report, RC-MSAR Station 20 will be finished their first annual Awards Night Dinner at Jo's Place. Famous and infamous deeds will be recounted. It is possible the phrase, "It was a dark and stormy night," may be invoked. Stay safe on the water!

Zoë Landale

Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre



Lots of initiatives of the Southern Gulf Island Community Resources Centre (CRC) are coming to fruition, spearheaded as usual by our super-administrator Melody Pender. After two weeks in Hawaii, during which she was ably replaced by Heather Regan, Melody came back with even more energy than usual. Check out our web site: www.sgicommunity-resources.ca

Our flagship project on Educational Tourism, funded by the BC Rural Dividend fund and partners including the CRD, is coming to the end of its pilot year as of March 31. The CRC will be taking the structures developed during this first year and continuing to develop experience-based tourism opportunities in the off-season. To round out their final months, our outstanding project managers Lisa Fleming and Shannon Brayford have worked to support the following recent and upcoming projects:

Open Mic, Magic Lake Records, and Pop Up Restaurant

On March 3, 2017 Ben McConchie launched the new Magic Lake Records label with a kick-off Open Mic and audition for the label's first album. Twenty-five musicians performed to a sold-out crowd. We aren't alone in being constantly amazed at the caliber of musicians living on our island, and the edu-tourism project is very pleased to have been able to work with Ben to

help further promote this resource. The night also included transportation by the Buss-a-Nova community bus and a pop-up restaurant by the Gooding Cater Company. Thank you to everyone who supported this event and to Talisman for selling the tickets.

Computer Workshops

Shon Tam has been providing technical support for computer and tablet users on the island, and is in the process of developing workshops through his mobile classroom. Supporting Shon to develop his mobile classrooms was an important project for us. There were six workshops in total, all held for drop-in on Monday afternoons at the Community Hall. These workshops were extremely popular and each one featured a different computer/tablet/online skill. In fact, they were so popular that we are excited to support Shon again for a second round of workshops. Check future editions of *The Pender Posts* and keep an eye on our website.

Heartwood's Eco-Home Tour

We have been working with Heartwood to support their development of an Eco-Home Tour. Tickets for the April 21 event have just been released for sale, and like all Heartwood events, we anticipate that these will sell out quickly. For \$20 per ticket, the tour will include visits to four homes, informational talks, and a complimentary coffee/tea and cookie from Slow Coast Coffee. The tour will be supported by the Community Bus. Thank you to Buss-a-Nova and all of the home owners for your participation.

Drumming Workshop

The edu-tourism project is partnering with Ptarmigan Arts to host a Drumming Workshop on April 8. Jordan Hanson will be bringing his international experience and visiting the island to host this exciting workshop. Tickets are \$39 and are available for sale online; see our website for more information.

Wellness Fair

Jon Martin, the leader of our Wellness and Sustainability Council, is working to develop a Wellness Fair that will feature stands and workshops showcasing our vibrant community of health and wellness practitioners. The event will be held on May 26, 2018 and more details

will be announced as it draws closer. See ads on **pages 3 and 67** and Special Notice on **page 6**.

Clouded Title Art Display and Panel Discussion

Daphne Plessner, a local artist and professor at the Emily Carr University, is hosting this event with our support. Join her on April 14 at 2 pm at the Community Hall for artwork and discussions about ownership, featuring live interviews with key speakers on Environmental Law and *W*SANEC Culture. See the ad on **page 69**.

Other CRC Initiatives

With CRD and Heartwood support, the online calendar of events is now fully operational. Check: <http://southern-gulfislands.com/events>. The events on all of the Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island are listed, but at the top of the page you can ask to show a list restricted to Pender Island. For selected events it is possible to book and pay online. Soon it should be possible to do this for most Pender events. No more remembering to go to Talisman or Southridge to pick up tickets.

Meeting Room

Booking the meeting room at the CRC office will soon be online too. In addition we should soon be getting our video conferencing hardware.

UVic Continuing Education Courses

We hope the inaugural use of the video conferencing will be for a planned UVic Continuing Education course that will be offered from the Centre. The course is: *Thunderbird and Whale: BC's next big earthquake and tsunami*. A date of April 4, 10 am - 12 pm is planned. <https://continuingstudies.uvic.ca/science-and-ecological-restoration/courses/thunderbird-and-whale-bcs-next-big-earthquake-and-tsunami>.

Umbrella Insurance

More than 20 groups and Societies have expressed interest in umbrella insurance for their organizations. If your group or society is interested, complete the simple form available on our web site: <http://www.sgicommunityresources.ca/insurance-application/>

Peter Pare

Tsunami Notification Zones



ZONE A - THE NORTH COAST AND HAIDA Gwaii



ZONE B - THE CENTRAL COAST AND NORTHEAST VANCOUVER ISLAND COAST INCLUDING KITIMAT, BELLA COOLA, AND PORT HARDY



ZONE C - THE OUTER WEST COAST OF VANCOUVER ISLAND FROM CAPE SCOTT TO PORT RENFREW



ZONE D - THE JUAN DE FUCA STRAIT FROM JORDAN RIVER TO GREATER VICTORIA INCLUDING THE SAANICH PENINSULA



ZONE E - THE STRAIT OF GEORGIA INCLUDING THE GULF ISLANDS, GREATER VANCOUVER AND JOHNSTONE STRAIT

Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program

SGL is at low risk for tsunamis



A tsunami is a series of unusually big waves formed by a large-scale disturbance of water bodies. In the early morning hours of

January 23, officials, emergency managers, and first responders up and down the coast received notification of a large 7.9 magnitude earthquake off Alaska, along with a resulting concern that it would trigger a damaging tsunami. This worry was based on the size and location of the earthquake received from a network of computer-linked seismometers located around the Pacific basin.

