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Verrue Buys Out Off-shore Investor

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Recent developments in the organization of Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) and at the Resort were outlined at a Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) sponsored community development presentation in late January. PLA recently has recapitalized. CEO Randy Verrue, who now lives in Port Ludlow, has bought out another investor. Other changes, made to sustain PLA without home sales, include elimination of all commercial debt and changes in management and staffing.



*Randy Verrue has increased his personal investment in PLA.
Voice photo archives*

According to Verrue PLA could build 400 new homes. The company plans to complete Ludlow Bay Village with homes and condos, and Ludlow Cove with 42 homes. The main markets will be retirees, permanent residents working elsewhere and second home owners. Other areas to be developed are: Olympic Terrace II, 41 homes (6 completed); Ironwood, 34 homes; Timberton Creekside, 50 homes; Falls Terrace, 55 homes; Bay Hollow, 20 homes; and the sales office area, 3 homes. No new homes will be built until existing homes are sold.

Land is for lease at the Village Center. The priority is to obtain a grocery store. An international company has been hired to conduct the search.

Despite rumors, golf will continue to be a focus of the Resort operations. In recent years the Golf Course has lost money due to declining popularity and memberships. Numbers of rounds played have gone from 60,000 rounds per year in the 1990s to 30,000 now. One in eight homes sold produces a member. PLA will institute strategies to increase the rounds of play and encourage memberships. The Trail nine, now closed for the winter, may be closed permanently. The tree-cutting program, which adds light and air to the Golf Course, will continue. A new Golf Clubhouse is still planned. There are no plans for housing on Trail.

The Marina will expand to 64 slips with upgraded docks. There is a ten-year capital program for ongoing upkeep. This year saw electrical upgrades and dock repairs. Major redevelopments at the Marina will take place in the second stage of the Resort revision. There

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Feature Articles

From the Editor's Keyboard

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Should the South Bay Homeowner Associations join the Drainage District? This question concerns the problem of what to do about stormwater, that murky brown liquid running in the drainage ditches and into holding ponds. It is not a glamorous topic, particularly when you consider it contains organic compounds, toxic metals, pesticides, fertilizers, oil and bacteria. Nevertheless, it is an important topic because of its impact on Puget Sound, lakes and streams, and on wildlife habitat.

The State and the County have mandates to control stormwater. North and South Bay have different ways of doing this. Earlier development in North Bay relies on a system of drainage ditches monitored by a Drainage District, while South Bay has a system of detention ponds monitored by volunteers. (See related article on page 14.) As development and associated impervious surfaces increase in Port Ludlow, stormwater issues also will increase.

In the past the detention pond system has worked well in South Bay; well enough that some see no advantage to a different management system. The questions are, can it continue to do that and for how long? To this writer it seems that the fatal flaw in the system is the reliance on volunteers to maintain the ponds. Although the volunteers of the past have done a thoroughly professional job, can that level of performance be maintained? Volunteers wear out. Can equally competent and committed volunteers be found in the future?

The Drainage District hires professional help; joining it would improve the chances that runoff would be managed efficiently into the future. The ability of the District to acquire loans would mean that larger projects, such as restructuring parts of the system, could be financed. The method of assessing a user's share of the cost is a fair one. Greater users pay more than those that use the system less. The cost of preserving the environment would be more fairly spread among the residents. For many, it is unlikely the management change would be more expensive than the existing system.

It will continue to rain and water will continue to flow downhill. Let's protect the long-term health of our region and our Village, for ourselves and for future generations.

The views expressed in this column are this Editor's alone and should not be construed to necessarily represent the views of every volunteer member of the Voice staff.

Litigation in Ludlow

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Beginning with the Club Proposal by Benchmark in 2002, development projects in Port Ludlow have been plagued by disagreements and legal appeals. This included legal actions regarding the Trendwest/Wyndham development, a boundary dispute at the townhomes, approval of Olympic Terrace II, the issue of water rights, view blockage issues, and the ongoing squabbles about the Ludlow Bay Village and Ludlow Cove II developments.

The costs to the Developer, the community, and the County are difficult to calculate with any precision but are large. Besides legal fees on both sides of the aisle, they include delays, lost income and taxes, lost employment, a tarnished image and decreased economic viability.

