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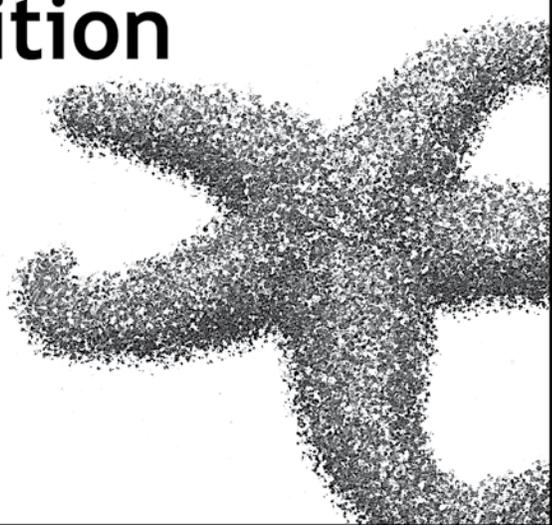
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COVER PHOTO

The photo of choice this month is the daffodil as it represents spring and the Canadian Cancer Society. To read more about the daffodil by Mike Wiley, go to www.penderpost.org or to **page 50**.

SPECIAL NOTICES

Susan Duplan

The Gift of Life



If you or someone you know would like to give the Gift of Life by donating a kidney, please continue reading.

I was diagnosed with a rare disease almost three years ago. After six months of chemotherapy I have needed to go on dialysis, resulting in a limited quality of life. A new kidney would not only change my life completely, but save my life.

The home dialysis I am currently on only works for a certain length of time before I must go onto Hemodialysis. At that point I will have to leave Pender to live in Victoria. Closer to the hospital, but sadly away from the family I adore.

Please feel free to contact me at 629-3448 or email me at susan@susanduplan.com if you would like to know more.

Susan Duplan

Pender Island Walking Group

Let's go Walking

Are you feeling sluggish and so done with this winter? Are you new to Pender and interested in getting to know others while exploring our beautiful roads, trails, and viewpoints? Do you have visitors to the island interested in a hike, but don't know where to send



them? Do you want to go walking but need that extra bit of motivation that walking with a group can provide? Then the Pender Island walking group may be just what you are looking for!

We meet every Monday and Friday at 9:25 am in the upper parking lot behind St. Peter's Anglican Church. We then decide on a route, and carpool from there to our destination. Typical walks last about 1.5 hours, and include all types of terrain. Occasionally we plan an off-island walk. Let's go walking!

Carol Davis, 629-9959

World Day of Prayer

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Action,” and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The movement aims to bring together women of various races, cultures, and traditions in a yearly common Day of Prayer, as well as in closer fellowship, understanding, and action throughout the year.

The movement started in the USA in 1887, expanded to Canada in 1922, and eventually to many other lands. Through the World Day of Prayer, women are encouraged to become aware of other countries and cultures and no longer live in isolation. They are also encouraged to take up the burdens of other people, to sympathize with the problems of other countries and cultures, and pray with and for them. Each year, worship services focus on a different country and specific theme. World Day of Prayer National/Regional Committees of that country prepare the order of worship on these themes to be used on the next World Day of Prayer. On the first Friday of March, then, in services all over the world that country becomes the focus of prayer and understanding.

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Judy Neil

Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

This month we were very grateful to finally have the opportunity to view the film *Finding Dawn*. It is a very moving documentary dealing with a very difficult topic. We learn about the lives of several indigenous women and girls who were missing or had been murdered, their lives affected by the long-term impact of colonization and the attitudes toward native women that have resulted.

Beyond the statistics, the film introduces you to the families affected by this crisis and describes how they are still dealing with their losses many years later. Although the topic is obviously distressing, there are some glimmers of hope that shine through. We are introduced to women who have overcome abusive childhoods and some very strong women working with their communities to make a change. We saw people drawing together as a community to remember and support one another working toward creating a society that values indigenous women as equal and

deserving of respect.

If you weren’t able to come to the meeting, the film can be viewed on the National Film Board of Canada website.

At our next meeting we will be discussing *Insight on 10 Myths about Indigenous Peoples*.

Myths about Indigenous Peoples are varied but many have the common theme that Indigenous Peoples “have it easy”. Who hasn’t heard comments such as: they need to get over it; there’s no connection between Indigenous unemployment and Indigenous health and social problems; they don’t pay taxes in Canada; they’re all the same; or Residential schools are ancient history.

It is important to speak up when you hear falsehoods being repeated. This reading provides some tools to educate ourselves with the realities so we can counter the myths with facts.

The writings we will discuss can be found at <https://www.ictinc.ca/blog/insight-on-10-myths-about-indigenous-peoples> or by entering “Insight on 10 myths about Indigenous Peoples” in your browser. There are other resources



Saturday, March 7th
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that will come up about Myths, check them out too!

Please join us on March 18, from 4 - 6 pm, Anglican Parish Hall, to discuss the information provided and share some of your own ideas.

Susan Parr

Cramming for the Finals

What is Cramming for the Finals and who should attend?

For the past several months, a keen group of Penderites has been busily putting together a symposium to explore how the Pender community can support island residents in navigating the end of life's journey on Pender.

Entitled *Crammin' for the Finals: a compassionate community's response to the end of life's journey*, the symposium will take place evening of Friday, April 3 and all day Saturday, April 4 at the Anglican Parish Hall, Pender Island. (Please see the ad on **page 63.**)

Our volunteer organizing committee represents a variety of age groups and interests, all focused on what our community does now, what it could do

and how other communities support their members facing this important part of the life cycle. End of life may seem a depressing topic, but our committee has found great joy in recognizing what a compassionate community Pender Island already is and considering how we could be even more so.

Typical of Pender, we have found experts on this topic in our midst. Pender resident Sandra Ollsin has studied and practiced in the fields of death, dying, and bereavement for many years and is currently completing a book on the topic. More about Sandra here <https://www.participatorypluralism.com/>

As our keynote speaker at the Saturday symposium session, here is what Sandra says on the topic: *When we think of death and the needs of the dying holistically, rather than from a strictly medical perspective, we can take back power - honouring the spiritual dimension and supporting people who may, for example, wish to die at home, and be remembered at home funerals or wakes. In doing so we may find ways in which the community can make a qualitative difference, one that enables*

people to take the lead and make their own choices, including ones that are more environmentally friendly than the traditional route.

Jim Cribb is a photographer, writer, filmmaker, and co-founder (with his wife, Andrea) of Dexiny Productions, dedicated to exploring the sacredness of life through the arts. Jim's film, *Death by Joy*, a candid story of one woman's choice to find joy in dying and her unforgettable discoveries along the way, will be shown at 6:30 pm Friday evening to kick off the symposium. Jim will be there to lead a post-screening discussion about the transformative effect that family, community, and healthcare practitioners can have on our inevitable journey. More at www.deathbyjoy.com.

The Saturday session will continue with the overarching theme of looking at death as a human-centred experience in which the community has a role to play.

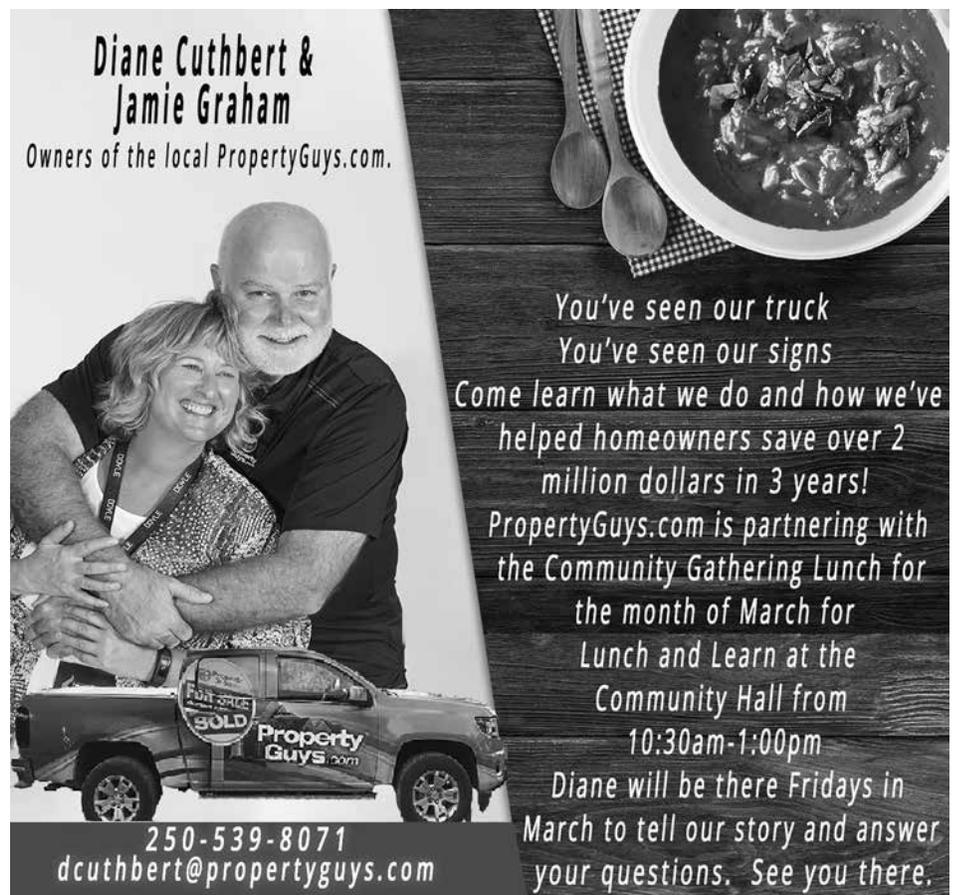
It will start with a welcome from Selilye (Belinda) Claxton, a Tsawout Elder known to Pender, who we are hoping will share with us how her community has traditionally supported the dying.



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Community health workers will highlight what is already offered, identify where they see gaps, and share their insights about how the community can make a difference.

Eric Partridge, rector at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Sidney, will present his thesis research on loneliness and reflect on its implications for how community can support people experiencing loneliness at the end of their lives.

The spiritual support that music and visual art can give at the end of life's journey will be explored and demonstrated.

Through hearing stories of Pender residents who have lost loved ones and experience-mapping in small groups, the day will be grounded in the actual needs of people going through the end-of-life experience.

And finally, there will be lots of room for discussion among symposium attendees. The intent of the day is not to come up with a definitive plan but to open up a space for discussion and brainstorming to see what directions we

might take as a community.

Here's what the symposium is not

The end of life journey is of course a very big topic and there are certain areas that we do not plan to examine too deeply at this symposium, although we are happy for any topics to be tabled. For example, we will not be delving, in detail, into medical assistance in dying (MAID). The symposium is also not intended as a grief group.

Who should attend?

You! If you are a Pender resident and interested in how you can be part of a compassionate community's response to the end of life journey, then this symposium is for you! After all, we are all "Crammin' for the Finals!"

The event is being organized by a diverse group of interested Pender residents and is partially funded by a grant from the Anglican Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands from the Diocese of British Columbia, Ptarmigan Arts, and Pender Islands Health Centre/United Way.

The organizing group welcomes the input of Penderites and would be pleased to answer any questions. Members of the committee are: Jane Morley, Linda Oglov, Marion Alksne, Lauren Mann, Ellen Willingham, Jim Cribb, Erin Pauch, and Sandra Ollsin.

Tickets are \$20 each, which includes both the April 3 and 4 events, including lunch on April 4. (Anyone wishing to have the ticket price subsidized, should please contact us). We invite all members of the community to register at bit.ly/cramminsymposium or purchase tickets at Talisman Books & Gallery.

For more information, please contact Linda Oglov, linda@oglov.com or 604-787-9829 or Lauren Mann, lauren@ptarmiganarts.org or 250-222-0804.

Lauren Mann

Pender Island Co-Housing Initiative

Are you interested in reducing the size of your housing, sharing resources, reducing your environmental imprint, knowing your neighbours, and together creating a community of shared ownership, relationship, and support? If so, you can join the conversation about creating a co-housing community here on Pender Island.

Co-housing is a concept that came to North America in 1988 from Denmark where it emerged in the early 1960s. It describes neighbourhoods that combine the autonomy of private dwellings with the advantages of shared resources and community living.

Residents own their individual dwellings (perhaps 500 to 1500 square feet) which are clustered around a "common house" with shared amenities. These amenities may include kitchen/dining room, living room, children's playroom, workshops, guest rooms, home office support, arts and crafts area, laundry, and more. The physical design encourages a sense of community as well as maintaining the option for privacy.

Cohousing residents participate in the land purchase, including rezoning applications, planning, design, ongoing management, and maintenance of their community.

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We would copy several cohousing groups which have successfully developed some units in their communities as non-market affordable housing and have qualified for Seed Funding to help them achieve that.

If you are interested in learning more about Co-housing, visit the website for the Canadian Co-housing Network.

If you are interested in co-housing on Pender, please call Jule Roper at 629-6579. A meeting will be held at my home 4324 Clam Bay Road on Friday, April 17 from 3 - 5 pm. If you are able, it is best to park at Hope Bay and walk up to my home.

Jule Roper

Prairie meets Pender

Yes! The students of Westgate Mennonite Collegiate in Winnipeg are making their third visit to beautiful Pender Island to share music and celebrate with the Pender Community! The concert will have a wide variety of singing and playing in various styles - from upbeat swing tunes, to beautiful choral singing, a small vocal jazz ensemble, and a brand new commission for wind ensemble entitled Portrait, which is heartfelt tribute to my mother, Eleanor Brownlee, who suddenly left us in early June. The piece is ethereal, with soundscapes of the Salish Sea, deep longing, and an introspective optimism.

We had the piece commissioned for the Westgate Senior Band by the wonderful British composer, Peter Meechan. When commissioning the work, I had in mind this concert on Pender Island as a way to celebrate Eleanor, who adored the Pender community. The piece is a musical tribute to her and the stunning and delicate ecosystem of the Salish Sea, which she loved and worked to preserve and protect.

The students from Winnipeg are very excited to experience a taste of the beautiful island lifestyle! Many have not been to the Salish Sea, and are spending some time not only preparing their music, but also looking at the unique environment and web of nature in the Southern Gulf Islands. While on Pender we will collaborate with the Pender Island School kids, sharing music together. Perhaps we will find a chance to get out on the water for a close up look at the marine life? We find that visiting and performing with our brothers and sisters across the country is the best way to learn about each other and together work for a healthy relationship with our earth.

We would love you to join us for our concert on Friday, April 24 at 7:30 pm at the Pender School. It promises to be a fabulous night of music and celebration! There is no cost for entry - all are welcome!

*Ross Brownlee and the students
and staff from Westgate Collegiate
in Winnipeg*

CELEBRATION OF LIFE

Gudrun Pauline Wight

Gudrun, a long time Pender Island Resident passed away November 16, 2019. Together, with her husband Frank, they retired to Pender Island in 1978 from Calgary where they lived happily until Frank passed away in 2008. A family graveside gathering was held at Hatley Memorial Gardens in Victoria in late November. The family will be having a Celebration of Life on March 28 from noon to 3:30 pm at the Pender Island Legion. Please come and share your memories of Gudrun.

Anita Malovec



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REMEMBERING

Anna Elizabeth Bachmeier

October 18, 1928-January 24, 2020

Anna was born in Avonlea, Saskatchewan; she was the oldest of three girls. The family moved to Vancouver when she was 17. Anna married Jake Bachmeier in 1951. She and Jake spent the next 40 years living



in Vancouver, Richmond, and Big Lake until retiring on Pender Island in 1992.

Always a woman who appreciated community, Anna quickly became involved with the Legion's Ladies Auxiliary, several card groups, and the Roman Catholic Parish.

Anna was predeceased by her husband Jake and her two sisters Irma and Elsie.

Anna is survived by her five children, Tony (Vicky), Steve, Carol, Peter (Karen), Sharon (Rick). Anna also has left nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. Anna was very loved and will be sadly missed not only by her family but all those who had the opportunity to know her.

Anna's wish to pass at home was made possible by the outstanding care she received not only from her doctors, nurses, and community health but also her family who truly made it possible for Anna to remain at home. Deepest gratitude and thank you to all.

In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to the Pender Island Health Care Society.

The Bachmeier family

Shirley "Max" Brand

October 20, 1922-January 19, 2020



On a sunny day in August, 1967 Shirley ("Max") pulled a VW van away from a curb in Hamilton, Ontario and headed west. Packed with kids and powered on a wing and a prayer, the van headed across the Prairies, over the mountains, and came to rest beside the Pacific Ocean. Four years earlier Shirley had decided to re-set her family's future. She updated her high school graduation to include maths and sciences, attending the same school as two of her children, and went on to graduate with top honours as a medical lab technician.

Launching a new career at Royal Jubilee Hospital in Victoria, Shirley settled the family in Saanich. It took some years and a few more VWs to get five kids through school and build a retirement nest egg but by 1981 Shirley was poised



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to make another “good decision” - to purchase a piece of land, design a simple house, and move full-time to Pender Island where two of her kids already had homes and a third would come later.

Shirley quickly made friends as the “mobile vampire” collecting blood from house-bound patients on the Penders and driving it to Saanich Peninsula Hospital for analysis. She spent happy hours volunteering at the Nu-To-Yu, affixing labels on *The Pender Post*, finishing crochet and smocking projects for the judges’ review at the annual Pender Island Fall Fair and, most every week, spending several hours with dear friends playing bridge. All the while, there was wood to be chopped and a garden to tend at her new home.

The island paradise quickly became a magnet for family and friends. Visitors, especially grandchildren and great-grandchildren, learned the meaning of being on Pender time. To the grandchildren, everything about Pender was a Wonder of the World: the ferry ride, the purple-starfished shoreline, the Nu-To-Yu, the frisbee golf course, apple pie for breakfast and, of course, time with Grandma.