Although a number of areas activated their emergency evacuation plans, the Southern Gulf Islands (located in Zone E) were determined not to be at risk. Therefore, the Public Alert Notification System and telephone trees were not triggered. As soon as possible, scientists established that a large tsunami had not been created because it was a strike-slip quake (where the plates slip sideways

past each other) and not a mega-thrust or subduction quake (where one plate moves over top of another, quickly displacing the water above it). The tsunami warnings and advisories were cancelled.

There are five tsunami notification zones in our province to allow Emergency Management BC to provide appropriate emergency messaging. We live in ZONE E.

Tsunami Notifications that could be issued include:

Tsunami Warnings

There is an imminent threat of a tsunami or confirmation that a tsunami wave has been generated for our area. This is the highest and most serious level of tsunami notification. Those residing in low-lying coastal areas are to move to higher ground immediately and take their emergency kit with them. Note: This is highly unlikely for us.

Tsunami Advisory

There is an expectation of strong currents and/or low amplitude wave activity around the islands. Stay off local beaches, marinas, and harbours.

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Tsunami Watch

An early alert that is based on analysis of the event. It may be cancelled or upgraded to a warning or an advisory. Those residing in low-lying coastal areas should be prepared to move to higher ground in the event the tsunami watch is upgraded to an advisory or warning.

As residents of these beautiful islands, it is very important that we understand what our risks are and make individual and family preparedness plans accordingly. Of the 20 identified hazards to our islands, tsunamis are ranked very low – our top three hazards being wildfires, wind storms/extended power outages, and earthquakes. Be aware of these hazards; prepare yourself and your family through education, planning, and emergency supplies, and know where to go to get reliable information as the emergency unfolds (see below).

Remember, if disaster strikes it may take emergency workers quite a while to reach you. You need to be prepared to look after yourself and your family for at least one week – two weeks is better! There are many sites that will provide you with a list of what supplies you need for the longer term (a minimum of 7 days), a grab and go kit (for immediate evacuation), and car kit. Here are a few.

www.getprepared.gc.ca

www.crd.bc.ca/prepare-yourself

Be Tsunami Smart

Emergency Management BC and CRD have helpful tips on how to *Be Tsunami Smart* or call the SGI Emergency Program office at 250-629-6982 for a brochure or website link. Register for the SGI Public Alert Notification System on-line at www.crd.bc.ca/pans

It's very important to go to reliable sources for up-to-date information. For the latest news on an earthquake or tsunami in BC, tune into your local radio station (CFAX 1070) and follow Emergency Info BC at www.emergency-infobc.gov.bc.ca or on Twitter @EmergencyInfoBC for emergency alerts and updates.

For disasters and emergencies impacting our islands, information will be posted on the CRD and Southern Gulf Islands Emergency Program's social

media sites: facebook.com/Southern-GulfIslandsEmergencyProgram

twitter.com/SGIEmergPrg

facebook.com/CapitalRegionalDistrict

Know who your Emergency Neighbourhood Contact is and how to reach them.

If you have any questions, you can contact me via email at: sgiepc@crd.bc.ca or call 629-6982. Remember, we all have an individual responsibility to be prepared for emergencies. Thank you for your vigilance.

Brigitte Prochaska, SGI Emergency Program Coordinator

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Pender Island Field Naturalists

PIFN



Our spring flowers have nearly arrived, so in early April (final date TBD, depending on progress of warm weather) we will have an opportunity to explore their beauty. Calypso Orchids, Blue-eyed Mary, White Fawn Lilies and Broad-leaved Stonecrop, are a few of the many varieties of wildflowers we will see as Bonnie Parks takes us on a guided walk in the Mortimer Spit area. We always see a few surprises, too, be they nesting Canada Geese or some spectacularly twisted Arbutus trees. Due to the fragile environment where the flowers are located, this activity is limited to 10 Pender Island Field Naturalists members only. Contact Bonnie at bonnieparks@shaw.ca or 629-3239 to let us know if you plan to attend. We will meet at 9:30 am in the St. Peter's Church upper parking lot to arrange carpooling.

Join us on April 20 at 7 pm at the Community Hall for a very special event. At that time we are pleased to present award-winning BC ornithologist, author, artist, and speaker, Dr. Rob Butler. For over 40 years, he watched, listened, and lived among birds in the Salish Sea. He followed them to distant lands, met people of varying cultures, and shared his discoveries. What emerged is a new

vision of our relationship with nature. PIFN is privileged to host *The Perfect State*, Rob's latest film, accompanied by a talk on reconnecting with nature and building a sustainable culture. Admission \$5. See advertisement elsewhere in the Pender Post.