Development at Ludlow Cove II, known to locals as the "log dump," became an issue in 2004. The proposed Trendwest/Wyndham timeshare was to begin building in late 2005. However, a series of appeals effectively halted the project. The timeshare company eventually abandoned it in favor of other locations. With the demise of the project the community lost a new Golf Clubhouse and perhaps a grocery store.

Ludlow Cove II was conceived as a residential replacement for the Trendwest project and was to begin construction in late 2008. The project has been delayed by a Shoreline Permit appeal filed by attorney Les Powers and by a Hydraulic Permit Application informal appeal by Bert Loomis. The litigation is ongoing and the actual starting date is unknown.

The Ludlow Bay Village project has a rich history of plans (hailing back to Pope's glory days), hearings about the plans and appeals of decisions. The original hearing dates for Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) were in January 2006 and later in April 2006. Community meetings about the project were held in the spring and summer of 2006. However, residents Les Powers, Gregg Jordshaugen, Lewis Hale and the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) filed for reconsideration of the Hearing Examiner's decision. Subsequently, there were additional appeals, requests for reconsideration and a mediation attempt. The issue eventually landed in Superior Court before being abandoned by the appellant.

The project still is progressing, although it requires an Army Corps of Engineer's permit and a hydraulic permit.

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More appeals are expected. An important effect of delay is that PLA has missed a favorable sales market. An effect on LMC is loss of sorely-needed income and some amenities. Townhome owners lose guest parking, correction of deeds and documents, and transfer of the Home Owners Association to the owners.

Building at Olympic Terrace II was to begin in the summer of 2005. It didn't because there was a request for reconsideration of the Hearing Examiner's decision followed by an appeal to the Appellant Examiner, a reconsideration of the Appellant Examiner's decision, and an appeal to Superior Court by Powers and Richard Rozzell. This was followed by an effort at mediation. PLA broke ground at Olympic Terrace II in 2007 but had lost pre-sales, entirely missed the favorable selling market, and is stuck now in a period of economic doldrums and lagging home sales.

Along the way there have been other skirmishes. They include the issue of whether South Bay documents were registered properly. Water rights, their ownership and their adequacy were hotly disputed for a while. The use of buoys in Ludlow Bay brought out the troops. Those topics have receded to the back burner. Although the current litigants have every right to argue with court judgments, many residents say an end to the battles would be welcomed.

Check Before You Chop

by Beverly Browne, Editor

County Associate Planner David Wayne Johnson wants Port Ludlow landowners to think about the environmentally sensitive areas designated "critical areas" in the Growth Management Act (GMA). The County and the State believe that these areas must be regulated for the good of the landowner and the people of the State. Critical areas include: wetlands, aquifer recharge areas, frequently flooded areas, geologically sensitive areas, and fish and wildlife areas. The Counties have attempted to map these areas and devise rules for managing them.

The Jefferson County Critical Areas Ordinance began with the passage of an interim ordinance in 1994. Since that time it has undergone changes and updates with public agencies using a "best available science" standard to review it. The current law, finalized in 2008, was developed through an extensive planning process that considered public comment. The County's intent was to improve citizen understanding of the rules while providing protections of the function and value of critical areas.

Besides having fish and wildlife habitat and wetlands, Port Ludlow has some geologically hazardous areas, areas susceptible to erosion, sliding, earthquake or other geological events. These areas are determined by geologic and topographic investigation, hydrologic factors and previous history of the site. Steepness of slope (greater than 15 percent), ground water seepage, and soil conditions are factors for consideration. Areas that have high potential for landslides include areas below Sea Vista Terrace, Condon Lane and Montgomery Court. Maps show slight to moderate hazard along Oak Bay Road and in most of Timberton Village. Residents in these areas need to consult with the County before disturbing vegetation.

Retention of native vegetation, reduction of impervious surfaces, and landscaping can improve the volume and rate of water flow and decrease slide potential. Therefore removal of vegetation within a critical area requires County review and a permit. Other preventative measures include improving and repairing existing drainage systems and directing rainwater through storm sewers. Maps indicating which areas are considered "critical" may be viewed at the Bay and Beach Clubs or by clicking on "Maps" on the County's home page, www.co.jefferson.wa.us.

Yes We Can ... Go to the Inauguration

by Stephen Cunliffe, Contributing Editor

At the end of 2008 my daughter moved to Washington D.C., into a little apartment just five blocks from the White House. She suggested I make my first visit there during the Inauguration. I gulped, my wife diligently found an airfare that did not break the already fragile bank, and I arrived 48 hours ahead of the Big Day on a plane full of happy people.