In a sentiment echoed by others and enjoyed anew with her own children, grandchild Kelby remembers: “We always looked forward to going to Pender because it meant giving up TV and using our imagination. We would make nets out of old bits of fabric and hangers, then go down to Thieves Bay to catch shrimp while we waited to see if we could trap any crabs. We could walk through the forest trails to play frisbee golf and come back to warm up with a cozy fire, learn to crochet, play cribbage,

and bake pie.” Virginia remembers getting more than they bargained for one day when they pulled up a giant Sunflower Starfish which they quickly returned to the sea. Devon remembers: “Once we moved a dresser away from a wall outside Grandma’s house and we saw a huge spider. Grandma said it was the biggest spider she had ever seen. I thought that at her age of about 80 and living on Pender for so many years that it must have been the biggest spider that I would ever see in my lifetime.” Other grandchildren have their own special memories.

Resourceful, open-minded, and kind. My mother liked living this way. She loved that Pender Island gave her this opportunity. Grandchild Heather left this poem after a visit:

*A cabin in the woods
A hot pot of tea
A wood fire blazing
And the CBC
The meaning of life
I have found in thee.*

So much more could be said about my mother - her skill at cryptic crosswords, her dazzling ability to explain complex things simply, her love of learning about pretty much everything, her appetite for travel, her loyalty to her beloved Blue Jays, her delight in championing off-beat ways of doing things. Her cheerful determination to turn challenge into opportunity and adversity into resilience was an inspiration to us all. For grandchild Krista “Max’s greatest gift to me was to cultivate my own confident spirit simply by believing in my abilities no matter the challenge.”



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Shirley passed away on January 19 at the age of 97, feeling content and lucky with a life well lived.

The family has established a scholarship to honour Mom's courage 50-plus years ago when she took a bold decision that reset the future for her family. Donations can be made to "ReSet the Future," through the Camosun College Foundation to assist others doing the same for their families.

Forever in our hearts.

Cynthia Whitaker

THE ARTS

Pender Island Art Society

PIAS



There were three PIAS-sponsored art sessions led by local artists since the last the last issue of *The Pender Post*. Kim Van Steenberg, on January 20, provided instruction in the use of alcohol inks to create visual art. She demonstrated the

basic technique and participants learned how alcohol moves the paints to create unique designs. Kim demonstrated how to achieve loose flowers, landscapes, and abstract designs. It was a great opportunity to learn a new medium, materials, and skills.

Malcolm Armstrong led a session on "perspective in art" February 3, which entailed practice in drawing with pencil, pen, or charcoal. We have been doing a number of classes involving perspective, but Malcolm emphasized a slightly different aspect. He taught that the angle a line takes in a drawing is based on its position relative to the eye-level of the artist. This concept is very important in creating a realistic drawing.

On Monday, February 17, Grace Frate led a well-attended pastel class. As usual, Grace came with a "Tickle Trunk" of supplies and materials and it's fascinating to watch her demonstrate as she builds up pastels into quickly recognizable objects. As well, students did pastels from life as they worked from early blossom cuttings. Thanks to Kim, Malcolm, and Grace for taking the time to prepare to lead a group, share resources, and simply be there for

all of us.

March will bring Kelly Leroux starting us off with a session on acrylic painting. Kelly has mastered a number of techniques in her work from beautifully detailed realistic pieces to soft, misty beach scenes; it should be a great session. As a great follow up to that, Sarah Gayle will be leading an acrylic workshop all day on March 14, 10 am to 4 pm, at Hope Bay Bible Camp. She's titled the workshop "View from Pender" and it will focus on a Tom Thompson inspired piece with backlit sun shining through. Those scenes are common yet so inspiring in our neck of the woods and being able to recreate the essence of that will be a wonderful skill to have. The cost will be \$45 for members and \$55 for non-members.

Finally, there will be a still-life drawing session on March 16. There's no actual leader for this class; rather Ron Underhill and Lawrence Haave felt we could simply have a practice session. Everyone is encouraged to bring an interesting object to draw and we'll move around drawing the various bits that appeal to us. It'll also be an

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Liam playing his viola at the Saturna Cafe

opportunity to critique, and share tips and our own struggles if we wish, but the focus is to practice really looking and drawing.

Hard to believe, but Peter Pare has already started the planning for our May show, "A Brush with Spring." It'll be held on the May long weekend, Saturday, May 16, and Sunday, May 17. Mark your calendars and start thinking about what you'd like to exhibit!

Brenda Sledzinski, Secretary



Pender Island Celtic Music Society



The Pender Highlanders Ceilidh Band features their newest member, fiddle player Liam Husk. Liam comes to us steeped in maritime folklore, having been born into a music-loving family in St. John's, NL, in the same hospital which welcomed his father into the world. His mother's piano playing and his father's flute and guitar resounded through their home and community as he grew up. The first instrument he



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picked up was a penny whistle which he won at a 'guess the right answer' quiz at age four. Some time after his family moved to southern Ontario, he followed in his father's 'flutesteps' and learned that instrument by ear, which remained his preferred method of learning, in spite of four years of lessons in piano, clarinet, and guitar.

Liam was living in Ottawa when a close friend left for Europe, gifting him her cherished violin. This was a pivotal moment, transitioning from flute and whistle to violin. For fifteen years, he busked his way through parts of Canada, the States, and Europe, chatting up a storm with the locals, picking up musical tips from other performers along the way, and honing his talent.

In 2014, he came west for work, first to Alberta and then to BC. It was cabin-building that got him to the Gulf Islands, first on Saturna and then, two years ago, Pender. Working toward securing his carpentry papers, he got a job with Paul Hamson Construction. Paul, recognizing Liam's talent, invited him to a Ceilidh Band practice, where he was welcomed with open arms, just

in time to help us out with our June 2019 performance at the Vancouver Scottish Cultural Centre. Right around that time, Liam stepped out and invested \$1000 in a semi-classical violin, solidifying his instrumental focus and allowing him to learn more complicated songs. You may wonder about the difference between a classical violin and a fiddle. It's the bridge, which supports the strings, says Liam; it's higher on the classical and lower on a fiddle, resulting in a distinctively different sound as the bow is drawn across the strings.

When asked about highlights of his ceilidh career so far, Liam says the whole experience of playing with the band gives him a high. After years of wandering, so to speak, he has found a place which provides some structure and discipline (i.e. sheet music). Both his parents gave him an appreciation for a variety of musical traditions: classical, local folk tunes, Broadway musicals, Eastern European. What's his favorite? Like his mom, he loves to play Irish jigs and reels. There's one word that sums up this guy...he's versatile. Oh yes, and did we say?...he played the bodhran in a

band in Newfoundland.

As for challenges, Liam admits to the most common of challenges known to performers: stage fright, which he's willing to put up with for the joy of playing with a group. Welcome to the band, Liam, and happy St. Patrick's Day, just around the corner.

Marie Dion

Pender Island Community Choir

For the Celts in Ireland, it's Ostara, after the Old English Goddess Eostra. In Thailand it's Songkran, from the Sanskrit for 'astrological passage.' For us, it's the Spring equinox, as we look forward to light and new growth. On Pender, part of spring celebrations is the Community Choir Spring Concert. Rehearsals are well underway - mark your calendars with the dates May 1-3. Director Steph Jackson has chosen a variety of traditional, spiritual, gospel, pop, and international songs to reflect the theme of Peace - very timely in our world today. The choir will be joined by other musicians so it will be a joyous, reflective celebration. Steph and Sabrina are working with the very talented youth choirs, who will also be performing in the concert. Tickets will be on sale at the beginning of April at Talisman Books & Gallery.

Previous choir singers who have not yet returned their music from the Fall session, please drop off in the folder in the Community Box at Dockside Realty, Driftwood.

Happy Spring Equinox, Songkran, Nowruz - or however you celebrate it!

*Terry Shepherd,
Communications Liaison*

Pender Island Concert Society

On February 9, Marcel and Elizabeth Bergmann of the Bergmann Piano Duo thrilled our Pender Island audience with their virtuosity, their impressive musical program, incredible stage presence, and intimate connection with the audience. Incredibly, these consummate professionals never missed a note despite having, at times, to cope

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Izzy, Soley, and Ben McConchie, photo by Carole Elliott

with a runaway piano! The following morning, their performance for the students of Pender Island School was equally exciting, educational, and engaging.

When the Youth Choir was unable to perform as planned for the Sunday afternoon concert, Ben McConchie was able to arrange for Soley MacDonald-Lapp and Izzy Muir to sing pre-concert and at intermission. Soley and Izzy, who had won a place in the top 10 in Canada in the CBC Music Class Challenge, were happy to perform for our audience as part of our program of encouraging young local artists. Their talent was very evident and won much applause from our audience.

Our final concert of the season will be:

Roots and Grooves
Rick Scott and Nico Rhodes
March 11, 2020 at 7:30 pm, at the school

In 2017 award winning folk artist Rick Scott teamed up with brilliant young

keyboard ace Nico Rhodes in the high-powered duo *Roots & Grooves*. After eight shows they recorded an eponymous CD live from the floor in a single day and launched it at the Nanaimo Jazz Festival, Victoria Government House, and Vancouver Rogue Folk Club. They have since played 80+ shows to raves and ovations in theatres, festivals, and concert halls around BC. Forty years apart in age, Rick and Nico are dazzling audiences everywhere with their high energy musical alchemy.

Since pioneering rogue folk with iconic BC trio Pied Pumkin, Rick Scott has performed in 11 countries and released 18 CDs honoured with three Juno nominations, WCMA and Canadian Folk Music Awards. Singer, songwriter, actor and Canada's leading proponent of Appalachian mountain dulcimer, his gift for combining warm-hearted humour and poignant human commentary has earned him a dedicated audience from four generations. He's a Goodwill Ambassador for the Down Syndrome



Enthusiastic students participating in live musical experiences.

Photo by Kenta

Resource Foundation and curator of the Protection Island Museum. In 2019 he was inducted into the BC Entertainment Hall of Fame and Star Walk.

Age 30, Nico Rhodes is one of the most in demand young arrangers/musical directors in Canada, with 30 long run stage musicals to his credit. He's been nominated for five Ovation Awards and in 2019 was honoured with Nanaimo's Emerging Cultural Leader Award. Rick Scott played in Nico's school when he was eight, and when Nico was 23, Rick hired him to orchestrate his music for symphony. Out of this collaboration *Roots & Grooves* was born - a smorgasbord of folk, blues, jazz, and classical that transcends genre and generation. When not musical directing or touring with Rick, Nico



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plays with his own jazz trio and in a duo with his mother, renowned chanteuse Joelle Rabu. Rick says, "Not since Pied Pumkin have I experienced such unfettered creativity on stage."

Rick and Nico will also perform a program entitled Music and Laughter for the students of Pender Island School. This family-style program encourages participation and includes a study guide for teachers to use in preparing for the concert.

At the March 11 concert, we will be announcing the concerts to be presented by the Pender Island Concert Society for the 2020/2021 concert season. We will have our subscription forms for the 2020/2021 season available so please bring your cheque books and be among the first to subscribe!

Subscriptions are \$75 and allow four attendances at concerts of your choosing for the price of three single tickets. Subscription forms are available at Talisman Books & Gallery, Southridge Country Store, and at the door.

Single adult tickets are \$25 and are available at Talisman Books & Gallery,

Southridge Country Store, and at the door prior to each performance. Student tickets are complimentary and are available at the door. Elementary students need to be accompanied by a ticketed adult.

Carole Elliott

Pender Photo Club

The cancellation of the January Photo Club meeting resulted in a more invigorating February meeting.

Claudia Lorenz of Greensquare Photographics, accompanied by her giant dog Yoda, gave a scintillating presentation on the use of drones (or remote piloted airborne systems) for aerial photography. Her knowledge and love of teaching photography shone through. Little wonder; she has spent 22 years as a commercial photographer, five of them teaching the subject at UVic. Her photos of Pender Island were breathtaking, often the blend of 20 or more single shots. Familiar sights look so different from high above! Hopefully she will one day display these remarkable views in a book.

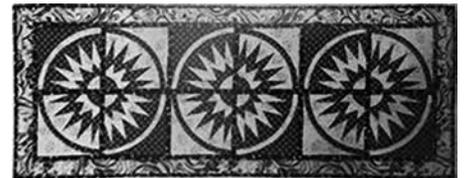
More than 50 photos, a new record, were shown as part of our monthly "assignment" entitled *Reflections*. We enjoyed photos of shiny statues, scenes from Viet Nam, brilliant sunsets, trucks lit up for Christmas, still waters reflecting grand landscapes, and much more.

The assignment for March is raindrops. As always, the title can be interpreted liberally so many possibilities lurk. Will everyone please bring no more than four photos (pay attention Ken), taken since the last meeting, and, as always, come prepared to discuss your shots. The goal is to encourage free-wheeling discussion, which will help make us better photographers.

See you at 7 pm, Monday, March 9. Everyone, especially novices, is most welcome to join us at the school. Until then, happy and creative clicking!

Hans Tammemagi

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



We held another convivial gathering of Pender Island quilters on February 10 at the Anglican Parish Hall. Our standard meeting format includes the popular Show & Share where members present completed projects. We have a UFO (Un-Finished Objects) Challenge where members receive a chocolate reward for projects they committed to finishing. Some of these projects have been living in their stash bins for years and it is a feeling of joy and satisfaction when the quilt is finished. Charlotte Edwards, Jacquie Hull, Sue Foote, and Eleanor Heslop showed their beautiful finished quilts which included Kaleidoscope, Yellow Brick Road, Noah's Ark (baby quilt), I Spy, Courthouse Steps, and Gray and Yellow Thing (Jacquie's name for a striking pattern she created). The backs of the quilts are often as interesting and unique as the front. Several of the

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quilts had pieced strips on the back as an alternative to a single fabric. Not only do we appreciate the beauty and craftsmanship of the projects but our own creativity is stimulated.

Heather Duncan, expert quilter and fabric artist, usually has a handy hint for us. This session's hint was about creating labels for finished quilts. Heather talked about the use of fabric and fusing. She also had an example of a label with a floral design made with wax crayons. The design is coloured with wax crayons on paper, a paper towel is placed over the waxed drawing and a heated iron is placed on it; the wax is lifted on to the paper towel and colour is left on the fabric. It is a novel technique and the result is a very pretty label. A fabric pen is used for identifying information. Experienced quilters were adamant that essential information for a quilt label includes quilter's name, date, and place.

The rest of our meeting was devoted to working on "That Radical Rooster" pattern, a cocky appliqued rooster which can be used for a pillow cover, wall hanging, or the centre square of a quilt. The roosters have attitude and are created with bold colours and patterns. Cindy Hultsch provided a demo and explanation of drawing, cutting, and placement of fused fabric pieces. Susan Purney Mark also provided a demo on "free-form thread work" on the sewing machine. She had some helpful hints on top stitching in a way that enhances the applique (i.e. stitching extends above the rooster's comb to create interest and emphasis). Susan wears gardening gloves to move the fabric when stitching to provide traction.

Our March meeting, Monday, March 9, is a full day session (9 am - 5 pm) with Daphne Grieg, fabric artist. The workshop fee is \$20 (bring your own lunch). The project is "New York Beauty" table runner. It is an applique with fusible web method that has the appearance of traditional piecing but is much easier. The result is squares that can be used for a wall hanging, table runner, or a quilt of any size. Quilters can purchase fabric from Daphne (who designs her own batik dyed fabric) or bring their own. This project is quite appropriate for scraps from your

personal fabric stash. There is still room in this workshop. Contact Susan Purney Mark at susanpm@shaw.ca.

Laura Vilness

PIJazz

The first thing we must do is extend our apologies to all dancers and listeners for postponing our planned event on February 15.

We simply were not ready, and we weren't going to do that to our public. What we aim to deliver each and every time is an enjoyable performance and as the clock kept ticking, we realized we weren't going to be ready.

So we moved things, under the guidance of our new leader, Steph Jackson, to March 27 and as we practise each week, we are more and more certain we made the right choice because we are going to be ready to play for you. We've made a few internal changes to ensure we'll deliver the sounds you have come to know.

But we've also made some other changes that will ensure this dance is a little different. While we will still rely on

our stable of swing tunes, we'll also be bringing you some other kinds of dance music. If you're not a swing dancer, we won't be strictly delivering only swing tunes.

Come on out and check out what we've got in mind for you at the Community Hall, beginning at 7:30 pm on Friday, March 27. Pack a bag with your dancing shoes and a non-alcoholic beverage to quench your thirst as you dance up a storm. Tickets are only \$15, available at Talisman Books and at the door. Children accompanied by parents get in free so it should be a fun family night.

And consider that night a warmup for the Legion crowd on April 3, when we'll have them up and dancing after a lovely Friday night dinner. The music should start around 7 pm, but it all depends on the kitchen crew. Check with the Legion or Talisman for tickets to the dinner/dance.

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Pender Solstice Theatre Society



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The directing set-up we have for this play, with each act/wedding directed by a different director, sure has been interesting as each director has their own style and vision on how to get the actors to portray the script and characters. *Four Weddings and an Elvis* will bring you to a Las Vegas wedding chapel owned by Sandy and will showcase four of her favourite weddings, from a revenge wedding to a seemingly incompatible couple of polar opposites. Keep a lookout on Facebook for the pictures and teasers we will be releasing and make sure you get your tickets to see the show first weekend of April.



Pender Young Violins

Are you interested in joining our theatre group?

We are always looking for people to join. Whether it is acting or if you have any interest in the production side of our shows and would like to learn lighting, sound, set and props design, or costumes etc feel free to send us an email at pendersolstice@gmail.com. Join us and be kept in the loop about upcoming play readings and auditions etc. Membership is only \$5 a year!

Rutger Kamphuis

Pender Young Violins Fiddlers to Finland!

The Pender Young Violins (Taeven, Katie, Lauren, Owen, Cedar, Annika, Meredith, Isla, and Nuala) are headed to Finland in July 2020 to perform at the Kaustinen Folk Music Festival (450 km north of Helsinki) For these nine musicians, ages 13 to 17 years old, who have been practising and performing since they were very young, this is a trip of a lifetime! The fiddlers have been taught by Denny Goertz, whose incredible dedication and guidance over these many years is clearly evident through the talent of these youth. The group will perform in front of an international audience and showcase Pender Island on a world stage.

