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PENDER POST / JEAN BRADLEY SCHOLASTIC GIFT APPLICATION

To celebrate the volunteer work of Jean Bradley over the past five decades, the Pender Post Society is offering in Jean's name a \$500 scholastic gift to be used for studies related to healthcare. This scholastic gift will be available to Pender Island residents. The application is available at Dockside Realty in the Pender Post box and the application deadline will be July 15. Successful applicants will be notified by July 31.

For those of you who do not know Jean Bradley, here is a brief biography of her accomplishments. Jean and her father, Ashton Ross-Smith, were founding members of The Pender Post Society in 1971. Jean was an editor in the early years and left *The Pender Post* in 1976 when she began teaching. She returned to Pender Post Society meetings in the 2000s, and volunteered to be a member of the Editorial Board. She also volunteered to proofread and her eagle "former-English-teacher" eyes caught most errors. She loved finding misplaced modifiers.

We have had several community halls on North Pender over the years. When the community met at the old "Port Wash" Hall near the corner of Port Washington and Otter Bay Roads, Jean started a Hall Committee. When the community outgrew that building, Jean and others started work to get a new school with community use of a gym, kitchen, meeting room, etc. As the buildings and the names changed, Jean carried on in the capacities of either secretary or president of the Hall Committee for more than twenty-five years.

She was a founding member of the Legion Ladies' Auxiliary and volunteered with that group until it surrendered its charter.

She was a member of the Farmers' Institute for years, serving for several years as Food Preservation Convenor at the Fall Fair. She was the Inside Convenor when the Fall Fairs were held at the school.


She was a board member of the Pender Island Health Care Society for many years.

Until recently she looked after subscriptions for the Gulf Island Concert Series, sat on the Plum Tree Court Seniors' Housing Society and Coleman-Rogers Bursary boards, and volunteered at the Food Bank. In her "spare" time she read the books in preparation for "Our Pender Book Club" meetings which began when Jean retired in 1999.


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Please include the following with your application

- A letter describing your interests, hobbies, volunteer and other community activities. List your reasons for applying to the course of study and your goals upon completion.
- A letter of recommendation.

Requirements for the Scholastic Gift

- Applicants must be from Pender Island
- Applicants must be taking a course/studies in the Health Care field
- Applicants must provide proof of acceptance to the named course

Additional application forms will be available in the Pender Post box at the Dockside Realty office.

Completed applications must be left in the Pender Post box by July 15. Mark "Scholastic Gift Application" on the envelope. **Please email Dianne at dianneonpender22@gmail.com to let us know that you have applied.**

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This month's cover photo comes to us from Jason Edmonson of Pender Island. To learn more about the cover photo, please read Mike Wiley's submission on **page 52** or go to our website www.penderpost.org.

PENDER POST NOTES

Community Calendar

An abbreviated community calendar is back. See **page 34**.

Class of 2020

It's been a strange year so far, which has impacted many of our usual rites of passage. At this particular point in the year, our young high school graduates should be out celebrating their completion of twelve years of schooling.

But alas, the usual grad and prom functions haven't been in the cards. Here at *The Pender Post*, we thank Production Manager Michel Pelletier helping with layout/design, and Liis Graham, on maternity leave from her teaching position on Salt Spring, for organising the event and compiling a special tribute to this year's graduates. See "Class of 2020" on **pages 6, 8, 16, 36, and 53**, and also the *Three on the Tree* submission on **page 18**.

I would also like to give thanks and credit to Kenta Kikuchi for his amazing photos, with the exception of the official school grad photos. Thank you Kenta.

Vicki Dutton

Notice to the Pender Post Board

There will be a vote on a Special Resolution at our next meeting on Friday, July 17, 2020. The Special Resolution will be to reduce the number of members required for a quorum to eight members.

Dianne Allison

Pender Post Scholastic Gift

The Pender Post Society is very pleased to offer a \$500 scholarship to a student whose studies are health-care

related. This scholarship commemorates Jean Bradley's life and volunteer work on Pender Island. You can read about Jean, and the details of the scholastic gift, on **page 3** of this issue, where you will also find an application form. Application forms can also be picked up from *The Pender Post* file at Dockside Realty, where the completed forms are to be dropped off. Please email Dianne at dianneonpender22@gmail.com to let us know you have applied. Application deadline is July 15.

Annie Smith

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MLA



After nearly four months away, the British Columbia Legislative Assembly will finally resume.

MLAs will sit for eight weeks through July and August.

British Columbia has been widely recognized for our collective handling of the pandemic. Our public health professionals, civil service, and politicians have all been focussed on addressing the emergency as best as possible. Our response and the result have been remarkable.

As we begin the economic recovery there are critical choices that must be made. Are we going to rebuild the economy of the last century? Or, are we going to build a cleaner, greener, more resilient economy of the future?

With this key question in mind, the BC Green Caucus has been working closely with the provincial government to encourage them to invest in the latter. We recognize the investments coming out of the pandemic will set the direction for the coming decades. BC has the opportunity to be a climate leader, make strategic investments, and build a low-carbon, sustainable, just and inclusive economy for all. By committing to a green recovery coming out of COVID-19, we have the opportunity to make this change. We cannot afford to let it pass us by.

I am committed to prioritizing a green recovery on all fronts, and I will continue to focus over the months ahead

on promoting long term, evidence-based policies that address the core issues facing our province. We need to address the inequalities and disparate impacts of COVID-19 on women, minority groups, low-paid workers, and marginalized communities, and make sure that ensuing policies will support them in this health and economic crisis.

We have provided the BC NDP government a comprehensive list of specific policies that we are advocating for as part of a green recovery. These will be the central feature of the BC Green Caucus work this summer.

Please visit my website <http://adamolsenmla.ca/mla-column-green-recovery/> to learn more. If you have any questions or comments do not hesitate to contact my office at *Adam.Olsen.MLA@leg.bc.ca* or 250-655-5600.

CLASS OF 2020

These students have completed their last year at GISS and will be moving on to other endeavours. Please see the class of 2020 photos on **page 8**.

Here are the students' responses to their favourite memory, their proud moments,

their accomplishments, and their future plans.

Rowan Barker

My favourite memory is playing Dungeons and Dragons with my friends on the water taxi.

I am most proud of the GISS art show with Emily Gooden. I was a part of the yearbook staff this year. Next year my plan is to hopefully do my apprenticeship with the funeral home where I work.

Lannette Boland

My favourite memory is of playing basketball in Grade 11, when we actually got a team and played an entire season.

I am most proud of my accomplishments in sport and in academics.

I was a part of many extracurricular activities, including leadership, volunteering as a Teen Mentor for the Big Brothers Big Sisters program, math club, as well as the Scorpion Post staff for a brief time. I also played junior girls' volleyball, junior and senior girls' basketball, and I volunteered as an assistant coach for the junior girls' basketball team. I sang in the GISS junior choir for one year, I played in the jazz band for my final year and the

concert band for two years. Throughout the four years of my high school career, I also played wheelchair basketball as a member of Team BC U23 team, the BC Breakers provincial women's team, Gold Rush, a BC-CWBL team, and for both Zone 5 and Zone 6 in the BC Winter Games. I was a part of the Pender Island Youth Orchestra, as well as the Pender Island Youth Choir. I also volunteered as an assistant coach for the Pender Island Pirates.

Next year, my plan is to attend the University of Saskatchewan to pursue dual degrees in Kinesiology and Education.

Hayden Bulled

We were competing in a regatta (Rowing Tournament), for which we had been training really hard for the past months; there were three other people in the boat and I could feel the training really paying off. It felt like we were almost part of the boat and connected on a different level. This is my favourite memory because for a second I stopped thinking and it was all muscle memory and perfection taking over.

I am most proud of completing fire cadet camp. This camp pushed me to a level of mental focus and determination that I had never fully understood, while also enjoying every second of it.

I was a part of the GISS Basketball and GISS Rowing.

Next year, my plan is to attend Camosun College for business and then transfer to UVIC after two years.

Yoko Kikuchi

My favourite memory is getting to experience high school with my forever friends and the little school moments that have become precious memories.

I am most proud of how I kept pushing my boundaries and the personal growth I made, as well as the awards I won in academics and receiving the MVP in soccer.

I was a part of leadership and on the girls' soccer team.

Next year, I plan to study business at the University of Victoria and further develop my knowledge, confidence, and major skills both in business and life.

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Robin Kozak

My favourite memory is meeting my friends and taking the water taxi to school every day.

I am most proud that I started university for Firefighting at the same time I started grade 12.

Unfortunately, I wasn't able to join any extracurricular activities at GISS due to Fire school, and being new I didn't really know too many people.

My plans for next year involve volunteering for the Pender Island Fire Department and then to soon get a full time position.

Nickolas Lamy

My favourite memory at GISS is the trip I took through France with the French Immersion class during our French Intensive semester.

I am most proud of being able to help as many people as I could with their classes.

I was a part of GISPA, robotics, leadership, and basketball. I was a part of the GISS Cyber Scorpions.

Next year, my plan is to attend the University of Waterloo to study Mechatronic Engineering.

Emily Law

My favourite memory isn't just one memory, but the collection of memories that I've made over the years, of my friends and in my classes.

I am most proud of myself for making it through five years of the water taxi and the early mornings that go with it.

I was a part of the basketball team for a couple of years. I also participated in

the peer tutoring program where I was able to help younger grades with their school work.

What I am doing next is still very much undecided, but I'm sure that at some point I'll end up in university.

Taeven Lopatecki

There are so many memories that I would call my years of formal education simply life. I loved the places I came to think of as homes and the classes as families, the hollow on Saturna, SEEC, the PEEC class through multiple years, the forest, the ocean, all these classrooms. I have enjoyed all the adventures I have found myself on, from leading school groups at the farm, bushwacking along the creek on Saturna, and an eventful train and walking trip to Dana Point in California. My most favourite memories include laughing with friends and a lot of teamwork challenges. I am most proud of the projects I worked on with the communities of Pender and Saturna, such as multiple science fair and climate awareness projects, helping host the Students for the Salish Sea Summit on Pender, and working on other projects with the Sea Stars. I was a part of Spring Leaves for most of my elementary school years, SEEC for grades 9 and 10, and PEEC all the years in between. Next year, I plan to be on Pender, working on projects and helping with community events, sailing, kayaking, writing, playing music, and earning money to travel or attend school.

Caitlin Rae

My favourite memory is making true friends that I love so dearly and treasure today.

I am most proud of my honour roll streak from Grade 9-12.

I was a part of GISPA Music (One-By-One: a crucible story)

Next year I plan to continue to get my Bachelor of Arts in Criminology at Simon Fraser University while living in Vancouver and studying for my LSAT

Chloris Sigurgeirson

During the snowstorm of spring 2019, I made some fantastic memories. I always love to see the school and our community in the snow, and I went sledding properly for the first time.

I was a part of the Scorpions Basketball team, leadership club, and World Religions club. I was also in the Pender Youth Writers' group.

I am proud of the creative progress and products I have made in their company.

Next year I will be taking a gap year and plan to continue working and living here on Pender Island.

Quynn Stafford

My favourite memory is hiking the Juan de Fuca trail in Grade 9.

I am most proud of winning first at the Vancouver Island Regional Science Fair in Grade 11.

I was a part of the Salish Sea Stars, a group that worked to raise awareness about pollution in the Salish Sea.

Next year I plan to take a gap year and work to save up money for school and also travel.

Compiled by Liis Graham



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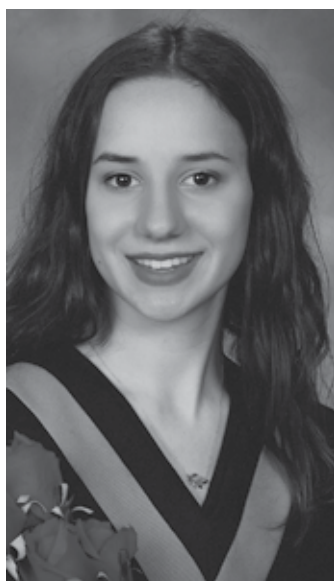
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SPECIAL NOTICES

Children's Day Camps at Hope Bay Bible Camp

Hope Bay Bible Camp is offering Children's Day Camps for residents of Pender Island. Activities include dance, archery, nature exploration, ocean exploration, games, crafts, and so much more! It is our goal that every person that comes to Hope Bay Bible Camp would know that they have value and are loved by Jesus. We value your health and safety and are working with BCCDC approved guidelines provided by the British Columbia Camping Association. Increased cleaning protocols and physical distancing will be strictly followed.

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If you are unable to finance a week of camp, we have sponsorships available. Please contact Allison at office@hopebaybiblecamp.com if you have any questions, or visit our website at hopebaybiblecamp.com to register today! See you here!

Allison Schneck,
Program Director, Registrar

A Brief History Of Pender Island Community Church

As announced in the June *The Pender Post* by the United Church of Canada (Pacific Mountain Region), the Pender Island Community Church is about to undergo significant changes. See ad on page 65.

The church was built by Pender pioneers on land donated by the Auchterlonie family, using their own resources and labour. It was completed in 1907, and is one of the oldest buildings on Pender, though it has undergone several improvements and additions since then. It is located near the library, at the head of the road that leads down to Hope Bay.

It started as a Presbyterian church, probably to cater to the islanders of Scottish origin. (The Anglicans already had their own building at Port Washington. That building was later moved to its present location near Scarff Road). Then in 1925, some non-conformist churches, including Methodist, Congregational and (some) Presbyterian churches, were amalgamated to become the United Church of Canada, and the church property of these denominations, including our church building, was given to this new organization by Act of Parliament. The church then became 'Pender Island United.'

Our church has been an important part of the life of the residents of Pender. For example, the wall plaques commemorate the sons of Pender families who died in the two World Wars.

However, by the late 1960s the United Church congregation was too small

to maintain the building, which was falling into disrepair. Christians from a variety of other denominations, with the knowledge and permission of the United Church, reopened the building and began to make use of it for meetings and worship, culminating in 1972 with the formation of our present, nondenominational congregation. The United Church has graciously let us use their building up to the present, but our congregation has repaired, improved, and maintained it at our own expense for the past 48 years. Although we were required by the ownership to keep the name 'Pender Island United Community Church,' we have in many important ways been nondenominational ever since our inception in 1972.

In January 2019 the United Church of Canada underwent a radical reorganization. One consequence of this was a new requirement that our congregation formally identify ourselves as a part of the United Church. We had always welcomed Christians of all denominations. In summer 2019 our congregation voted to separate formally from the United Church and to maintain our nondenominational freedom. Since the building belonged to the United Church, we had to raise money quickly to purchase the building, which the United Church kindly offered to us at a very favorable price.

The purchasing process should be completed during June 2020. After this pandemic, once it is safer for everyone to meet, we hope to organize an open day for you to visit us, though you will also be welcome to come any Sunday. This church is an important part of the island's history, and now ownership of

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For information and online registration for this year's program for 6-12 year olds, please go to our website www.gicel.ca/programs/.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Kelly Nordin

2020 Virtual Terry Fox Run

One Day. Your Way.

This year's TFR will be different, as you can imagine!

The virtual run has been scheduled for Sunday, September 20 so it's suggested that everyone still get out and walk, run, roll, push that stroller whenever it works for you! You can walk around your neighbourhood, hike on one of our fabulous trails, go for a bike ride! There will be no registration at the Community Hall but a Pender Island Event has been registered with the Foundation. Go to terryfox.org to register or donate as an individual, team, or corporation. The Foundation still needs our help to keep Terry's dream alive! We are small but mighty and every little bit helps. Mark your calendars!

Cathy Nealy

Poison Plant Alert

Attention Island residents and visitors: Poison Hemlock has been observed at four locations on North Pender Island. This deadly plant is poisonous upon ingestion for humans and animals. Even touching the plant is dangerous. If ingestion occurs seek immediate medical attention. The plant (0.5 to 3 m in height) can be identified by its carrot-like leaves, purple speckled stems, and small white clustered flowers. Ingestion often occurs when the plant is confused with wild carrot, parsley, fennel, etc. It is recommended that parents of young children learn to identify this plant and that pet owners be vigilant when allowing animals to explore the roadside.

It is unknown when the plants arrived on Pender Island - possibly in garden soil imported from Southern Vancouver Island where the weed has been established as an invasive species for several years.

If attempting to remove the plants always wear gloves, safety glasses, and protective clothing and wash off after use. If possible, dig up the plant complete with the root. Alternatively cut off the plant about 6 cm below the ground when the complete root cannot be removed. Place the plants, including flower heads, into plastic bags, seal, and mark invasive species for disposal at the Hartland Landfill. Do not compost.

For further information contact Allan Waddell, at 629-3863.

Erin O'Brien

IN APPRECIATION

Thank You, Broom Bashers

Now that the broom dust has settled, we wanted to give a shout out to all the people and organizations who pitched in to help with the First Annual Ursula Poepel Memorial Broom Bash. We were blown away by the response and were thrilled by how much the community got behind this important environmental stewardship event. More broom was cut and chipped for composting than anyone had anticipated. Chipping the broom and keeping it on Pender for

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farmers to use in compost was a less expensive and more sustainable option than trucking it off island. Broom is a bit nasty: it releases toxic compounds that kill other plants and thus destroys native habitat. So, thank you again to everyone who participated: all the broom cutters, collectors, transporters, sorters, stackers, chippers, and composters. Thanks also to the Gulf Islands Food Co-op, the Pender Island Community Farmland Acquisition Project, and community members who made donations to help pay the costs of the chipping. Well done!