My first impression of my daughter's new digs was that security was a touch overdone, with a Humvee and a platoon of soldiers outside the front door. She explained that this was not the usual state of affairs. On Monday, Martin Luther King Day, we made an exploratory trip to the National Mall. Security was omnipresent, the sound of sirens almost continuous. Much of it came from regular police vehicles, which also used "the rumbler," a sonic device that works on much the same principal that howler monkeys use to penetrate the rainforest. At one point a convoy of 12 tow trucks went shrieking past, lights flashing, nose to tail. There was no apparent reason for such urgency, but it must have been the highlight of the tow truck drivers' careers. The occasional break in sirens allowed us to hear the throbbing of helicopters flying low overhead.

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The Mall was eerily empty, resembling a futuristic movie set. Huge television screens dominated the landscape, replaying a concert that had taken place in the same location the day before, but with nobody watching.

The strategy for Inauguration Day was, with the ceremony beginning at 11:30 a.m., to stay in the apartment until 10:00 a.m. This plan would allow us to stay warm as long as possible, pick the right spot by watching live coverage of the Mall during the morning, and avoid use of the portable toilets. There were 5,000 of them located on the Mall. With almost 2,000,000 people showing up, each one would be shared by 400 people. The odds did not seem attractive.

Inauguration Day dawned clear and cold, temperatures in the teens and a stiff breeze. Even so, at first light, streams of bold and hardy pedestrians were moving in to get as close as possible to the action. We stuck with our plan, kept warm, picked our spot and left at 10:00 a.m. The first three blocks took us five minutes, the next two an hour; we were not the only ones showing up at the last minute. It felt as though we were in a crowd going to a football game, but with everyone supporting the same side and Obama badges replacing team colors.

A band from Haiti kept pace with us as we shuffled along. The mood was so good that even cab drivers were waving pedestrians to cross in front of them at crosswalks. The citizens of Washington D.C. are not as downright rude as in many other big cities, but they keep to themselves. Not so this crowd, mostly from out of town and all thrilled to witness the events of the day. There were more fur coats than I have ever seen in one place, and some of them were real in defiance of political correctness.

We reached our objective, a rather distant view of one of the big screens, close to the Washington monument with the Capitol just visible in the distance. There were numerous others, certainly more than any stadium could hold, gathered to see the same screen. The crowd stretched as far as we could see, yet it was only about one tenth of the total.

Cheers and flags greeted the appearance of the Obama children on the screen. A chorus of boos rose for the outgoing President; it was, after all, a rather partisan crowd. The incoming President was met with an explosion of applause, repeated even more loudly at the end of the fumbled swearing in. Reverential silence followed during the Inauguration address. It was a realistic speech for the times, rather than for all time, but not without some of the flourishes of rhetoric, which have been missing from presidential speeches for at least 20 years.

When it was over, the simultaneous departure of the enormous crowd could have been quite dangerous in the absence of any crush barriers, but people treated each other with respect. There reportedly was not a single arrest among spectators that day. The tone of the crowd was admittedly quieter than when it arrived, partly due to the brisk north wind blowing straight at us, and maybe due to the realization that once the celebration was over the hard slog would begin, not just for the President, but for the country as a whole.

It took us two cold hours to cover the five blocks back. We had never had the expectation (or the ticket) of getting close to the action, which we could have seen much more comfortably at the apartment. But the important thing, as every member of this sociable, multi-racial crowd agreed, was to be there and to share an uplifting moment in American history.

That night the sirens reached a crescendo, presumably escorting the Obamas as they rushed from ball to ball. By the next morning the excitement was over and the weather was as bleak as the economic climate. Rationally, we all knew that there would be no sudden change. Without a magic wand, we faced the same problems as we had the day before. But on the bright side, the sound of sirens was much less.



Over 2,000,000 gathered to view President Obama's Inauguration.

Photo by Gary Settle

All Port Ludlow Residents

are invited to an
Open Dialogue with
Pope Resource Representatives

Wednesday, March 4, 3:00 p.m.

Bay Club

Phyllis Hansen: Finding the Peace Within

by Linda Karp, Contributing Editor



Phyllis Hansen seeks to find her understanding of life.

Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

All through the month of **March** the Port Ludlow Artists' League Gallery will be home to an "All Breed Dog Show" consisting of the artwork of Port Ludlow artist Phyllis Hansen. Phyllis's work is recognized and loved by all those who love animals.

The artist also has been a mother, a teacher, a community activist with interests in voter education, prison reform, International Training in Communication (ITC), 4-H, the Nuclear Safeguards Initiative and neighborhood hazardous waste problems. In Port Ludlow she has been a part of the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Trails Committee and was president of the Port Ludlow Artists' League in 2006.

Phyllis and husband Bill spent 30 years as sheep breeders on their farm in Battleground, Washington. It was there she began her training in art—first depicting the scenery around her, the trees, hills and flowers. Frustrated by her feelings of unrest, she took Bill's suggestion and began to paint her true love, the sheep and their protector llamas. After moving to Port Ludlow, she continued painting the animals she loved as well as portraits of locals' pets.

Then a serious health issue put a screeching halt to everything she was doing. From Phyllis's point of view, being told her disease was incurable was actually a gift. For years she had felt drawn to search for fulfillment, true happiness and peace, but never had the time. There was just too much to do.

"I always thought I had to go away someplace to deepen my understanding of life. That place, I discovered, is within; and it's always there for me to tap into." She spends a part of each day reading material that lifts her to a greater level of awareness, in contemplation, and in meditation and prayer. "I feel we are here in our lifetime to discover the true meaning of ourselves, to accept and love ourselves and others, to learn forgiveness and to have gratitude for each and every day. My intent is to be at peace and to experience joy every day. Painting dogs helps me to achieve those goals."

In the "All Breed Dog Show" Phyllis will share with us her joy of painting these beloved animals, including her newest creations, *The Illustrated Rainbow Bridge Story* and her homemade dog treats. (See related article on page 12 with details on a reception for Phyllis and the show, **Friday, March 6.**)

What is ECHHO?

by Bev Rothenborg

I have borrowed medical equipment from Ecumenical Christian Helping Hands Organization (ECHHO) in the past. Recently when a neighbor had surgery and was looking for a specific item, I drove to their office to pick up the item. I was struck by the amount of equipment available and the professionalism of the staff. I have to share the information with our readers.

ECHHO is a non-profit organization of dedicated people who volunteer time and expertise to help the rest of us when there is a need. They are located at 1110 Jefferson Street in Port Townsend. Office hours are **Monday through Friday** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The phone number is 379-3246.

Some of the equipment available for loan without charge (donations are accepted) are walkers, wheelchairs, bath chairs, bed tables, electric lift chairs, canes, crutches, commodes, etc. A storage locker houses larger items such as hospital beds, and some items are stored in a Port Ludlow private residence garage. Most of the equipment has been donated. It is cleaned and, if needed, repaired before it leaves the premises, thanks to the Boeing Bluebills who assist with this job. The need for this equipment has increased by 30 percent a year.

What other services do ECHHO volunteers provide? They offer transportation to medical, legal and dental appointments, outings, errands, shopping, etc. Mileage is reimbursed. Volunteers do light housekeeping and meal preparation, yard work and home maintenance, respite care and friendly visits. The demand for these services has increased by about 15 percent a year. The clients assisted by ECHHO volunteers often have no other means of help or support. Their goal is to foster a strong, independent, healthy and loving community, regardless of faith, age, ability or income.

As you can imagine, there is an on-going need for volunteers to continue the work that ECHHO does. If you become a volunteer, you can choose how you would like to assist. If this is of interest to you, please give them a call at the previously mentioned number to find out how you can help. I know you will be well rewarded!

Beat the Spring Blahs Inexpensive Alki Tours

by Kathleen Traci, Contributing Editor

Alki Tours is a Seattle-based company known for reasonable prices and interesting destinations. While Alki offers many high-end tours to distant states and countries, they also feature inexpensive tours to nearby attractions. The following spring tours, priced at under \$600 per person, are planned for 2009:

- **Sunday–Friday, March 22–27:** Reno, Tahoe and Virginia City, 6 days, \$439 per person/double occupancy (single supplement \$189).
- **Saturday–Sunday, April 4–5:** Rail to Broadway's *Wicked* in Portland, 2 days, \$329 per person/double occupancy (single supplement \$79).
- **Friday–Sunday, April 17–19:** Springtime at the New Oregon Garden Resort, \$379 per person/double occupancy (single supplement \$110).
- **Tuesday–Saturday, May 5–9:** Price-buster, Alaska Inside Passage Cruise including Ketchikan, 5 days, \$599 per person/double occupancy (Call 800 number for single supplement).
- **Friday–Sunday, May 8–10:** A Weekend Getaway on the Norwegian Pearl, 3 days, \$279 per person/double occupancy (Call 800 number for single supplement).
- **Friday–Sunday, May 8–10:** Walla Walla Balloon Stampede and Wine, 3 days, \$429 per person/double occupancy (single supplement \$149).
- **Friday–Saturday, June 5–6:** Rail to the Portland Rose Festival, 2 days, \$329 per person/double occupancy (single supplement \$85).
- **Friday–Sunday, June 12–14:** Cannon Beach, Seaside and Sand Castle Festival, 3 days, \$399 per person/double occupancy (single supplement \$199).

If you like to stay in the Pacific Northwest during **June, July and August**, Alki has planned inexpensive (under \$600 per person) summer tours to Canada's Princess Louisa Inlet, Canada's Salt Spring Island, Mount Rainier National Park, Portland's Fireworks, Oregon Coast Casinos, Whistler and Harrison Hot Springs, Sun Mountain Lodge, Grand Coulee Laser and Leavenworth.

For detailed itineraries and a brochure, call Alki Tours at 1-800-895-2554, or visit www.alkitours.com. While I have had no personal experience or association with Alki Tours, the company comes highly recommended by other Port Ludlow residents. For more information about this company, tune into Travel Talk on KIXI AM 880 at 10:30 a.m. on **Sundays**. Happy traveling!

Travel with Diane: Charter Flight To Cowboy Land

by Diane Ruff, Contributing Editor

Those of you who've traveled to a warmer climate know the fear of trying on last year's shorts and swimsuit while last minute packing. You can imagine my fun finding summer clothes buried in the back of the closet in anticipation of my trip to Laughlin, Nevada, where the temperature was in the 70s.

Our charter flight from SeaTac to Laughlin, Nevada, cost under \$300 per person, which included the flight and four nights at Laughlin's Riverside Resort. Laughlin is on the Nevada-Arizona border and overlooks the Colorado River. The Boardwalk extends past many of the casinos and offers numerous restaurants and entertainment, all within easy walking distance. There is also a water taxi to the casinos and a mall within five minutes' walk. The dress is jeans 24/7 worn by cowboys and tourists alike.

Several of us took a two-hour high-speed boat ride to see The London Bridge at Lake Havasu, then dined outside and did some power shopping prior to our return. Back in Laughlin we experienced different restaurants every evening, then went to the Dance Room featuring Karaoke where we danced to novices singing their hearts out. We also saw Diamond Rio, a Western rock band.

One of our friends in the group is a dance instructor, who had the good fortune to dance a few evenings with Don Laughlin, owner of the Resort and an accomplished ballroom dancer. Laughlin, Nevada, was named after this man. How many people living have that distinction?

The Resort also boasts a 34-lane bowling alley, 6 movie theatres and a museum featuring 80 beautiful rare antique automobiles, trucks, and motorcycles. We took a ride down memory lane looking at the restored cars from our childhood and teenage years.

If you enjoy the desert, inexpensive hotel rooms, gambling, buffets, affordable entertainment, and a warmer climate, this is your ticket. See www.riversideresort.com and VisitLaughlin.com.

Send your favorite get-away to dianekayr@aol.com. We reserve the right to edit your contribution to fit our style and space constraints.

Correction to Lead Story

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Joe Kelly is the SBCA secretary, not Port Ludlow Village Council Village Council (PLVC) secretary, as previously noted in the February issue of the *Voice* cover story.

The Power of Our Past

by Maureen Lander

The longing to know our stories runs deep. Karina, 17 and surly, couldn't resist. Like a moth to light, she was drawn to her family's cozy scene. As her mom sat on the couch reading aloud, her dad and younger brother listened, entranced, to the life story of her grandfather, Bill Tryon. She'd never envisioned him butchering chickens as a boy or playing football in high school, let alone seeing the world as a 16-year-old Merchant Marine.

Later that night Karina spied her mother in bed, reading ahead. "Don't you think we should read that as a family?" she scolded.