In January, the fiddlers and their families hosted a Winter Square Dance at the Community Hall, with caller Craig Marcuk leading everyone in dizzying and joyous patterns while Daniel Lapp and Adam Dobres kept us bouncing with our steps. The Young Violins played a captivating set, (giving us all a little rest!) and then joined in with Daniel and Adam for a couple of fun dances. Thanks so much to all the dancers who filled the room with laughter and energy, and I heard more than once as we ended the night that there was no doubt everyone left much happier and fun-filled than when they arrived. Many thanks to Daniel and Adam for their time and musical talents, to Craig for coming over from Salt Spring Island, and to the many parents who organized a concession and the 50/50 raffle. Thanks also to Ptarmigan Arts who sponsored the event

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Many more fundraising events are in the works for the remaining five months before they leave. If you would like to book them to play at an event, please contact Denny at dsgoertz@gmail.com. If you would like to support these kids, they are accepting donations to their bank account at Island Savings under Pender Island Young Violins. Donations also can be made through their Go Fund Me page (see link below). Thank you so much for those who have already donated. The Go Fund Me link is:

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The Pender Young Violins

Ptarmigan Arts



We're headed into another busy spring with programs for all ages and demographics, and I want to give a special shout out to the amazing artists on the island who facilitate our programs and help us provide arts education for the community. We get to work with such a great team!

Recycled Art Collages

On March 13, Celene Wilde will be leading a Recycled Art Collages workshop for adults and kids ages 10+ taking found and recycled objects and turning them into works of art! You may know Celene from her whimsical and beautiful art, or from her work at the recycle depot. She'll be combining both those passions into this workshop, happening at the Community Hall from 10 am - 12 pm. The cost is \$20, which includes materials. Register by March 5

on our website, link below.

24hr Movie Making Marathon

We had a great turnout for the Using Film to Tell Your Story workshop in February, and we're amping things up this month with the *24hr Movie Making Marathon* on March 21-22. It's a great Spring Break activity for the kids, and the perfect incentive for all the adults out there who may have been procrastinating on creating their film idea. Make a movie in 24 hours from start to finish as an individual or with a team. You'll get to work with our expert facilitators to shoot and edit your masterpiece with lighting, effects, green screens, and more. Finished films will be submitted to the Film Festival happening April 18. For all the details and to register, visit www.ptarmiganarts.org/filmfestival. See ad on page 66.

Improvisation & Soloing

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Frayed Edges

This month at the Gallery we have the Frayed Edges show continuing until March 15. Come see an amazing multi-disciplinary selection of art exploring the textural and tactile by local artists. March 21 will be the opening reception of the Spring Exhibit, a rotating collection of art continuing until April 26. This month will also be the start of our feature wall with Joanne Green who has been creating a collection of works to display! Come visit us Thursdays through Sundays from 11 am - 4 pm.

Community Gatherings

At this month's Friday Community Gatherings, you'll get to hear the sweet sounds of *Peach & Quiet* on March 6, *The Lakemen* on March 13, *Lester Quitzau* on March 20, and *Peter Emery* on March 27. Join us at the Community

Hall at noon for a \$6 bowl of homemade soup and enjoy these amazing local musicians! Hosted by the Pender Island Health Care Society.

For more information on our upcoming programs and events, and to sign up for our monthly email newsletter, visit our website www.ptarmiganarts.org.

Lauren Mann

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hands well under clean, running water. Dry your hands using a clean towel or air dry them.

The Stroke Support Group will meet on Thursday, March 12 from 2 - 3:30 pm in the clinic meeting room.

First Aid Friday will be on Friday, March 13 from 10 - 11 am at the Community Hall. If you'd like some more information on either of these events, or if there's something you'd like me to do a presentation on in the future, please contact me via email at Alyssa.Woolcombe@bcehs.ca or cell phone 250-221-0754.

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Donald Peden

Pender Island Ferry Advisory Committee

Ferry Facts

Salish Class Ship Purchase

On Friday, January 31, 2020 BCF posted the following announcement:-

VICTORIA – BC Ferries continues to roll out its Clean Futures Plan and has awarded Remontowa Shipbuilding S.A. of Gdansk, Poland a contract to build an additional liquefied natural gas (LNG)-fuelled vessel scheduled to go into service in the Southern Gulf Islands in 2022.

"Our Clean Futures Plan is our path to replace diesel fuels with cleaner energy options. While this cannot be achieved in a single step, we are continually seeking energy sources that offer a cleaner, lower carbon-intensity option to displace non-renewable diesel," said Captain Jamie Marshall, BC Ferries'

Vice President, Business Development & Innovation. "In our move towards a sustainable future, adopting LNG is one way to reduce our impact on the environment today. This new vessel will be our sixth ship fuelled by natural gas."

The agreement with Remontowa is a design-build, fixed-priced contract that provides BC Ferries with substantial guarantees related to delivery dates, performance criteria, cost certainty and quality construction. The total project budget, which includes financing and project management costs, is approximately \$92.3 million.

The 107-metre Salish Class vessel will have the capacity to carry at least 138 vehicles and up to 600 passengers and crew. It will allow for the retirement of the Mayne Queen, a diesel-fuelled vessel. The ship will be powered by three Wartsila engines and electrically propelled by Schottel thrusters at each end, driven by an efficient gas-electric power plant. Onboard amenities include a Coastal Café, Passages retail store, children's play area and a passenger lounge.

Pender Islands Fire Protection Society

BOARD OF DIRECTORS VACANCY

The Board of Directors will have two (2) vacancies to be filled at the Annual General Meeting on April 22, 2020. Following the new policy adopted in 2018, there will be no nominations from the floor at the AGM.

All interested candidates will be given the opportunity of an orientation session, which will outline the roles, responsibilities, and expectations of involvement. If individuals are still interested after the orientation session, their resumes will be accepted and made available to all members of the society prior to the AGM, to ensure informed voting.

If interested, please send your name and contact information to President Maggie Macdonald at maggiemacdonald@shaw.ca, before March 21.

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The ship will have a number of key features that support BC Ferries' goal to be efficient and environmentally responsible throughout its system. Highlights of the Salish Class vessels include:

- The use of natural gas as the primary fuel that reduces GHG emissions by 15 to 25 per cent, reduces sulphur oxides by over 85 per cent, reduces nitrogen oxides by over 50 per cent and nearly eliminates particulate matter
- Electric propulsion that eliminates gear boxes and shaft
- Twin propellers that reduce cavitation
- Hull designed for very small wake
- Advanced hull coating that reduces flow disturbance and environmental leaching
- Engine management system that reduces machinery running
- Resilient engine mount that isolates structure-borne noise

BC Ferries issued a Request for Expressions of Interest (RFEOI) for the construction of the vessels to leading shipyards in Canada and around the world in July 2018. In the lead up to this process, BC Ferries raised awareness of the upcoming tender to Canadian shipyards through forums such as the Canadian Ferry Association, the Association of British Columbia Marine Industries and other local and national industry events. Canadian shipyards were invited to participate in the competitive bidding process.

BC Ferries received responses from 16 international shipyards and short-

listed three shipyards to proceed to the Request for Proposal (RFP) stage. No Canadian companies submitted a bid.

Coastal Ferry Vision

The Honorable Claire Trevena, Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure has now completed the initial stage of Ferry Vision Forums with invited participants representing service-based businesses, various manufacturing industries, retailers, and specialized services such as tourism and BC Hydro, etc. The Forums explored three key themes which were opened for discussion - Services, Travelers and Communities, and how an effective ferry service helps the BC Government meet or exceed their commitment to British Columbians. The aim is to make life more affordable, to deliver services people count on, and to build a strong and sustainable economy.

The Forums were facilitated by members of the Ministry of Transportation & Infrastructure and Context Research. The Forum also travelled to Vancouver, Comox, Nanaimo, and Salt Spring Island. Participants were encouraged to "think outside the box."

The Government is now soliciting feedback from the public, and states, "Our ferries are integral to our coastal communities and essential to moving goods across the province and strengthening our economy. It is vital that this service works well for the many British Columbians who rely on ferry travel, whether it is part of a daily commute, or getting away for the weekend.

We want to collect input on what the future of coastal transportation should look like to support the development of

a vision for coastal ferry services.

We would like the public to provide their thoughts and ideas for the future of the coastal ferry system. What should the coastal ferry service look like in 20, 30, or 40 years and how should services be delivered to better support a desirable future? This insight will inform the vision that will shape the future of coastal ferry services in BC.

During this time, you can share your feedback by completing the online questionnaire which can be found at <https://feedback.engage.gov.bc.ca/513868?lang=en>

The opportunity to provide feedback will be open from February 2 - March 20, 2020 (4 pm)."

The Coast Ferries Vision site is located at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/coastalferries>.

If you have any strong feelings on what the future of our coastal ferry system should look like, now is the time to go online and complete the survey mentioned above.

Ferry traffic data:

The two tables below show the percentage change in vehicles and passengers traffic from December 2018 to December 2019 for route 5 and 9 destinations.

Your local FAC committee would like to hear from you. If you have any ferry issues, concerns, or constructive suggestions to improve service, please email to: dchyyr@pacificocean@telus.net

Or, if you do not have a computer and email, please drop off a written letter in the community folder, marked FERRIES in the Dockside Realty office. If you have a specific sailing complaint,

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Location	Vehicles	Passengers
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Pender	+4.34%	+3.81%
Saturna	+3.19%	+0.73%
Galiano	+5.64%	+5.04%
Mayne	+3.53%	+3.35%

Route 9 Tsawwassen - Southern Gulf Islands		
	change to previous year to date December	
Location	Vehicles	Passengers
Tsawwassen	+8.83%	+7.36%
Salt Spring	+12.17%	+9.32%
Pender	+7.77%	+5.63%
Saturna	No data	No data
Galiano	+7.30%	+5.01%
Mayne	+4.74%	+2.63%

please provide, date, time, sailing (from-to) and details. All correspondence will be presented to BCF.

The Pender Islands Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) members are: Joanne Enns, JoanneEnns2@gmail.com; Dale Henning, dchyvrpacificocean@telus.net; Greg Lucas, Trustee for school district 64, glucas@sd64.org; and Roy Moore, bccffacroy@gmail.com.

Roy Moore



Gulf Islands Food Co-op

GIFC



Dare I say that spring is in the air? Many local food producers on the unceded traditional Coast Salish First Nations' territories of Pender, Mayne, Saturna, and Galiano Islands have already been hard at work in early 2020, starting seeds, hatching chicks, amending vegetable growing beds, pruning trees and shrubs, fortifying livestock shelters and fenced areas, all in preparation for another year of feeding their neighbours and communities through the fruits of these labours.

Generously funded by the Community Works Fund (CWF), the Capital Regional District (CRD), and VanCity, GIFC is proud to support both our local food producers and eaters through a variety of projects this season.

On Pender Island, GIFC's "Compostable Materials Hauling for Soil Building" project is underway, so if you are a

local food grower who needs to amend your soil, please email us at info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org to be connected to Pender Island representative, Ben Dunsmuir, and find out how GIFC can pay for the cost of delivery of the amendment to your garden.

On February 16, a small group of poultry growers participated in a hands-on chicken processing workshop. Thank you to Tracy Calvert for educating our local producers, and to Austin Davies for the use of the facility for the workshop.

If you are interested in finding out more about GIFC's past and upcoming projects, please check out our website at gulfislandsfoodco-op.org. Please also "like" our Facebook page to receive regular updates about GIFC events on all four Gulf Islands. And if you have ideas about how GIFC can help to bolster food security on Pender Island, feel free to contact Project Co-ordinator Nancy at 629-0039 or info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org.

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SquashFest is a new local food festival, celebrating our growers from the Gulf Islands and encouraging new growers, too.

The first-ever SquashFest will be on Pender Island, connecting with Pender growers all through the growing season, and culminating in a festival on October 3 at the Community Hall. Come for a showcase of delectable canapés prepared by Pender chefs and cooks, paired with locally crafted cider, wine, brews, and creative cocktails. There will also be guest speakers, a squash display, and games and prizes.

But SquashFest is more than just a single day event in the fall – it starts in March, as we choose our seed varieties and clear space on our window sills for pots, and hope for loads of sunshine.

Why Squash as our theme? Because winter squash is amazingly versatile, beautiful, storable, tasty, easy, sweet, and savory.

It's nutritious too. Basically, it's a perfect food, highly worth celebrating - along with anyone who grows food on Pender.

You can get involved in any or all of the ways listed below, or by contacting sgisquashfest@gmail.com for more information. Thank you to our sponsors: CRD, SGI Community Resource Centre, Petals and Paws, and Buckerfields.

Grow

Our sponsors are providing FREE seeds and pots with soil, so you can grow squash in your backyard, on your balcony, or at your farm. You can collect your free pots, with soil and seeds, at Seedy Saturday on March 28, and start your squash plants inside, or wait until May to plant directly into your fertile garden soil.

Order

Not into growing? Then you can simply pre-order a bulk amount of winter squash (10lbs or more) from a local grower. We will match you up with a grower - just let us know what amount and preferred squash varieties you would like to order (with 50% prepayment), by March 28. Then your grower will do their very

best to provide your fall bounty, and you can complete payment at the end of the growing season (please note that seasonal challenges or opportunities will affect the yield).

Bring

Celebrate your squash-growing achievement by bringing your - Biggest, Funkiest, Cutest, Ugliest, Prettiest - winter squash to the October 3 Festival for display. Prizes to be won!

Buy/Sell

Come to the October 3 Festival with either your excess veggies for sale, or cash in hand to purchase! You can stock-up with Pender squash and other local produce for a locavore Thanksgiving Dinner, and fill your 'larder' with winter veggies for storage.

Eat

Celebrate the amazing creativity of our Pender culinary talent, as chefs concoct all manner of squashy treats and other local food delights, at the Community Hall on October 3. Meet Pender Island growers, and place an order with a grower for the following year's growing season.

Join the Team

If you'd like to lend us a hand with coordinating this event, please join us. We are Roz Kempe, Nancy Klein, Ben Dunsmuir, Peter Pare, Leeanne Mueller, and Ellen Willingham.

Contact us at sgisquashfest@gmail.com.

Nancy Klein and Roz Kempe



Islands Trust

North Pender Local Trust Committee

The following are my own views, and not necessarily reflective of the views of my fellow members of the Local Trust Committee.

During this month's article, I could spend considerable time discussing the incredibly challenging situations facing the North Pender Trust committee. I could discuss the fact that business owners, previous Trust committees,

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the Agricultural Land Commission, former Islands Trust planners, the province, the CRD, and many others have left this current trust committee with a challenging mess to clean up and figure out - particularly with regards to industrial uses of land on North Pender. But instead, I think it's time that we refocus our efforts in discussing ways of preserving our island community.

It's also important to speak about the positive developments your local government has been working towards during its (so far) 15-month tenure.

Bike Lanes

Thanks to Moving Around Pender (MAP) and your Local Trust Committee (LTC), the discussion over bike lanes has reached a new level of awareness. The North Pender LTC has written Minister Trevena, the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, as well as the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board in an effort to create awareness of the demand for improved bicycle lanes. My particular interest in this issue is regarding the safety of the dangerous corridors of North Pender, including Scarff Hill, Einar's Hill, and the roads between the baseball diamond and the school. Surely, we can get these dangerous corridors addressed. It would be my dream to be able to see more kids safely riding their bikes to school from Magic Lake.

Land Use Bylaw Review

Your Local Trust Committee has begun a land-use bylaw review. This means that issues such as industrial land usage, docks, house sizes, water usage, and many other issues will be discussed and reviewed, particularly through a climate-

change lens. There will be opportunities in the future to have your opinions heard on these issues through on-line surveys and public meetings.

Comprehensive Water Study

The results of the Islands Trust water study led by engineer William Shulba will be better understood by the summer of 2020. Shulba will be releasing a report indicating the preliminary results of this study. It is critical to understand our water supply in order to plan development on the island.

Nu-To-Yu

A new home for the Nu-To-Yu has been in the works for some time with local volunteers on behalf of this important community organization. There will be meetings with your local trust committee to address appropriate zoning needed for this community service.

Short-Term Vacation Rental

There will be considerable community consultation regarding Short-Term vacation rentals in the months ahead. Be sure to note meeting dates and online surveys if you want to have your voice heard. North Pender already has comprehensive policies in place; however, we need to hear from you if you believe things need to be updated or changed.

Our Local Economy

As the former chair of the CRD Economic Sustainability Commission, I have worked tirelessly to figure out ways to encourage local, sustainable economic growth for young families and working folks on the Penders. With every decision I make, I am doing my best to ensure that these islands continue



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The reason why we have the Trust is because we have an established set of rules to ensure that over-development, poor planning, and unregulated economic pressures do not destroy the very reason we moved here. Remember if you find the limitations of the Trust frustrating, you're always welcome to move to a suburban/urban neighbourhood, where there is no Trust, and regulations are limited. There's a reason why this is the greatest place in the world to live and work in - the Trust has done a very good job to help create this. But the work continues. See Islands Trust ads on **pages 19** and **65**.

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Submitted by Ben McConchie

South Pender Local Trust Committee

There have been inquiries about what the Islands Trust is doing about climate change after declaring a Climate Change Emergency in March, 2019. In a post I wrote in the days following the Trust Council Declaration, I acknowledged the use of the word "emergency" but noted that speed was of the essence in responding to one, and given the enormity of the crisis I questioned what might be reasonable for our communities to expect. A year later those comments are still valid.

I can say that personally, I feel overwhelmed with the complexity of this issue which involves population growth, economic stability, extinction of

species, and the collapse of ecosystems. I'm not even convinced that we are capable anymore of mitigating climate change. Instead we will have to find ways of adapting to its consequences and even then, with the prospect of our endless impact upon the environment, how long will we be able to adapt?

Having thrown out that bit of pessimism, I do recognize the efforts of many in our community who are committed to reducing their personal "footprint" on the environment. As trustees, with land use our only authority, we are tasked with trying to adequately prepare for future events and their impact on the environment and its natural resources. Longer periods of drought, an increasing number and intensity of weather events, and a potential rise in sea level are only three scenarios that can have a myriad of consequences from wildfires to floods, from food security to transportation, and from property erosion to salt intrusion of potable water supplies.