Erin O'Brien

Thank you

Thanks and appreciation to those who maintain Monty's Trail between the library and the community hall. It's a pleasant walk through the woods and a safer alternative to going by road. Special thanks to whoever made and hung that lovely gate. The stile is intriguing but too much of a challenge for some of us.

Judy Neil

REMEMBERING

Margaret Irene Stevenson

November 2, 1922 - June 1, 2020



Margaret was a long time resident of Pender Island. She was first introduced to the Island in 1937 when



L - R, Doris McKenzie, Donald Grimmer, Eric Grimmer, and Margaret Stafford (Stevenson). 32 lb. Spring salmon caught in Active Pass, 1937.

she came for a summer stay as a teenager and then much later, returned to enjoy retirement with husband Douglas in the mid 70s. They built their home on Paisley Road next to friends. This friendship was sparked at first for Mom in those earlier days when she

visited Pender, and in the latter years by a fondness of Doug's for model railroading. The intention to build next door to their friends was so they could together build a live steam track and train that would run between the two properties. Unfortunately, Dad passed

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Margaret and her local sheep wool afghan

away much earlier than Mom and she forged a long twenty-eight year span on the island living independently on her own.

She was a woman of many interests and a long time volunteer, taking part in many Pender Island activities. Mom was an avid gardener and garden club member. Loved her greenhouse that Dad built for her 60th birthday. A volunteer for Wheels to Meals, she brought fresh flowers from the garden to grace the diners' tables each week. Margaret did this up until she moved away last July at 96 years of age. Mom was a sewer, knitter, and a spinner, and proudly demonstrated her skills at the Fall Fair on an annual basis. One favourite piece being an afghan of lovely sheep from local wool that she spun herself.

Mom was a member of the Pender Island Women's Institute and the Legion

Ladies Auxiliary. She worked at the Nu-Tu-Yu, the Pender Post Society, the clinic, and the museum. It is a wonder that she had any time for retirement!

Survived by her two daughters, Jan (Richard) and Diane (Fred); her grandchildren, Jaron (Gillian), Ryan (Jasmine), Colleen and Karl; and new great-granddaughter, Francesca. Eventually Mom will rest along with Douglas and son Jim in the Pender Island Public Cemetery. At a later date, when travel allows, we hope to have a get together with friends and family at her home here on Pender Island.

Mom loved her life on the island and was very reluctant to have to leave when her health needs necessitated more care than we have available on the island. Much thanks goes to the Pender Island Health Care Society and its workers for enabling her to stay as long as she was able. A donation in her name to the PIHCS would be much appreciated.

Jan Albertin

Nora Noriko Sasaki Stittgen **July 27, 1942-June 5, 2020**

Nora passed away peacefully, after a long illness, on June 5, 2020 on Pender Island, with her loving husband, Karl Heinz Stittgen at her side.

Predeceased by her sister Katherine Nishino and brother Stanley, Nora is survived by her devoted sister Irene Kagawa and her husband Howard, brother-in-law Robert Nishino and her close nephew Brian Kagawa along with many other nieces and nephews.

Nora was born in Vancouver on July 27, 1942 to Yuji and Sakayo Sasaki while



her family was interned in Hastings Park. Her entire family was moved during internment to Kaslo and then to New Denver, in British Columbia's interior, where her profound connection with nature was nurtured during those early war shadowed years.

Internment moved Nora's family again, to Tashme near Hope and upon release they moved to Toronto, where she eventually graduated from the Ontario College of Art. Returning to Vancouver, Nora's warm and welcoming personality brought her to the service industry. Few will forget her smile and her natural and warm demeanour which was so appreciated by patrons of The Salmon House in West Vancouver where Nora worked for years.

Karl Heinz Stittgen, the renowned jeweller, was drawn to her artistic

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talent. Her innate understanding of colour and texture in all areas of design was also expressed in her own signature fashion style. After they married they designed and built their architecturally-noted home on Pender Island. This home proved to be a centre for endless entertaining and salons, hosting international guests from different walks of life, all of whom deeply appreciated and fondly remembered the experience.

World travel with Karl and close friends was extensive and took Nora to South Africa, Europe, and Japan, all feeding her creative endeavors.

Nora's cooking and entertaining skills were equaled by few. Her never ending generosity of spirit was well known and she was much loved by friends and clients. Visitors were thankful to be on the receiving list for Nora's famous jams and other items from her prolific garden but, mostly, you simply wanted to be in her company. Nora was a thoughtful listener, a supportive, positive, and loving friend who possessed a quiet strength and a solid understanding of people and life.

Nora's greatest legacy is that of kindness, gentleness, compassion, and beauty which will remain with all those touched by Nora's loving soul. She was devoted to her beloved dogs and to the end, Kasper, who brought her much joy.

Special thanks are due to the Pender Island Medical Centre for outstanding daily assistance. So many loving friends have lent a helping hand to Nora and Karl throughout Nora's illness. To them we wish to say how immensely grateful we are. Nora's passing leaves an irreplaceable void in our lives.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Nora's memory to the B.C. Cancer Clinic, Victoria or to a charity of your choice.

A Celebration of Life to be announced at a later date.

*Come sit with me, when I close my eyes
And tell me about love and eternal
sunshine ~ Karl Stittgen*

*Karl Heinz Stittgen,
Irene, Howard and Brian Kagawa,
Robert Nishino*

THE ARTS

Pender Island Art Society



Life has loosened L somewhat but still feels as though we're in limbo. I find it interesting to observe how people manage our reduced social interactions. There is certainly a continuum that seems closely related to where people are at in their lives regarding how much risk they are prepared to take: my 92 year old father who understands the risks for him is still prepared to take relatively greater risk as he senses he may not have 18 or 24 months to wait to gather with his family, and at the other end is my eldest daughter, whose youngest son is asthmatic, who feels she has lots of time so is very comfortable with putting gatherings off. I suspect most of us fall somewhere in the middle of that spectrum. I am somewhat saddened by extreme views of a handful of people on a Pender Island Facebook group and sincerely hope that we can find

our way forward with understanding, kindness, and reduced judgement of others, combined with consideration and common sense using Dr. Bonnie as our muse.

PIAS is uncertain of what the fall holds for us. The executive met (outdoors and distanced) at the end of May to try to put plans in place for our 2020/2021 term. We will try to hold our AGM September 14 but will have a "Zoom" meeting if that can't meet the safe criteria for gathering as determined by the province's chief medical officer. We discussed the likelihood that we won't be able to meet for our usual sessions then either.

To that end, we are looking at utilizing our website to help facilitate art engagement by members. Peter Pare is checking to see if we can use funding from the PIPRC grant to have Sarah Gayle put her workshop, cancelled in March, on the website. Jane Baker gave me this update: "Because of the social distancing, Sarah Gayle's all day workshop that was scheduled for this spring is going online with its own web

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page, downloadable material, and 10 videos where Sarah will walk us through every step of the way toward creating backlighting, used to great effect by Tom Thomson where he has sunlight glowing behind his trees. PIAS will be sending out a link to all members so that you can access that workshop.”

We are putting out a call to members to put together some art activities/ challenges that we could put on the website. This could take a variety of forms such as a challenge, step by step lesson, or demonstration video. The idea would be that if a member did this, it would take the place of leading a Monday session and the society would pay the \$25 honorarium that we typically would pay members for leading a session.

As well, Laura Dunsmuir, one of our executive members, is stepping away from the executive altogether. Many, many thanks to Laura, who has been a fixture on the executive and worked so hard to find instruction on various media to challenge and interest people for nineteen biweekly sessions plus two or three workshops during a typical year. I have already whined about having

written *The Pender Post* for four years and am hoping that another member would be willing to step into that role. We certainly could use more “Directors at Large” as we are currently bare minimum for executive members, and it would be wonderful to not only have more bodies to lighten the load, but also to have more minds to bounce ideas.

Stay tuned as we navigate the somewhat turbulent waters of COVID-19.

Brenda Sledzinski, Secretary

Pender Island Celtic Music Society



In spite of the present slow pace, we have two items to report.

First, in the early evening of Sunday, May 31, four members of the Ceilidh Band responded to a call (how urgent, we’re not sure) to provide entertainment for a discreet birthday celebration. Our hosts had decided that it was time to lighten the mood in their neighbourhood. Chairs for the few guests were placed at the required

six feet and band members placed themselves accordingly.

An assortment of approximately fifteen popular songs, such as *Can’t Help Falling in Love*, *Loch Lomond*, *Black Velvet Band*, and a few musical pieces from the band’s repertoire made up the program. Weather cooperated to provide a pleasant reprieve from the weight of our current circumstances.

The second item has less to do with performance and more to do with procedure. Here it is, from the pen of the one who introduced it.

The Pender Highlanders Pipe and Drum Band has, like everyone else, been affected over the last three or four months by the need to self isolate and in fact until recently had not met since February. The Provincial Government ‘Restart’ Guidelines have now offered us some flexibility to contemplate meeting again, provided that we can design a safe tuning procedure for the pipes and avoid close contact.

Bagpipes require constant maintenance to keep their four reeds performing efficiently and to ensure they are airtight and tuned. In fact, each time they are played, and every few hours, it becomes necessary because of changes in ambient humidity, temperature, and the blowing pattern of the piper.

A bagpipe has three drones (normally carried on the piper’s shoulder) and a chanter on which the piper plays the melody. Before social distancing became necessary, if an adjustment was required to tune any of these four pipes, the tuner would have placed his electronic tuner near a drone or chanter, checked its tuning, and either extended or shortened the telescoping drones that are not in tune or, in the case of the chanter, manipulated its reed and, in certain cases, applied tape to an out-of-tune finger hole.

There are two obvious difficulties with continuing to do it that way. The first is that the person who is tuning must be closer to the person being tuned than six feet. The second is that, if reed manipulation is necessary, he must handle a reed which has been wetted with someone else’s saliva.

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Heath Lansdowne learns to tune electronically. Photo by Caroline McKay

If we are to maintain the band's playing standard and meet regularly for practice, we need to develop a 'safe tuning procedure' and we believe that we now have it. Once the process is mastered, it involves only the piper handling his or her own pipes.

First a sanitized microphone is attached to the pipe being tuned by the piper himself. The microphone is connected by a twelve foot cord and all of the special connections to an iPad. The pipe is then sounded. The piper watches the pitch reading on the device and manipulates the pipe being tuned in consultation with the experienced tuner. When the piper's complete instrument

is tuned, he removes the microphone, sanitizes it with a wipe and places it on a table for the next piper in line.

We can now begin to play. The pipe major has to arrange the band in such a way that each member is at least six feet away from any other, in a circle or marching.

Everyone in the band is keen to begin regularly practising together again and we have had a number of discussions and changes before arriving at the present plan.

We just have to do it.

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Pender Island Community Choir

Due to Covid 19 status, the Community Choir Board is still not able to make a decision regarding a Fall Session choir this year. Please continue to watch for updates in *The Pender Post* and online.

The annual AGM will be held some time during the summer when we can arrange a location for a social distancing meeting or Zoom. This will be advertised 30 days before the meeting. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please contact Graham Garlick at grahamgarlick@gmail.com.

Many thanks to our director Steph Jackson and accompanist Sabrina Werbowski for helping us through this difficult year. Your talent, patience, and integrity are appreciated by us all.

Stay safe, healthy, kind - and we hope you have a great summer.

*Terry Shepherd,
Communications Liaison*

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



Greetings from the Quilters' Circle.

On-line quilting just might have to be our new normal as we head into the summer months. Just so you all know, your executive is committed to keeping this club going no matter what. The executive had a wonderful meeting at Laura Vilness's lovely oceanfront garden. We are planning ahead for a mid-September opening, if Pender Island remains COVID-19 free. If we cannot meet, Susan Purney Mark has a Zoom meeting planned so please stay tuned. We are up-to-date with the protocol for opening and will share all this information with our members when September gets closer. At the current time, all our membership would be able to attend a meeting at the Anglican Parish Hall and have the social distancing protocol in place. We are working on having a great year.

Sharon Salmon and Flyn Thomas have moved into their new homes in Port Coquitlam and Kelowna. We wish them

a happy new life with new friends, but keeping the old ones as close as the computer.

We invite any new members to get in touch by emailing lkgpender@shaw.ca if you want to be included in our plans moving forward in September.

Just so you know, we will be needing one new member on our executive for the upcoming year. That position is Vice-President. If you would be interested in helping make decisions for the quilting club, you would be most welcome to let your name stand. Please call Ann England, our President, and she will be happy to place you on the list. The other members of our executive have willingly decided to stay on and see us into our next session.

So, expect a soft start for the Quilters' Circle in September. The AGM will start our meeting so we can get our new executive in place; we will follow that with Show and Share and all UFOs. Membership registration and fees will be collected by Donna Smyth, our treasurer.

As a point of interest to those that love the Hands Across the Water: it will be in Duncan this coming 2021 if all is well. Our turn will be the following year. It is an exciting event just being there for Show and Share. There are many wonderful quilters in our area and it is very worthwhile to see.

Have a safe summer; practise social distancing but get socializing again with your bubbles.

Karen Gagnier

Pender Solstice Theatre Society



Congratulations to Wren Wilde, who is the recipient of Solstice Theatre's \$500 Theatre Arts Bursary. Wren will be attending the Vancouver Film School next March, and Solstice is happy to make a small contribution to her studies. Wren is another example of the many talented and community-minded youth we have here on Pender Island. We cannot think of a more deserving recipient of this award.



Wren Wilde receiving the bursary from Solstice Theatre

In early June, Solstice Theatre held its first online Zoom Play Reading with twelve members reading parts from Norm Foster's *Here On The Flight Path*. This play worked out quite well for a reading using Zoom. It was fun to see our readers act out on screen and bring different elements to the characters. If you would like to stay up-to-date about Solstice's activities, consider joining us. Send an email to pendersolstice@gmail.com; we would love to hear from you. Plans for our on-stage performance of *Four Weddings and an Elvis* are still on hold as we await changes in orders and guidelines from the Province and Dr. Bonnie Henry. We hope everyone on the island is keeping safe and keeping well.

Rutger Kamphuis

Ptarmigan Arts



We are looking forward to offering in-person arts and music programming this summer, in a way that is safe and healthy for everyone. As we work



Graduates from left to right, Rowan Barker, Lannette Boland, Yoko Kikuchi, Quinn Masselink, Caitlin Rae, Olivia Wein, Hayden Bulled, Nikolas Lamy, and Chloris Sigurgeirson.

towards finding a new normal in the current climate, we know that the arts are essential to well-being and mental health and we are committed to find ways to allow our community to engage with each other and in the arts even in these uncertain times.

Summer School of the Arts

This year we are expanding our offerings with three weeks of summer camps for kids at Hope Bay. There will be some adjustments to make sure everyone involved can stay safe while still engaging with each other and in the arts. Our Covid-19 safety guidelines can be viewed on our website.

Music Production Day Camp

This is a new program for ages 12+ happening July 6-10. Students will work with Ben McConchie on the basics of songwriting, production and recording, and even get to record their own composition. The cost is \$185 and there is a sibling discount of \$50.

Art in Nature & Music Discover

This is our ever-popular day camp for kids aged 6-12 happening on July 20-24 and August 17-21 this year. The cost is \$140/camp or \$185 for both camps, with a \$50 sibling discount. Enjoy a morning of pottery and art with Ilse Phillips, and spend the afternoon exploring music, rhythm, and melody with Ben McConchie.

The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts

On June 13, The Gallery reopened after being closed since early March. Before we were able to unlock our doors a

line of guests was already forming and it was so wonderful to welcome people back into our beautiful space. We appreciate everyone's willingness to comply with our physical distancing rules and look forward to seeing you Thursday to Sunday from 11 am - 2 pm. We are hoping to expand this, so please continue to check our webpage and social media for up-to-date information.

Even as we celebrate our re-opening, The Gallery is facing another kind of transition - the current show, 'New Beginnings' is our curator, Kim Pollard's, final show with us. We are so excited to wish Kim well on her next adventure, but are sad to see her go. There are not enough words to express our thanks to Kim for all of the passion and work that went into opening the Gallery and filling it with pieces from local artists over the past six months.

Like so many businesses we did not anticipate being closed for three months and are now facing uncertain times. As we find our path forward, we will be inviting guest curators to submit applications and hang shows. More information can be found through our website or by emailing us at gallery@ptarmiganarts.org.

Pondside Productions Concert Series

We are sponsoring this year's Pondside Productions concert series featuring three musical acts who will be playing physically distanced concerts this summer. Tickets are limited, so head to our Facebook or website to purchase. Catch Oliver Swain's Big Machine

with Adam Dobres and Richard Moody on July 11 at 3 pm and 7 pm; Schryer, Hillhouse and Dobres on July 24 and 25 at 7 pm; and Lauren Mann (that's me!) on August 22 and 23 at 7 pm.

Painting with Passion

This is an online painting course beginning August 18 with Kathleen Theriault. The course is for youth and adults of all abilities and will be happening live over zoom for 8 consecutive weeks. Kathleen has over 40 years of experience as a painter and teacher and will help you unlock your creative self, learn techniques, and find new ways of expressing yourself. The course is being offered on a sliding scale fee. For more info and to register, visit our website.