Continuing the themes of his presentation the previous evening, renowned naturalist, Dr. Rob Butler, has agreed to lead a morning walk. If you've encountered his bird-related stories on TV, radio, or in print, you know you're in for a memorable, thought-provoking experience. Limited to 15 with priority for PIFN members; non-members will be waitlisted. Pre-registration required at pifn@shaw.ca. The walk will start at 9:30 am at a location to be determined and end about 11:30 am.

On April 21, Pender Island residents will be participating in the 2018 Beach Cleanup. Your Pender Island Field Naturalists will contribute to that effort by again cleaning up Hamilton Beach. Meet Bob Vergette at the Hamilton Beach access at the foot of Oak Road at 9:30 am and we expect to be finished by 11:30 am. To celebrate this effort there will be music, food, and displays at the Medicine Beach Centre parking lot.

Bob Vergette and Simone Marler

Pender Island Garden Club



At the time of writing this I have been unable to confirm the name of the guest speaker for the April 12 meeting, but the proposed subject is Pollination and Pollinators. The meeting is in the Anglican Parish Hall at 1 pm; please bring your coffee cups for refreshments. Members will receive an email prior to the meeting with full details.

On Saturday, April 14 from 10 am - 1 pm the Garden Club will hold its Spring Plant Sale. We will have tables outside as part of the regular market. There will be lots of variety for people to choose from including a huge witch hazel that will be available as well as leopard's bane, roses, shasta daisies, brunnera, raspberries, strawberries, fall asters, heliobores, dahlia tubers, and much more. For our raffle (\$2/ticket, \$10 for 5 tick-

ets or \$20 for 10 tickets) prizes will include items such as Butchart Garden admission tickets.

We would like to thank Karen and Tom Bell, as they have donated a great many plants from their garden so they could be used as a fundraiser for Garden Club. To all you gardeners out there subdividing your plants, why not throw a few into pots and bring to the plant sale. All proceeds go to the Garden Club and help us to pay our expenses for the year, so that we still be able to keep our membership fees down.

Val Butcher

Pender Island Golf and Country Club

PIG&CC



I know that it won't be only golfers who wish for a warmer, drier spring than we had last year!

The club got off to a very slow start in 2017 due to the wet weather so I will keep my fingers crossed that it will be different this year. The pro shop opened a few days earlier than usual (with the Easter weekend occurring at the end of March) but the Ladies' and Men's leagues will once again start the first week of April. The women will play nine holes with a start time of 10 am for the first game on April 3 while the men will jump right into the season by playing 18 holes on April 5. They will be teeing off at 9 am. Both opening days will be followed by lunch at the clubhouse. We are encouraging everyone to use the sign-up sheets, (preferably by the day before) so that the captains can make up the teams and convey to the pro shop how many members will be out on the course and therefore the number of tee times needed.

We are very excited to announce that we have a new restaurant, The Clubhouse Café, opening on May 1. Tricia Finley and Shauna Barry are running this new venture together and we love their ideas and boundless energy. The café will be open for breakfast and lunch Tuesday through Sunday from 8 am to 4 pm. The menu will be posted on the golf club website closer to the opening date. Everyone is welcome.

There will be a new face in the pro shop, Angela Hodgson. She is definitely a "people person," has office experience and loves golf so I know that she will be a great asset to the club. Welcome Ange, we are thrilled to have you on board.

The greens have weathered beautifully over the winter and the course is in great shape, especially so for this time of year due to the hard work of our grounds superintendent Greg Chaster. (The weather co-operated a little bit, much to Greg's relief). And of course the volunteer Monday morning work crew worked hard all winter for their usual cup of coffee and cookies.

This year we would like members as well as the public to book their tee times in advance. I can appreciate that this will take some getting used to, but in time it will become normal behaviour. You can go to our website and book online up to two weeks in advance, or call the pro shop and we will be happy to book you in.

We have a new shipment of clothing for the new season...golf apparel is also great for hiking, kayaking, and camping so come on down to the pro shop to say hello and check things out. We are continuing with unbelievably reasonable green fees, twilight rates, and two-for-one Wednesdays. If you have kids or grandchildren that are interested in golf, our junior membership is probably one of the best deals in BC. If you have any questions about the club or are thinking about becoming a member, please call the pro-shop at 629-6659.

Tournaments and Events for April

- 3 Ladies Opening Day, 9 holes followed by lunch, 10 am start
- 5 Men's Opening Day, 18 holes followed by lunch, 9 am start
- 10 Ladies' Day, 18 holes, 10 am start
- 12 Men's Day, 18 holes, 9 am start
- 17 Ladies Day, 18 holes, 10 am start
- 19 Men's Day, 18 holes, 9 am start
- 24 Ladies Day, 18 holes, 9 am start
- 26 Men's Day, Evans Grimmer Qualifying Round, 9 am start
- 27 Mixed Fun Night, 9 holes followed by dinner - guests welcome, 4 pm

Once again we are looking forward to seeing all of our members and regular players out on the course, as well as welcoming people who are just learning about us as the season progresses.