Islands Trust staff are looking at policies and actions from other jurisdictions which may serve as examples here. Trustees are involved with community groups and considering options for land use regulations. Some of these may include increasing setbacks and leaving them undisturbed, particularly along our coastline, creating Development Permit Areas to protect habitat and vegetation, and controlling or limiting development. All considerations will be presented to the community and any other suggestions from the public will be welcomed. So consider this an invitation to you to give this issue some thought because I certainly don't have all the answers. Trustees are going to need your help to

respond to this emerging crisis.

See Islands Trust ad on **page 65**.

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Magic Lake Property Owners' Society

Finally, spring is here; if not by the calendar, but with more sun than we have seen in the last few months. Boaters and tennis players are getting back to their regular routines.

Bob Vergette gave the MLPOS board a presentation on behalf of Pender Island Junior Sailing to ask for a donation to assist with purchase of updated boats and other expenses incurred by the club, which the MLPOS was able to provide. Pender Island Junior Sailing is not just for juniors (age 9 and up.) Last year, about 75 people participated in the program. Anyone wanting to learn to sail is welcome. The sailors-wanting-to-learn programs are available to residents of Pender Island and the folks who have children or grandchildren visiting regularly. Look at <https://penderislandjuniorsailing.com/> for all about Junior Sailing on Pender.

MLPOS has a modest amount of money to assist organizations who would like a hand in their operations. Contact one of the board members to talk about donations to your organization.

The Pender Island Power and Sail Squadron provides boating safety courses. Most boaters are required by law to have their PCOC (Pleasure Craft



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Operator Card.) This course provides basic boater competency. Please have a look at <https://www.cps-ecp.ca/pcoc-boating-license/>. There are many people on the Penders wanting to take this and other courses. Pender is fortunate to have several instructors. More are needed and welcome. Have a look at the attached posters about upcoming courses. Think about contacting the two tireless volunteers whose contact information is on the posters for more information about the courses, and perhaps doing instruction.

MLPOS is working on placing some kiddie PFDs at Thieves Bay Marina. These are for those boaters who might have forgotten to include a PFD when they were packing up for a boat ride, or for occasional visits by little ones for a boat ride. The marina is planning to build a boat rack that would be suitable for child-sized boaters' PFDs, so that people who have little ones without a PFD can borrow, then replace them on the rack after their boat ride. Remember that all boaters must have PFDs for their ride.

Besides remembering that all boaters must have a PFD available, and preferably wear one at all times, it is a good idea to wear one on the docks. Boaters might have a new home for surplus PFDs at the Nu-To-Yu.

One of our board members, who also sits on the Magic Lake Sewer and Water Advisory Committee, advised that the referendum results about borrowing options for upgrades to the Magic Lake sewer system was passed, with most voting to fund, via property tax increases, a needed upgrade to the sewer system. The funding will be partnered with government agencies. Have a look at the Magic Lake Estates <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/how-we-are-governed/elections-other-voting/magic-lake-estates-wastewater-system> for more information about the needed sewer system upgrade, including the referendum results.

MLPOS would love to have more volunteers who would be willing to serve in any capacity. For example, we have some great volunteers who have sign-making, machining, welding, and metal fabrication skills. We also have a pool of talented volunteers who can

do almost anything. Help does not need to involve physical work. If you see a gap where you might help out, check the MLPOS website www.magiclake.ca.

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

The MLPOS board normally meets on the second Monday of the month at the school at 4 pm. The next Board meeting will be on March 9, 4 pm. If anyone wants to come and hear what the Board talks about, please come to the meeting.

Kathy Gilbert

Magic Lake Water and Sewer Committee

Your Committee and the CRD team held their regularly scheduled meeting Tuesday, February 11, at the CRD Integrated Water Systems location in Victoria.

The water side of the service continues, as always, to produce a quality product

to customers that meets or exceeds Canada drinking water guidelines. The anticipated remediation of stainless-steel piping at the water treatment plant is progressing, albeit at a snail's pace. You may recall this is a warranty repair issue to address substandard welding of pipe joints during the original plant construction process. Cost is being absorbed through contractor insurance and will have no financial impact on subscribers.

The sewer side continues to offer the same challenges as always. The dry fall gave way to a very wet January. With the steady rainfall and damaged collection system both treatment plants were flooded by rainwater. This increased water resulted in both treatment plants reporting over half the total exceedances of 2019. These exceedances triggered marine monitoring, which is required when there are more than three consecutive days of daily permitted flow exceedances for the facility. All results came back at less than 2 CFU/100 ml of Enterococcus bacteria.

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increase the value of the successful referendum. We have been working with the CRD and have directed them to submit an application to the Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program - British Columbia - Green Infrastructure - Environmental Quality grant. A portion of the approved \$6 million dollars has been committed to meeting the community's 26.67% share of costs for this grant.

The balance which has not been committed to the grant application will be used to repair the non-grant-eligible costs, fixing the collection system. We look forward to single lane traffic as our roads will be dug up to install new piping. It's all very exciting.

Kathy Heslop, Chair

Moving Around Pender

MAP



Although it's only March the folk at MAP are thinking ahead to the summer when Island visitors will join us along our highways and byways, and yes, trails. Each year we notice the

volume of visitors increase and while it's good for our economy, the risks and dangers along our roads increase too. This is why we try as much as we can to get people off our roads and consider alternative modes of transportation. Walking trails and the bus are two of our initiatives that help us all to enjoy the Island and be as safe as possible. But these initiatives cost money, and lots of it. But even when we have the money, there's no guarantee we can produce results. This is because much of our planned trail system passes over private land and not everyone is happy about that; this, despite our comprehensive liability insurance. Indeed, we struggle to find solutions. We get all the necessary permits and approval to build a trail, only to find it fails to materialize because a land owner is not comfortable having strangers on the property, or a higher Government policy becomes impossible to overcome. And so, the dangerous path from the Driftwood to Browning goes unprotected, and the Shingle-Bay exit from Magic Lake to the Ferry remains a future dream. I often ask myself if it has to take a traffic fatality or a forest fire, to get some action?

In some tourism material we read that Pender is ideal for cyclists – but it's not, it can be dangerous. Throughout the year, we encounter pedestrians and cyclists on our narrow roads. Their numbers are only going to increase so we must all be extra diligent and respect their presence: slow down, or even stop if there is oncoming traffic, most especially when passing pedestrians.

On Wednesday, February 12, you may have noticed surveyors working along Schooner, from the Danny Martin Ball Park to the Market. This is to determine if it's feasible to build a walking trail beside the road and, if so, can we raise money to build it. We see the need for this trail because the road is a very high traffic route with little or no shoulder, and many people walk along it. Again, we are focusing on safety and ways for people to move around Pender Island without driving a car.

On the subject of trails, thanks to the generous cooperation of the landowner, we will soon be able to walk up George Hill from Walden Road or Stanley Point Drive, over the top and down the other side to Clam Bay Road. It's a beautiful trail with magnificent views. When the ground dries up we will be doing some work with signage, steps, and boardwalks so as to protect the delicate plant life in the area. Would you like to help?

As noted earlier, we are determined to operate the bus again this summer. It's running very well with its new engine, but it has to be used. It is out on the road from time-to-time for charters; however, income from Charters barely earns enough to pay for the insurance and fuel. We are exploring Grant money and other forms of fundraising for fuel and insurance, but also to hire a bus coordinator like we did last year. This job is essential, especially during Tour-des-Iles weekend. There's always a need for drivers so if you have a Class 4 license (or want to get one) and like to meet people and have some time to volunteer, we'd love to have you.

We are looking forward to a great spring and summer on the trails, the roads, and at Car Stops. So if you are at all interested in what we do and want to participate in our mission, consider coming out to one

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Dave Hargreaves, Treasurer

Outer Gulf Islands RCMP-GRC



Just as we all start to prepare for the busy tax time, scammers and fraudsters are already plotting and trying to take advantage of our distracted minds and are targeting your hard-earned savings.

With this being said, the Outer Gulf Islands RCMP would like to remind everyone these scams often target people via telephone and/or the internet and they will pose as representatives from either Canada Revenue Agency or some police agency. They often request payment via odd, alternative means such as money orders, prepaid gift cards, prepaid credit cards, and crypto currencies such as Bitcoin. The scams will often threaten that a warrant for your arrest will be issued if their demand for payment is not fulfilled. These two points are giant red flags as the federal government will never take payment in these methods and the RCMP will not call you and threaten to issue a warrant for your arrest. These are just a couple of examples of scam methods.

The Outer Gulf Islands RCMP would like to remind everyone that if something is too good to be true it usually is, or if something does not feel right it likely is not. Please do not hesitate to contact our detachment non-emergency number at 629-6171 or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre at 888-495-8501 or on line at www.antifraudcentre.ca should you have any questions or a matter to report.

On another note, this rainy winter has not slowed or altered the calls for service in the Gulf Islands. To date the Detachment is off to its standard start on the year and has responded to a total of 106 files (as of mid-February) across the detachment area which includes Pender, Mayne, Galiano, Saturna, and all 17 secondary islands.

Pender Island has accounted for 61 files ranging from sexual assault,

fraud, breach of peace, and traffic related incidents (including proactive enforcement).

Galiano Island has accounted for 23 files ranging from mental health related incidents, breaches of peace, and traffic related incidents.

Mayne Island has accounted for 14 files ranging from fraud, suspicious persons, and traffic related incidents.

Saturna Island has had a total of five files with a couple of breaches of peace, a break and enter, and single vehicle MVI. The remainder of the files have occurred on secondary islands.

In conclusion, your local RCMP detachment would like to thank everyone for reporting these events and doing your part to keep the community safe. Our role is to provide community safety and we cannot do that without the help of community members. We continue to openly invite people to call the non-emergency number (not in progress) or 911 (in progress or fear for safety) at any time to report situations of concern.

Cst. Brent Shemilt, Outer Gulf Islands RCMP Media liaison

Pender Earth

Climate Action - Creating Political Will

A friend of mine used to work in the upper echelons of our federal government. He was shaking his head as he told me how astounded he'd been at the constant revolving door of fossil fuel lobbyists paying a visit to the Prime Minister's Office. I had an epiphany at that moment. For all the times I've talked about the need to create political

will in order to convince our elected officials to make the right choices for the Earth, the future, and the children (of all species), it had never occurred to me how loud and numerous we'd have to be to drown out - or at least outnumber - the fossil fuel lobbyists.

That image, of somehow getting more voices calling out for urgent climate action on the part of our governments than voices insisting on the status quo (which, as the International Monetary Fund has pointed out, includes \$5.2 trillion in direct and indirect subsidies from taxpayers to fossil fuel corporations every year around the globe), got into my head and became my climate action pitch at the 11 January 2020 Pender Earth Climate Action Meet-up. (Our next meet-up is on May 9 at 1 pm at the Community Hall.)

Since then, a small group of concerned Penderites has met (let me know if you'd like to join us) and decided to focus on a once-a-month non-partisan campaign to let our politicians know how important climate action is to us. Another focus is to "grow" the reach of our campaigns, so that we drown out the clamour of fossil fuel lobbyists. Here is this month's campaign:

Do you know that 2020 is the deadline for peaking and getting our carbon emissions into global decline if we want to avoid runaway global warming? That's what the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) has been telling us since their fourth report in 2007 ... but not many have heard or heeded this warning.

You see, when the IPCC's 1.5°C Special Report came out in 2018, it seemed to



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get boiled down to “We’ve got 11 years to save the world.” But the real message was that our carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gas emissions must peak in 2020 (gulp!) in order to be cut in half by 2030, and then reach virtually zero by mid-century. We cannot attain the last two targets - given the technology available to us today, which is all we can count on - unless we stop increasing our carbon emissions. Yet, they’re still increasing, and at an accelerating rate!

Governments everywhere and at all levels have to stop putting the interests of fossil fuel corporations ahead of our children’s future. It’s up to our elected “leaders” to lead on this, by no longer equating increasing greenhouse gas pollution with “progress” and growth in the GDP. Step one? Stop subsidizing fossil fuels with our tax dollars.

Julie Johnston,
greenhearted@shaw.ca



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Pender Island Child Care Society

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre

*Play gives children a chance to practice
at what they are learning. ~ Mr. Rogers*

Parents and Babes



Parents and Babes is every Monday morning from 9 - 11:30 am at Dragonfly. This is a free drop-in program for parents, caregivers, and their children. Come out and enjoy snacks, adult and children interactions, and the book lending library. There will be no Parents and Babes on March 16 and 23 due to Spring Break. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and the Pender Island Child Care Society, this program is free.

Healthy Opportunities for Pre- schoolers (HOP)

HOP is every Wednesday morning in the school gymnasium from 9 - 10:15 am and 10:15 - 11 am in classroom #3. Come on out and join our trained facilitator as they set up new activities each week; from hockey passing to badminton and tunnel play to car races, this program will be sure to tire out your youngster! HOP is designed for parents/caregivers to engage in physical activities and learn new skills with their children 1-5 years. There will be no HOP on March 18 and 25 due to Spring Break. Thanks to the Pender Island School and the CRD, this program is free.

Babysitting Course

The babysitting course will be offered in the school community room on April 24 and May 1 from 9 am - 3 pm. Youth

must be at least 12 years old or turning 12 this year to participate. The cost is \$60 and includes the babysitting manual and certification from Canada’s Safety Council. To reserve your child a space, please register with Sarah.

Child Care

We have a space in our licensed multi-age child care on Wednesdays and Fridays 9 am - 1 pm or 9 am - 4:45 pm. As a non-profit organization, our child care centre has two educators on the floor each day. These professionals offer deep listening and respect for each child and invite opportunities to engage in play and deepen their connection to nature and place. The government-initiated program titled, *A New Day for Families*, means that we have opted into the parent reduction fee program. Also, the new Affordable Child Care Benefit is helping more families with the cost of child care. The link to this site is gov.bc.ca/affordablechildcarebenefit. Call Sarah for more information or if you need assistance with your forms.

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

Sarah Conley

Pender Island Community Farmland Acquisition Project Society

PICFAPS



In last month’s article, we discussed the issue of land access as a barrier to developing and sustaining both a thriving

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farming community and a sustainable local food system. The "Foodlands Trust," a non-profit entity that could hold farmland in trust for BC communities, is currently in development. Both the fundraising for the purchase of private farmland to be held by the trust, and the management of this community-owned farmland, would then be the responsibility of PICFAPS. However, this "Foodlands Trust" has not yet been successful in its development, leaving PICFAPS and other similar B.C. groups in limbo, as there is no organization to hold agricultural land in trust.

In the early 2000s, two groups in B.C. noted the need for farmland to be held in trust for active farming. FarmFolkCityFolk (FFCF) is a not-for-profit society dedicated to strengthening BC's food systems, with a focus in its mandate to provide access to and protection of farmland. The Land Conservancy of BC (TLC) is a non-profit charity with a natural conservation mandate, and between 2006 and 2012, TLC also included "the preservation of farmland for farming" in its mandate. FFCF and TLC collaborated to create "The Community Farms" program, with TLC becoming involved in the direct acquisition and management of farmland, developing resources for further farmland trust work in BC. During this time, FFCF worked with motivated members of the Pender Island community, and was instrumental in the creation of PICFAPS. Money raised by PICFAPS through community donations went through TLC, as their charitable status also allowed for tax-deductible receipts to be offered to donors.

However, the breadth of TLC's mandate in BC led to financial mismanagement, which forced TLC to refocus solely on conservation, dropping the agricultural program entirely. Unfortunately, as an organization with funds being held in trust by TLC, PICFAPS did suffer financially, but was able to retain a significant percentage of the donated funds, which is now managed solely by PICFAPS. As TLC was the only trust organization in BC offering any sort of an agricultural mandate for the protection and management of farmland for farming, PICFAPS is forced to wait for the successful development of the

"Foodlands Trust" before any future plans for acquiring community farmland on Pender Island can proceed.

PICFAPS will be at Seedy Saturday on March 28 at the Community Hall, sharing information about our organization, and offering \$2 annual memberships, which will add your voice to decision-making about the future of PICFAPS and will add you to our email list to receive our seasonal e-newsletter. For more information about membership in PICFAPS, or if you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Nancy at 629-0039 or penderfarmlandproject@gmail.com. And thank you to everyone who contributes their 1% to #31 Farmland, helping to sustain the dream of a future of community farming on Pender Island!

Nancy Klein

Pender Island Community Service Society

Nu-To-Yu



Thank everyone for holding back when

our 'No Donations' signs are out. That means the sorting areas in the basement, and the storage shed, are full to bursting. Until volunteers have time to sort everything, and the space to stock it all in the store, we have no room for new items. As soon as we get things under control, we put the signs away, and you are again welcome to drop off your donations.

Let's talk about books. We have quite a small area for them, so we can only stock paperbacks. Please don't bring us hard covers, text books, or technical manuals (the latter two don't sell, and we are left with having to find a way to responsibly deal with them). While on this subject, keep an eye out for our collectible book sales. We always find some interesting ones among our donations!

Saint Patrick's Day is coming up - we've collected a few themed items during the year, and they will be available. Then it will be time to get ready for Easter. Get your baskets and hats, as well as ribbons and artificial flowers to decorate them.

Best of all, Spring is almost here! Check us out for a change of wardrobe!



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March 1	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Holy Eucharist
March 8	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Holy Eucharist, AGM, potluck lunch
March 15	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Morning Prayer
March 22	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Holy Eucharist
March 29	10:00 am	St. Peter's	Circle Eucharist

Ellen Willingham, 629-6700

Church Office: 629-3634 - **Parish e-mail:** admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

Bookings for the Parish Hall:
rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

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

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

March 1	10:45 am	George Hodgson	Communion Service
March 6	2:00 pm	World Day of Prayer	Community Church
March 8	10:45 am	John Wilton	Worship Service
March 15	10:45 am	Judy Neil	Worship Service
March 22	10:45 am	John Wilton	Worship Service
March 29	10:45 am	George Hodgson	Worship Service

- Thought for the month: *Romans Chapter 14 verses 10-12*
- If you have any questions or requests, please contact Judy Neil at 629-6168

St. Teresa's Chapel - Roman Catholic Services

4705 Buccaneers Road

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

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

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

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

February 29	2:00 pm	Devotional Meeting to 4 pm
March 1	5:30 pm	Feast of Ala (Loftiness) - supper, devotionals, and discussion
March 21	5:30 pm	Feast of Baha (Splendour) - supper, devotionals, and celebration of Naw Ruz

- For the location of the devotional gatherings and feast, please contact Don or Bev Peden (250-412-2524).
- From the writings of the Bahá'í Faith:

Truthfulness is the foundation of all the virtues of the world of humanity. Without truthfulness, Progress and success in all of the worlds of God are impossible for a soul. When this holy attribute is established in man, all the divine qualities will also become realized. ~ Abdu'l-Baha, Baha'I World Faith, Addu'l-Baha section, p. 445.