Crammin' For the Finals

This symposium on the end of life journey had been postponed to the fall, but due to the uncertain nature of the next few months we have decided to postpone indefinitely. We know that this is a topic that is important to many, and we will hopefully be able to gather at some point next year.

For information on any of the above programs or to register, visit our website www.ptarmiganarts.org.

Lauren Mann

Three on the Tree

Pender Pandemic Grad 2020



On Saturday, June 13, Pender Island Grade 12 graduates gathered at the Community Hall



among family, friends, and community members to celebrate their achievements in an event sponsored by Three on the Tree Production Society.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, graduation and subsequent graduation celebrations looked entirely different or were cancelled. In this uncertainty, Pandemic Grad came together in late May. In attendance were current Pender Island students Rowan Barker, Lannette Boland, Hayden Bulled, Yoko Kikuchi, Nikolas Lamy, Caitlin Rae, and Chloris Sigurgeirson; and former residents Quinn Masselink and Olivia Wein. See photo on page 17.

Our graduates heard from Nia Williams, who gave a thoughtful, heartfelt speech, followed by Tim Frick giving an inspirational address about never giving up. Students were able to receive a "pandemic" diploma before they walked the loop of families standing six or more feet apart and drive-in guests and were met by Ava Powelson, Taeven Lopatecki, and Denny Goertz on violins. A garden party followed for graduates, with family households social distancing apart from one another.

The event was made possible with Gary Goodman volunteering his DJ skills and sound equipment, beverage donations from Tru Value Foods, the garden party sponsored by Pender Wellness Online studio's community fund, delicious Vanilla Leaf Bakery Cafe cupcakes, treats, and décor. A special thanks to the SGI volunteer coordinator team, Kenta Kikuchi, Grace Pohl, those who donated and arranged flowers, helped with parking, and who supported our grads throughout their years. It was an amazing event and one that I hope continues with each graduating class, but next time without the need for social distancing measures. The graduation class is also giving back and is creating a series of mural paintings, which will be on display behind the community hall on the little barn. Congratulations class of 2020!

*Liis Graham,
Youth Engagement Liaison*

TOTT Summer Events

After a lot of uncertainty this spring and many ideas and projects put on hold, we are excited to announce that we'll be going ahead with two youth summer camps. They will run in late July and early August and will be focused around creating unique performance art pieces at a safe distance. We will have a camp for an older group July 27 - 31 and a younger group the week following from August 3 - 7. If you are interested in details please email alaiahamer@gmail.com.

Alaia Hamer

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Coleman/Rogers Memorial Bursary Fund

We are at the end of the school year. This has turned sideways in so many different ways. We still are not sure how education will look at the post secondary level in the Fall.

We encourage Pender students to apply for this bursary. You can get an

application form from the school office here on Pender Island, or at the Pender Island Home Building Centre. Our committee meets mid-August to decide upon the number of recipients.

Please carefully read through the application. Most important is a copy of your marks transcripts, your budget, a letter of reference, and your course of study.

We want to assist as many Pender students as funds are available. Please apply and we look forward to hearing from you. Sincerely,

*Joanne Enns, Secretary,
hopebay@shaw.ca*

Community Paramedic Corner

I would like to take a moment to re-introduce you to the Community Paramedic program here on Pender. I am Kathryn, happily new to this position, and I join Alyssa, who has been in this role for the past two years. Together, we make up your Community Paramedic Team!



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We offer these healthcare services through several platforms, including weekly in-person meetings at people's homes, to help set up a personalized health plan. Out in the community, we also offer educational events on topics such as dementia prevention, hands-only or infant CPR training, how to manage your diet with Congestive Heart Failure, and Advanced Care planning, to name just a few, and we host clinics where we perform vitals checks and monitor blood

pressure.

While we aren't able to meet up in-person yet due to the current pandemic, we can make phone calls to anyone, to check in on them. We will assess how they are doing, by asking relevant questions about their health issues, and find out if they need anything. We will then refer back to their primary care provider as needed. We can also offer educational events (like the ones listed above) virtually!

As we prepare to resume home visits and host health care events and clinics in the community (hopefully soon!), we encourage you to reach out to us. If we start the process now, we can begin with the phone calls and virtual events, and then be ready to transition to meeting in-person. For home visits, let your doctor or nurse know you would like to be connected with a Community Paramedic, as that is set up through a referral from them. For community events, contact us directly. Let us know what we can do for you! We are a free service to the community.

You can contact Alyssa Woolcombe at 250-221-0754 on Thursdays and Fridays, 8 am - 6 pm; or Kathryn Eagleheart at 250-221-1547 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 8 am - 6 pm.

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Kathryn and Alyssa

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Donald Peden

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Family Co-operative

Thanks to the caring and generous Pender Island community, we have a youth centre on Pender Island that is safe, neutral, central, and inclusive. Check out our website <https://piepicentre.weebly.com/> where you will find a listing of all our current programs and more information about the Epicentre.

Thank you

We have received a \$5000 donation for our playground project from a generous donor who wishes to remain anonymous.

Thank you to our member families who have been very patient through the process of closing the Epicentre. We have kept the Epicentre closed since late March when our spring break programs wrapped up. Every time I enter the centre to check on it, the building creaks with anticipation. I'm sure it's been strange for it considering what a hub it has been to children and families for so many years; however, we are not quite ready to open it up again. Currently, we are working on presenting some summertime programming. We need to figure out how to safely allow gatherings of children following Dr. Bonnie Henry's guidelines before we can let that happen though. We will let you know as soon as we've figured it out - so members, watch your emails and we will also update our website and the Epicentre Facebook page with the summer program information.

In the meantime, we are happy to announce that the playground is open again with the following guidelines:

- Please do not come if you have signs or symptoms of illness.
- Use at your own discretion.
- Always wash your hands frequently and thoroughly, before and after using any playground facilities.
- Bringing your own equipment (balls, bikes) is encouraged.
- Please respect and maintain physical distancing between yourself and other playground users except for those in your household bubble.

The Epicentre building is closed, so there are no bathroom facilities.

There are reminder signs posted around the playground and we do realize that many of our playground users do not read yet, so as adults and caregivers, please guide your kids through the importance of these guidelines. We believe that, together, we can beat this.

Membership

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For more information on membership, please contact Erin at erin.pauch@gmail.com.

Josephine Spaxman

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Ferry Facts

BCF early morning vessel loading at Otter Bay

On Tuesday, June 9, BCF implemented a new schedule for Route 5 and 5A (Swartz Bay - SGI). The winter schedule was brought back using both the Mayne Queen and the Queen of Cumberland. This meant that the first sailing of the day to Swartz Bay, is the Mayne Queen at 7:40 am and then the Queen of Cumberland at 9:10 am. Traffic arriving at the terminal in the first three hours of the morning (Monday through Thursday) can be quite a challenge for ferry staff. At 7:10 am the Salish Raven leaves Pender for Tsawwassen; vehicles taking this sailing need to be sorted into lanes. Also at this time traffic starts arriving at the terminal for the 7:40 am sailing to Swartz. This traffic needs to be sorted by height, customers with Medical Assured Loading, essential





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Medical Assured Loading Form (MAL)

Priority and assured loading can be granted by your doctor if your medical needs require. Patients must apply to

their local Health Centre for a MAL letter which will be approved by the doctor if all the criteria are met. The letter must be shown to the BCF booth attendant on the day of travel. The details of this program can be found on the BCF website at <https://www.bcferries.com/files/AboutBCF/180911-medical-assured-loading-program.pdf>

BC Ferries Implements Requirement For Passenger Face Coverings

VICTORIA – In keeping with directives and guidance provided by Transport Canada, passengers traveling with BC Ferries will be required to be in possession of a face covering that covers their mouth and nose, and asked to wear this covering in situations when a physical separation of two metres cannot be maintained.

This directive went into effect on June 15 for routes longer than 30 minutes and applies to all passengers over the age of two, including those passengers traveling in a vehicle. Passengers will be asked to confirm they have a face covering and are willing to wear it when necessary. If a passenger answers ‘no,’ or fails to answer, they will be unable to travel. Customers must bring their own face coverings as BC Ferries will not be supplying them to travelers.

As defined by the Public Health Agency of Canada, a face covering should fit securely to the head with ties or ear loops, be made of at least two layers of tightly woven material fabric (such as cotton or linen) and be large enough to completely and comfortably cover the nose and mouth without gaping.

BC Ferries will also continue screening

all customers for COVID-19 symptoms and restrict travel to any customer that does not meet the screening requirements, as per the federal guidelines.

BC Ferries is dedicated to providing a safe and healthy travel experience for its passengers and employees. For those that need to travel, additional measures have been put in place to keep customers and crew healthy and safe. These preventative measures include support for physical distancing, screening customers on arrival, allowing customers to remain in their vehicles on all decks during the sailing, and enhanced cleaning.

As this situation is rapidly evolving, BC Ferries encourages customers to monitor the BCF website for any additional changes to service. For full details on service changes and the measures BC Ferries is taking in response to COVID-19, visit [bcferries.com](https://www.bcferries.com).

Ferry traffic data

The two tables on the next page show the percentage change in vehicles and passengers traffic from April 2019 to April 2020 for route 5 and 9 destinations. April 2020 was at the height of the Covid shut-down. During April BCF was losing more than a million dollars per day on the total ferry system.

New Salish Class Ship Construction

On 26 March 2020, Remontowa Shipbuilding SA from Remontowa Holding capital group of Poland laid the keel for the construction of the fourth “Salish” class ferry for BC Ferries. The ship will be delivered to BCF in the Spring of 2022 and go into service



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Location	Vehicles	Passengers
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Pender	-55.46%	-63.59%
Saturna	-56.34%	-69.47%
Galiano	-56.30%	-64.26%
Mayne	-54.80%	-61.80%
Route 9 Tsawwassen - Southern Gulf Islands		
Change to previous year to date - April		
Location	Vehicles	Passengers
Tsawwassen	-67.91%	-79.76%
SSI	-91.37%	-94.38%
Pender	-91.12%	-94.16%
Saturna	No data	No data
Galiano	-50.05%	-69.22%
Mayne	-66.06%	-81.37%

in the Southern Gulf Islands later that same year. The new Salish ship will be a replacement for the Mayne Queen which will be retired after 50 plus years of service.

Pender Island Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) Facebook Site

The Pender Island FAC has created a Facebook site for island residents to get more timely accurate updates on BCF news and changes to schedules. The site is for information only and not a community discussion site. Requests to join the site are automatically approved. Residents are encouraged to join. The Facebook Group name is: Pender Island Ferry Advisory Facebook Group and can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/penderislandferryadvisorycommittee/>

Your local FAC committee would like to hear from you. If you have a specific sailing complaint, please provide date, time, sailing (from-to) and details. All correspondence will be presented to BCF. If you have any constructive suggestions to improve service, please email any one of the FAC members: Roy Moore, befacroy@gmail.com; Joanne Enns, JoanneEnns2@gmail.com; Dale Henning, dchvyrpacificocean@telus.net.

Ferry issues relating to School District 64 should be sent to Greg Lucas, Trustee for school district 64, glucas@sd64.org.

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

Roy Moore

North Pender Local Trust Committee

Property Taxes



Everyone should have received their property tax notices in the mail by now, and I think it's a good reminder that your taxes aren't just some random, not-in-your-control, type of thing. You should really take the time to figure out where your money is going and how it can be spent more efficiently.

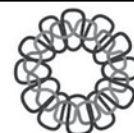
Every one of these organizations has representatives that can be held accountable for where your money goes. Pender Fire has a society that you can join, the school has a Trustee/Principal/Teachers and loads of community consultation, the Islands Trust has four representatives on North and South Pender, and the CRD has a elected director and several commissions that you can join (Parks and Recreation, Sewer and Water, Harbours Commission, Library Commission, Economic Commission).

You have a say in how your money is spent. If you have a strong opinion about your property taxes, you have many options to do something about it by getting involved in one of these types of organizations. Based on my observations as a rookie politician, our local governments are always in need of new, fresh faces and ideas.

Ferry Service in the Southern Gulf Islands

As someone who doesn't use the ferry very often (two trips to town since COVID-19), I have been following, but not experiencing the challenges of ferry travel right now. However, it has made me realize that our island communities have not addressed a very important point (and I use hyperbole to make the point more dramatic).

Should we demand that BC Ferries build a 4000 car/passenger ferry that operates every hour on the hour direct from Swartz Bay to Otter Bay? If that seems a little over-the-top, then ask yourself, what are the realities in the next 20 years of building larger ferries that carry more people and cars? How would our island change if we did that? According to BC Ferries, we will get another Salish vessel in a couple years - travel will become easier perhaps. However, that means we will increase capacity (assuming more cars and people will use it if it's easy), and then in 10 years we may be back to the same spot we are in right now, demanding more ferries.



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The reality of our current environmental situation in the Southern Gulf Islands is that these islands have a finite capacity. Our island communities have yet to consult amongst themselves regarding a plan to determine capacity. This conversation needs to start happening.

Ben's Defeated Motions

For entertainment purposes, I would like to show you some of the motions I have proposed at Trust Council that have been defeated (there have been many, here are some highlights) :

- TC-2019-019 It was Moved by Trustee Colbourne and Seconded by Trustee McConchie That the 2019/20 Budget be amended to reallocate the 2.3% increase in Trustee Remuneration to the budget request for First Nations site visits. DEFEATED I thought it would be symbolic for Trustees to show their support for First Nations collaboration by donating some of their salary to First Nations causes. The majority of Trustees disagreed.

- TC-2019-072 MOVED by Trustee McConchie, SECONDED by Trustee Dodds, That Trust Council approve the following dates: March 10-12, 2020; excluding June 16-18, 2020; including September 15-17, 2020; and December 1-3, 2020 as the preferred dates for its 2020 meeting schedule. DEFEATED

I have been arguing in favour of utilizing technology to have more on-line meetings - saving time, money, and the environment. Last September I tried to cut our Hornby Island meeting - and was defeated. Guess what? Because of COVID-19, we are now having the meeting online, the Trust Council will continue its work, and everything will be fine. At the time, the majority of Trustees disagreed with me.

Upcoming Meetings

In the weeks ahead, I have meetings with the folks from highways, building inspection, and Trust Council. Please contact me to let me know if you have any suggestions on how to improve these services. Any and all comments are welcome.

You're still reading this?

Being a Trustee is an extraordinarily challenging job, however, I am enjoying serving this community. For those who know me, I am open to any critical comments in order to serve this island better. Thanks for taking the time to read this. Let me know how I can get you involved in local politics.

Ben McConchie

South Pender Local Trust Committee

The South Pender LTC met online June 4 with a short agenda but much discussion.

STVR Survey

The staff report regarding the STVR survey was accepted and a motion passed to request staff to provide some policy options and bylaw considerations that will reflect the results of the survey. That report will be presented at the next meeting and the public will be invited to comment. The analysis of the survey results is available to read on the Trust website, South Pender page.

Alternate Housing

Discussion about the use of recreational vehicles and alternative housing resulted with a motion to request staff to present some options being used on other islands. It was suggested that perhaps a trial for alternative housing could be implemented on Agricultural properties for farm helpers. We should have more information at our next regular business meeting.

Ground Water Study

William Shulba, Freshwater Specialist for the Islands Trust, provided a detailed update on the ground water study being conducted throughout the SGIs, including South Pender. It is proving to be very revealing about the complexity of our most important natural resource. I urge all residents to have a look at the findings on the Trust website.

Bylaw Enforcement Officers

A motion was passed giving Trust Bylaw Enforcement Officers permission to file a complaint against any property owner while they are on island rather than having to wait for a formal written complaint. This should resolve the hesitation by some residents to complain about any infraction by a neighbour for fear of some type of retribution. We believe the community's bylaws are only effective if enforcement is present. The LTC passed a Bylaw Enforcement resolution earlier this year which allows fines to be levied against any property owner who does not comply with the bylaws. This does not mean that there

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will be an imminent sweep by snooping officials driving along our roads, but it will create more enforcement action than we have experienced in the past. I have worked with Dave Howe (CRD Director), to have the CRD and Trust Enforcement officials work together to provide more effective and efficient bylaw enforcement by sharing resources and funds. This plan has been accepted by both parties.

The COVID-19 crisis has disrupted more than our lifestyles; it has disrupted incomes for many businesses and workers. Those most affected are related to the tourism industry. I am hopeful that now we are lessening some restrictions, those businesses and employees will be able to re-open successfully and survive the coming year. This crisis has strengthened my belief that our communities need to diversify our local economy to be more resilient and not completely dependent upon external influences. Several groups are working together to increase employment and expand our local economy through agriculture and providing more food security. This is a great example of community members, not government, recognizing a problem and cooperatively working towards a solution.

Our economic woes are not entirely the fault of the pandemic. Government's lowering of interest rates have allowed (if not encouraged) people to become overly indebted. Statistics show that for every \$1 earned, Canadians owe, on average, \$1.76. Our banks are leveraged far more than in 2008 (each one of your dollars deposited in a bank has been loaned up to 40 times in some cases), and our debt ratio to our GDP is at an

all time high. These are not healthy indicators for any economy. I don't want to push any panic buttons, but it is important that we all acknowledge that money is going to be tight over the next few years and governments will likely not be able to continue handing out cheques at the same rate they have been during the past four months. The advice I listen to has said to watch your spending, plant a garden, support local businesses whenever possible so money circulates within the community, and pay off any debt as soon as you can.