Golf is 20% mechanics and technique. The other 80% is philosophy, humour, tragedy, romance, melodrama, companionship, camaraderie, cussedness, and conversion.~ Grantland Rice

Michelle Galaugher

Pender Island Newcomers' Club

On March 14, the Newcomers' Club gathered in the Community Hall for chew-and-chat, social time, and a guest speaker. Our membership continues to expand as we welcome more newbies to Pender Island!

Our guest speakers are invited to help us learn more about our community and what it has to offer. This month's guest was Elise Dri, from the Community Paramedics. Since the two positions on Pender have only recently been created by BC Emergency Health Services, our group was very interested to find out just what the program entails. Elise started by reviewing the health services available (the clinic, doctor-on-call, 24/7 ambulance service, public AEDs, etc) and explained that Community Paramedics are to help rural or remote communities that may struggle to get sufficient staff and services, especially with aging or chronically ill populations. Community Paramedics work in conjunction with existing services. Elise also explained the different levels of paramedic training. She spoke about the services she hopes to provide -- primarily education, CPR/First Aid training, in-home visits to people with chronic illness, wellness initiatives, etc. A big upcoming event is the Health Fair, which will be held May 26 at the Community Hall. It will be a great opportunity to find out more. After Elise's presentation, we had a chance to discuss and share some of our own experiences and knowledge on managing health issues on Pender Island. Our health clinic, first responders and paramedics, and pharmacy received rave reviews.

Next meeting is April 11 at 11:45 am and we will meet at Medicine Beach. Advance notice: we are also planning a car rally for May 6. Newcomers' Club welcomes anyone who is new(ish) to Pender Island. It is a fun group of people who want to make friends and learn more about life on Pender. Please come and try us out! Also, check our spiffy cards and welcome sheets at the realty office, the Chamber, the Driftwood notice board, and more.

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

Annie Smith

Pender Island Otters Swim Club

Spring Break is happening right now, but we still have a few stalwart members attending practices over the holidays. On these days, and 'School Fridays,' we keep a few lanes for any of our group who is able to attend, and coaches to give instruction. That way, our adult and homeschooler members can keep swimming if they choose. Our Winter/Spring sessions will end on April 27, and our summer season will start up on May 4. At that time, we will be accepting registrations for swimming through to mid-August, or just for May and June. Anyone wanting information about our swim times and registration information please either contact me, Helen Lemon-Moore, at penderottersswimclub@gmail.com or by visiting our website www.penderislandotters.webs.com. And, lastly, we had to delay our AGM to March 2 instead of February 23, due to storm warnings on that particular Friday. It all worked out in the end, as a whole lot of folks were unable to come on February 23 anyway, but were able to come for the following Friday's meeting. Our thanks to outgoing board members Jennifer McGilivray and Jennifer Simmer. Both had been on our publicity team, and with the club for a number of years. We welcome a few new faces to our board to fill those gaps - Jennifer Kaila takes on the School Representative spot by helping get the notices into the school newsletters, and Jacqui Boone is the recording secretary for the AGM and takes on Summer Swim meet entry registration,

and Alison Ellis is our pool equipment inventory manager. Many thanks to returning board members: John Cowan, Treasurer; Niki Roberts, Club Registrar; Patti Badcock, Publicity/Fall Fair booth; Wendy Lopateki, Club Secretary; and Gerry Moore, Board Member-at-large. And, yes, as predicted, I was voted in for another year as President. Until next month.

Helen Lemon-Moore, President

OF GENERAL INTEREST

Grade 6 Science Fair Project

Light pollution on Pender Island

For our Grade 6 science fair project, we did a study of light pollution on Pender Island and we would like to share what we found out with you. Light pollution is defined as excessive and inappropriate artificial light and here are some of the biggest problems resulting from light pollution:

- When you look up in the sky in some places you can't see any stars or other night sky features such as meteorites, the Northern Lights, satellites, or planes.
- Lights at night can interfere with your regular sleep schedule, leaving you stressed. Studies show that the best sleep is in the dark.
- Unnecessary night lighting is a huge waste of energy! Every time you turn on a 70 watt light bulb, that bulb uses 70 joules of electrical energy to give you the light that it does for each and every second that the lightbulb is on.
- Artificial night lights disturb amphibians' night time activities and interfere with their reproduction.

For our study we tested 12 locations on North Pender Island (Mackinnon Road, the Ferry Terminal, the Golf Course, Clam Bay Road at Clam Bay Farm, Hope Bay Dock, the Library, the Community Hall, the Driftwood Center, the School, the west End of Magic Lake, the Disc Golf Course, and the east end of Magic Lake). We used the Bortle Darkness Scale which measures light pollution on a scale of 1 being darkest and 9

being lightest. Our total average of the 12 places we tested was 3.875, which is closest to the category "rural/suburban transition" on the Bortle Scale.

We also handed out survey sheets to 12 people who live near each testing location to see how, or if, light pollution affects them. We found that 42% of our survey participants thought there was no light pollution problem on Pender, 33% thought there was a little light pollution problem, and 25% of the people thought there was a big light pollution problem on Pender Island.

If you would like to help reduce light pollution on Pender Island here are 3 steps you can take:

- Turn off lights that are not being used.
- Consider installing sky-friendly lights.
- Consider installing lampshades on your outside lights, so the light shines down not up.