The Church at Hope Bay

Meets at the Hope Bay Bible Camp, 4302 Bedwell Harbour Road (Entrance on Hooson Road)

- Sundays at 10:30 am: Worship Service. Potluck Meal to follow on first and third Sundays.
- We are a diverse group of people who meet regularly to worship Christ and to encourage each other. Our family-friendly service includes contemporary music, sharing, teaching, and praying together. Our potlucks (twice monthly) bring us together for fellowship, food, and friendship. All are welcome!

Health Services

Medical Emergency 911
Medical Clinic.....629-3233
 Dr. Gerry Moore, Dr. Robyn Wiens, Dr. Bruce Rebner
 Nurse Practitioner - Tracey Adams

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

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

Acupuncture, Bre Heffelfinger 250-886-4076
Alcohol and Drug Counsellor, John McNally, 250-538-4849
Audiologist, Donna Stewart..... 778-426-4876
Chiropractor, Mark Wensley 629-9918
Community Support, Andrea Mills 629-3346
Crisis and Mental Health Counsellors

Elizabeth Miles 250-539-0905
 Shellyse Szakacs 250-539-0949
 Ulla Rembe 250-539-0325

Family Advancement Counsellor

Kirsty Chalmers 250-222-0025

Dentist, Dr. Gary Sacher 629-6815

Jin Shin Do Acupressure, Mike Kenyon 250-213-3649

Lab Services, Sonya Fulawka 629-3233

Optometrist, Dr. David Schaafsma 629-3233

Naturopath, Dr. Andrea Gansner..... 604-544-7656

Pender Island Community Nurses 629-3242

Carolyn Cartwright-Owers and Miranda MacKenzie

Pharmacist, Christine Swan..... 629-6555

Public Health Nurse, Immunization, Prenatal Education

Lois Woolley 250-544-2400 or 539-3099

Reg. Massage Therapist, Karen Mani Lang.. 629-6639

Reg. Massage Therapist, Tru Hartwood ...250-889-3923

Traditional Chinese Medicine.....

Dr. Trevor Erikson..... 778-886-1180

Home-based Licensed Health Professionals

Reg. Physiotherapist, Mieke Truijen629-9910

24 Hour Crisis Help Lines

Healthlink BC Dial 811

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

Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)

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

Stopping the Violence Counselling ... 250-538-5568

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

Kids’ Help Phone 1-800-668-6868

Mental Health Distress Line

Support/Information 310-6789

Suicide Prevention Helpline 1-800-784-2433

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

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

Community Support Numbers

Capital Regional District (CRD)

Director SGI, David Howe 250-216-5618

Building Inspector 629-3424

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

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

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

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

Emergency Hydro 1-888-769-3766

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

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

Non-Emergency Contact Information

Hall #1 and Administration 629-3321

Hall #2..... 629-3325

Hall #3..... 629-3400

Fax 629-6194

Fire Chief Cell 1-250-537-0166

Burning Permits, Fire Hall 1, 4423 Bedwell Harbour Rd

Online at..... *www.penderfire.ca*

Hall/Meeting Room Bookings

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

School Community Room 629-3711

Health Care Centre 629-3326

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

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

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

Home Support Services

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

Islands Trust: Victoria 1-800-663-7867

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

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

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

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

Member of Parliament

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

Ministry for Children and Families.... 250-952-6062

Toll free..... 1-866-823-5857

Help Line for Children anywhere in BC ...310-1234

Pender Island Emergency Program

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

ESS - Barbara Tarris 629-3052

Pender Island Public Cemetery 629-6625

Pender Island Veterinary Clinic 629-9909

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

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

Crimestoppers 1-800-665-TIPS (8477)

Victim Services 629-6531

Rescue

Marine & Aircraft distress 1-800-567-5111

Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC)

Search and Rescue (Land) Emergency 911

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

MARCH CALENDAR

1	Sun	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*	
		2:00 pm	PIPL presents Sunday Afternoon Speaker Series: Howard White, Harbour Publishing, Library.....	44
		7:00 pm	Speakeasy, Legion Hall.....	64
2	Mon	9:00 am	Parents and Babes to 11:30, (also on 9 and 30), Dragonfly Centre.....	30
		9:25 am	Walking Group meets every Monday and Friday, call Carol for details at 629-9959, St. Peter's	5
		10:00 am	Pender Island Public Library AGM, all welcome, Library	
		1:00 pm	PIAS presents Acrylics with Kelly Leroux to 4 pm, Anglican Parish Hall.....	12
		7:30 pm	Badminton meets every Tuesday, 7:30 - 10 pm, School Gym, Peter Taylor, 629-3375*	
3	Tue	9:45 am	MYI: Moderate Yoga with Kelly-Ann to 10:45 am, Community Hall*	41
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Winter Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm*	45
		11:15 am	MYI: Gentle Chair Yoga with Ella to 12:15 pm, Community Hall*	41
		12:30 pm	MYI: Moderate Yoga for Men with Les to 1:30 pm, Community Hall*	41
4	Wed	9:00 am	HOP to 10:15 am, (also on 11) in School gym and Classroom #3.....	30
		9:00 am	Food Bank open Wednesdays to 11 am, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	40
		11:00 am	Computer Savvy Seniors, Introduction to Microsoft Excel to 1 pm, CRC.....	47
		12:00 pm	Seniors Luncheon for 55+, Anglican Parish Hall*	41
		1:30 pm	Carpet Bowling to 3:30 pm every Wednesday, Community Hall*	37, 45
		2:00 pm	Socrates Cafe meets every Wednesday to 4 pm, Legion*	
		4:00 pm	<i>Ukulele Strum-A-Long</i> to 5 pm, all ages and abilities welcome, \$5 drop-in, Hope Bay Studio*	
5	Thu	9:45 am	MYI: Moderate Exercise: Essentrics to 10:45 am, Community Hall*	41
		11:15 am	MYI: Intermediate Exercise: Mindful Movement to 12:15 pm, Community Hall*	41
		5:30 pm	Legion Meat Draw, every Thursday and Euchre at 4 pm, Legion*	46, 64
		7:30 pm	Spirit Moves to 9:30 pm, also on March 19, Community Hall.....	37
6	Fri	10:30 am	Otters Swim Club Annual General Meeting, Panorama Recreation Center	50
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open every Friday and Saturday until 4 pm*	31
		10:00 am	Community Café to 1:30 pm, Community Hall*	37, 41
		10:00 am	Makers Meet-up Drop-in, Community Hall*.....	37, 41, 45
		11:00 am	Repair, Tech, and Health Tables every Friday, Community Hall*	37
		11:45 am	Community Gathering to 1 pm, Community Hall*	37, 41
		12:00 pm	PIHCS Soup Luncheon with Live Music by <i>Peach & Quiet</i> , Community Hall.....	29, 37, 41
		2:00 pm	World Day of Prayer, Community Church.....	6
		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, Roast Pork, Legion.....	46, 64
		7:30 pm	Kracken Theatre presents <i>Knives Out</i> , see ad for the March listings, Bistro Port Browning	5
7	Sat	10:00 am	PIRAHA Winter Market to 1:30 pm, Community Hall*	45
		10:00 am	Community Café to 1 pm, Community Hall*	37
		1:00 pm	Moving Around Pender meeting, Community Hall	28
		4:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw, every Saturday, Legion Hall*	46, 64
		6:00 pm	Legion Paint Night, dinner at 6 pm and painting at 7 pm, Legion Hall.....	6, 46, 64
		7:30 pm	Film: <i>Judy</i> , Community Hall.....	37, 44
8	Sun	1:00 pm	Sunday Afternoon at the Library: PI Museum Photographs	44
9	Mon	9:00 am	Pender Island Quilters' Circle meets all day to 5 pm, Anglican Parish Hall	15
		4:00 pm	Magic Lake Property Owners Society regular board meeting, School Community Room.....	27
		7:00 pm	Photo Club meets second Monday of the month, School	16
11	Wed	11:00 am	Computer Savvy Seniors, PowerPoint for Beginners to 1 pm, CRC.....	47
		7:30 pm	Concert Society presents Rick Scott and Nico Rhodes, <i>Roots and Grooves</i> , School.....	15, 68
12	Thu	12:30 pm	Newcomers, Recycling Depot Tour, Community Hall	47
		1:00 pm	Garden Club presents Elizabeth Cull, Veggie Gardening in Containers, Anglican Parish Hall	49
		1:30 pm	<i>Singing for Fun</i> with Mayr Reher to April 16, ptarmiganarts.org/register , Community Hall.....	37
		2:00 pm	Stroke Support Group, the second Thursday of every month to 3:30 pm, Clinic Meeting Room.....	20
13	Fri	10:00 am	<i>Recycled Art Collages Workshop</i> with Celene Wilde to 12 pm, \$20, all ages, Community Hall	19, 37
		10:00 am	First Aid Friday, the second Friday of every month, to 11 am, Community Hall.....	20, 37, 45

CALENDAR CONTINUED

	12:00 pm	PIHCS Soup Luncheon with Live Music by <i>The Lakemen</i> , Community Hall	29, 37
	6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Burgers, Legion Hall	46, 64
14 Sat	9:00 am	Spring Break - Dragonfly will be closed for two weeks and reopen on March 30	30
	9:00 am	Scrapbooking to 9 pm, Sun. 9 am - 5 pm, Register with Angie Gray <i>gray5@shaw.ca</i> , Legion Hall..	46, 64
	10:00 am	PIAS, Acrylic All Day Workshop with Sarah Gayle to 4 pm, Hope Bay Bible Camp	12
	11:00 am	Lego Club for Kids to noon, free drop-in, Library	44
	1:30 pm	BINGO at the Legion, Come Win The Jackpot, Legion Hall	46, 64
	2:00 pm	Pender POD, presents <i>Artifishial</i> , by Pender Scientist Misty McDuffy, Community Hall.....	27, 37, 46
	7:30 pm	Film: <i>Ford V Ferrari</i> , Community Hall.....	37, 44
16 Mon	1:00 pm	PIAS Drawing Practice to 4 pm, Anglican Parish Hall.....	12
17 Tue	7:00 pm	CPS Boating to 9 pm for the next six weeks, Pender Island Clinic Meeting Room.....	66
18 Wed	9:30 am	PIFN 3 rd Wednesday Walk to Greenburn Lake, meet at the trailhead next to the firehall.....	49
	10:00 am	Pender Post Directors meet, Community Hall	
	4:00 pm	Pender Island Reconciliation Circle to 6 pm, Anglican Parish Hall	6
	7:00 pm	PIRAHA Board Meeting, Community Hall	
19 Thu	12:30 pm	55+ Take a Break - Equinox Activities, email <i>andrea@penderislandhealth.ca</i> to RSVP.....	41
20 Fri	9:30 am	Pender Island Parks and Recreation meeting to 12 pm, open to public, Plum Tree Court	
	10:00 am	Foot Care Clinic, Community Hall	37, 41, 45
	12:00 pm	PIHCS Soup Luncheon with Live Music by <i>Lester Quitzau</i> , Community Hall	20, 37
	6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Roast Chicken, Legion	46, 64
21 Sat	1:00 pm	Opening reception of <i>The Spring Exhibit</i> to 3 pm, The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts	20
	2:30 pm	<i>24hr Movie Making Marathon</i> to Sunday 2:30 pm, \$50, ages 10+, Community Hall	19, 66
22 Sun	8:30 am	Farmers' Institute <i>Food Safe Course</i> to 3:30 pm, Port Browning Marina Bistro	38
27 Fri	10:45 am	Ping Pong Fun, Community Hall	37, 45
1	2:00 pm	PIHCS Soup Luncheon with Live Music by <i>Peter Emery</i> , Community Hall.....	20, 37
	6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Swiss Steak, Legion Hall	46, 64
	7:30 pm	PIJazz dance, Community Hall.....	17, 37
28 Sat	9:45 am	Emergency First-Aid with CPR "C" (OFA Level 1 Equivalent) to 5 pm, Poets Cove	47
	10:00 am	Legion General Meeting, Legion Hall	64
	10:00 am	Farmers' Institute <i>Seedy Saturday</i> and Winter Market to 1 pm, Community Hall	24, 37, 38
	12:00 pm	<i>Improvisation & Soloing with Lester Quitzau</i> to 3 pm, \$30, for any instrument, Hope Bay Studio	19
	1:00 pm	Farmers' Institute AGM, Community Hall	39
	2:00 pm	South Pender Historical Society AGM and story telling, Church of the Good Shepherd	47
	7:30 pm	Film: <i>The Good Liar</i> , Community Hall	37, 44

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR APRIL

2 Thu		Solstice Theatre presents <i>Four Weddings and an Elvis</i> to April 5	
3 Fri		Swing into Spring dinner and dance with the Pender Island Jazz Band, Legion.....	17
	6:30 pm	<i>Crammin' For The Finals</i> film screening of <i>Death by Joy</i> with discussion. Anglican Hall	7, 42, 63
4 Sat	9:00 am	<i>Crammin For The Finals</i> symposium to 4 pm, all welcome, tickets \$20, Anglican Hall.....	7, 42, 63
10 Fri	10:00 am	<i>Bookmaking</i> with Annie Smith to 12 pm, \$20, includes materials, ages 10+, Community Hall	
17 Fri	3:00 pm	Co-housing meeting to 5 pm, Jule Roper's home 4324 Clam Bay Road	9
	6:00 pm	<i>5th Annual Short Film Festival</i> , tickets available soon, Community Hall	
18		Beach (and Roadside) Clean-up 2020.....	38
24 Fri	7:30 pm	Ross Brownlee, students, and staff from Winnipeg Westgate Collegiate to perform on Pender	9



COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND CONTACTS

Al-Anon Family Group.....	Monday, Pender Island Community Church, 250-383-4020
Alcoholics Anonymous.....	Monday 12 pm and Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday, 7:30 pm, Plum Tree Court, 629-3205
Art Society	Usually the first and third Monday of the month, Anglican Parish Hall, 1-4 pm, Brenda Sledzinski, 778-677-0175
Badminton.....	Tuesday 8 - 10 pm, Sunday, 10 am - 12 pm, School gym, Peter Taylor, 629-3375
Bridge.....	Contact Gail Jamieson, 629-6228 or May Ready, 629-3316
Canadian Power & Sail, Pender Island Squadron.....	David Kirsop, 629 6846
Chamber of Commerce.....	250-999-6371
Community Choir	Graham Garlick, 250-222-8733
Community Support/Volunteer Program	Andrea Mills, 629-3346
Conservancy Association.....	Graham Boffey, 629-099
Epicentre	Daily for members, workshops, and activities for members and non-members, Tina Christensen, 629-3045
Farmers' Institute	Barbara Grimmer, 629-3819
Farmland Acquisition Project	Matilda te Hennepe, 250-537-7707
Field Naturalists.....	Bob Vergette, 629-3820
Food Bank.....	Every 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, Leeanne Mueller, 778-977-6937
Health Care Society	Third Monday of the month, 10 am Health Care Meeting Room, Marion Alksne, 250-222-0457
Legion	629-3441
Library.....	Open Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 10 am - 4 pm, 629-3722
Lions Club.....	First Wednesday of the month, 7 pm, 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, Kathy Gilbert, 250-539-0772
Moving Around Pender.....	First Saturday of the month, 1:15 pm, Community Hall, Niall Parker, 629-6936
Museum Society.....	Simone Marler, 250-217-0823
Nu-To-Yu	Friday and Saturday 10 am - 4 pm
Otters Swim Club.....	President Helen Lemon-Moore, penderottersswimclub@gmail.com or 629-2020
Parent Advisory Council.....	Jenn Kaila, 250-885-1719
Parks and Recreation Commission	Third Friday of the month, 9 am, Plum Tree Court, Tom Bell, 629-3160
Pender Highlanders Pipeband.....	Monday, 6:30 pm beginners, 7 pm band, Anglican Hall, Larry Dempster, 629-6218
Pender Island Trust Protection Society	Peter Easthope, 360-639-0202
Pender Pacers Running Group.....	Meets every Sunday, call for place and time, Herb Katz, 629-3205
Pender Photo Club	Second Monday of the month, Hans Tammemagi, 629-2029
Pender Solstice Theatre Society.....	Keith Smith, 250-891-5267
PIJazz - Community Jazz Band	rehearsals Tuesday, School, 6:30 pm, 629-9938
Ptarmigan Arts	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: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday 10-3 pm, 629-6962
Soccer Club.....	Fridays 5:30 pm, soccer at school field/gym. All welcome, 14 yrs+, free
South Pender Historical Society	Sandra Johnson, 250-812-9776
Tai Chi.....	Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays: contact Ken, 629-8332 or Kali, 629-3848
Royal Canadian Marine Search and Rescue - RCM-SAR Station 20	Elizabeth Wilkes, 250-538-8083
Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre.....	Open Monday, Wednesday, or Friday between 10 am - 2 pm, 629-3665
Volleyball, Adult Recreational	7:30 pm every Monday, School
Walking Group "Let's Go Walking"	Meets every Monday and Friday, 9:25 am, St. Peter's, Carol Davis, 629-9959
Yacht Club.....	Tom Caston, 629-6477



Special Events & Activities at the COMMUNITY HALL

Let's Dance



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March 27
7 pm



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March 5 & 19
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March 28, 10 am - 1 pm

Friday Activities at the COMMUNITY GATHERING

Mar 6	Makers Meetup	10:00 - 12:00
	Peach & Quiet	12:00 - 1:00
Mar 13	First Aid Friday	10:00 - 11:00
	The Lakemen	12:00 - 1:00
Mar 20	Lester Quitzau	12:00 - 1:00
	Foot Care Clinic	10:00 - 12:00
Mar 27	Ping Pong Fun	10:30 - 11:45

Every Friday

10 - 1	Café
11 - 12	Repair, Tech, Health tables
12 - 1	Lunch & Music



Spring at the Oscars

7:30 pm

Saturday, March 7
Judy

Saturday, March 14
Ford V Ferrari

Saturday, March 28
The Good Liar



FMI about activities at the Community Hall go to: www.penderislands.org

If your garden is like mine - shady and rocky - dress it up with things like figurines and pots. Come see what the 'cage' (downstairs) has to offer,

And, as usual, remember that the last weekend of the month is \$5 bag day. This allows you to stuff as much clothing and linens as you can into a brown paper bag (excluding specially priced shoes).