I understand the frustration people are experiencing with BC Ferries with the inability to get on some sailings. Instead of getting angry, or worse hurling abuse at ferry workers, we should appreciate the efforts they have made, not unlike the health workers and grocery store employees who we are showering with praise. We also need to understand the difficulties BCF is having at this time. BCF has been losing hundreds of thousands of dollars per week during Covid. The millions of dollars held in reserve for emergencies has evaporated by continuing sailings at a loss to deliver essential goods and services. To make up the shortfall, routes and sailings have had to be cut. This doesn't mean that BCF officials are not aware of the multitude of complaints, but we have to realize that there are few options available. Many of the simple solutions that passengers suggest are simply not practical or possible. Whatever BCF can do, they have shown they will do, to provide better service. BCF is one of the largest and safest ferry systems in the world and their service record and reliability is remarkable. We should

keep this in mind and work with BCF in a productive manner and support them by adjusting our travel times, whenever possible, to less busy sailings and limit our non-essential travel.

We have all stepped up to the plate during this crisis; we have shown resolve, determination, and much restraint. Acknowledging the success of those efforts, and sticking with them, will go a long way to get through future difficulties. I wish you all good health.

Steve Wright

Islands Trust Conservancy

Climate Projections for the Land and Water of the Salish Sea



Islands Trust Conservancy has released a climate projec-

tions report for the island region between the British Columbia mainland and southern Vancouver Island that will guide conservation as weather becomes increasingly volatile. The report offers specific projections for the Southern Gulf Islands, Gabriola and Thetis Is-

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The Climate Projections Report for Islands Trust Area compiles projections for temperature and precipitation in the 2050s and 2080s from existing sources such as the Pacific Climate Impacts Consortium. The report also describes some impacts these changes may have on land, aquatic, and oceanic ecosystems. Specific projections for different parts of the Islands Trust Area and regional information will be used by the Conservancy when updating land management policies and procedures.

The region can expect warmer, wetter winters, earlier springs with a longer growing season, and warmer, drier summers, with increasing risk of wildfires. Oceans will be warmer and more acidic. Rising sea levels combined with an increase in intensity of storms, may result in the loss of shoreline property and changes to eelgrass and kelp beds.

"The climate projections indicate significant impacts to aquatic, marine, and terrestrial species" said Islands Trust Conservancy's Ecosystem Protection Specialist, Kathryn Martell. "The Islands Trust Area can expect to see new species migrating to the region, which increases the likelihood of spread of invasive species and pests and pathogens. We also expect the presence and range of some species, like the Western redcedar, to decline and contract as the local climate becomes less suitable, with the potential for other species, such as Garry oak, to expand their range."

Islanders are increasingly aware of the impact of climate change in the Salish Sea. "With our mandate to preserve and protect the islands and waters of the Salish Sea, we welcome this report to support decision-making as we consider the effects of climate change on these rare and fragile ecosystems" said Kate-Louise Stamford, Chair of the Islands Trust Conservancy Board. "Through climate projections we strengthen our ability to plan for the challenges that will be faced by both land and aquatic ecosystems. This provides us with an opportunity to adapt our work to address these impacts."

Changes that we make, here and now, can moderate climate change after 2050. Projections for the 2080s are based upon a "business as usual" scenario, highlighting that actions we take now are critical.

Visit the Islands Trust Conservancy website for more information islandstrustconservancy.ca.

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Moving Around Pender

MAP



It's that time of the year when the Car Stops need their annual tidy-up, and we would be grateful for your help. All that it requires is a five minute grass cut and a two minute wipe with a damp cloth. Although Car Stops are not being used at the moment, we want to keep them ready for the time when this very sociable and environmentally-friendly way of travel can begin again. So, if you have a Car Stop near your house that needs some TLC, please take action.

We have received a lot of positive feedback from users of the "new" George Hill East Trail. For those who haven't tried it yet, it provides access to Clam Bay Road along a previously informal route starting from near the viewpoint at the top of George Hill. Thanks again to our local landowner and the PIPRC for their support.

We are continuing to investigate the proposed trail route from the ballpark to the school and have commissioned a couple of surveys to confirm the boundaries of the road right of way. Property owners along the route have been contacted for their feedback and we are looking toward setting up a community meeting sometime in late summer or early fall.

It is interesting to watch the threads on trails and bike lanes pop up on the Facebook Pender Island Forum. There is clearly a lot of interest in the community for providing safer road use for pedestrians, bikes, and vehicles and recognition that our current configuration



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is not the best. We at MAP are working toward these goals with all the relevant agencies though progress does require consistent pressure. Any and all community members are welcome to join us and we'd love to hear from new faces as well as previous members at map.contact@movingaroundpender.ca...remember you don't have to attend meetings to be helpful.

As restrictions on meetings are being eased, we are going to have our next one outside at the Community Hall following the market on July 4, from 1:15 - 2:30 pm.

Niall Parker

Pender Earth

We've all been preoccupied with the COVID-19 pandemic and have learned, especially here in BC, that we can all pull together and look out for each other. But it's now time to pivot our attention back to the even greater threat - the climate change emergency. Despite a (temporary) lowering of carbon dioxide emissions during our "sheltering in place," the atmospheric concentration of CO2 is still on the rise. We have to do more - much more!

Pender Earth held a virtual community gathering in May and the following is a list of projects that are underway: Fresh Water Catchment Survey, Big Tree Registry, Campaign to Reduce Airplane Noise, The Post-Pandemic Peace and Plenty Climate Change Writers' Brigade, Islands Trust Bylaw Engagement, Documenting the Pender Earth Process, and Food Security. Please contact Pender Earth at penderearth@gmail.com if you'd like to learn more

about climate change or get involved in any of these climate action teams.

Kathy Cronk and Julie Johnston

Pender Island Child Care Society

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre

To every child - I dream of a world where you can laugh, dance, sing, learn, live in peace, and be happy.

~ Malala Yousafzai



Thank you to all the families that supported Dragonfly Child Care and our drop in Family Resource Programs this past year. We have missed you all these last couple of months and are making plans to see you all again this September.

Parents and Babes

It is our hope that we will run Parents and Babes each Monday morning from 9 - 11:30 am at Dragonfly Centre beginning on September 14. While the programming may be slightly modified,

we understand the value of our families staying connected and reducing isolation during the winter months. For those new to Pender Island, this is a free drop-in program for parents, caregivers, and their children. The space allows us to enjoy healthy snacks, connect with other parents and children, and access developmentally appropriate toys and books. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and the Pender Island Child Care Society, this program is free.

Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP)

At this time we are planning for HOP to run each Wednesday morning, beginning on September 16, in the school gymnasium from 9 - 10:15 am, and 10:15 - 11 am in classroom #3. While there may be some changes to this program, we encourage you to come on out and join our trained facilitator as they set up new activities each week; from hockey passing to badminton and obstacle courses to plasma car races, this program will be sure to tire out your youngster! HOP is designed for parents/caregivers to engage in physical



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activities and learn new skills with their children 1-5 years. Thanks to the Pender Island School and the CRD, this program is free.

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast

Stay tuned for a date coming this fall when Sarah and Steve host Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast. One Saturday a month, children can treat their dads, uncles, grandpas or friends to breakfast at Dragonfly Centre. This is a great opportunity to play with your kids and meet some of your children's friends and their dads. Thanks to the Ministry of Children and Families, this drop in program is free.

Tru Value Spirit Board

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

Child Care

We have space in our licensed multi-age child care on Wednesdays and Fridays 9 am - 1 pm or 9 am - 4:45 pm. As a not-for-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 Service Society

Nu-To-Yu



We are happy to announce that Nu-To-Yu will open for business June 26, Friday and will be operating under the guidelines of the Provincial Medical Health Officer and Work Safe BC. We are only going to be open Fridays for the time being. Masks or face coverings will be mandatory as well as social distancing. This is to protect you and our volunteers. There will be signs and markers to designate where to line up, e.g. upstairs, cage, furniture room. Upstairs shoppers will line up near the foot of the stairs and continue along the sidewalk to the road. Downstairs shoppers will line up on the sidewalk from the parking lot along the side of the store to the front door of the basement. Furniture room shoppers will line up from the parking lot between the building and the furniture room tent. Upstairs only four customers at a time for now; cage and furniture room one customer at a time. When in the store, sanitize your hands, use a basket to place the items you wish to purchase and when you are ready to pay, place your basket on the counter; the cashier will empty it and ring up the sale. When you exit the store, proceed across the lawn to the Epicentre. When in the store, no trying on clothes. No children under 12 will be allowed in the store. We realize that a day at the Nu-To-Yu is a social event for many but please do your visiting with each other outside of the store. No \$5 bag days until further notice. Thank you for holding off on donations during the store closure. A small amount of donations will now be accepted but we will be working with fewer staff in order to maintain social distancing in the workplace. Please be respectful as to how much we can handle at one time: a limit of two items (for example, one box and one bag or two bags or two boxes). To protect our volunteers, please wear a mask or face covering when dropping off items.

Donations accepted Tuesday and Thursday mornings, from 9 am - 12 pm only.

No drop-off of items at any other time thank you

Also, there will be a big silent auction on Saturday, August 1 at the Nu-To-Yu. The store won't be open that day, but we will set up outside with many items donated to the store during the year. Some items were donated just for the silent auction. The time of the auction will be 10 am - 3 pm, so come and put your offer in. You may get something wonderful that you have always wanted. We will be putting photos of some of the items on our website, so check it out in a couple of weeks.

Remember, *This isn't forever, it's just for now.* ~ Dr. Bonnie Henry

Sheila Veness

Pender Islands Conservancy

First Annual Ursula Poepel Memorial Broom Bash



We were completely amazed by the response to the Broom Bash. Pender Island folks really got behind this important environmental stewardship event. More broom was cut and delivered to the drop off sites than any of us had anticipated. The large amount of broom collected led to some logistical problems, and, unfortunately, the amount of dirt, roots, and other plants that got mixed in with the broom led to a lot of work for Conservancy volunteers, who had to sort the mountains of broom and remove debris that would damage the chippers. However, all in all, the Bash was a Smash.

Conservancy Centre Opening

For the first time in its 27 year history, the Pender Islands Conservancy has a home, but we have been unable to be open to the public. With the easing of the COVID-19 restrictions, we have resumed our preparations and will hold our grand opening in July. Please watch for announcements on our website and Facebook pages. Please drop by and see what we have been up to.

Kelp mappers wanted

The Pender Islands Conservancy is helping with an ongoing citizen science

kelp mapping project being run jointly with various Conservancy Associations around the Salish Sea. Bull kelp is a large seaweed that grows in lush underwater forests in coastal waters from Alaska to California. They shelter an incredible variety of organisms, from plankton to crustaceans, snails to small salmon, sea otters to waterfowl. Mapping is done on the water with handheld GPS units and back-up written data sheets and photos. If you are handy with a canoe or kayak, and are interested in participating, please send an email to elizabethmiles999@gmail.com, or call 250-539-8843. The commitment involves a 4-hour day of training and two to three 4-hour days of mapping, and will take place August 16-20 around low tide.

Barn swallow mapping and a surprise discovery

Our 2020 mapping of barn swallow nests on the Penders continues - some areas, such as the school, have seen an unfortunate decline in numbers of nests whereas others have remained at an encouragingly similar abundance as last year. We were pleased to add many new locations to our ever-expanding map, including several on South Pender. To date, we have documented 30 nest locations - but we know there are many more out there! Please contact Erin at erin.obrien7500@gmail.com if you have an active barn swallow nest that you wish to have added to our map.

We challenge everyone to see how many barn swallows you can encourage to nest by installing ledges below overhangs around your houses and outbuildings. Remember, it is easy to install a second ledge below an active nest to catch droppings. Our federal Species At Risk Act (SARA) protects species like barn swallows that are experiencing rapid declines, and we should feel proud to have a SARA-listed species reproducing successfully on our islands. Having this species nesting at the school also provides our students with the opportunity to learn about the ecology of aerial insectivores, to observe first-hand how rapidly songbird nestlings develop, and to learn how declining wildlife and plant species in Canada are protected at various legislative levels. Your Pender Islands Conservancy is happy to work

with anyone interested in encouraging barn swallow nesting by advising on ledge installation and locations - contact us at info@penderconservancy.org for more information.

During our surveys of barn swallow nesting activity, we were thrilled to discover that cliff swallows have taken up residence at the Driftwood Shopping Centre! This is a truly historic moment, as to our knowledge this species has never before nested at the Driftwood. You can view the impressive gourd-shaped mud nest in the gable end above the Chamber of Commerce Info Centre, around the corner from the Petals and Paws entrance. Cliff swallows are closely related to barn swallows, and are also declining in Canada; there are several locations where they occasionally nest on Pender, but in general this species is very uncommon on our islands and so the Driftwood Centre should be very proud to have hosted this rarity in 2020.

Elizabeth Miles and Erin O'Brien

Pender Island Farmers' Institute

We are pleased to announce that The Neptune Navy Grimmer - Ashton Ross-Smith Bursary recipient this year is Travis Lee. Best wishes to Travis and the graduating class of 2020.

The Farmers' Market at the Hall has both food and non-food vendors and follows public health guidelines for COVID-19. The market is 9:30 am - 1 pm on Saturdays. There are food producers and artisans on the online Farmers' Market through Local Line, also. Check out our website pifi.ca and our Facebook page.

The Farmers' Institute AGM was June 15 via Zoom. The guest speaker was Simone Cazabon, Food Security Coordinator, Salt Spring Island Community Services Society - Harvest Salt Spring. Her topic was "Food Security Programs on Salt Spring."

Simone is a fifth generation farmer who was hired eight years ago as a grower for the food bank. She started with a half acre growing, which has grown to one acre with some staff to help her. The food program has grown and works alongside other community support



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programs i.e. mental health programs, social programs, job programs. They also support the farming community by fund-raising for the Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program - \$80,000 raised to augment the 136 spots in the program. This brings \$60,000 to the Farmers' Market, and \$20,000 for the food bank (buying local food for the food bank). Future directions are to develop seed saving and agricultural development, and composting. They want to expand to up to four acres at the community farmland location, with an orchard.

Currently they grow garlic, mixed vegetables, and fruit, have canning workshops, grow winter keeping vegetables, high calorie foods, things they can grow in larger quantities. They do not compete with other farms; the food does not go to the farmers' market.

They collaborate with farms by fundraising for the Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program, and buy food for the food bank from local farmers. Often this leads to some donated to the food bank. They also provide labour for farms through their work program.

The food bank on Salt Spring Island feeds 200 people.

They have a food recovery program from grocery stores (not sure if this is weekly or monthly), a "soup kitchen" and a Café (closed right now due to Covid) which is a social enterprise, giving youth jobs.

To help extend the shelf life of the food they recover and harvest, they have an insulated sea-can that they have turned into a large refrigerator. The sea-can was adapted by them at a total cost (including sea-can) of \$10,000.

They have been struggling to get the Islands Trust to allow a community composter to build soil and reduce food waste. They raised \$160,000 for a closed-vessel system and had a lot of community support, as well as significant supporting research and reports to back up their plan. The ALC said it was allowed if our local government did not prohibit it.

Barbara Johnstone

Fall Fair

Given the pandemic and on-going climate crisis, we thought it would be a good time to remind everyone of the speech given by Andy Nowak and Mary Reher - our guests of honour for the 2019 Fall Fair. Here are their thoughts on the theme of the fair: resilience.

Resilience

We were asked to speak about this year's theme and while preparing discovered that resilience is a big word. Pondering its meaning was like unpacking a large suitcase with layer upon layer of meaning.

Resilience is right here in front of us. We see it at the personal, community, and planetary level.

We are surrounded by acts of personal resilience. People who have confronted death, who have had their spouse of many years die, who have lost their parent or child. Somehow, these people learn to survive, to move forward with their lives, to take steps of healing. That is resilience.

We see it in folks with serious or chronic illnesses, when they must face their changed identity and self-image because of changing life circumstances. They figure out how to do it, somehow. And keep on going. That is resilience.

Resilience is taking a small step forward - to reach out when you are isolated; to seek the Light when you are in darkness.

In our community, resilience on this personal level is often invisible, but a crucial piece of our ability to function harmoniously and effectively as a whole. When we reach out to friends, neighbours, or even strangers who are suffering, when we say a kind word or offer a helping hand, we are helping to build this web of connection within the community. Taking care of each other is the warp of the fabric. It creates the bonds needed to effectively move forward as a community.

If you look beyond the personal level, we see many examples of resilience at the community level: the Better At Home program enabling folks to stay at home independently for longer, the Community Hall acting as an emergency shelter when needed, Emergency



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services coming to our aid in accident, illness, or disaster are all part of our community resilience. So are the MAP trails, car stops and bus, the recycling depot, Nu-To-Yu, and the Pender Solar Initiative. And there are many more examples of resilience around the islands.

Of course, there can be barriers to creating resilience in our community.

They can be mental/attitudinal (learning to say 'yes' instead of 'no'; thinking communally rather than only protecting private interests), financial (e.g. not enough money to buy an electric car), or bureaucratic (e.g. BC Hydro limiting the size of solar arrays). We must remember that we have the power - through our wallets, our votes, and our engagement - to break down these barriers.