Even in the dark cloud of teenage angst, Karina sensed the universal truth—that her grandfather's story was a dress rehearsal for her own life. By hearing how he survived the challenges and embraced the joys, she was learning what mattered, what didn't, and how it all fit together. Along with life's road map, she also gained a sense of belonging and identity. After all, she came from him. His life led directly to her.

Are you as fortunate as Karina? Imagine, like her, knowing your grandfather not just as your grandfather, but as a person. Imagine looking at his photo and understanding his values and character, knowing his triumphs and failures. What would his story, told in his own words, mean to you today?

Imagine your grandchild's child, all grown up, looking at your photo. Wouldn't they long to know you in the same way? Your story is their story. Through you they also might discover order and meaning in the chaos of life.

Perhaps you've thought about writing your life story—or that of a loved one—yet haven't known where to start. Or perhaps you've started but got lost along the way. If you're still convinced it's a worthwhile endeavor (and probably you are), the next step is to gain the tools you need to explore and capture your life's experiences in story.

Everyone can discover a powerful journey of self-discovery and realize the value and meaning of your life. You only need some basic writing/editing skills, the ability to stay motivated and a way to dust off those memories and address painful and sensitive issues. These things can be learned.

Start with a three-ring binder with eight dividers and some binder paper. It's fun if you have a plastic sleeve on the front where you can slide in a copy of a favorite photo or montage of your life.

Don't worry about the writing. If you can write a simple sentence, you can write your story. You're not striving for the next Great American Novel. The important thing is to extract that story from between your ears and put it out in the world, to be shared and treasured for generations to come.

Maureen Lander is a "personal historian" who helps people turn their memories into books. To learn more about her life-writing services and upcoming workshops, visit www.lifetime-legacies.com.

A Word about Paper and the Environment

In response to an alert reader's question, the *Voice* investigated its paper stock with regard to environmental impact. According to Dan Huntingford, owner of our printing company SOS, the gloss cover stock is Balance Recycled, FSC certified and made with 30 percent post consumer recycled content and is elemental chlorine free (that's the bleach).

SOS has stocked house sheet gloss stock since obtaining FSC (Forest Stewardship Council) Certification from Scientific Certification Systems, Registration Number SCS-COC-001645. SOS has been with EnviroStars, audited annually by the State Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), for six years. It uses non-ablative printing plates with no silver halide waste, non-isopropanol alcohol dampening solution, low VOC press washes, and vegetable-oil-based inks. It is thus one of the greenest print shops in America.

The inside stock is International Paper's Accent Opaque which is not a recycled sheet, but is acid free, and the fiber used meets the sourcing requirements of the SFI program (Sustainable Forestry Initiative). The previously used paper, Cougar Opaque, natural color, was FSC certified using 10 percent post consumer waste.

Old growth forests, while great for animals, especially the dead rotting trees that are home to owls and insects which feed woodpeckers and other animals, actually do not take carbon dioxide out of the air to help with global warming. Young forests, which are still growing rapidly, like the forests grown for paper fiber, are one of the major sources of carbon elimination. Harvesting trees to make paper and other forest products is actually very good for the environment. A blend of old growth habitat and young rapidly growing trees is ideal. What really kills the environment is development on what was formerly forest land.

Understanding the Shoreline Master Program (SMP)

by Michelle McConnell, Jefferson County Associate Planner and SMP Update Project Manager

There is a great deal of confusion about the effects of the new Shoreline Master Program on homeowners in Port Ludlow. Michelle McConnell has provided the following explanation:

The current effort to update the Shoreline Master Program (SMP) is a State-mandated action to continue implementing the 1971 State Shoreline Management Act and bring County code into compliance with 2003 SMP Guidelines. Jefferson County's SMP, in place since 1974, and this current program, were updated in 1989 and have had minor revisions. The SMP only applies within the area of shoreline jurisdiction—generally 200 feet from the ordinary high water mark. Sometimes it is more when associated features (wetlands, flood plain and channel mitigation zones) are present. The County's current program (JCC18.25) is significantly outdated in light of changes in local human population, development patterns, new technical knowledge of shoreline conditions, and changes in State requirements.

The County released the Preliminary Draft Shoreline Master Program for formal review in December 2008. The two-month comment period closed at the end of January. The Planning Commission is reviewing the document now and will provide a recommendation to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC). The Commissioners have a contract agreement to submit a locally approved SMP by **Tuesday, June 30**. The new SMP likely would not take effect until 2010. There is a legislative deadline for the SMP update of 2011. Additional public comment periods will take place.