Sheila Veness

Pender Island Conservancy Association

PICA

Chum Salmon for Pender Island



The 2020 Egg-stravaganza at Hope Bay Stream was a great success. Friday, January 30 was a fine day in-

deed, with co-operation from the weather, holding off the rain until after the arrival of the Chum salmon eggs to the stream. Volunteers were prepared with willow and dogwood whips, fencing, snippers, etc., and while awaiting the arrival of the eggs, Pender Island Con-

servancy and parent volunteers, along with the children and teachers from the local school, busily engaged in restoration work along the stream banks at the Bible Camp. Invasive species were removed, native shrubs and willows were planted, and baby cedars were placed in protective cages to keep them safe from marauding munching deer. Despite the mud, the enthusiastic engagement of the students was a delight to see. They had been studying salmon in class and were excited to be putting that knowledge to use.

The 40,000 eggs arrived in style on a DFO patrol boat, accompanied by Melissa Nottingham, DFO Community Advisor, and two DFO officers. Almost 90 students learned about the life cycle of the salmon, got to hold some salmon eggs and helped put the eggs into the hatching cassette. The cassette was then carefully placed in the stream on a bed of gravel, secured to the bank with ropes and weighed down with rocks.

A setback did occur with a record rainfall the next day. It caused a severe flood that damaged some rock weirs and forced a portion of the eggs from the hatching cassette. The Conservancy salmon team were able to pick up another 13,000 eggs from Goldstream Hatchery on February 7 to replace some of the loss and by February 11, eggs were already hatching in the cassette.

A big thanks to Melissa and the folks at the Goldstream hatchery for their support of the project, and to everyone who participated. A special thank you for the exceptional goodwill of the Hope Bay Bible Camp staff in hosting the event.

If you are interested in volunteering with this project, helping with monitoring or restoration, please email Bob Simons at dobrobob@live.ca.

Elizabeth Miles, Bob Simons

Advanced Notice for Beach (and Roadside) Clean-up 2020

Calling all Beach and Roadside Clean-up volunteers: the time for the annual Beach Clean-up is coming up fast. It will be held, as usual, on the Saturday before Earth Day, which is April 18 this year. We will be attempting to contact all volunteers from previous years, but if you already know that you would like to volunteer, please contact us at elizabethmiles999@gmail.com or 250-539-8843.

Bob Simons

Pender Island Farmers' Institute

Food Safe course on Sunday, March 22 at Port Browning Marina Bistro 8:30 am - 3:30 pm. Certificate is good for five years. Food Safe or Market Safe are required to sell food at the Farmers' Market. Register by March 10 to penderislandmarket@gmail.com or call 250-222-3817 for more information. Open to anyone on Pender.

Seedy Saturday and Winter Market on March 28 at Community Hall 10 am - 1 pm. Seeds, plant starts, and perennials for sale or exchange. Guest speaker will be Simone Cazabon, food security co-ordinator for Harvest Salt Spring, an initiative of the Salt Spring Island Community Services Society. Information tables, show-and-tell by local farmers, kids activities, discussions

Thank you for the opportunity to serve you in the legislature.

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on food security. Refreshments. Everyone is welcome. To reserve a table or request more information email penderislandmarket@gmail.com or call 250-222-3817.

Pender Island Farmers' Institute AGM following Seedy Saturday at the Hall. 1 pm on March 28. Everyone is welcome. Individual and market memberships \$5, farm memberships \$20. The Farmers' Institute was established in 1924 and is responsible for the annual Fall Fair, Farmers' Market, Seedy Saturday, school planting program, Neptune Grimmer-Ashton Ross-Smith bursary, and more.

Barbara Johnstone

Pender Island Fire Rescue

PIFR



PIFR had a busy start to 2020, with 44 calls for service by February 19. Over the same period in 2019, we attended 29 incidents so that is an increase of more than 45 per cent. What does this increase look like in demands on our responders and ultimately the long-term sustainability of our valuable emergency fire and rescue services?

The increased call volume creates stress for our responders, especially those who attend the bulk of calls. However, the increased demands for services also creates opportunities for Pender Islanders to help each other in practical and meaningful ways. I believe our community can manage increasing demand for services within the existing model and that there are significant socio-economic benefits for all of us.

It is my hope that more folks will help as volunteer/paid on-call responders because I believe our spirit of volunteerism is what makes the Penders a warm, caring, and safe place to live, work and play. Achieving this means more of the fit people in the community must participate. Or, we will all have to dig deeper into our pockets to pay for these services. That is an option we can avoid if more people help.

The members who serve us at PIFR are regular folks with demands in their lives that do not always allow them

to participate as much as they would like to. However, if we have enough volunteers, we can provide excellent service with even a 50 per cent turn out rate.

Currently, we have 34 members on our responder roster and 49 on our support crew. We should have 45 to 50 responders and about 60 in support roles. So, we need some more folks to step up. You will have to make some sacrifices to acquire the skills required to deliver the excellent service we expect. You will also need to prioritize the time required to complete mandatory training and meet the stringent workplace safety regulations designed to ensure you stay safe in your work. I am absolutely sure if you make that commitment, you will be glad you did. I can say that because, for the past 30+ years, I have witnessed the pride and satisfaction of our responders and volunteers when they have helped someone through their worst days. So, if you want to be part of the team that makes great things possible, please give us a call at Hall #1, 629-3321.

Typically, in March, residents like to get a jump on spring yard cleaning because

burning permits are not required until April 1. Regardless, our bylaws require you to burn in the right place, only light fires of the right size, and not burn prohibited materials. Check for changes in the regulations or fire hazards on our website www.penderfire.org.

Please remember, excessive smoke caused by burning green debris and leaves can severely impact the health of those with respiratory illnesses. Please be considerate of neighbours and extinguish your fire if the smoke is affecting them. Chipping is a great option and there are several island contractors who can bring a chipper to you. Please consider partnering with your neighbours or renting a chipper to reduce smoke pollution. Permits will be required for all outdoor burning effective April 1 or before if conditions warrant.

Finally, the PIFPS AGM is currently scheduled for April this year. Please look for the notice in this issue of *The Pender Post* on page 21 and on our website. Until next month, stay safe and remember it is the law to have working smoke and CO alarms. Please make





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Pender Island Food Bank

The Gulf Islands Teachers' Association has donated 12 cases of tuna to the Pender Island Food Bank. The tuna was purchased by GITA through the Union Protein Project, a non-profit society that was started in 2006 by unions and the United Way. The aim of the UPP is to help provide food that is protein-based to food banks across BC. The aim of providing healthy food fits very well with the goals of the Food Bank and we thank the Teachers' Association for this very generous donation.

Each month there are many individuals and groups who support us in a variety of ways. In the rush around Christmas I neglected to thank Amanda Griesbach, Jane Baker, and Peter and Diane Wilson for their contributions. This month we would like to thank the following: Derek and Becky at El Faro, Jeremy and Donna Harwood, Ian Dutton, Kerry Wheeler,

Otter Bay Marina, Carmel Kozak, and the Pender Island Fire Rescue. The help everyone provides in so many different ways is greatly appreciated.

The Food Bank is open every Wednesday morning from 9 - 11 am, upstairs at the back of Anglican Parish Hall for those in need of our services.

Shirley Arthur

Pender Island Health Care Society

2020 is shaping up to be a very exciting year for the Pender Islands Health Care Society. As we are focusing on the sustainability and maintenance of our building, we are looking towards solidifying operating funds in order to undergo several essential upgrades to ensure we are best meeting the needs of the growing Pender Island community.

In order to help us develop our future vision and meet our current goals, we are making an unusual call for additional board members to join us mid-term. Prospective new board members who have submitted their resumes and met

with the current board will be elected to join in the momentum of the Pender Islands Health Care Society during a special meeting in April 2020.

We are also pleased to announce that Erin Pauch has joined the Pender Islands Health Care Society team as an assistant to me, the Executive Director. She brings with her a wealth of executive experience as the former Executive Director of two hospices in the Gulf Islands and will be a huge asset to the PIHCS team. We look forward to a very busy season of planning, exploring, and learning as PIHCS looks to the future.

It is with profound thanks that we acknowledge the kindness of three organizations, who collectively funded almost 100% of the new (and needed) phone system at the clinic. The previous system could no longer be updated and was creating challenges in both recording and receiving calls. The new one not only allows us to answer calls, but also transfer them - simple things that get us very excited!! There was so much more that was not working, but it is the day-to-day use that now is reliable, clear, and helpful. Green Angels Wood Choppers, CRD (Dave Howe), and Nu-To-Yu collectively financed our new system. Their generosity and support are truly appreciated. A photo with the donors will be in the next issue of *The Pender Post*.

Marion Alkne

Health Centre Community Support Programs

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12:30 pm Moderate Yoga for Men with Les

Thursdays March 5 - April 23 at the Community Hall

9:45 am Moderate Exercise - Essentrics with Heather

11:15 am Intermediate Exercise - Mindful Movement with Sandra, by donation

To register, email andrea@penderislandhealth.ca or call 629-3346 and leave a message. \$7 to drop in. If the cost poses a hardship, contact Community Support for assistance; many thanks to the CRD/Pender Parks and Recreation Commission for its financial support of the MYI programs.

Take A Break!

Thursday March 19, 55+ Take A Break will be getting together for spring equinox crafts and activities. Many thanks to the Pender Island Lions Club for their financial support of the Take A Break program.

Community Volunteer Income Tax Program

The Community Support Program is once again happy to assist Beacon Community Services with the federal government's Community Volunteer Income Tax Program. A trained tax assistant will be coming to Pender Island in March and April and is available to meet with you by appointment. You may

be eligible for help at a free tax clinic if you have a modest income and a simple tax situation! Most find they are in line for a refund of \$300 to \$500.

Makers Group

March 6 at 10 am join the Makers Group tables for our usual handicrafts; all are welcome. Please bring a project or supplies to work with.

Caregivers Support

Having a life-limiting diagnosis, or supporting someone with a life-limiting condition, can be incredibly demanding. People in this situation experience a variety of feelings and the demands can make it difficult to maintain self-care, stay in touch with friends and family, and can lead to loneliness, isolation, and depression. If you are a caregiver or have a friend or loved one who is beginning to need extra assistance, please contact the facilitator, Christine, at pendercare@gmail.com. You can meet or talk one-on-one or be part of group meetings with your peers. For more information about programs and services for caregivers, go to www.familycaregiversbc.ca/.

Foot Care Information Clinic with Larissa Shumuk

Your feet are the starting point of a healthy lifestyle, which people don't usually notice until something goes wrong. Learn the building blocks for good foot care, what to expect if you go to a podiatrist or foot care nurse, and have a quick assessment. Larissa (a nurse with foot care training) will be available for all your questions March 20 from 10 - noon at the Community Hall.

Health Centre Food Programs 55+ Luncheon

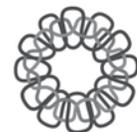
A delicious lunch and great companionship at the Anglican Parish Hall every Wednesday at noon; if you are new to this group please call Nora at 629-3845 to ensure space. Cost is \$10; if the cost poses a hardship, contact Community Support for assistance.

Friday Community Gathering Soup Lunch

The Community Gathering is a casual drop in lunch for all ages. 10:30 am - 1 pm, stop in for the café, live music, soup lunch, and weekly activities almost every Friday at the Community Hall. Lunch is pay what you can, but the suggested donation is \$6. Soup to go is \$8 a bag for a generous portion or bring your own container for \$7.

Meals on Wheels

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Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Drivers - always needed

This is a great opportunity for people who love to drive, chat a bit, and go off-island once in a while. As a volunteer you will receive emails or phone calls about upcoming trips. If you are available, you'll be matched up with the person needing a ride. Drivers can receive a Charitable Tax Receipt for

their mileage and either a Charitable Tax Receipt or a set amount of money for snack or meal reimbursements. Email communitysupport@shaw.ca.

Volunteer Friendly Visitors

This is a great opportunity for people who would like to build a relationship with an interesting elder. Friendly Visitors are matched with an elder senior who is isolated or mainly home bound, visit them at their home, chat over a cup of tea, watch a movie together, play a game, or go out together. You never know, perhaps you will find the friend or mentor you never knew you needed! Email communitysupport@shaw.ca.

Community Lunch Volunteers

If you are interested in being a kitchen helper or an occasional soup creator, please email community_gathering@outlook.com or Kathy can also be reached in person at many of the Friday Community Gatherings.

Activity Leaders

Would you like to get out and share your skills and passion? We are looking for volunteers who are interested in helping with such activities as Men's Shed Co-

ordinator, Craft Leader, Carving Leader, Walking Group Leader, and other activities. What excites you? Let's talk!

Act of Kindness

"I was eighteen years old, had recently left school and had just started a new job as a dispatch rider. This was quite a long time ago. I had quite a nice bike, but not the kit to go with it. My first job was an urgent 7 am pick-up for a 9 am drop off in central London. It was late autumn and cold. I got there on time and delivered my parcel. The recipient, a well-spoken man of about sixty looked at me and asked me if I was alright. I said I was, but actually I was frozen nearly to the core, shaking with cold and dreading the ride back. He said okay then, come with me. He took me to a cafe around the corner and sat me down to a full English breakfast and had the same with me. What a lovely man; I'll never forget him and that simple helpful generosity."

*Andrea Mills, Health Centre
Community Support Programs*

Pender Island Lions Club



The Pender Island Lions Club needs you! Becoming a Lions Club member is a learning experience. Members

learn how to organize projects, speak in public, experience executive positions, help those in need, and meet other members of the community. Pender Island Lions Club meets on the first Wednesday of each month (Sept-June) at the medical clinic. There are 4-5 projects per year which require only a couple of hours of volunteer service. The largest fundraising project is the Pender Island phone book. Becoming a Lion is not a huge time commitment. Even so our Lions Club donates up to \$20,000 a year to Pender Island groups and students. All first-year students from Pender Island who are attending an accredited post-secondary institution receive a \$500 bursary. Many students then give back to the community by volunteering for Lions events/projects. Our Lions Club recently donated almost \$18,000 worth of medical equipment to the medical clinic. The Lions Club also

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raised the money to build the original medical clinic. Our Lions Club needs new members with new ideas. Please come out to a meeting and consider becoming one of over 1.2 million Lions members worldwide. Contact Fred Vye at fvye@shaw.ca for more information.

Terry Shepherd

Pender Island Museum Society



From time to time the museum plans to feature the stories of Pender women

and how they shaped our community values through the generations. Guest columnist and museum volunteer, Peter Taylor, was raised on Pender and shares this memoir of his Grandmother, Annie Taylor.

Annie Teasdale was born on June 5, 1864 in Keswick, County Cumberland, England. She was orphaned as a child and became an indentured servant. The family she worked for immigrated to Winnipeg, Man. Annie finished her 10-year indentureship and left for work in a hotel in Victoria. There she met and married George Taylor. In 1892, they preempted a quarter section of land on the southwest side of Saturna Island.

George Taylor started a stone quarry and shipped stone to Victoria. Some Saturna stone exists today in Victoria buildings such as the former Carnegie Library. During this time Annie gave birth to five children: Christine, Vallie, George Jr., Thomas, and Derwent. They also cleared land for a small farm and orchard, and constructed a stone house, which burned down in the 1930s. The



When Annie Taylor left her home on Saturna in 1915, Pender welcomed her and her son. After her cabin burned down, the community gathered for a shower to help her start again. Annie is seated in the centre with the child in short pants.

stone ruins of the house are part of the Gulf Islands National Park Reserve at Taylor Point on Saturna.

It was during this time that Annie's connection to Pender Island began. Alexander Hamilton, Alexander Brackett, and Ross Brackett worked as stonemasons in the quarry. They were all residents of Browning Harbour.

In 1915, Annie left Saturna for Pender Island. The stone quarry was closed by then and all her children had left except for her youngest, Derwent. He had not been able to attend school. So, at the age of ten he went to live with the Hamilton family in Browning Harbour to go to school and work on the farm. Annie came to Pender to be the housekeeper for Mr. McGregor in Pollard Cove (now 5601 Lupin Road). She eventually

had a one-room cabin on the Brackett property (4608 Razor Point Road). She lived there for a couple of years until it was destroyed by fire. Again, she started from nothing.

During the 1920s, 30s, and early 40s she earned her living by working for

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Pender families during times of illness and childbirth. On the 1933 voters list she listed her occupation as “cook”. Annie had cooked for the crews at the stone quarry and was reputed to be an excellent cook.

In the 1930s she was given the use of a piece of land owned by Laurie Auchterlonie at the head of Hope Bay. Her sons, George and Derwent, had been using a two-room floating cabin while logging on Samuel Island. Houses floating on log rafts were not unusual and they floated this cabin to the head of Hope Bay and pulled it up on land. Annie spent the rest of her life living in this cabin.

Its location near the store and government dock at Hope Bay meant she had many visitors. One of the regulars was Andy Ritchie. He was the lighthouse keeper at East Point on Saturna. When he came for supplies at the Hope Bay store he walked up for a visit and usually lunch.

Annie lived alone on Pender for 40 years with no running water and electricity, and only a wood stove for heating and cooking. Even at the age of 91 years she was still coping and surviving as many remarkable pioneers did. Annie died in 1955 after falling and breaking her hip.