You build resilience by taking one small step after another. Taking action gives a sense of agency, of movement through the helplessness and despair that can come from witnessing the loss and destruction of life as we've known it.

Our story is one of many on Pender. We had some savings and decided to make a green investment right at home. Thirty solar panels power our house and one car. Our second vehicle runs on used vegetable oil. Our garden and orchard feeds us through the year, for the most part. We were still eating apples from the previous year's harvest, in July and had our first crop of new apples in August - that's almost year-round! We pull vegetables from the ground all winter. We were still eating carrots in June. Our climate is one of the few places in Canada where you can grow food all year around.

Of course, some sacrifice comes with the choice to grow resilience. Your range is limited driving an electric car and driving a car with an old diesel motor that runs on used veggie oil means more breakdowns. Your diet is limited when relying on a winter garden and storage vegetables and fruit from the summer garden, and the garden is limited by lack of water.

But there are rewards too: it feels good to be "doing the right thing," to be helping the planetary situation in even a small way. And that first strawberry or tomato tastes incredible after waiting all those months. Nothing tastes like the fresh-grown product.

Who knows - maybe our supply of produce from California and Mexico will dry up one day - it's time to expand the ways we can feed ourselves! That means preserving our farmland - Not building dams that flood it or bulldozing it for development. That means honouring and valuing food growers and their labour. It means honouring the earth, the water, and the air, so we can grow health-giving foods.

We heard the other day that courage is derived from the French word 'coeur' or 'heart.' When we love something deeply enough, we find the courage to make changes that will help protect what we love.

Let's continue taking small steps forward, using the wealth of creativity and innovation available amongst the Pender population to find more and more ways to develop our resilience personally, as a community, and for the planet.

Andy Nowak and Mary Reher

Pender Island Fire Rescue

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Greetings to all



We have had an overwhelmingly great response to our Chipping program.

Our Pender Fire Prevention team joined forces with our local chipping contractors, Barry Robertson and Michael Bradley, and managed to chip more than 120 properties in a few short weeks. We successfully reduced the fuel load in our residential areas by a substantial margin. We thank you all for your enthusiastic participation in keeping Pender Island safe.

Burning is still shut down in the Province and will not likely reopen before we are in the Fire Season. So if you have not chipped you will have to compost or wait hopefully until we can burn again next fall.

Pender Island Fire Rescue has responded to 105 calls as of May 30, 2020.

We have commenced small group training events once per week at our Fire Halls as of this month. All COVID-19 protocols remain in place. It is great to get our responders together again, even if they are maintaining two meters distancing. It is so very important that they are able to draw strength and support from each other during these difficult times.

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Greetings to you all. Since Our province has begun to loosen restrictions on public gatherings, our Diocese has offered various protocols designed to protect us and keep us all safe from possible omissions of practice. These protocols and recommendations relate to the gradual opening of our spaces. We have a possible re-opening date of July 12 for our first worship service. Due to the need for distancing, we will probably come together either in the church hall, or outside on the Labyrinth space. We are required to create a parish safety plan, which we have begun to do. The main components are: creating lots of space between people, practicing good COVID-19 hygiene, staying home when not feeling well, and instituting cleaning protocols for our spaces. Hopefully, we begin our 'in person' (not virtual as we are doing now) worship services on July 12! Ellen Willingham

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

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

In keeping with government directives and in concern for the well-being of our people, Pender Island Community Church will not hold regular services for the next while. Notice will be given when it appears safe and wise to resume. Watch our website. In the meanwhile, those with needs for prayer or assistance may contact the church by way of Judy Neil at jneil4@shaw.ca.

St. Teresa's Chapel - Roman Catholic Services

4705 Buccaneers Road

July 5	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
July 10	9:30 am	Friday Mass with Bishop Gary
July 19	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider
July 24	9:30 am	Fridat Mass with Bishop Gary

As the number of people able to attend each liturgy is limited, please register by phoning 629-6029, or email stteresachapel@gmail.com.

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

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

July 12	7:00 pm	Feast of Kalimat (Perfection) - To be celebrated amongst the Gulf Island Baha'is (Galiano, Pender, and Salt Spring) on Zoom.
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- Devotional meeting and discussion group

We welcome you to participate in our devotional meeting and discussion groups. With social distancing still advised, we are working on a Zoom format for the Gulf Islands to participate in. Those who would like to share in these activities, please call Don or Bev at 250-412-2524 for more information.

- From the writings of the Bahá'í Faith:

O CHILDREN OF MEN! Know ye not why We created you all from the same dust? That no one should exalt himself over the other. Ponder at all times in your hearts how ye were created. Since We have created you all from one same substance it is incumbent on you to be even as one soul, to walk with the same feet, eat with the same mouth and dwell in the same land, that from your inmost being, by your deeds and actions, the signs of oneness and the essence of detachment may be made manifest.

(Bahá'u'lláh, *The Hidden Words*, Arabic no. 68)

The Church at Hope Bay

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

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

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

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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*

The Pender Post

JULY CALENDAR

1	Wed		Canada Day	
2	Thu	9:00 am	Recycling Depot, new summer hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm*	43
		10:00 am	Library open Tuesdays and Thursdays to 3 pm for checking-out items*	42
3	Fri	9:00 am	Recycling Depot, new summer hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm*	43
		9:00 am	Food Bank open Fridays to 11 am, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	38
		10:00 am	Library open for public computer use and laptop areas only to 2 pm*	42
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open every Friday until 4 pm*	28
		12:00 pm	Picnic (BYOP) Gathering to 1 pm, Community Hall	38
		5:00 pm	Legion Burger Night, every Friday for the summer, Legion*	7, 46
4	Sat	9:00 am	Recycling Depot, new summer hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 9 am - 4 pm*	43
		9:30 am	Farmers' Market to 1 pm, Community Hall*	29
		1:15 pm	MAP to resume meetings to 2:30 pm, after the Farmers' Market, Community Hall	27
6	Mon	10:00 am	Music Production Camp, daily to 3 pm, ages 12+, Register at ptarmiganarts.org	17
7	Tue	9:00 am	Nu-To-Yu donations accepted Tuesday and Thursday mornings only to 12 pm*	28
		10:00 am	Bear Mother Half Day Camp to 12:45 pm to July 9, Community Hall	43
		1:30 pm	Bear Mother Half Day Camp to 4 pm to July 9, Community Hall	43
9	Thu	10:30 am	SGI Non-profit Leaders Network meeting, SGI CRC	47
10	Fri	12:00 pm	Picnic (BYOP) Gathering to 1 pm, Community Hall	38
11	Sat	1:00 pm	Pender Island Museum reopens weekends Saturday and Sunday, 1-4 pm, until Labour Day*	40
		2:00 pm	South Pender Historical Society AGM, Church of the Good Shepherd	48
		3:00 pm	Oliver Swain's Big Machine, \$25 online ptarmiganarts.org , also at 7 pm, Stoney Pocket	17
14	Tue	10:00 am	Bear Mother Half Day Camp to 12:45 pm to July 16, Community Hall	43
		1:30 pm	Bear Mother Half Day Camp to 4 pm to July 16, Community Hall	43
15	Wed		PenderPod deadline for returning your Tibetan Prayer Flag	44
			Deadline for the Pender Post's Jean Bradley Scholastic Gift applications	3
17	Fri	9:30 am	Parks and Rec public meeting will be held outdoors, Shingle Bay	42
		10:00 am	Pender Post Directors meeting and Special Resolution vote, Community Hall	
		12:00 pm	Picnic (BYOP) Gathering to 1 pm, Community Hall	38
20	Mon	10:00 am	Art in Nature & Music Discovery Camp. Daily to 5pm for 5 days, ages 6-12	17
			PenderPOD team will raise the Tibetan Prayer Flags, Driftwood Centre	44
23	Thu	11:00 am	Kebe & Fast, Asian Decor to July 26, 11 am-6 pm, Sat. TBA, Sun. 11 am-4 pm, Hall	2
24	Fri	12:00 pm	Picnic (BYOP) Gathering to 1 pm, Community Hall	38
		7:00 pm	Schryer, Hillhouse & Dobres, \$25 online ptarmiganarts.org , and Saturday. 25, Stoney Pocket	17
25	Sat		PenderPOD team will have display table, Farmers' Market	44
27	Mon	8:30 am	HBBC Children's Day Camps to 3:30 pm for 5 days, ages 10-12, HBBC	9
			TOTT Youth Summer Camps to July 31, for details email alaiahamer@gmail.com	19
31	Fri	12:00 pm	Picnic (BYOP) Gathering to 1 pm, Community Hall	38
			Last day to apply for the Lions Club Cunliffe Bursaries	40

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR AUGUST

1	Sat	10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu Silent Auction to 3 pm, outside the store	28
		1:00 pm	Hydroponic Workshop with host Jesse Bowen to 3 pm, Community Hall.....	9
3	Mon	8:30 am	HBBC Children's Day Camps to 3:30 pm for 5 days, ages 7-9, HBBC.....	9
			TOTT Youth Summer Camps to August 7, for details email alaiahamer@gmail.com	19
			GICEL Summer Camp <i>At Home & on the Air</i> , to August 7	10
4	Tue	10:00 am	Bear Mother Half Day Camp to 12:45 pm, to August 6, Community Hall	43
		1:30 pm	Bear Mother Half Day Camp to 4 pm, to August 6, Community Hall	43
10	Mon	8:30 am	HBBC Children's Day Camps to 3:30 pm for 5 days, ages 13-16, HBBC.....	9
			GICEL Summer Camp <i>At Home & on the Air</i> , to August 14	10
16	Sun		Kelp mappers wanted, Interested? elizabethmiles999@gmail.com , or call 250-539-8843	28
17	Mon	10:00 am	Art in Nature & Music Discovery Camp. Daily to 5 pm for 5 days, ages 6-12.....	17
18	Tue		Ptarmigan Arts is offering an online painting course with Kathleen Theriault.....	17
22	Sat	7:00 pm	Lauren Mann, \$25 online ptarmiganarts.org , and Saturday 23, Stoney Pocket.....	17

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR SEPTEMBER

8	Tue	9:00 am	Open House to 11 am, Dragonfly Centre	28
9	Wed	9:00 am	First day of Child Care, Dragonfly Centre.....	28
14	Mon	9:00 am	Parents and Babes to 11:30 am, (also on 21 and 28), Dragonfly Centre.....	27
			Art Society will host a Zoom AGM.....	13
16	Wed	9:00 pm	HOP to 11am, (also on 23 and 30) in school gym and classroom #3	27
20	Sun		2020 Virtual Terry Fox Run, One Day. Your Way Summer Program	10

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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 only from 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.....	New summer hours Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 9 am - 4 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



Thank you for being kind to each other; it is truly an inspiration to see.

Until next month,

Mike Dine, Fire Chief

Pender Island Food Bank

We are happy to once again be part of the Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupon Program (FMNCP). This program is funded by the Ministry of Health to provide a supplement of nutritious food to seniors, pregnant women, and families with children. Clients receive coupons from June until October and use them at any participating Farmers' Market in BC to purchase fresh vegetables and fruits, nuts, eggs, dairy, cut herbs, meat, and fish. It is also a benefit for our Pender Island farmers who contribute to the Saturday market as they are reimbursed for the full value of the coupons.

Since March the Food Bank has evolved to meet the safety needs of our clients and volunteers by instituting a system of home delivery. We have been delivering supplementary food boxes to nearly 100 clients a month which is four times the

number of clients we were helping a year ago. This is a complex and time consuming procedure. Extra workers have been enlisted to deliver the orders and other workers are in contact with each client by phone on a weekly basis. Extra work is required to bag the food into smaller amounts and nearly 45 boxes a week are packed by other workers. One of the larger parts of the work is the logistics and organization of ordering and receiving such huge amounts of food. In order to manage this work load more efficiently we have implemented a strict safety protocol in the small confines of the Food Bank which will allow us to revert to our original system of having clients come to the Food Bank to select the food they require for the week. This system will begin Friday July 3 and will be monitored throughout the summer and no doubt may evolve again as no one knows what the fall and winter will bring.

We wish to thank the many Penderites who contribute to the Food Bank on the 1% board at Tru Value Foods as this is helping us through the tough times of providing for so many. We thank everyone for their contributions,

whether they are large or small, as it makes a big difference to our ability to help fellow citizens of Pender.

All the volunteers at the Food Bank are happy to be welcoming our clients back as we have missed interacting with them over the past three months. While we have all been working hard there are three of our volunteers who keep all the pieces of this organization in order. Barb MacPherson has helped us through the past three hectic months with her leadership and organizational skills and her genuine commitment to the community of Pender Island. Two other volunteers to be thanked for their skills and time involvement are Herb Katz for his management of finances and Jackie Gill for her special abilities with the logistics of managing this huge amount of food being ordered and delivered.

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

Shirley Arthur

Pender Island Health Care Society

Community Support Programs

Whatever you do, be kind to yourself. Having compassion starts and ends with having compassion for all those unwanted parts of ourselves. The healing comes from letting there be room for all of this to happen: room for grief, for relief, for misery, for joy.

~ Dalai Lama

Picnic Gathering (BYOP) Bring Your Own Picnic

Friday Community Gatherings are going Full Picnic! Bring a blanket, your own food and a desire to visit your neighbours from the safety of your family picnic circle; tables and chairs will be available for people with mobility challenges. We will start adding your favourite parts of the previous Gatherings as we feel they are safe, and possibly bring in some new, interesting, and fun activities.

Caregivers Support

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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 pendercare@gmail.com. You can meet or talk one on one or be part of group meetings of your peers. For more information about programs and services for caregivers, go to www.familycaregiversbc.ca/.

Health Centre and Food Programs Adapted - 55+ Luncheon

This program has been adapted to offer pick-up and delivery. If you are new to this group, please call Nora at 629-3845 to start the registration process.

Meals on Wheels

Are you an Island Health patient or an older adult who is homebound and would benefit from Meals on Wheels? Please let us know if you are interested in this service as we are building up an interest list to see when we have capacity to start up. Please call 629-3346 or email communitysupport@shaw.ca.

Grocery Delivery for those in self-isolation or quarantine

This small community has shown a wealth of goodwill. The Community Resource Centre has created a hotline for people who need information or help getting groceries while in self-isolation or quarantine. If you are unable to get out, or you would like to help as a picker, delivery person, or call-taker, call 629-3665 to register.

Better at Home

Are you 65 or plus (or 60+ with Health challenges) and could use a little extra help? The Better at Home program offers non-medical home support to help you remain safe and sound in your own home - even more important these days! Our Friendly Helpers can usually assist with many different chores but for now we are doing outside yard or garden work and running errands in the community. If you are interested in learning more about this program and how we can help, please call 629-3346 or email communitysupport@shaw.ca. Cost is a sliding scale based on income.

Volunteers Needed

Meals on Wheels Kitchen Volunteer

If you are interested in being a kitchen helper or an occasional meal creator, please email or call Andrea.

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

Act of Kindness

This month I'd like you to focus on self-kindness. I think all of us are feeling a little more stressed than usual right now so it's a good opportunity to focus on self-kindness and self-compassion. Self-compassion boosts the immune system, it reduces anxiety, and it's the easiest way to keep our hearts open to others. Some measure of fear is a



Sun Safety

Slip on a shirt, Slop on the 30+ sunscreen, Slap on a hat, Seek shade, Slide on some sunglasses—"Slip, Slop, Slap, Seek, Slide". Your summer motto!

Practice sun protection year-round. Children learn best from your example.

Some medications may make your skin more sensitive to UV rays. Talk to the pharmacist if you have any questions about your medication.

The sun's UVB rays are strongest between 11am-4pm. Try to stay out of the sun during these hours.

Never leave your children (2 and 4 legged varieties) in a parked vehicle.

Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside and reapply often, especially if you are swimming.

Some people are sensitive to sunscreen ingredients. Test it by applying to a small patch of skin on the inner forearm for several days. Change products if there is a reaction.

Sunscreen products with zinc oxide or titanium oxide are considered "organic" as they reflect the sun's rays rather than absorbing them.

See the Pharmacist or the Health Canada website for more information.

Enjoy the Summer!

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healthy response to a contagious virus, of course, but we want to respond to the contagion in a wise manner - with preventive measures that benefit ourselves and others.

Mindfulness - Become aware of how you feel. Are you feeling anxious, disheartened, confused? Can you feel it in your body? What are your thoughts? Can you verbalize how you think or feel in a kind and understanding manner?

Common humanity - When you hear news of people struggling, can you allow this to enhance your sense of being part of a global family rather than feeling separate? Can you imagine yourself in their situation and say, "Just like me." Or when you reflect on your own distress, can you remind yourself, "Others feel as I do - I am not alone." "This is how it feels to be a human being right now."

Self-Kindness - Try putting your hand on your heart or some other soothing place, helping to calm some of your anxiety through touch. What words do you need to hear to comfort or reassure yourself right now? Are they realistic? Can you talk to yourself in a warm, compassionate voice? What actions do you need to take to protect yourself, or to provide for yourself? Can you encourage yourself to take these steps, in a supportive manner?