Thank-you

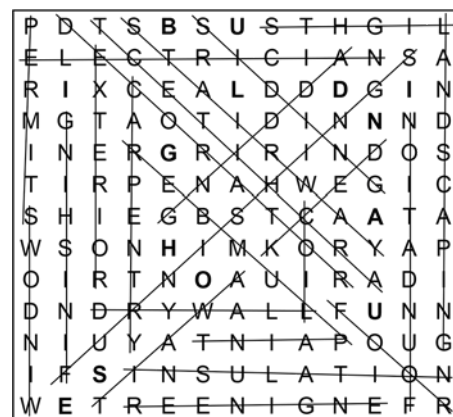
Fionuala Stafford and Isla Goertz

CLASSIFIED AD

Wanted

Kayak storage for 2 kayaks, no other gear. We'd like to be able to launch directly from your property. Our preferred areas are Peter Cove, Medicine Beach or Browning Harbour. We would be willing to pay an agreed upon amount for this opportunity. We have a place on Pender, but not oceanfront. If you are interested, please email Rita and Earl at ejrita@shaw.ca.

Solution to last month's puzzle
Building A House



	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	7.5	2.0	4.8	13.0 on 4 th , 7 th , 8 th	-3 on 19 th - 24 th	56.2	15.4	71.6
Normal	8.7	2.7	5.7	16.0 in 1991	-12.5 in 1998	70.1	6.1	76.2

I do not usually predict the weather, I only record it, but I must pass on an unusual forecast that I have heard for the first day of April. Twenty centimetres of snow in the early morning followed by a serious thunderstorm. These are two very unusual events for Pender Island so I thought I should pass on the information. The chances are that the thunderstorm will wash away the snow by midday.

It rained every day in the last two weeks of January and the rain continued in February for a few days; then we had a dry week and then about the middle of the month we had more rain and a little snow. It snowed again on February 22 and 23. It was a mixed bag and the total precipitation was less than usual for February, but snow quantity was above average.

Temperatures were below average because of a cold spell from February 18 - 23 when the maximum temperature hovered around +3.5°C and the minimum plunged every night to about -3.0°C. On the non-rainy and non-snowy days we had sunshine but we never knew what was coming next. It was still winter and some parts of the country were more aware of that than we were. I must admit that I took a week off island at the end of February so that we could enjoy temperatures around 30°C to 32°C and by the time we got back in early March, our Camelia was blooming and spring was almost here. I hope you all put your clocks ahead one hour on March 11 and not back one hour as I suggested in my last report (that must have been a typographical error!).

April is always a variable month as we progress from winter to summer. Maximum temperatures may reach the mid to high twenties. Night temperatures will be cool but I have only recorded three times when the temperature was below zero and only one year when we had snow in April. Rainfall in April has ranged from 9.6 to 111.9 but both of these extremes were exceptional and the

normal is about 50 mm. Our rainy season is almost over. The hummingbirds and swallows have returned and many birds are busy building nests. Take care when you are tidying up the yard not to destroy the habitat of ground nesting birds. We lost the pheasants many years ago and the quail were banished more recently but there are still towhees.

Did you know that April 22 is Earth Day and it is said to be the most celebrated non-religious day in the world. It should be a good day to enjoy yourself in the garden feeling that good earth. It is an easy date to remember because it is the day before St George's Day and of course you would know that date, also well known as the date of the birth and death of Shakespeare. The publishers of my diary forgot to name this important occasion even though they have noted some other patron saint in March. I must try to remember to hoist St George's flag on his day.

As a seaman I am well aware that April 15, 1912 was the day when Titanic hit an iceberg and sank. Not really weather related unless visibility was a factor, although icebergs are not easy to see at night until they are very close. It is interesting to hear that right now there are about 400 icebergs in the north Atlantic and that is five times as many as is usual at this time of year. This is due to the current prevailing winds and partly due to Global warming. These icebergs are causing many ships to slow down and take alternate routes, which the Titanic did not do. There have been no serious collisions between ships and icebergs reported this year.

If you want a change in climate, not very far away, consider Prince Rupert. According to Environment Canada, who should know, that city has the most rain (three times our average), the least sunshine, the fewest sunny days and the cloudiest skies year-round in Canada. Not much snow by Canadian standards but more than we have on Pender Island.

Malcolm Armstrong

PENDER POST PAST

April 1988

One of the very first articles in the "Of General Interest" section was a notice of a new bus service from Port Wash via Hope Bay to Gowland Point, and a new water taxi service to Salt Spring Island on an hourly basis. Further details were said to be found in the first entry in the calendar. The first calendar entry was "April 1 Good Friday and April Fools Day." Luckily for us many years later, we are getting closer to bus service thanks to all the volunteers who make it possible.

The Pender Island Choristers were presenting a Spring concert in the Community Centre on April 23 while the Pender Island Theatre Society was presenting Treasure Island on April 30 at the Community Centre. Remember the present Community Centre was not built at this time and the Community Centre referred to the school.

Bedwell Harbour Resort (now the site of Poets Cove) was opening the new Top-siders Restaurant.