Peter Taylor

Pender Island Public Library

Tech Tutor



Need help with your phone, tablet, or laptop? Sign-up at the Library for a free, 30-minute, one-on-one “Tech Tutor” session with Colette, library technician. Get help downloading free eBooks, audiobooks, and eMagazines; learn how to request interlibrary loan items or start using online language or music lessons. Pick up tips for online safety, get help with email, organizing your digital photos, or set up your new tablet/phone. Tech Tutor sessions are available every Thursday afternoon from 1-3 pm, by appointment. Drop-ins taken if space is available. Sign up by calling the library at 629-3722 or in person. For your session, bring your device, power cord,

and your login/password info that may be required. Come meet our friendly library technician to take advantage of this new free service.

Sunday Afternoon at the Library Speaker Series

On March 1 at 2 pm, we welcome Howard White, co-founder of Harbour Publishing, an award-winning independent book publisher located in Pender Harbour. Harbour Publishing is well known for the Raincoast Chronicles, a series of anthologies on BC coast history and culture. The Canadian Historical Assoc. cited publisher Howard White as “a tireless promoter and creator of quality BC regional history,” recognizing that Harbour Publishing “has nurtured and brought into being a remarkable range of works that capture the essence of BC.” Join us for this fascinating afternoon as Howard takes us through the history of Harbour Publishing and his own journey as an author, with readings from his latest book. On Sunday, March 8 at 1 pm, the Library and the PI Museum are partnering once again, this time for an afternoon of identifying old photographs donated to the museum. The museum needs your help to put names to the faces on photos showing daily life, special events, and family gatherings on Pender.

Art in the Library presents an exhibit by local artist Gayle Burandt during March and April. Gayle’s current works are produced on cotton canvas, using acrylic paints and a flow medium, creating unique pieces. While Gayle has worked with textiles, quilting, decorating, jewelry making, beach glass, Victorian lampshades, garden design, and painting, it is only recently that she considered herself an artist. For Gayle, it has always been about loving the process of the art form, living with it, dreaming about it, accumulating the materials, and producing it. *So it’s not until I’m almost 70 years old that I can say, without hesitation that, yes, I am an artist! My artwork brings people joy, and I’m happiest when I’m in the process of creating!* Stop by to see Gayle’s wonderful show.

Did you know you can search what’s in the library’s collection from home? Go online to the library’s web page by

searching for “Pender Island Library.” At the top of the webpage, type in any title or author to see if the item is on the library shelves and available. If your item is currently checked-out, you can reserve it by placing a “Hold” and will be emailed a notice when the item becomes available. You might be surprised to hear that our little island library has 17,000+ items for adults and youth, including books, DVDs, and magazines, with lots of brand new titles.

*Carmen Oleskevich,
Library Manager*

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

PIRAHA



Spring at the Oscars

Film: Judy
**Saturday, March 7,
7:30 pm**

Winter 1968, showbiz legend Judy Garland arrives in Swinging London to perform a five-week sold-out run at The Talk of the Town. It has been thirty years since she shot to global stardom in *The Wizard of Oz*, but if her voice has weakened, its dramatic intensity has only grown.

Film: Ford V Ferrari
Saturday, March 14, 7:30 pm

American automotive designer Carroll Shelby and fearless British race car driver Ken Miles battle corporate interference, the laws of physics, and their own personal demons to build a revolutionary vehicle for the Ford Motor Co. Together, they plan to compete against the race cars of Enzo Ferrari at the Le Mans in France 1966.

Film: The Good Liar
Saturday, March 28, 7:30 pm

Career con artist Roy Courtney can hardly believe his luck when he meets well-to-do widow Betty McLeish online. As Betty opens her home and life to him, Roy is surprised to find himself caring about her, turning what should be a cut-and-dry swindle into the most treacherous tightrope walk of his life.

Winter Artisan Market Saturdays from 10 am - 1 pm

Come out on Saturdays to the Winter Market to browse local food, art, crafts, and produce. Handmade goods are available inside the Hall and drinks are available in the Café.

Carpet Bowling Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:30 pm

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

Friday Community Gathering Fridays 10 am - 1 pm

Almost every week the Community Hall turns into the living room of the island, with some of the most amazing neighbours on hand to help you out or just chat. Lunch, live music, a helpful handyperson, terrific tech helpers, a wonderful wellness check person, special activities, all washed down with a drink in the café and a visit with old friends and friends you haven't met yet. Come down for a weekly social infusion!

Friday Special Activities at the Community Gathering

Makers Meetup

March 6, 10 am - noon

First Aid Friday

March 13, 10 am - 11 am

Foot Care Clinic

March 20, 10 am - noon

Ping Pong Fun

March 27, 10:30 am - 11:50 am

Summer Programs

The Community Hall once again plans to run summer camps through July and August. Camps are from ages 6-12 and 13-18. We aren't taking registrations yet, as we still have some details to settle, but you can call or email us to be put on an interest list. For more information, go to penderislands.org/registrations/.

We will soon be hiring for summer staff; if you know of a 15-30 year old who is interested in working at the Community Hall for the summer, encourage them

to look at our amazing jobs. For more information, check out our bulletin board or go to penderislands.org/employment/.

Summer Camp Volunteers (14 years and over) needed! Are you ready to lend a hand? Turn your spare time into social good. Spend a few hours, days, or weeks with the Community Hall, and help us build a strong, happy, and healthy community. What's in it for you? Meet new people, advance your career, stay physically healthy, make new contacts, learn new skills, increase social and relationship skills, help others and feel happy, have fun, develop new interests, earn grad credits, gain valuable work skills, and give back to your community! If you have one, two, or several hours a week to volunteer or just want to help with a special event, we have something for you.

Volunteers Needed

The Community Hall is always looking for volunteer film projectionists, café helpers, youth leadership mentors, maintenance helpers, event assistants, activity leaders, and grant writers. If you are interested in volunteering with our dynamic community-building focused hall, please call 629-3669 or email bookings@penderislands.org.

Andrea Mills and Dianne Allison

Pender Island Recycling Society



The depot was closed on a Tuesday in February due to snow. The driveway and parking lot were slippery and conditions were unsafe for both driving and recycling! If we need to close due to unsafe weather (or in the event of a power outage), the closure will be posted on the depot's Facebook page (Pender Island Recycling), on the depot website www.penderislandrecycling.com, and also announced on the depot answering machine at 629-6962. It would be unfortunate to load up your recyclables and drive on down to the depot only to find it closed, so be sure to check if you notice unusual weather or high winds.

PIRS would like to sincerely thank John Bowers for his generous donation of a

cargo net to the depot. We are once again able to safely transport recyclables off island and for this we are very grateful. Thank you John!

The bike shop is open again from 10 am to 3 pm on Saturdays, and Ken and Mathew are available to tune up or repair your bike so that you can ride the Pender Island roads this spring. They also have refurbished bikes for sale.

We still have some lovely recycling depot magnets, courtesy of Island Graphics. Ask for one the next time that you are at the depot and our hours and contact information will always be at your fingertips.

Thank you to our many community supporters for renewing your annual membership. We strive to create a positive recycling experience for you. Please let us know if you have any suggestions as to how we can make our operation better. You can reach us by email penderislandrecycling@gmail.com or at 629-6962.

Happy Spring!

Niki Roberts

Pender Organic Community Garden Society

POCGS



It is hard to get motivated to write a "gardening article" in mid February so I decided to head up to Karl Hamson's farm today for some inspiration. And inspiring it was! Meandering (never above 10 km/hr of course) down the lane towards our community garden, I came upon a whole new crop of lambs scurrying about in the sunshine. New life! New beginnings!

Defly dodging the small welcome mats that the sheep are so prolific at producing, I approached the gardens, hoping to catch more signs of spring. Well, there among the many varieties of vigorously growing weeds were kale plants, the odd cabbage and rows and rows of garlic sprouts. Stepping on to my plot and promptly sinking up to the top of my boots in thick mud, I got a real sense of the hardiness of these plants.

Armed with rekindled memories of our last growing season, I hurried home for some delicious squash soup made with one of my few successes from last year's attempts at gardening. Mental note: Grow things that you can eat all winter.

Although it is just the end of February, I have decided that procrastination does not work when it comes to gardening. It is time for me to get out those seed catalogues and manuals, try to find where I put those essential tools, and consult those much wiser than I in the art of growing things.

Here are a few gems that I have picked up so far.

- Gardening requires lots of water - most of it in the form of perspiration.
- Our knees are there to enable us to locate those rocks in the garden.
- If you need five tools to solve a problem in the garden, four of them will be easy to find.
- A weed is a plant that has mastered every survival skill except for learning how to grow in rows.
- When weeding, the best way to make sure you are removing a weed and not a valuable plant is to pull on it. If it comes out of the ground easily, it is a valuable plant.
- Growth takes time. Be patient. And while you're waiting, pull a weed.

Happy gardening! And good luck!

Bruce McConchie

Pender POD

Save Our Salmon

Reverberations and Revitalizations



PenderPOD is proud to announce our next public event for Saturday, March 14 at 2 pm at the Community Hall. We will focus on the dire plight of our salmon. They are a keystone species because so many other species depend on them: the Orcas, the seals, the eagles, and the trees to mention just a few. The DNA of salmon can be found in almost every form of life in the Salish Sea. We

will be showing the film *Artifishial*, which features the work of Pender scientist Misty McDuffy of Raincoast Conservation Foundation. The event will also feature a Spoken Word performance, food, action, camaraderie, and much more.

Raincoast Conservation Foundation is a team of conservationists and scientists empowered by research to protect the lands, waters, and wildlife of coastal British Columbia. They use rigorous, peer-reviewed science and community engagement to further conservation objectives. They call their approach 'informed advocacy'. As a charitable, non-profit conservation science organization that operates a research lab, research field station, and a research/sailing vessel, they are unique in Canada. For more information, visit their website at raincoast.org.

I was honoured to participate in the opening ceremony of the Indigenous perspectives on eco-cultural revitalization course at Poets Cove. Facing east, we listened to the story of how the islands began and how important it is to look after one another and the world we live in. I was deeply moved by the generosity, compassion, and wisdom shared.

There are two more courses being offered with special discounts to Penderites. This is a crucial time to come together to learn and above all to take a stand for each other and our planet.

So don't despair: show you care. Join us March 14 at 2 pm at the Community Hall for information, inspiration, food, and fun. See our ad on **page 27**.

Visit our website at penderpod.ca for information and updates, and visit our Facebook page at Pender Ocean Defenders.

Julia Nicholls

Royal Canadian Legion Branch 239

Legion  We are very grateful for recent contributions to your Legion. Big thanks to Braedon Bigham, Braedon's Big Dig Em Trucking and Excavating, for clearing our parking lot after the snow

storm - no charge! Thank you to Marian Haime for donating a new microwave for our kitchen. The one we had may have been from the '70s. Thank you to Ian MacGregor for donating a new toaster oven for the bar - Crispy chicken wings! Dave will be happy! Thank you to Dave Schissler for donating track lighting in the hall serving area - we can see the condiments! Thank you to Socrates Café for their donation in appreciation of the hall space which fuels their thinking and connection. Thanks to everyone who donates time and money and services to support the Legion, which enables the Legion to support the community. Much appreciated! Thank you all.

The very popular Paint Night is back on March 7, starting at 6:00 pm. Burger dinner and one free drink, and all paint supplies provided for \$50! Great deal for a fun evening with a work of art to take home. Yes, you can be an Artist.

Come and enjoy our meat draws on Thursdays at 5:30 pm and Saturdays at 4 pm. All proceeds go back to the community. March 14 is going to be a fun day. The Scrapbookers start the day off at 9 am, then the very popular BINGO at 1:30 pm with a chance for a Jackpot of over \$200, followed by our fantastic meat draw starting at 4 pm, which includes a Tru Value Foods gift certificate and a 50/50 draw.

Celebrations of Life will be at the Legion for Conrad Smith on March 21, and Gudrun Wight on March 28.

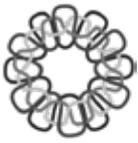
We have great menus for March Friday Night Dinners. Thank you to our volunteers - the guest cooks and kitchen crews. March 6, Roast Pork; March 13, Burgers; March 20, Roast Chicken; and March 27, Swiss Steak. Please see our website for details. Tickets available at the Legion, Talisman Books & Gallery, or online at www.penderislandrcl239.com. Please see our ad on **page 64**.

See you at the Legion, where everyone is welcome!

Jean Deschenes



SGI Community Resource Centre Volunteer Centre



We are taking a snapshot of Youth Volunteer Engagement on the SGIs from Jan. 1 to March 15, 2020. If you know someone between 13 - 29 who volunteers, please ask them to contact us. With this information, we hope to develop activities and support to encourage meaningful youth volunteer engagement in the Southern Gulf Islands. For more information, contact sgivolunteercentre@gmail.com.

Newcomers and Friends will be taking a tour of the Recycling Depot on Thursday, March 12. We will meet up at the Community Hall at 12:30 pm, so bring your lunch and walk or carpool to the Depot. Please RSVP to sgivolunteercentre@gmail.com.

April will be our annual Volunteer Appreciation event. Last year we had volunteers join in from Pender, Mayne, and Saturna. Participants were welcome to attend morning workshops if they chose, then had a delicious lunch with live music and finally quite a few stuck around for our afternoon session board governance workshop. If your organization would like to send volunteers for this fun networking event or you have a request for a keynote afternoon presentation, contact us. Organizations who send their volunteers are asked if they can contribute something towards the cost or preparation but we don't require this.

We are in the midst of developing a monthly Executive Directors (ED)/Coordinators/Administrators Network meeting. These would be a chance for EDs to come and create a safe place to discuss issues and trends, and connect with each other. With no agenda, topics are diverse, meaningful, and very valuable for those in attendance. Some comments from participants in other groups like this have been "I don't feel so alone after attending an ED meeting," "I am leaving with a great tip about how to proceed," "It is comforting to know that even though we are all at different organizations, we are all facing similar

things." This will be available on all islands through teleconference.

Members of the SGI Volunteer Centre can join Volunteer Victoria workshops with a discounted rate. If your organization would like to become a member group, contact us to sign up. There will be additional benefits and opportunities as we move forward in our development.

For more information about the Youth Volunteer Engagement program, ED Network meeting, becoming a volunteer centre member, or participating in the Volunteer Appreciation event, please contact sgivolunteercentre@gmail.com.

Employment Services

Employers, are you thinking about your hiring needs for the upcoming season? Our employment services offer a variety of support to help you find and retain qualified employees. These supports could include wage subsidies, training and skill upgrading grants, financial support for new hires to obtain essential certifications, supports for employees with disabilities, and job sustainment assistance for eligible employees. Before you hire someone, contact us to see how we can help you and your employees successfully meet your employment-related goals.

On Pender Island, Emergency First-Aid with CPR "C" (OFA Level 1 Equivalent) is being offered on

Saturday, March 28 from 9:45 am - 5 pm at Poets Cove Resort & Spa. Please contact us for further details and to register. Space is limited.

We now have a Certified SuperHost instructor who can offer the "Foundations of Service Quality" course. This is a comprehensive, practical introduction to the principles of providing a quality service experience. Please get in touch if you would like further details of how this course can benefit your business and enhance the customer service skills of your staff. Contact Erin at advisor2@sgicommunityresources.ca.

Gulf INLET

The Gulf INLET project is hosting a Podcasting Workshop on Mayne Island in March. The one-day program will teach the skills needed to capture sound

effectively, and edit it into sound bites that can be used to make sound art or podcasts! We are very lucky to have Russell Gendron and Sadie Couture available to teach the course. The course is being revamped, so please be on the lookout for our new poster, and email us at mayneislandcrc@gmail.com if you are interested.

Do you have a space, an idea, or a teachable skill to share? Please check it out - and fill it out! - the Salish Sea Registry, <http://salishsearegistry.org/>.

This spring there will also be an Ec0-Day on Galiano! We are working on developing a tour day full of Galiano's natural wonders, so stay tuned.

Computer Savvy Seniors

We have two courses coming up this month: Wednesday, March 4 Introduction to Microsoft Excel with David Hargreaves and Wednesday, March 11 PowerPoint for Beginners with Peter Paré.

Email pendercrc@shaw.ca or call 629-6051 to register. Cost is \$5 per course!

For more information on the Community Resource Centre please visit our website: www.sgicommunityresources.ca

Melody Pender

South Pender Historical Society



Just a reminder to come to the Church of the Good Shepherd on South Pender on Saturday,

March 28 2020 for our AGM at 2 pm. This will be an old-fashioned, low-tech meeting with a minimum of Society "business," a minimum of printed paper, but lots of story-telling and upbeat reporting, including a brief de-briefing about the hugely successful TETÁCES Climate Action Courses held during February at Poets Cove Resort & Spa. It has been a busy and fulfilling year!

First on the agenda

Barb Pender and Frank Trice will share two interlinked stories about South Pender. The time frame is 1929-38, the years of the Great Depression in North America. The stories feature

ROUTING PROCEDURE

Date of submission 10 Oct. 1990

FOR GROUPS PETITIONING A CPS CHARTER

This form should accompany the six sets of Model Squadron Regulations. The approval tabulated below should be followed precisely to avoid delay. Names and addresses should be given in full. Two initials preceding surname is preferable - please avoid nicknames.

Name of Proposed Squadron PENDER ISLAND POWER SQUADRON

District Affiliation VANCOUVER ISLAND

	Name of Proposed Charter Member	Male or Female	Address	Please indicate Current Squadron or New Graduate
✓ 1.	BILLYEALD, JOSEPH	M	RR#1 PENDER ISLAND, B.C..	CAPILANO
✓ 2.	BRACKETT, EMILY A.	F	"	SALT SPRING ID.
✓ 3.	BRACKETT, R.A.	M	"	"
✓ 4.	BRADSHAW, EDWARD	M	"	"
✓ 5.	BURANDT, MANFRED	M	"	"
✓ 6.	FINNIE, JOHN	M	"	"
✓ 7.	GRIMMER, GLENN	M	"	"
✓ 8.	HAMBLY, DAVID L.	M	"	BURNABY
✓ 9.	HEMPHILL, MARGARET J.	F	"	OAK BAY
✓ 10.	HOWELL, JOHN, N.	M	"	SALT SPRING ID.
✓ 11.	KENYON, DOUGLAS T.	M	"	"
✓ 12.	KING, PHILIP	M	"	"
✓ 13.	LAMBETH, ARTHUR F.	M	"	"
✓ 14.	LEES, THOMAS	M.	"	"
✓ 15.	LITTLE, JOHN G.	M	"	"

THIS FORM IS IN DUPLICATE- Submitted by Secretary Charter Group
 (1) Copy with Model Regulations *George L. Atkinson*
 (2) Copy retained by Charter Group.