Like any crisis, the COVID-19 virus is also an opportunity. Maybe for you it's an opportunity to step out of your usual routine, connect with people you care about both for your sake and theirs, take a walk and reconnect with nature, remember to breathe the good clean air. Yes, many people are using this pause as an opportunity to renovate, learn a new language, read a stack of books, or another big task, but not everyone is made the same, and sometimes it's enough to just get up, put on daytime clothes, feed yourself, and be kind to yourself. If you can, try to go out for a walk; it's lovely out and your mind and body will appreciate it.

If you have time to share your thoughts on any of these things, please email andrea@penderislandhealth.ca.

Andrea Mills, Support Programs

Pender Island Lions Club



A reminder that the Pender Island Lions Club will be accepting applications for the 12 (\$500) Cunliffe Bursaries. Applications will be accepted from June 1 - July 31. To apply, email Fred Vye at fyve@shaw.ca. To be eligible, students must have lived on Pender Island while attending high school and be continuing their education at an accredited college, university, or trade school in Canada. There is no application form but the email must contain the following student information:

- Name (in full)
- Postal address on Pender Island
- Home phone and/or cell number
- Email address
- Post secondary institution name
- School ID number
- A brief description of the school program

Successful recipients of the bursaries will be contacted.

The Lions Club is now on a summer break for July and August. Hopefully we will be meeting again in September on the first Wednesday of the month at the medical clinic. If we are not able to meet in person, we are continuing discussions and votes by email. We are urgently in need of new members - time is a minimal commitment. Meetings are about one hour and volunteer time includes hosting Evan's Train and the Santa Ship at Christmas and assisting with the Polar Bear Swim on New Year's Day. It is our hope that with more members we will be able to start new projects and continue to raise funds in support of the medical clinic and other community needs. Please call Fred Vye at 629-2096 for more information or if you are interested in joining.

Pender Island is a beautiful place to live. We hope you enjoy your summer!

Together We Serve

Terry Shepherd, Secretary

Pender Island Museum Society



We're pleased and relieved to let you know that starting July 11-12,

2020 from 1 - 4 pm, you can once again visit our great little museum. That week also marks the 15th anniversary of when the Pender Islands Museum first opened to the public on July 16, 2005! In the midst of this pandemic, we decided the best way to "celebrate" this milestone would be to actually reopen on weekends for the summer. We very much hope you will drop by for a visit. Of course, your visit will be different than usual.

Timing of Re-opening

The museum relies on Parks Canada for parking, water, and washroom facilities, all of which are key to the museum starting up again. (The museum doesn't have its own washroom.) As of June 1, visitors could once again park at Roesland, but re-opening the park washroom has meant some facility upgrades. Parks Canada was looking to complete this work by early June, thus allowing the museum to reopen.

Hours of Operation

Summer hours at the museum are Saturdays and Sundays from 1 - 4 pm, rather than our traditional 10 am - 4 pm. This means volunteers only have to cover one 3-hour shift, with no handover.

Visitor Experience

The museum is set up differently these days. For example, your visit will be "one-way" from porch entrance, through the displays, and out the front door. To maintain physical distancing, only one "household" (i.e. couple, family, same "bubble" group) may visit at a time. Waiting areas are spaced apart on the porch - always a great spot to enjoy the fantastic view - so you have a place to relax until you go inside.

We ask that visitors wear a mask and use hand sanitizer before entering, and the volunteer host will greet you from behind a plexiglas shield. Although it's not our usual way, rope barriers will keep visitors from touching displays. Instead, a self-guided brochure will



If a picture is worth a thousand words, this one from the museum's 2005 opening conveys the tireless effort to bring dream to reality. The sign rings true fifteen years later as we finally re-open this month.

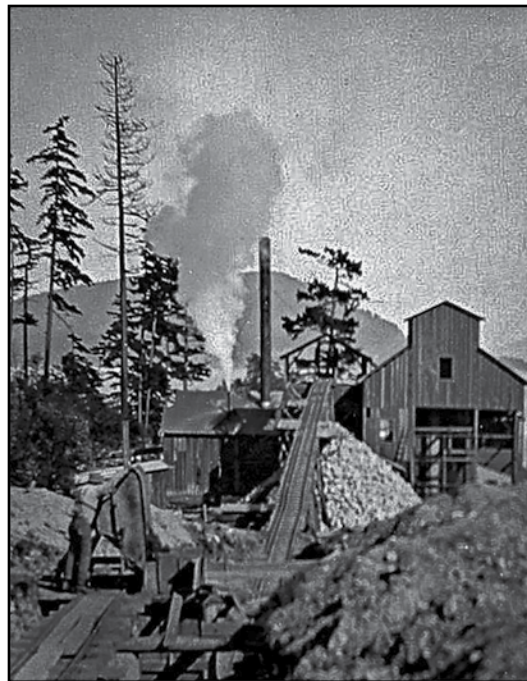
help bring our displays to life. Look for creative signs to guide you through the museum and remind you of the rules.

We've been busy

Pre-COVID-19 days seem so long ago. The museum closed "until further notice" in March before our usual Easter weekend season opener. But we were still keeping busy behind the scenes. Our archives room was repainted, and new steel shelving added crucial storage space. The building received much-needed repairs over the winter followed by exterior repainting in April. The results are wonderful - the old Roe House is bright and cheery, and ready to welcome you back. As always, admission is by donation. We truly appreciate your support this year!

In June we also welcomed two summer students: Sophia Anderson moved to Pender for the summer from Victoria, and is in her fourth year in History/Political Science at UVic; and many of you will know Meave Wilde, who's going into Grade 12 at Gulf Islands Secondary School. As in the last two years, the museum appreciates funding support from Young Canada Works as our students focus on our backlog of cataloguing and storage challenges. If you see them working around the museum, be sure to say hello, at a distance, of course!

Simone Marler



Red Brick Beach

The Coast Shale Company manufactured bricks here at Bricky Bay from 1912 to 1930, employing about 75 men.

The plant consisted of a shale pit (partly underground) with a railway to the grinders, mixers, ovens, kilns and wharves.

Brick pieces still cover much of the beach today. (Please do not disturb or remove anything.)

*Photo courtesy Pender Islands Museum
Sign by Pender Island Parks & Recreation
Commission*

Draft of sign to be installed at Bricky Bay

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

PIPRC



One great result of this unprecedented pandemic is that PIPRC

meetings are being held outdoors with proper social distancing, of course. The June meeting was held at Mortimer Spit under blue skies and the occasional boat puttering past.

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DRIFTWOOD CENTRE

Work has begun on developing a Master Plan for the next five years but is still in the early stages. A workshop will be held once meetings can again be held. Public input will be sought.

The Treasurer reported that Commission finances are showing a positive balance. Annual expenses go primarily to maintenance, which has continued during this crisis.

George Hill, one of the prettiest places on Pender Island, can now be accessed by three trails. Moving Around Pender (MAP) recently constructed a new trail from the north end of Clam Bay Road to the George Hill Park boundary. PIPRC completed the trail and installed signage. Trails to the summit also lead from Ogden Road and Upper Terrace Road.

It was agreed to post a permanent sign at Bricky Bay describing the site's history. See photo on **page 41**. Grading of the Mortimer Spit road will be undertaken shortly.

Hiking is an excellent way to enjoy the great outdoors during this pandemic. But remember to keep social separation while in Pender Island parks or on trails. Signs have been posted reminding everyone of this important precaution. We welcome you to apply for one of the two vacancies for new commissioners. If you have energy, enthusiasm and creativity, please send a statement of interest and brief bio to penderparks@crd.bc.ca.

The next PIPRC meeting will be held outdoors at Shingle Bay at 9:30 am Friday, July 17, weather permitting. Hopefully life will get back to normal in the next few months and the commission can resume business as usual.

Hans Tammemagi

Pender Island Public Library



The library building has reopened! At this time all overdue fines are cancelled on adult books/DVDs, including past fines, as a way we can help reduce anxiety and financial stress in our community. We

value our patrons and want to help make things easier for you all during the COVID pandemic. (There haven't been overdue fines on youth materials since 2015). During opening hours, we're allowing a set number of people into the building and we've had many people come by and give positive feedback on the new signs, directional flow, and acrylic shields at the front desk. People are happy to be able to check out items again, and we are so pleased to welcome you back. The library is open on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 10 am - 3 pm for checking out items. On Fridays, the library will now be open from 10 am - 2 pm for public computer use and laptop areas only. For using the public computers, each person can sign up for a max. 1 hour session - call ahead to reserve your session or drop-in. By separating the days we offer various services, we can meet the needs of the community and maintain the provincial safety guidelines. Patrons can return items through our book drop 24/7, and incoming items will be quarantined prior to lending as per health protocols. There is no seating in the library at this time, but a washroom will be available. Is it safe to touch library books? The precautions for handling library books and DVDs are the same as for any item you come into contact with at stores. Regular hand washing and avoiding touching your face are key health guidelines. For patrons who are not comfortable coming into the library, please ask family and friends to sign-out items for you on your card.

The Kids' Summer Reading Club is "Open"! The Club has moved online this summer, with lots of weekly activities, badges to earn, and cool Mission Control trading Cards - visit bcsr.ca to sign up and log-in to summer reading fun. Kids can also pick up a free SRC grab bag at the library. Need help registering? For questions about SRC, and online resources for your tablet or cell phone, call Colette at our help desk on Tuesday to Friday, from 10 am - 3 pm, at 629-3722. And check out our Facebook page for the latest tips and announcements.

We welcome our new summer student in July and August. One of the library's goals is to foster work experience for our local high school students, using

funds from the Tru Value Spirit Board. Thanks for choosing #16 to support our summer student.

New books in the library

Adult Fiction

Afterlife: a Novel (Julia Alvarez), *The Queen's Secret* (Karen Harper).

Adult Mystery

The Goodbye Man (Jeffrey Deaver), *Close Up* (Amanda Quick), *The Shooting at Chateau Rock* (Martin Walker).

Adult Non-Fiction

Becoming Kim Jong Un (Jun H Pak), *Radical Acts of Love* (Janie Brown), *Captured By Fire: Surviving BC's New Wildfire Reality* (Chris Czajkowski). YA: *Rebel* (Marie Lu), *Heart of the Moors* (Holly Black), and *The Ballad Of Songbirds and Snakes* (Suzanne Collins).

Thank you to the Pender Island Pharmacy for generously donating bags for our Summer Reading Club!

Carmen Oleskevich,
Library Director

Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

This month I have two meetings to report on. In April we discussed *Insight on 10 Myths about Indigenous Peoples*. We made some progress in exploring the topic, but felt there was much more we could learn, so in May we continued our discussion.

A suggested reading on this subject from the original article was: *Environics Institute, Canadian Public Opinion on Aboriginal Peoples*. I would now like to bring your focus to the last section of that report "The Big Picture, Non-aboriginal perspective on Aboriginal peoples". As with most things there is a range of opinions across the country, between regions and socio demographic groups, and no one singular point of view. Have a look and see where you would fit.

We also viewed parts of a lecture by Don Coyhis of White Bison Inc. He embarked on a historical exploration of trauma and intergenerational dysfunction experienced by indigenous communities. He explains why this investigation of history, culture, and

context was essential to shaping a more effective strategy for change. He describes a journey to healing that doesn't focus only on the individual, but on the community as a whole. You can learn more about this "Wellbriety" approach online.

In June we shared our experience of reading *Braiding Sweetgrass: Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants* by Robin Wall Kimmerer. The author said she "wanted readers to understand that Indigenous knowledge and Western science are both powerful ways of knowing, and that by using them together we can imagine a more just and joyful relationship with the Earth."

I will not pretend to capture the depth or range of the discussion; everyone came with different ideas and gems they wanted to share about what spoke to them from this book. Similarly, trying to describe all that can be learned from this book in such a brief space is impossible!

Some global themes did reoccur. One was the idea of learning the lesson of the Honorable Harvest. Our loss of the connection to the land in modern western culture has allowed the abuse of the land. The approach has been to focus on what we can take and not about what we can give back. We need to understand that gathering with intention and gratitude can result in a healthier place and don't take more than you need! The earth is a gift we must pass on just as it came to us.

Understanding ways to bring indigenous teachings into our lives can be enriching; we can learn to absorb the world experientially. Taking the time to form a relationship and a bond with the land, the animals, the plants, and our entire environment can teach us much if we pay attention. General consensus was, everyone should read this book!

There will be no "official" topic for a meeting in July; we are going to take advantage of the good weather and spend some time outside with each other instead of online (proper distances of course). If you would like to join us for some unstructured conversation, please let me know at susanparr@shaw.ca.

Susan Parr

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

PIRAHA



PIRAHA would sincerely like to thank Julie Moore Keating and the team from the Garden Club that was organized by LeeAnne Mueller. The centre garden and the entrance look great.

The Community Hall has recently brought in a new member of the team: Maddi is our new summer programs coordinator. Maddi has a background in leading food literacy programs for children, youth, and adults, and has experience working on youth leadership and food security projects throughout Vancouver. After just one week on the island, Maddi is enchanted with our wonderful community and can't wait to help bring exciting, unique, and safe programs to you this summer.

Bear Mother Half Day Camps

July 7 - 9, July 14 - 16, and August 4 - 6, 10 am - 12:45 pm or 1:30 pm - 4 pm, Ages 6-12, \$60. It's been a unique year, which makes for unique camps! This summer, we will be running half-day camps for kids 6 - 12 years, focussed on socially-distant fun in the outdoors. Activities will include crafts, games, field trips, and more. Join us for one week or multiple weeks. To register, visit the Registration page at penderislands.org or call 629-3669.

Other Summer Programs

Looking for more events and activities? Stay tuned. The Community Hall is currently planning further summer offerings including youth leadership and farm-skills programs. Keep an eye on our website PenderIslands.org, Facebook [@PenderCommunityHall](https://www.facebook.com/PenderCommunityHall), and Instagram [@PenderCommunityHall](https://www.instagram.com/PenderCommunityHall) for updates.

Job Posting - Activity Leader Paid Internship (15-115 years)

Do you have experience organizing and leading social or recreational activities? Or do you think you have what it takes but need an opportunity to try?

Activity leaders will plan, advertise, organize, and lead activities such as sports, cooking, games, arts and crafts, food preservation, social activities, garden skills or other areas that interest you. Hours are adaptable based on your schedule and could be as few as four hours per month to 20 hours per month. Applications will start to be reviewed in August. Please send applications to bookings@penderislands.org.

Andrea Mills and Dianne Allison

Pender Island Recycling Society



Starting in July, the Depot will be open on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays from 9 am - 4 pm. We have changed our hours this summer due to modifications in our operational procedures that resulted from COVID-19.

Our FreeStore and ReShop will remain closed until further notice, however our bike shop is in full swing. You can bring a bike to the depot for a tune-up or repair between 10 am and 3 pm on Saturdays. Ken and Matthew also have refurbished bikes for sale.

At this time of the year, it is especially important to clean your recyclables well: dirty containers attract wasps, rodents, and other pests, which make a huge mess when they visit the depot after hours in search of leftovers.

Thank you for the excellent work you have been doing to pre-sort your recycling. Many people have found that they actually enjoy recycling more now! When everything is pre-sorted, it's a breeze to bring in a month's worth of material and still be in and out of the depot in no time. Thank you to our very generous community for your donations of refundables - they are an important source of funding for the depot.

Thank you to the PIRS Board, all of whom have been meeting every week to ensure that your community-owned and operated recycling depot runs smoothly during the pandemic. Our board is caring and knowledgeable and is what makes the depot a wonderful place to work and to recycle. Thank you very much as well to our excellent staff. They have taken

all the recent operational changes in stride and still show up for work with a bright and sunny attitude.

We also would like to thank our community for renewing your memberships. Membership in the recycling society is of course voluntary and is much appreciated. It is a tax-deductible donation that allows us to go above and beyond, all due to community support. One example is the depot's continued ability to accept and recycle non-packaging plastic. Since we can no longer bring it to Victoria, we have found a place in Vancouver that accepts it and our very own Andy Nowak takes it there about once every 18 months. In this way we have diverted close to two tonnes of plastic from the landfill in the last three years.

For those that would like to and have not yet renewed, did you know that you can renew online? Visit www.penderislandrecycling.com and click on the orange Renew Membership button on the top right of the page. Membership is only \$20/year and supports many worthy initiatives.

We always are striving to make improvements and appreciate your feedback. If you have suggestions, you can pass them on to any of the depot staff. You also can reach us at penderislandrecycling@gmail.com.

Niki Roberts

Pender Organic Community Garden Society POCGS



June in the Community Garden is an exciting time: every plot is showing new growth daily, and many of us are harvesting our first crops. My special plot is situated in the middle at the far end of the garden and there are two pathways to get there. I make a point of taking each route in turn so that I get to see what everyone else is doing. It's really inspirational! Some people plant in neat rows; some do not. Some people grow in raised beds; some create mounds or swales or hillocks; some have elegant trellises and tepee structures for the climbing beans and peas, while others

stick stakes and netting into the ground in higgledy-piggledy fashion. Some gardeners choose to grow almost every vegetable in the spectrum, while others specialize. Some, like me, grow lots of flowers among the edibles. There is a little healthy competition among the avid garlic growers, but for the most part it's simply a supportive, mutually satisfying experience. And volunteer kale plants abound!

To get to the plots we walk through the sheep sheds, down a delightful grassy pathway past a big pond with yellow flags jauntily waving out of the water. Earlier in the spring the lambs were joyously noisy and countless Canada Goose babies flourished in the relatively protected environment of ponds, grassy banks, and trees. It was sometimes a challenge to find the pathway! Now, the lambs are gone and the ewes call mournfully; the goslings have grown and the flocks of Canada geese have dispersed.