The Scouting movement was well represented on Pender with Beavers, Cubs and Sea Scouts. The Guides and Brownies also had a busy time with visits to camps. As an ex-cub leader, 4 years, I know how hard all those leaders worked to make the Scouting movement fun for the kids and young teens involved.

For \$105,000 you could buy a new log home on Privateers Rd with appliances. \$115,000 got you a 2 bdrm. oceanfront in Boat Nook. Wish I had known about Pender back then when I was living in Alberta. But then I probably would have been labelled "a speculator" for buying my retirement home ahead of retirement.

Val Butcher

The Pender Post

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES 2018

The Pender Post Society

The Pender Post is published once a month as a non-profit service to the community. Those who buy an annual subscription to *The Pender Post* and are residents here, are automatically members of the Pender Post Society. The Board of Directors of the Pender Post Society meets monthly and is comprised of representatives from the various non-profit clubs and societies on the island. To send a new representative, please contact Annie Smith at annie-smith@shaw.ca.

Deadline

Deadline is 9 am on the 20th, except December 19. If you cannot e-mail your material and the Dockside Realty office is closed at the deadline, please call 250-629-2215.

Submitting Reports

Please keep the formatting simple:

- use font Times New Roman, 11 point
- no upper case type, bolding, colour, or underlining
- no paragraph indents or first line indent
- no headers or footers
- only press "Return" or "Enter" between paragraphs
- limit your submission to 500 words
- do not submit your article as a PDF.
- type calendar entries at the top of your report.

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Organizations may thank volunteers who have helped at events or fundraisers, but if they wish to publish a lengthy list thanking all individuals or sponsors, this must be done using a paid display ad.

Corrections

If you need to make a correction, **do not send a replacement report**; rather just indicate exactly where the corrections need to be made.

No Charge

There is no charge for remembrance, birth, wedding or special anniversary announcements for people with a Pender Island connection.

Calendar

Calendar listings for non-commercial events or fundraising events sponsored by registered Pender Island non-profit groups are free. A one-line listing for a commercial event may be purchased for \$5 if not accompanied by a display ad. Payment must accompany the request. Calendar listing must fit on one line. To place an event in the calendar, the date, time and the name of the event must appear separately from the report.

Photos

Photos should be of high resolution, at least 300 pixels per inch, with good focus and contrast. Please e-mail your image as a PDF or a high resolution JPG. Include the name of the photographer and a suggested caption.

Editorial Policy

We reserve the right to edit and abridge all submissions, and to correct spelling and grammatical errors. Canadian spelling is used whenever possible. Views expressed are those of the authors, not those of the Editor, the Editorial Board, nor any member of the Pender Post Society's Board of Directors.

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ADVERTISING GUIDELINES 2018

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On-Island Advertisers (those for whom Pender Island is their principal residence) may submit up to four blocks per business in the front section.

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- ads will be full colour converted to CMYK colour
- all graphics and the final product needs to be a minimum of 300 dots per inch
- colour ads are due by the 17th of the month
- all text to be converted to "outlines" or "curves."