The proposed shoreline buffers are 100 feet for lakes and 150 feet for rivers and salt-water shoreline. There is also an additional 10-foot building setback proposed. There are three reasons for this: (1) existing shoreline must be protected to ensure no net loss of ecological function, (2) protections must be based on science, and (3) the SMP must provide protections equal to the Critical Areas regulation. The County's Critical Areas regulation (JCC 18.22) already sets buffers at 100 feet on lakes and 150 feet on rivers and saltwater bodies to conserve critical fish and wildlife.

Very few lots in Jefferson County will become unbuildable if the proposed changes are adopted as written. While the new buffers and setbacks would require any residential and other use/development to locate further away from the water than current code requires, there are numerous proposed exceptions that would allow single

family residential and water-oriented accessory uses to locate in the buffer area.

Site specific options to adjust the standard buffer to accommodate unique conditions include: (1) Non-conforming lots' standards that would allow location of a home (no more than 2,500 square feet with accessory structures) within the buffer area if sited as far from sensitive features as possible and if 80 percent of the remaining buffer is naturally vegetated. A minimum of 30 feet from the shoreline is required. (2) If a single family residence has neighboring homes within 50 feet on one or both sides, the home can be located to provide shoreline view. (3) The buffer area can be reduced by 25 percent if there are not slopes with a 30 degree gradient or more. More than 25 percent can be obtained with a Critical Area Stewardship Plan or Shoreline Variance.

The Shoreline Variance gives relief from specific bulk and dimensional requirements for small lots if there are no detrimental effects to the public interest. The Critical Area Stewardship Plan is for residential property greater than a quarter acre in size when the development can provide equal or greater protection than the standard buffer. In addition a single-family residential development may be allowed under a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) properties are regulated under the current Development Agreement (DA) that is vested to the current SMP. They would not be affected by the new SMP unless the DA is renegotiated to reflect the new shoreline regulations. Properties not covered by the PLA DA would be subject to the new SMP.

Legally existing structures (such as homes and accessory buildings) and shoreline uses (i.e., lawns and landscaping) that don't meet the new requirements are "non-conforming" and can continue to exist as is. Owners can continue in their homes as they are now. Normal maintenance and repair of existing structures (decks, docks, stairs and home) are allowed without a Shoreline Substantial Development Permit (SSDP). A letter of exemption approval is required.

Owners wishing to enlarge or improve their homes/structures under the new SMP would be allowed to do so, up to 25 percent increase in the footprint without a Shoreline Conditional Use Permit (SCUP) or a Shoreline Variance. Remodeling within the footprint may not require any SMP review, only building permits. Homes that are non-conforming and become damaged by flood, fire or some other catastrophe, with damage up to 75 percent of the replacement cost, can rebuild within two years to the existing configuration. If the damage is more than 75 percent of the replacement costs, the homeowner can rebuild to comply with the new SMP or rebuild in the same configuration and location if compliance is not possible.

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are no negotiations with the Seattle Yacht club for space, although they have indicated interest.

New promotions at the Inn have been successful. The community has reacted very favorably to the new offerings in the Fireside restaurant. Inn rooms will be upgraded, adding flat panel televisions, and the building is scheduled for painting. Re-opening the Harbormaster, closed due to lack of revenue in the winter, will be evaluated in the spring. The new Harbormaster in the current Resort plan is a casual restaurant.

Olympic Water and Sewer (OWSI) holds a high rank in the state. Reductions of acceptable arsenic levels, from 10 parts per billion to 8 parts per billion, necessitated the drilling of a new well in South Bay. Arsenic levels have been reduced to an acceptable level. A new well is being drilled in North Bay to improve capacity. A study is planned to find the feasibility of removing manganese from the water. If removal is feasible, the cost is likely to be borne by the community.

The present sewer capacity is sufficient for 3,500 homes. The water rights application is on a fast track according to Verrue and Diana Smeland; however, four applications precede PLA's.

In all, PLA is in excellent financial health according to Verrue. He predicts a bright future for Port Ludlow.



With the Hood Canal Bridge closure starting May 1, increased sea plane landings are expected at Port Ludlow Marina

Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

The New Shine Quarry?