	Approval Signature	Date Approved
1. District Commander	<i>George L. Atkinson</i>	<i>Sept 11/90</i>
2. National Executive Officer		

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	Name of Proposed Charter Member	Male or Female	Address	Please indicate Current Squadron or New Graduate
✓ 16.	MADDEN, THOMAS O.	M	RR#1 PENDER ISLAND B.C..	SALT SPRING ISLAND
✓ 17.	MOORE, MARGOT, J.	F	"	"
✓ 18.	MOORE, J. WILLIS	M	"	"
✓ 19.	MOORE, THOMAS A.	M	"	OAKVILLE
✓ 20.	PEART, ALFRED	M	"	SALT SPRING ISLAND
✓ 21.	RUCKHEIM HARDY	M	"	LANGLEY
✓ 22.	STORRIE, GEORGE T.	M	"	SALT SPRING ISLAND
✓ 23.	STORRIE, K. DORA	F	"	"
✓ 24.	SWEGLIES, RICHARD B.	M	304-1655 Oak Bay Ave, Vic. BC	"
✓ 25.	SYMES, FRANK	M	RR#1 PENDER ISLAND, B.C..	"
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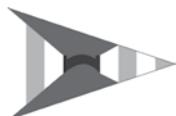
youthful friendships, an extremely close encounter with a gargantuan creature of the deep, the first christening in the new Church of the Good Shepherd, and the first marriage there. Our protagonists are four young South Penderites: Art Pender, Katie Georgeson, Cyril Andrews, and Betty Hodgson. Cousins Art and Katie were grandchildren of pioneers Arthur and Liliias Spalding and Leonard and Emma Higgs, respectively. Cyril and Betty, on the other hand, were newcomers to South Pender, Cyril having come as a teenager in 1929 and Betty a little later in 1935, aged 16. During the winter of 1933-34, Art, Katie, and Cyril (in particular) became well known beyond the Gulf Islands for multiple sightings of "Penda"...

To hear exactly what was seen where and when, how a love affair blossomed, who was christened, and which two were married - well, you know what to do: come to the Church of the Good Shepherd on Saturday, March 28 at 2 pm.

Patricia Callendar

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Canadian Power and Sail
Pender Island Squadron



2020 is a milestone year for the Pender Island Squadron. This will mark 40 years

since the squadron came into being. Following is a list of the Charter Members who took the initiative to form a squadron for the express purpose of providing educational services to the boaters of Pender Island.

Thanks for reading and stay safe on the water,

David Kirsop, Commander,
Pender Island Squadron



Pender Island Field Naturalists

PIFN



Greenburn Lake



For our **T**hird Wednesday walk on **M**arch 18, please join Pender Island Field Naturalists as we enjoy Greenburn Lake. The whole area is rich in Indigenous history, including Poet's Cove, the original Egeria Bay (now Bedwell Harbour), and Beaumont Marine Park. The first stretch is a 2 km uphill climb but the effort is worth it. The area is abundant in a wide variety of flora and fauna including water birds and Garry oak stands. There are trails around the lake and a trail out to a magnificent lookout view of the islands towards Sidney. Come prepared for the weather and bring your binoculars. We will meet at 9:30 am at the trailhead next to the South Pender fire hall.

We had Briony Penn scheduled for a talk in March but, unfortunately, she developed a conflict with her book tour and had to cancel her visit to Pender.

As a heads-up for April we have Liz Williams coming on with an illustrated talk entitled *Madagascar - The Eighth Continent*. A mysterious, magical country where every question about the origins of its people and extraordinary wildlife only begets more. More on this next month.

Bob Vergette and Jim Blakely



Pender Island Garden Club



Our February meeting saw us standing in a windy orchard for a display and demonstration on pruning fruit trees. We visited the Twin Islands Cidery where even the cold wind did not dampen the enthusiasm of those who attended. Michael did a wonderful demonstration on how to prune apple trees and carefully pointed out how to find the growth rings on a branch and how to trim the extra growth to promote the right kind of new growth.

March 12 is the date of our next meeting at 1pm in the Anglican Parish Hall. Elizabeth Cull, former owner of the gardening chain Dig This and an enthusiastic gardener, will tell us how to grow just about any vegetable in a container. This is a do-not-miss meeting for those relegated to gardening on decks to protect your crop. Please bring your cup for tea or coffee. Members free, \$5 drop-in fee for non-members.

April will bring our annual plant sale so members, please pot up any plants you have too many of and bring them to the sale, carefully labelled as to what they are. More information on the sale will be made available at the March meeting.

Val Butcher

Pender Island Junior Sailing Association



This summer, Pender Island Junior Sailing Association (PIJSA) will be offering five-day sailing courses that can lead to certification at CANSail Levels 1 to 4. The 2020 courses dates are July 13 - 17 and July 27 - 31 and August 3 - 7 and August 17 - 21. Cost for the courses will be the same as last year, \$175. PIJSA has certified instructors for Level 1 and 2 (beginners) for all four weeks and for the weeks in August for Level 3 and 4. PIJSA will continue to search for an instructor for Level 3 and 4 for the July course weeks. In the event that no other instructor is found for the weeks in July, PIJSA may offer fun sailing for those who already have Level 1 and 2. The cost of fun sailing will be \$125.

The courses are held at Hamilton Beach, Port Browning, and run Monday - Friday from 9 am to about 3.30 pm. The following are requirements for the courses. For Level 1 & 2, students must be at least nine years old at the start of the course; for the Level 3 and 4. Fun sail courses students must be 12 years old and have passed Level 2. Adults are welcome, but must realize that being in a small boat with others requires some agility. All students will be required to demonstrate swimming ability wearing a PFD and participate in a capsizing lesson to continue in the courses. Each Level 1 and 2 course has a maximum capacity of 15. In the interests of safety, no more than 10 students can be Level 1 students in any week. The Level 3 and 4 courses can accommodate 10 students, and the fun sail can only accommodate five students.

The Level 1 and 2 students sail Pirate-class dinghies while the Level 3 and 4 students use Bytes, Laser 1s, or Laser 2s. PIJSA website penderislandjunior-sailing.com provides additional program information. Parents and students should read at least the first section of Safety Procedures and Information that provides information on participant requirements, instructor certification, medical services, on water safety issues and information, other safety information, and risk assessment.

Registration for returning students (and other family members) will start on May 1 at 8 am and for others on May 15 at the same time. Registration details will appear in April.

Last summer, fewer students obtained certification than in past years. This was not due to the students. CANSail and BCSail clearly have required their instructors to become more rigorous in their assessments, and this will apply in 2020 and presumably future years. Many of those taking the courses are doing it for fun, and PIJSA intends to continue emphasizing the fun aspects of sailing, but also provide the opportunity to gain some important certified skills. Under this new approach, records of student accomplishments in one year will be kept so the instructors in the next year can anticipate a student's capability.

PIJSA is a community-based organization dependent upon the directors and volunteers who organize, prepare and monitor the sailing activities. The board this year is: Bruce Waygood, commodore; Bob Vergette, vice-commodore and safety officer; Rick Mudie, treasurer; Allyson Coffey, secretary; and directors John Ackermans, Margaret Alpen, Steve Alvey, Tom Caston, Bob Coulson, Wayne Edwards, Lawrence Haave, Peter Hinton, Tim Underhill, and Don Williams.

PIJSA has had annual support from the CRD, Nu-To-Yu, Tru Value Foods, CRD Parks and Recreation, Pender Island Yacht Club, and Magic Lake Property Owners Society. BC Boating and Green Angels also have provided support. Ross Warnebolt provides outboard motor maintenance and Port Browning Marina and Pub provides the site from which we operate, and hosts the annual Hackers' Golf Tournament and dinner. We thank our supporters and look forward to the coming 2020 season.

Bruce Waygood, Commodore

Pender Island Otters Swim Club



We are half way through our winter/spring session already. And, at this time of the year, we are looking forward to holding our annual general meeting on March 6 at Panorama Recreation Centre's Boardroom. This is located to the left of the reception desk, and down the ramp past the Squash Courts. Time is 10:30 am - noon. All voting members (those over age of 19) are encouraged to attend. While our usual start time from practices is 11 am, our coaching staff will be there early to organize an activity with our swimmers, and cover all groups while our head coach gives her report at the meeting. The purpose of the meeting is to present year-end financials, propose a budget for the coming year, summarize 2019 activities/projects of the club, and elect a new volunteer board of directors for the coming year. On that note, if there are any Otters members who would like

to be nominated for the 2020 board of directors, please contact incumbent President Helen Lemon-Moore at penderottersswimclub@gmail.com by March 5. If you cannot attend, but want your vote to count, please send a proxy vote to the aforementioned email address by March 5. Many hands make light work, and it would be wonderful to see a few more new faces coming on to help out. We marked our 20th year as a swim club in 2019, and it would be great to see us carry on for many more years providing the opportunity to safely learn and improve swimming skills, to encourage and build teamwork, and to have fun and stay fit for life.

Helen Lemon-Moore, President

COVER STORY

In the northern hemisphere, Spring 2020 officially arrives on March 20. What could be more spring-like than daffodils for the Pender Post March cover? My first Pender Island spring was 17 years ago. At that time I was immediately taken by the daffodils... Pender Island's roadside daffodils were poking up everywhere. Of course, the warm sun on my fresh-from-the-Prairies face and a picnic lunch at a little cove on South Pender only added to my already positive impression.

Prairie kids learn not to be easily impressed with any day in March that insists on calling itself the first day of Spring. On the Prairies, any day in March could quickly turn into one more day to push a shovel. Kids also learned not to get too excited by the melting of the last hint of snow. We quickly learn that bikes don't come out the day the snow disappears. Certainly biking on the road in my cavity-prone years was not very safe until the last truckload of winter road sand was hauled away.

Whenever bikes finally did hit the road, the sight of the first tough little daffodil pushing its way through barely thawed soil was always a pretty cool and welcome one. On our favourite Gulf Island, the deer luckily continue to permit daffodils to be an early and positive sign of spring. And thanks to the Canadian Cancer Society daffodil logo, each year this bright, cheerful

flower is a powerful symbol of hope for a cancer-free future for so many affected by this disease.

Do you know about The Daffodil Dash on April 26 - both in Smithers, BC and in Vancouver? Check out all the events in BC on www.cancer.ca under Get Involved.

Mike Wiley

PENDER POST PAST



March 1980

My apologies for the missing Marticle last month but blame it on Microsoft and Windows 7. Microsoft stopped supporting Windows 7, necessitating the purchase of a new computer, and the snow storm delayed it being returned by the technician setting it up for me in time for the deadline. All is well now and we can continue to peek into Pender's past.

In Special Notices it was mentioned that Graham Thorne was taking over the gas station, and there was an African drum workshop and a basket-making workshop scheduled during March at the Community centre. The Choral Society numbered 40 and was busy practicing songs from *South Pacific* and the '40s for a concert. Nu-To-Yu apologized for having to close not one but two weekends due to snow and slippery roads. The Pender Library association announced its first grant of \$75,717 towards building the new library and building was to start in the spring. We are all now enjoying that very building. The Pender Island Ferry Committee was threatening to call for a march on Parliament due to poor ferry service. Nothing changes, does it? The RCMP was frustrated with the number of break-ins, thefts, and wilful damage that was being displayed on the island. On the Real Estate front, an oceanfront home could be had from as little as \$170,000 to as much as \$259,000.

Val Butcher

WEATHER OBSERVATIONS FOR JANUARY

	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperatures		Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	7.3	3.4	5.3	15.0 on 31 st	-7.0 on 13 th	225.9	17.0	242.9
Normal	7.4	2.7	5.1	19.0 in 1998	-8.0 in 1996	127.5	8.1	135.6

We had a bit of everything in January: rain, snow, strong winds, low temperatures, and even a few hours of sunshine.

The year started off very well. January 1 was fine and sunny with a maximum temperature of 12°C. Then we had a few days of rain and occasional strong winds, reminding us that winter was still here. On January 12, we had a centimetre of snow and overnight the temperature plunged to -5.5°C; we must be in Canada after all! More snow fell in the next few days and the temperature got as low as -7°C and there was a lot of ice on the lake with snow on top of the ice. However, a week after the snow started, it had almost all disappeared and the temperatures returned to normal. Thin ice on the lake stayed for a few days. We did not pass the average total precipitation for January until about a week before the end of the month, but then we had some very heavy rain including 32.6mm in one 24 hour period. We have only had one year when the January total precipitation was more than this year; in 2006 we had a total of 253.4mm. It was not until the last night of the month - at 15C - that our temperature beat the 12°C that we experienced on the first day of January. It was the highest reading ever for January except for a remarkable 19°C in 1988. The average daily temperatures were close to normal. "Normal" in meteorological terms means average or mean.

I know that several people on Pender Island take their own observations of weather and their figures may sometimes differ from mine, especially for rain and snow. Pender Island is not a large land mass, but precipitation including rain and snow varies from one part of the island to another. I remember when John Crawford was a voluntary observer for Environment Canada at the same time as I. We did not always come up with the same amount of precipitation on any particular day, but over a period of time it evened out.

Now it is March which is usually the last month of our rainy season and the beginning of spring; hummingbirds return and also the swallows and the turkey vultures; blossom is on the fruit trees and some spring flowers are blooming and we put the clocks ahead one hour to Daylight Saving Time on Sunday, March 8 at 2 am. March 19 is the day of the Spring Equinox which, as the name implies, is the day when we have equal day and night as the sun crosses the equator on its way north. In the December issue of *The Pender Post*, I spoke about the Solstice and stated erroneously that it was a day of equal night and day; I don't know why I wrote that because of course Winter Solstice is our shortest day and longest night. One avid reader brought that error to my attention. Even though the temperature will show signs of warming up in March, we must be aware that there will still be some frosts at night and the possibility of snow so we must not be in a hurry to put new plants into the ground. We have had March snow in seven of the last twelve years.

This is also the time of year when we get into the garden to "Clean up" but we must remember the birds; our ground nesters have a hard time when their habitat is "cleaned up." We have lost all the quail and pheasants that were prolific just a few years ago; towhees and juncos are still surviving. Another endangered species are barn swallows; please do not discourage them as has been done at the Driftwood centre. They are messy nesters but they are worth preserving.

Malcolm Armstrong

OF GENERAL INTEREST

BC Wheelchair Basketball Society announces athletes to represent wheelchair basketball at the 2020 BC Winter Games.

February 11, 2020 (Vancouver, BC) BC Wheelchair Basketball will be represented with six zones of athletes at the upcoming BC Winter Games. Wheelchair Basketball is an integrated sport for those with and without disability. This makes it one of the few sports that evens the playing field for everyone to get into a sports wheelchair to play together.

Since the last BC Winter Games, in Kamloops 2018, BCWBS has been working diligently to develop athletes at all levels across the province and our collaborative efforts in Northern BC, with Northern Adapted Sports Association, has resulted in Zone 7 being able to field a new team to compete in Fort St. John close to their friends and family.

"Having the BC Games in Fort St. John is a great opportunity not just for all the athletes but for the community. Residents can get out and cheer on all these aspiring young athletes and learn more about many sports," states Bo Hedges (Wonowon, BC), Team Canada Paralympic Gold Medalist and BCWBS Board Chair. "With Wheelchair Basketball being involved in these Games it gives our sport an opportunity to show people how competitive and fast it is while hooking some new fans."

BC Wheelchair Basketball is happy to announce our 2020 BC Games Zone Teams travelling to Fort St. John, BC:

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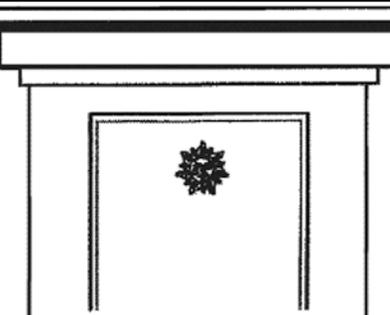


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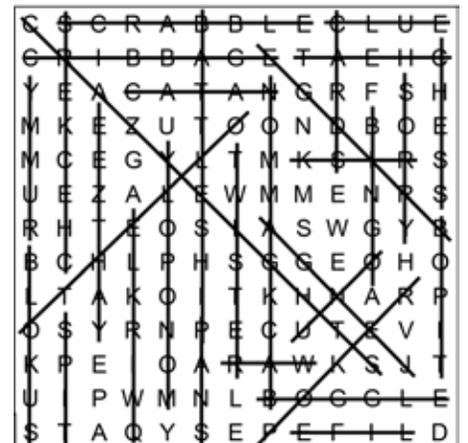
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Number of letters in solution: 18

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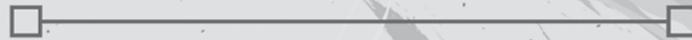
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Applicants can review the terms of our standard minute taking contract at <http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/connect/bid-opportunities/>. For more information please contact Jas Chonk at 1-250-405-5164.

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pender island community hall
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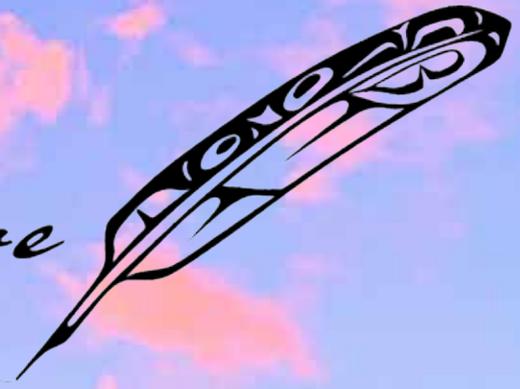
Upcoming Pender Island Squadron Boating Courses

Course	Start Date	End Date	Where	Cost
BEYOND THE Pleasure Craft Operators Card The next step in your boating education	Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 7pm-9pm	Tuesday, April 21 st , 2020	TBD	\$170, CPS membership included in price
Maritime Radio License You are required to have a license to use a radio, this course will get you there!	Saturday, May 9th, 2020	One day course	TBD	\$125



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