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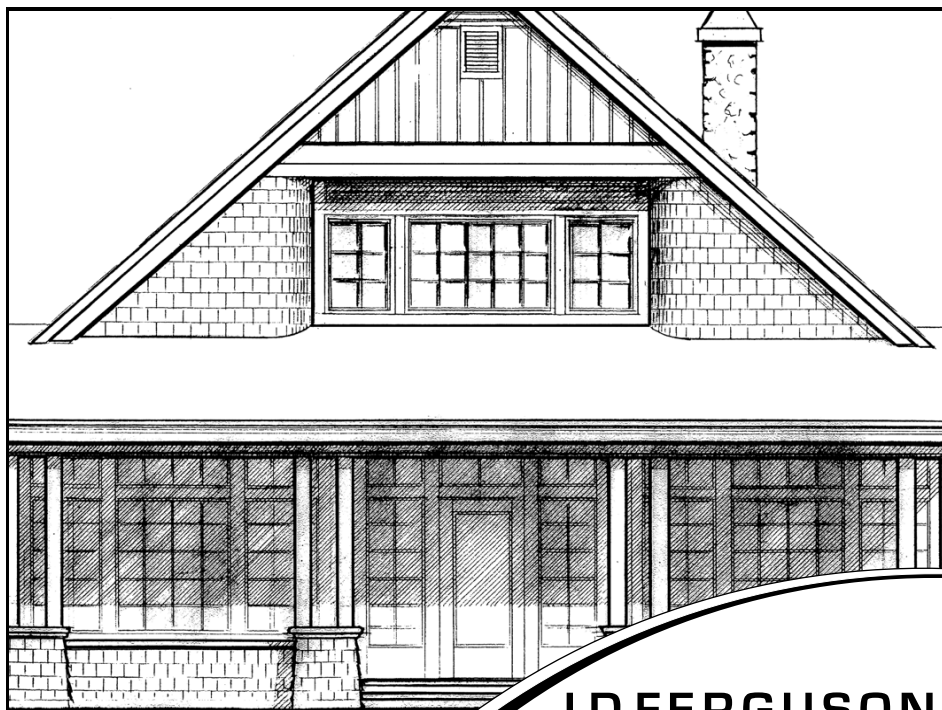
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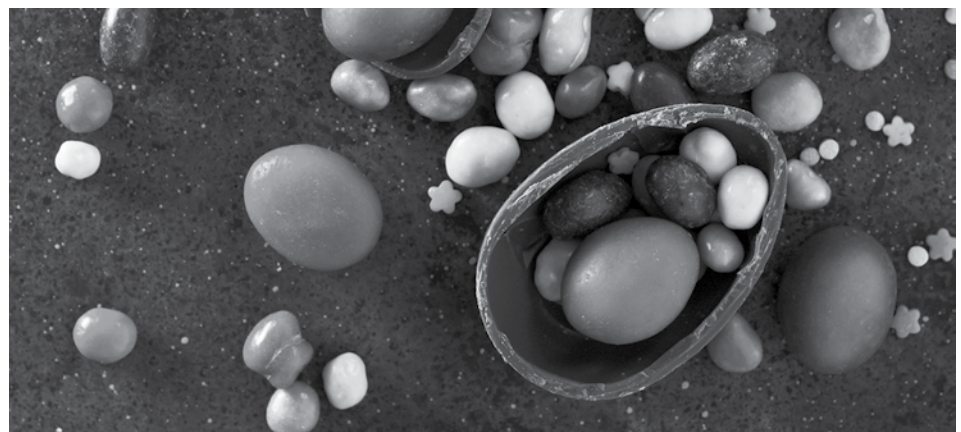
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		11:15 am	MYI: Gentle Yoga with Ella, Community Hall*	18
		12:30 pm	MYI: Yoga for Men with Lester, Community Hall*	18
2	Wed	7:00 pm	Pender Island Fire Protection Society AGM, Fire Hall #1	30
3	Thu	9:45 am	MYI: Moderate ZUMBA with Jacquie, Community Hall*	18
		11:15 am	MYI: Gentle Yoga with Ella, Community Hall*	18
6	Sun		Newcomers' Club is planning a Car Rally	50
8	Tue	7:00 pm	PICA AGM, Community Hall	
11	Fri	7:00 pm	Community Choir presents <i>Together, We Sing</i> , Saturday, 7 pm, and Sunday 2 pm, Community Hall	10
19	Sat	9:00 am	GSRBC's Giant Garage Sale to 3 pm, and Sunday to 2 pm, 37259 Schooner Way	21
27	Sun	5:00 pm	Pender Solstice Theatre AGM, home of Gregory and Julia Nicholls	14

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Buccaneers	Masthead	Anchor	Buccaneers	Clinic & School	Driftwood Shopping	Community Hall	Southridge & Hardware	Port Wash & Otter Bay Rd	Ferry Terminal	Library & Nu-to-Yu	Hope Bay (corner)	Community Hall	Driftwood Shopping	Clinic & School	Buccaneers
FRIDAYS (April 1 to April 30, 2018)															
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12:40p	12:45p	12:50p	12:55p	1:00p	1:05p	1:10p	bus stays at Hall					1:35p	1:40p	1:45p	1:50p
1:50p	1:55p	2:00p	2:05p	2:10p	2:15–2:20p	2:25p	direct to ferry		2:30–2:45p	2:50p	2:55p	3:00p	3:05–3:30p	3:35p	3:40p
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9:10a	9:15a	9:20a	9:25a	9:30a	9:35–9:50a	9:55a	bus turns around at Hall					9:55a	10:00a	10:05a	10:10a
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9911 Craddock Rd	\$549,000.00
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3804 Pirates Rd	\$448,800.00
3722 Bosun Way	\$349,000.00
47290 Schooner Way	\$79,000.00
2618 Yardarm Rd	\$255,500.00
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8808 Canal Rd	\$675,000.00
2705 Yawl Rd	\$735,000.00
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4609 Sailor Rd	\$295,000.00
1638 Schooner Way	\$420,000.00
4740 Bosun Way	\$108,000.00

PENDER SALES & LISTINGS

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

2017 PENDER SALES By Price

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

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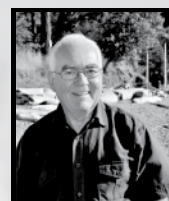
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MLS# 376962 *\$990,000 - 4210 Armadale Road

*Indicates last MLS list price

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

T	E	M	E	R	A	L	D	N	O	M	L	A
U	P	L	A	T	I	N	U	M	E	A	T	E
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U	R	U	S	T	A	N	G	E	R	I	N	E
N	A	V	Y	J	R	I	T	S	E	R	O	F

Word List

Almond	Grey	Red
Aqua	Indigo	Rust
Aquamarine	Jade	Sea
Auburn	Khaki	Sky
Black	Magenta	Tan
Champagne	Mauve	Tangerine
Chestnut	Navy	Teak
Ecru	Orange	Teal
Eggplant	Peach	Turquoise
Emerald	Periwinkle	
Forest	Persimmon	
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Three money-saving simple tax tips for all investors

DO YOU KNOW WHICH INVESTMENT DECISIONS CAN HELP YOU KEEP MORE OF YOUR MONEY? IF YOU HAVE A REGISTERED RETIREMENT SAVINGS PLAN (RRSP), TAX-FREE SAVINGS ACCOUNT (TFSA) OR OTHER INVESTMENT, OUR THREE SIMPLE TAX TIPS COULD IMPROVE YOUR FINANCIAL PICTURE.