During this strange early spring, my plot has been a place of solace for me, and maybe for others. There is enough space that it's been easy for all gardeners to keep the required distance apart while still exchanging news and views and advice, but more often than not I have found myself alone amid the peace and quiet of Karl's farm. In this stillness, with the sheep calling and birds singing, with my hands coated in fertile agricultural soil, and my back aching a little from some good hard digging, I can let my mind and thoughts wander free. Time itself seems almost to stand still and the sadness of our times fades a little. I count my blessings and look forward to a bountiful harvest for everyone this summer and fall.

Patricia Callendar

PenderPOD

**Red Alert, Red Alert!
July is Orca Month**



Calling all Pender people! Come and decorate a Tibetan prayer flag to commemorate our dead and missing Orcas. The deadline for returning your flag has been extended to July 15 so don't miss out on this fun, creative,

and rewarding experience to 'adopt' an Orca.

"Orca Kits" may be picked up from the Community Resource Centre at the Driftwood, open 10 am - 4 pm Mon-Fri. There is a closed sign on the door but knock and someone will let you in and you can choose a whale. Please sign in for the Orca of your choice and match it with the prayer flag for your orca.

Julia Nicholls, PenderPOD's web-mistress, receives the flags that many of you have already decorated: 'There have been such beautiful flags submitted to us. The care and creativity is a wonder. The scientific reports, the poems, the personal stories are deeply touching. I feel like each whale has been truly honoured. This is truly an Orca-stration for our Orcas by our Penderites. I am grateful to be part of this project. We will fly them high and proud.'

And as flag decorator Patricia Williams observed - *The stories of the whales have really touched me. I felt like I personally knew each one.*

Check out the Orca flags at www.penderpod.ca/orca-strations (click on the Flag to see the report)

Last year in mid-June, 75 Pender Islanders gathered at the Driftwood and paraded with banners, whale and salmon placards, strings of glittering herring, drums and percussion instruments. We were cheered on with Orca love chants, megaphone, and crowd control agents down to the shore in front of Browning pub, where Adam Olsen shared a WSÁNEĆ creation story, Steph Jackson and a pop up choir of Pender songsters serenaded the living Orcas and we all grieved as the names of 78 dead whales were read to musical accompaniment. It was a wonderful way to connect with our kin the Orca. The second annual OrcaSongs was scheduled for mid June but COVID has changed that...for now at any rate. Stay tuned for a future date when we can all rub elbows, honor the Orcas, and parade together.

But wait! COVID can't stop us from commemorating and celebrating our Orcas. PenderPOD team will raise your Prayer Flags at the Driftwood Centre on July 20 and there will be a table at the Farmers' Market on July 25 to celebrate

this project.

Lisa Baile, MaryAnne Paré

Perhaps you have seen the spy-hopping Orca symbol of the Whale Trail at Thieves Bay, and Vancouver Aquarium's interpretive sign installed in conjunction with Pender Ocean Defenders. POD joined the Whale Trail in 2015 along with Saturna Island advocates for land-based whale watching, bringing it into BC.

Donna Sandstrom of Seattle, the Whale Trail founder, had a vision of creating a network of land-based whale watching sites throughout the range of the Southern Resident Orcas - J, K, and L pods - which extends from Monterey Bay, CA to Vancouver Island. There are sites up to Prince Rupert into Northern Resident Orca territory. Watching Orcas from shore means no harm or disturbance to the whales. Land-based watchers can report on boats that get closer than permitted (400m in BC). Boat noise underwater and at the surface interrupts the Orcas' ability to communicate, echo-locate their food, nurse their calves, eat, and rest. The Whale Trail and PenderPod also advocate for strong protective measures for the Orcas. Find out more at thewhaletrail.org/ and penderpod.ca or check out the Pender Ocean Defenders facebook page.

Monica Petrie

I am proud of the way our community has responded to the COVID-19 crisis. Each day, as I walk or shop, I see that Pender is a resilient, loving community. When I go to the Driftwood Centre, or Recycling Depot, or the Lumber Yard, I appreciate how every person takes great care to disinfect and practice social distancing.

This has been a stressful time for everyone. For some, the amount of work has increased along with the stress. To all our front line workers: we are grateful. This crisis has underlined how important you are in our community.

Front line workers are defined as those providing essential services during the pandemic. Who was a frontline worker for you? Did that person get the support they need? And an understanding of all the responsibility they are carrying?



Natasha worked with her family to make 7 beautiful prayer flags

We at PenderPOD have been fighting to save our Orcas. Many supporters have joined with us to create prayer flags for the many Orcas that have died. This battle is not an isolated one. It is linked to environmental justice as well as social justice. We are all in this together.

This is our time to be kind, to be calm, and to be safe ~ Bonnie Henry

Julia Nicholls

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 239

Legion Well, that's been an interesting four months! Doesn't time fly by when you're having a life-altering experience, especially when it's happening to all of us! Life as we knew it just a few months ago has changed in so many ways all over the world. We are fortunate here on our little island that through our hard work and diligence we have so

far managed to keep COVID-19 at bay. The medical effects of this disease may not be hitting us, but the financial and emotional components have affected many of our friends, neighbours, and businesses. The Royal Canadian Legion is one of so many that are trying hard to just stay afloat until that one day down the road where we can again return to some kind of normalcy.

As most of you know, we have had to close our doors to regular business, except for our Friday night take-out dinners. Thanks to our dedicated team of volunteers, led by our President Jean Deschenes with Terry Shepherd, Barb Pender, Charles Baker, and some other hack I can't recall right now, we have managed to keep the lights on and the Legion still working to assist other members of our community (we just gave another \$500 to the Recycling Centre)! Most importantly though we thank all the regular customers who have, week after week, been there at



Jean Deschenes, Legion president presenting \$500 to Niki Roberts on behalf of PIRS. Photo by Ken Pelley

the back door to pick up whatever concoction we managed to create. Most of them met with favourable reviews, I do believe! We couldn't have kept it going without your support, and it made it so much more fun to see those happy satisfied faces every Friday night. A special thank-you to those Penderites who not only picked up their own dinners but delivered meals to neighbours who were unable to leave their homes. Whoever we asked, they never hesitated in helping others...it was like we were serving one big happy family!

We also received a few donations along the way and we thank all of you for that, making special note of Bob and Fran Rose and Keith and Marge Lacey. Both Bob and Keith are life members of Branch 239 and have shown many times over the years that their dedication and support of our Legion is not a one-time thing. Your generosity will hopefully ensure the life of our Legion for many years to come.

Now, having said what a great success our dinners were, we are now going to change our format for the summer. Instead of different full-course dinners, we will be serving our barbecued burger platters. For just \$10 you can get a deluxe burger (including lettuce, onion, cheese, tomato, etc) with potato salad or chips. What a deal! We are currently waiting for approval of a patio licence

so hopefully we will be able to offer a seating area outside to sit and enjoy your burger with a beer or glass of wine - wouldn't that be nice! We plan to serve burgers from 5 - 7 pm starting Friday, July 3, with yours truly as the grill master! Check our website for updates on the situation.

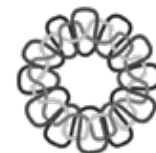
On another front it is sad to report that the Legion will not be hosting Canada Day festivities at the Driftwood Centre or anywhere else this year. As long as I can remember Branch 239 has been a big part of this day. With free cake and entertainment at the Centre, fun and games for kids at Hope Bay, and our famous steak BBQ at the Legion, it was one of our biggest days of the year that sadly will not happen. The pig and lamb BBQ on Labour Day is also in jeopardy, although we are still hoping to be able to do some kind of silent auction. Stay tuned for that one as well. As time goes on, hopefully things will get better and we can perhaps get back to having our meat draws, which is our main source of revenue for donations to the community and is a lot of fun for our regulars. Summer and hot weather bring new temptations to forget all the things we have done to keep us healthy, but remember that sacrifices will continue to be made by all of us for a little longer. Things could be worse - we could be living somewhere else! Enjoy

your summer and remember the Legion is still there for you, at least on Friday nights. See ad on **page 7**.

Oh yeah, one last thing to mention. Thank you Tania Schissler for many years of writing this Legion report - oh, I know you think it's easy putting this together because even I can do it, but you don't know the pressures involved with deadlines and finding something interesting to write about the Legion every month - it could drive a lesser man to drink! Thank goodness! Thanks again Tania for a job well done and much appreciated.

*John Pender, Past President,
Lifetime Member, Service Officer*

Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre



The SGI Community Resource Centre has been actively engaged in a number of projects, and would like to take this time to extend our heartfelt thanks to anyone who has volunteered their time and effort to any of the many programs on the island. Thank you also to all people who continue to take COVID-19 guidelines seriously. Together, we can make a difference.

Island Kindness Project

In line with the BC Provincial public health recommendations, we are encouraged to personal distance as much as possible. The SGI CRC has been working with the staff at Tru Value Foods to continue a grocery ordering/delivery system to benefit our Pender Island residents, while following these recommendations.

Our SGI CRC has volunteers who will grocery shop and deliver your order to your property every Wednesday evening. Pender Island residents who require this service can email their orders to orderonpender@gmail.com or call the Pender Island Helpline at 629-3665. In addition to taking Tru Value Foods grocery orders, the Helpline is available from Monday - Friday 10 am - 4 pm to answer questions about available services on Pender Island.

Pender Island Emergency Funds COVID-19

Our community is facing unprecedented challenges and economic hardship during this time of uncertainty. The impacts on our financial, social, emotional, and physical well-being are far-reaching and will undoubtedly be long-lasting. Although a number of government benefits are now accessible, there are still so many of us who are falling through the eligibility cracks, or who have needs that cannot wait until those funds are received.

We are hoping that our community can continue the generous Pender spirit of compassion by contributing to this fund to support our friends and neighbours during this time of need. To find the funding page, Google: Go Fund Me Pender Island Emergency Funds. You can apply for funding through the Go Fund Me page or pick up a grant application from the Community Resource Centre folder in the community box at Dockside Realty in the Driftwood Centre.

CRC Volunteer Programs

NEW! SGI Youth Volunteer Hub

We at the CRC are here to help youth take advantage of their summer by finding/pairing youth with meaningful volunteer experiences across the Southern Gulf Islands. As a part of this role, the Community Resource Centre is launching a new Youth Volunteer Hub program to engage youth ages 13-29 in volunteerism on the Southern Gulf Islands. This program will involve weekly virtual social meetings, group volunteer opportunities, skills training, career development, and assistance finding exciting volunteer opportunities. Please email volunteer.sgicrc@gmail.com if you are interested in participating.

SGI Non-profit Leaders Network

The monthly meetup is a place for SGI Non-profit Leaders to have a 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 Executive Director 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." The next meeting will be held July 9 at 10:30 am. For more information or to register, email sgivolunteercentre@gmail.com.

Employment services

Over the past few months, we have been going through uncertain, unprecedented changes in the workplace and employment options in our Southern Gulf Islands communities. If your work or career path has changed, you are new to entering the workforce, or even if you are looking to update your skills, the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre would like to help. Our Employment services can help with resume building, cover letter writing, or if you're struggling as an employer with proper procedures to recruit or lay people off, someone seeking an updated or new licence, a new graduate trying to apply for a job; we can offer aid with that job search, help with those training options, assist with planning a career. Contact advisor1@sgicommunityresources.ca.

SGI Community Justice Program (CJP)

Last month, the Steering Committee of the CJP took part in a virtual training session with Dr. Evelyn Zellerer, one of the world's foremost authorities on Peace Circles. Whether used in a Restorative Justice situation, conflict resolution, or simply to further dialogue in a community, Peace Circles "offer space for people to have productive communication and to create change" www.peaceofthecircle.com. We are excited to explore and encourage the use of the circle process as an alternative to confrontational methods of addressing harm.

Although we have been able to continue to build the Community Justice Program, we are looking forward to having more physical and less virtual interactions.

If you are interested in finding out more about the program, email us at sgicjp@shaw.ca or check out our webpage at www.sgicommunityresources.ca/cjp.

Melody Pender

TETĀCES Climate Action Project

The Community Resource Centre in partnership with the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council, the WSÁNEĆ School Board, The CRD, and Islands Trust, successfully delivered three intensive five-day climate action courses at Poets Cove Resort & Spa in February and March to guide future climate action planning in the Gulf Islands. The outcomes of these courses and the detailed course evaluations are now available on the CRC website

<https://www.sgicommunityresources.ca/climate-action-project/>

The project partners and course participants are now planning the continuation of the project into 2020-21 with precautions required for minimizing the risks associated with COVID-19.

The success of the TETĀCES Climate Action Project is due to the multi-faceted partnerships that have participated in, contributed to, and supported this one-year pilot initiative. The project has been led by the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre, whose board of directors and staff have managed this complex and demanding project while maintaining its extensive other programs.

The Real Estate Foundation of BC whose \$68,000 matching grant provided the financial capacity to develop and deliver phase III of this project, is the valued partner without whose support the three climate action courses would never have come to fruition. The capacity of Gulf Island communities to respond with greater resiliency to the climate emergency has been enhanced by the Foundation's generous contribution.

From the start of this project the WSÁNEĆ people, represented by the WSÁNEĆ Leadership Council and strongly supported by the WSÁNEĆ School Board, were central to this project's success in bringing WSÁNEĆ Traditional Knowledge and cultural wisdom to guide the project's development and inform the curriculum. Thanks to WSÁNEĆ Elders J, SIN TEN (John Elliott), COSINIYE (Linda Elliott), SELILIYE (Belinda Claxton), WICKINEM (Hereditary Chief Eric

Pelkey), XETXÁTTEN (Earl Claxton, Jr.), and many others for their generosity in sharing WSÁNEĆ Traditional Knowledge.

The Capital Regional District has played the key role in initiating this project and funding the first two phases from May 9 to December 6, 2019. CRD director David Howe has been an unwavering supporter of this program from the outset.

Southern Gulf Island trustees and Island conservancies have played an important part in the development and delivery of this initiative. Trustee Deb Morrison, as one of the lead instructors, has contributed her educational expertise and trustees Paul Brent and Steve Wright have provided valuable planning assistance. The leadership and staff in all four Island conservancies have made important and valuable contributions to the curriculum.

The management and staff of Poets Cove Resort & Spa have housed and fed the participants, instructors, and presenters of this project enthusiastically and with special care to ensure a receptive learning environment. Education Institutions including UVIC, UBC, Western Washington's Salish Sea Institute, and the University of Washington have shared their expertise and played a strong support role.

The engine for the TETÁCES Climate Action Project has been the community-based project working group that has met regularly to plan, analyze, strategize, and operationalize the successful development and delivery of the three climate action courses.

There are many other partners that merit recognition, but the unsung heroes who have perhaps contributed most to the success of the three courses are the 49 dedicated participants who dived into the course curriculums and co-created a sometimes-transformative learning experience that will illuminate their climate action plans in the days, weeks, and months to come. Mother Earth and future generations will be the beneficiaries in the long run.

Paul Petrie

South Pender Historical Society



Remember the good old days? Back in February 2020? If you perused your copy of *The Pender Post* then you will have read about the plans for our 2020 AGM to be held in March. Now here we are, four months later, and the plans are much the same, only the date has changed. Come to the Church of the Good Shepherd on South Pender Island on Saturday, July 11, 2020 at 2 pm. Everyone will be welcome. As previously advertised and eagerly anticipated, Barb Pender and Frank Trice will delight us with two interlinked stories about South Pender during the Great Depression (do you remember? ...the sea-creature story and the love story!). Thanks to the tree cutting and clearing at the site, there will be plenty of space for everyone to enjoy this outdoor event at a safe social distance. The Memorial Garden will provide a beautiful backdrop and the new, mobile, historical display stand will be - well, on display (although possibly without the historical stories inserted yet)! We plan to set up a microphone and speakers so that everyone will be able to hear.

In addition to all the above, we are excited to let you know that the also long-anticipated 32-page booklet *Good Shepherd Stories - Volume I*, written by Frank Trice, should be hot off the press in time for the AGM on July 11. This is a stunning, illustrated history of the little church and the pioneers who conceived the idea and carried it through. Copies will be available at the modest cost of \$7 each or 3 for \$20 and we are grateful to Talisman Books & Gallery for offering to carry them in the store, while Sandra Johnson plans to be selling them at the Saturday Farmers' Markets also. These will make wonderful gifts to cheer people along during these worrying and different times.

Meanwhile, thanks to the hard work of Frank Ducote, Susan Taylor, and other artists, Part II of this year's *Art Off the Fence COVID-disrupted* show will continue both online on Facebook and Instagram and in changing exhibits in

the display case at the Driftwood Centre. Part I, *The Bee Project*, was very timely and received international exposure online on www.socialdistancingfestival.com.

Patricia Callendar

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Canadian Power and Sail Pender Island Squadron

There is no report from the Pender Island Squadron, but I wanted to share this photo and story from David Kirsop, who usually writes in this space.

Michel Pelletier



On June 3, while working in the yard, I became aware of the frantic alarm being raised by the robins. Expecting to see a barred owl I headed up my driveway to check out what the fuss was all about. To my surprise I found myself surveilled by a very cool great horned owl who (hoo?) was not at all concerned by my presence and allowed me the opportunity to retrieve my camera and capture his portrait. Gotta love his eyebrows. It's not every day you get to see a great horned.