Before you file your 2018 taxes, consider:

1. REMOVING U.S. STOCKS FROM YOUR TFSA.

Most of the time, the returns in your Tax-Free Savings Account are just that: tax-free. But if your investment contains U.S. and foreign dividends (including U.S. stocks and/or Canadian mutual funds or exchange-traded funds [ETFs] that own U.S. stocks), you can expect a withholding tax to apply to your TFSA.

In a Registered Savings Plan (RSP), the withholding tax is waived and in a non-registered account you get to claim it as a deduction, but in a TFSA the withholding tax is lost. Consider this leakage factor when deciding if or how to include U.S. stocks in your investment portfolio.

2. SWITCHING YOUR GUARANTEED INVESTMENT CERTIFICATES TO RRSPs, AND MOVING STOCKS AND MUTUAL FUNDS OUTSIDE YOUR RSP.

When you have a GIC, all the interest you earn is taxed at your “marginal rate” – the tax bracket you fit in based on your pre-tax annual income. Stocks and mutual funds, on the other hand, typically pay half as much tax for the same gain. So if you own both, the lesson is: GIC’s in your RSP, stocks and mutual funds outside.

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Pender Island, BC

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Hope Bay Studio | Sunday April 15, 2018 | 1:00-2:30pm

Cost: \$1 - \$2 for covering the cost of the studio.

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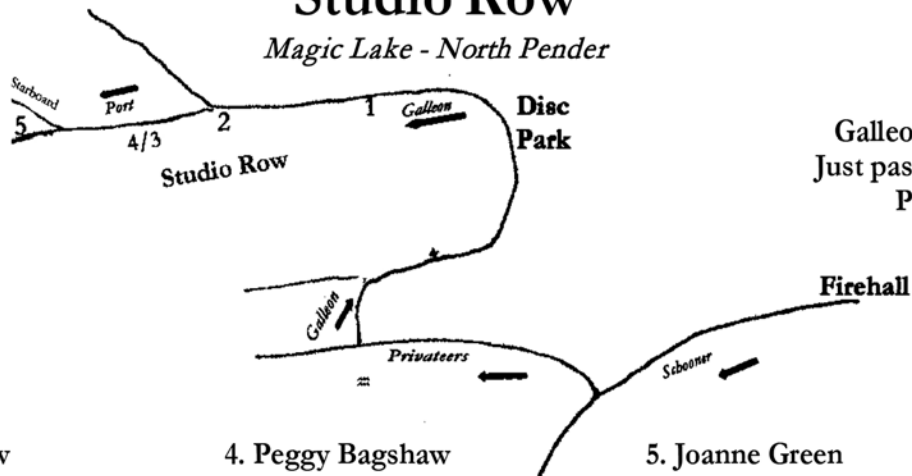
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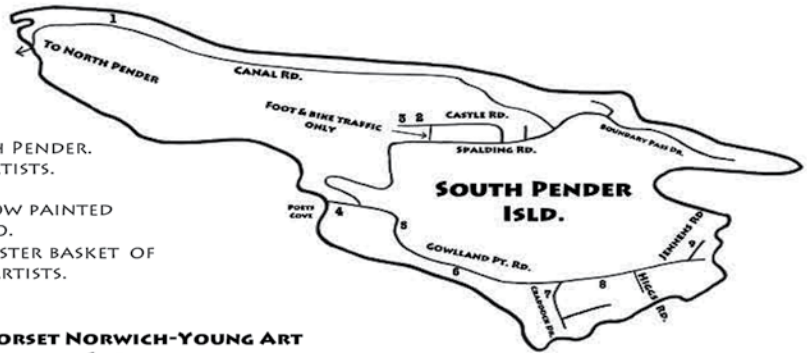


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- live interviews with key speakers: Environmental Law and WSÁNEĆ Culture
- introductions to artists projects investigating 'ownership'
- come share your (amusing or complicated) stories of owning property and/or tell us about a small item that has an unusual chain of ownership.

Clouded title is a series of artworks and discussions about ownership – its ambiguities, histories, and areas of contestation, especially in relation to land. Forms of claim-making and different landholding models, especially those emphasizing social and ecological relationships over private possession, are explored. The project is led by Emily Artinian, artist and founder of Street Road Artists Space (Pennsylvania), and Fawn Daphne Plessner, artist and academic (Pender).

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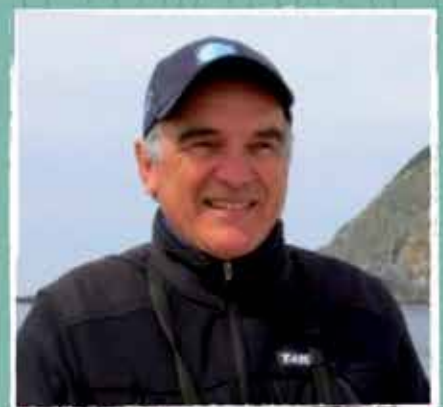
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Friday, April 20 at 7pm

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