David Kirsop

Pender Island Field Naturalists

PIFN



Due to the ongoing COVID-19 gathering restrictions that may continue to some degree throughout the summer, we have decided to delay our planned evening speaker program and Wednesday walks until fall. Instead, each of our monthly articles will focus on some aspect of the natural world that surrounds us. This month we will consider the easily missed and little understood Spittlebug (*Philaenus spumarius*).



Spittlebug

I hope with the lockdown we have just come through that everyone has taken the time to slow down and observe nature. Certainly, with little travel off the island this spring, there has been ample time to go for extended walks to see what is going on in the natural world.

During walks in June you may have wondered at the sticky, frothy, spit-like masses that are globbed on to grass stems beside the trails and roadways. These white foam blobs are produced by the nymphs of Froghoppers referred to as Spittlebugs. These small greenish brown, 5-mm long insects are related to aphids and other true bugs in the order, Hemiptera. Of the 30+ species in



Home of the Spittlebug

North America, the Meadow Spittlebug, *Philaenus spumarius*, is the species commonly found on Pender. They get their name from the globs of foamy “spit” they create along the stems of plants, most typically grass. These insects produce the frothy mixture by mixing air with fluid excretions, but not out of their mouth so it technically isn’t spit. The immature bugs feed by sucking watery sap out of the grass stem and as the processed sap is excreted as urine out the anus, it is mixed with a substance secreted by epidermal glands that enhances surface viscosity and stabilizes the foam to make it last longer. These little insects produce an incredible amount of urine, 150 to 280 times their own body weight every day. If a 150-pound human produced a proportional amount of urine it would amount to about 2,700 gallons a day. The bitter tasting foam serves a number of purposes. It protects the nymph from other insects and birds that want to eat the spittlebugs and also keeps them hidden. Finally, the foam provides insulation from temperature extremes and low humidity so the tender nymph doesn’t desiccate.

The life cycle of the Spittlebug starts out when the adult female Froghopper lays its clusters of eggs in September and October in plant debris or in the leaves and stems of plants. The eggs remain dormant over the winter and the nymphs hatch out in late April or early May and

start feeding at the base of the plants. They keep moving up, looking for tender leaves and it is at this time that the nymphs produce the commonly seen foamy masses. The nymphs mature in five to eight weeks after molting two to four times. The nymphs finally molt for the last time into adults in early summer and emerge from the froth. As adult Froghoppers they move to nearby grassy areas, pastures, or other areas with broadleaf weeds. They are able to hop great distances but rarely fly (even though they do have wings).

So next time you see “spittle” globs on grass when out walking you can wow your friends with the vast knowledge of the miraculous life of the little bug hiding inside.

Bob Vergette

Pender Island Garden Club



The month of June is usually our Garden Tour followed by Strawberry Shortcake, but we had to cancel it this year. Well some members just did not want to miss out on that shortcake so when a call went out that the Community Hall needed our help to tidy up their garden, our members jumped in. I am sure the promise of Strawberry Shortcake when the job was done had nothing to do with the great response. Fourteen members showed up at The Hall and as you can see from the pictures the garden is looking fabulous. Thank you to all of you who worked so hard and thank you LeeAnne for the photos. Of course, social distancing was maintained.

The directors will be meeting over the summer to schedule the 20/21 season



Community Hall garden before the garden elves got to work.



The garden after the hard work. Both photos by Leeanne Mueller

and hopefully we can find a way to meet while still maintaining social distancing or whatever is the rule in September. Keep an eye on *The Pender Post* for more information about our 20/21 season and information on when and if we can meet.

Val Butcher

Pender Island Golf and Country Club

PIG&CC

Happy Canada Day everyone!



Most of the subjects that I usually write about for the July issue of *The Pender Post* are not applicable this year. Our annual charity Pro-Am held in July...cancelled. Men's and Ladies' Club championships and Inter island tournaments...cancelled. Our ladies favourite off island tournament at Cedar Hill golf club...cancelled.

But even with these changes the ladies and men's leagues are banding together and having a very fun year. The men are continuing to play a variation of their tournament schedule and the ladies are just enjoying golfing together. The ladies captains have grouped two 18-hole players with one nine-hole player per tee time and it is working out beautifully! Having the tee times set up this way has opened up a new mix of women getting to know each other.

So, some things haven't changed. Our green fee rates are still one of the best deals in BC so if you've been meaning to get out to the Club, now is a great time. Our two-for-one Wednesdays are still going strong, so show up with a friend and Golf for half price! Twilight rates start at 4 pm, and it's a beautiful time of day for a round of golf. Go to our website at penderislandgolf.ca to book online (please read our COVID-19 protocols) or call the pro shop at 629-6659 and we will be happy to book a tee time that works for you. I'm going to let you in on a little secret...Saturdays are pretty quiet with more tee times available than you might think!

The course is in great shape. Our Grounds Superintendent Greg Chaster worked hard during the shutdown to maintain the tee boxes, fairways, and greens. Once they got the "green light," Greg as well as Cliff and our Monday morning volunteer group kicked into high gear. A big thank you to Ray who came out of retirement temporarily to man the fairway mower!

I can't say it enough, we have an amazing group of volunteers starting with our board of directors, committees, subcommittees, and all the way to our wonderful Monday morning work crew!

It's not hard to keep your ball in the fairway...as long as you're not picky which fairway.

Michelle Galaugher, Pro Shop

Pender Island Otters Swim Club



Guest writer today is our Club Head Coach Cassidy, and here is her news for the summer:

Hey there everyone, Head Coach Cassidy Fraser here - I hope everyone is staying safe and healthy during these strange times. I am writing to let everyone know about our current swimming situation for the rest of the summer. Some good news! Panorama Pool has been approved to open sometime in July most likely and they are working on their new action plan moving forward. This means in-water practices are going to be an option! I am hoping we will have our regular practices on Tuesdays and Thursdays at regular program hours. However, one of the rules is that there can be no 'hands-on contact' and no coaches in the water helping swimmers. Unfortunately, this means we cannot run our Otter Pups program this summer. Hopefully, we will be able to restart the Pup program come Fall session. Our club is also in charge of creating our own "Return to Swimming Action Plan" which the Club board will approve. We are still running our online dry land workouts Wednesdays at 4:30 pm via Zoom, and have just added Thursday as an extra/alternate day. This program will be running throughout the summer until the end of August. If you are interested in this, please register. Our Club Registrar, Alex Kierstead, can be contacted for registration information at penderottersswimclub@gmail.com. If you sign up before July 9, BCSSA will cover the Insurance fee for the summer through to April 2021, but after that date it goes back to the regular price. Lastly, thank you all so much for your patience and understanding while we navigate the current times. Any further questions can be directed to the Otters email address noted above or directly to Cassidy Fraser at cassidy.fraser@yahoo.com. Hope to see some Otters in the pool when things open up.

Helen Lemon-Moore, President

	Average Temperatures			Extreme Temperature		Precipitation
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	
Magic Lake	19.6	9.6	14.6	28 on 9 th & 10 th	4.5 on 4 th	40.4
Normal	18.2	8.4	13.3	29 in several years	2 in 2010	39.2

It was fairly typical May weather this year; the precipitation was close to average. Buck Lake and Magic Lake were still almost full at the end of the month. Our first hot day was May 8 when the temperature reached a pleasant 26°C and it was 28°C on the next two days. Later in the month we had a 27°C day. We always get a few hot days in May and that is why I consider it to be the start of summer; there were also a lot of fine sunny days when the temperature was not that high. The temperature in the lake was about 20°C on May 9, which was warm enough for me to start my daily swimming, perhaps a little earlier than some years. At the end of the month the lake water temperature was still 20°C. The average daily maximum atmospheric temperature was slightly above average for May.

It is now July, which is statistically our hottest month. Daily maximum temperatures of 30°C or more are quite usual; in 1988 I recorded 33°C and in 2007 and 2009 we reached 35°C, which is the highest temperature I have recorded on Pender. We also had a 35 reading in August 2016, but such a high reading is a rare occurrence. Average daily maximum temperature over 34 years in July is 23.7°C and apart from a low of 21.3°C in 1993 and 2011 and a high of 27.3°C in 2015, the daily maximum has been close to average every year.

Precipitation in July is almost always low; it is our driest month of the year with an average of 17.8 mm. The actual amount of rain has varied from zero in 2010 to an unusual high of 53 mm in 1993 with no trend either way so it is difficult to predict exactly what we will get this year.

The garden is looking very good this year so the weather must be suiting it, or perhaps the lack of pollution is helping. The roses in May were the best and largest I have ever seen. Exceptions are our apple and pear trees, which were laden with blossoms in April but there

were no bees around when they were needed so we have very few apples and pears developing. Strangely enough there were lots of bees in March so our apricots are doing well, and there were lots of bees in May so I wonder where they went in April. It would probably have been a bumper year for the Fall Fair and it is too bad that the Fair had to be cancelled, but it is better to be safe than sorry and I hope we do not try to get back to normal routine too early and get caught by escalation of the virus.

We are right in the middle of the fire season and enjoying our usual warm, dry summer but we have to be aware of the necessary fire precautions as fire could be even more devastating than a virus.

We are told that there is climate change and that global warming is happening; this is apparent in some parts of the world but I have done some research to see if we are really having drier summers on Pender Island. I have added up all the precipitation for June, July, and August for the last 34 years and drawn a graph. The average annual total precipitation for those three summer months is 73 mm. We had two very wet years with 150 mm in 1991 and 1997, but no other year has come even close to that. We have had six other years in excess of 100 mm from 1992 - 2007. Our driest summer was 2018 with an exceptional low of 17 mm of rain in three months but in the following year, 2019, precipitation jumped to 77 mm. There were six years, 1989, 1996, 2002, 2003, 2009, and 2017, when we experienced rainfall between 30 and 40 mm and this is a steady low level on my graph except for 2018. By the nature of weather there are bound to be years when we get unusually high or low readings so we can disregard 1991, 1997 (high) and 2018 (low). Almost always a dry summer is followed by a comparatively wet summer and vice versa. The "wet" summers usually have between 85 and 115 mm and this has

been steady from 1988 to 2012. From these statistics, the only indication I get about drier summers is that precipitation has been above average on only two occasions between 2009 and 2019.

I have also read that we are having wetter winters but that is not borne out by my statistics; our summers are usually dry so if the winters were getting wetter our annual total precipitation would be increasing but this is not the case. High and low annual total precipitation occurred randomly over the last 34 years.

Almost every year we have a dry summer and usually a period of drought; there is nothing new about that so let's enjoy it, but be careful.

Malcolm Armstrong



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I knew we had a clematis clinging precariously to a trellis on our property, but as soon as I saw Jason Edmondson's photo of the clematis chosen to be the July cover of the *The Pender Post*, I began to wonder about the lineage of the impostor in our garden.

Edmondson lives on Pender Island and works as landscaper, groundskeeper, and gardener for many properties. He has been taking photographs for two years and took our cover photo with his trusty Huawei cell phone. Edmondson estimates that our cover clematis flower was about six to seven inches in diameter. Six to seven inches? Whoa, back outside to check out our modest and slightly weary-looking little clematis. Perhaps our little specimen had missed a few meals somewhere along the way... or more likely missed a drink and a few rays of sunshine.

Sensing my clematis-based shame, *The Pender Post* research department jumped into action to determine the range of size to which various clematis flowers aspire. Even the died-in-the-wool gardeners among the researchers were shocked to learn that the clematis flower diameter ranged from the tiny New Zealand dwarf clematis at 2 cm. (.75 inches) to 25.4 cm (10 inches) for a clematis lanuginosa (yup, that's a Latin clematis). Almost all clematis are climbers and, according to our

determined researchers, some clematis if left unchecked, can grow to 30 feet (9 m) in height. Our intrepid researchers hasten to add (assuming that a group can hasten) that clematis are not destructive to their hosts. As evidence of that fact, they cite a photograph of clematis appearing to cascade from the great heights of an evergreen tree. Of course the clematis are actually growing from the ground up but visually, cascading down is the image that imprints. Both the clematis and evergreen host appear healthy and happy with both the arrangement and with the spectacular combo look!

In closing, I would like to thank photographer/landscaper, Jason Edmondson, members of *The Pender Post* research department, and Clearview Horticultural Products for their assistance and clematis knowledge as they patiently nudged me from status of clematis ignoramus to clematis fan.

Mike Wiley

PENDER POST PAST



July 1990

Thirty years ago, the Pender Islands Lions Club held their annual Dog Show, an event that continues still. Sadly, my Maggie has not won any prizes, yet. A Library building report stated that the support logs were going in and all who donated logs were thanked. The Nu-To-Yu was having a problem with unsaleable items being left outside when it was not open, another event that still continues today. Please remember the store is not a dumping place for things neither you nor anyone else would want. The RCMP reported four motor vehicle accidents, one of them on Privateers Road where a man was charged with driving too fast for conditions. As I live on Privateers, I can attest that this is another ongoing event. My Times Colonist delivery box and my Hydro pole have both had 'hit and runs' at different times and the stop sign on Brigadoon and Privateers was hit in a collision where the driver could

not drive away so got caught. The North Pender Island Fire Protection Society was looking very carefully into building a second fire hall to be built near Magic Lake to serve Trincomali, Neptune, and Magic Lake Estates and help to reduce fire insurance rates for those areas. Luckily for us we now have Fire Hall #2 across from the lake. I found no reports of any Canada Day Celebrations that year, which was surprising.

Val Butcher

LATE SUBMISSION

Magic Lake Water and Sewer local Services Committee

Summer is here

I am sure by now most people within Magic Lake have seen the survey crews, and noticed we have developed blue lines and dots and orange triangles. These markings are part of the Sewage Treatment Upgrade project and are the collection system replacement portion, which we are proceeding with while we wait on our grant application. We expect to hear in early 2021 if we have qualified for the grant, which would complete most of the project with no further borrowing requirements.

We have just all paid our property taxes and once again noted how high they are compared to others. The amounts allocated to the Magic Lake Water and Sewer (if one's property is in those service areas) are a big portion of this. These amounts are only for debt borrowing and only paid by the lots within those specific service areas. For any lots connected to the services, you receive a quarterly invoice which covers the operation of those services.

While the current Sewage Treatment Upgrade borrowing of \$6m was successful at referendum, we were advised by CRD we would have the option to pay the principal portion only, and we are still awaiting the process for that to happen. Any amounts paid in this year's property taxes will be applied to this one-time payment once they have it sorted out.

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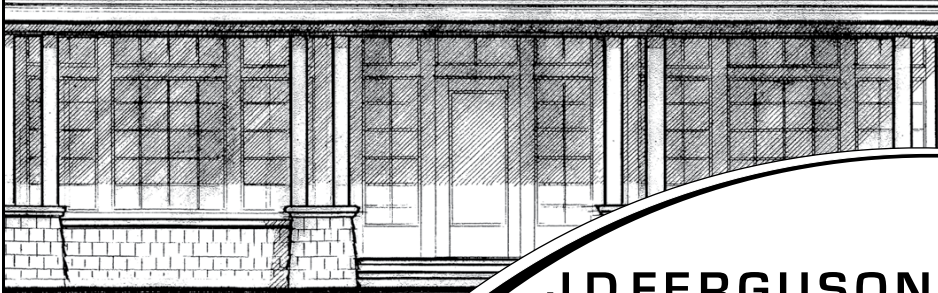
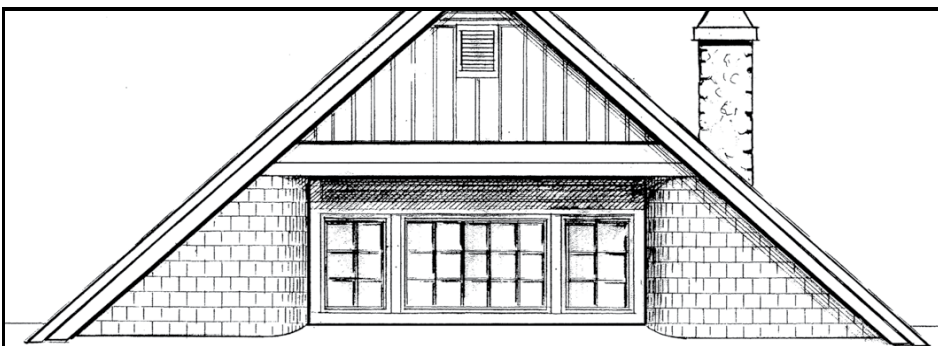
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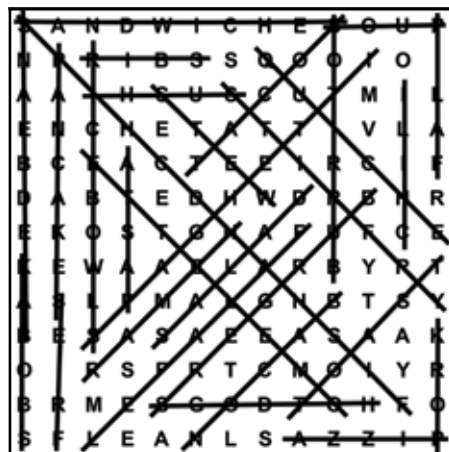
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