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Dubbing themselves “the New Shine Quarry,” Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) began a public relations effort with full-page color advertisements in the Port Townsend *Leader* (February 11) and *Peninsula Daily News* (February 8 and 15). The ads feature a family with butterflies and flowers silhouetted in front of the Olympic Mountains. The copy trumpets the economic and environmental truth about the New Shine Quarry proposal: that truth, according to IMQ, is that Port Ludlow has nothing to fear. They will generate tax dollars and jobs and have no impact on our environment, roads or water systems. For more information, see www.NewShineQuarryProposal.com.

In evaluating these ads readers might keep in mind the mining company’s previous record, in Granite Falls and elsewhere, and the fact that it has actively fought restrictions on its actions in the courts. Jefferson County is not in favor of this proposal because of its size, potential impact on local communities, and lack of vetting. The Planning Commission saw no market in Jefferson County for the product when it rejected the company’s request to change the zoning of the leased property to a Mineral Resource Land Overlay (MRLO). IMQ is fighting a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) requirement that would impose conditions on its operations. None of its actions, up to this point, indicate that it intends to be a good neighbor.

It has been estimated that IMQ will remove nearly 6 million tons of rock with a current market value of \$12 per ton. Pope Resources will receive income from the lease. There is a strong economic incentive for both companies to mine as much as possible as efficiently as possible. The New Shine Quarry will be vastly different from the old Shine Quarry.

All Port Ludlow Residents

are invited to an
Open Dialogue with
Pope Resource Representatives

Wednesday, March 4, 3:00 p.m.

Bay Club

Gravel Mines Expand

Abstracted from an article by Rob Carson of the News Tribune

The economic stimulus package is a potential windfall for the Washington concrete and aggregates industry. A portion of the \$2 billion to be spent here on roads, bridges, highways and mass transit will be for sand and gravel, or “aggregates,” which are the basic building blocks of nearly all construction. A single mile of freeway typically contains 35,000 tons; studies for the new Highway 520 Bridge over Lake Washington indicate it would take 1.5 million tons.

The Puget Sound region is naturally blessed with gravel due to the action of the glaciers that scooped out the Sound. But gravel mining on the shores of the Sound draws the wrath of environmentalists like almost no other activity. For adjacent landowners, few developments are more despised. This attitude makes new mining permits difficult to get.

Debate is raging over three large sand and gravel mining operations currently being proposed on the Sound. Glacier Northwest’s plan to expand its Maury Island mine and replace an existing dock so outraged protesters that in January they chained their arms together inside steel pipes to block construction access. On the Olympic Peninsula, Poulsbo-based Fred Hill Materials’ plan to build a four-mile-long gravel pipeline to a new loading terminal on Hood Canal has been vigorously opposed. Meanwhile, State legislators quietly introduced bills this month that would take away local control of that project. And in the South Sound, opponents are talking to attorneys to find ways to stop Glacier Northwest from expanding its 387-acre DuPont operation with a new 177-acre pit, 80 feet deep.

The biggest and best deposits and the easiest to transport are in a roughly 25-mile-wide band along the rim of the Sound. But as the Puget Sound area’s population and environmental awareness increased, the gravel reserves have become increasingly difficult to tap.

Washington’s Growth Management Act (GMA), passed in 1990, ordered Counties to identify suitable areas for gravel mining as a part of their comprehensive planning process.

Some Counties have done so; others haven’t. Without those designations, areas that otherwise might have been available for gravel mines are developed for other uses.

The high cost of trucking gravel is the main reason mines near the shores of the Sound are so attractive to the industry. Barges or oceangoing ships can take on loads equivalent to hundreds of trucks. Not only is water transport cheaper, but it’s also cleaner, according to the industry. Moving gravel by barge means less fuel, fewer tailpipe emissions and less wear and tear on roads.

John Fabian of the Hood Canal Coalition isn’t buying this argument. Fabian says that barges only allow expansion of the geographic market. Trucks are still required to get the gravel to a specific site. He says that what producers really want to do is transport Puget Sound gravel down the west coast or to Asia where prices are higher. Shipping by barge or ship has an advantage because as a general rule, the aggregates industry estimates that the cost of gravel doubles for every 25 miles it has to be transported.

Gravel companies complain that permitting has been made so difficult, it now typically takes at least five years to open a new mine, and can cost as much as \$1 million a year. But opponents are not swayed by these statistics. According to environmental scientists, Hood Canal has been so badly damaged by human activity that it’s teetering on the brink of total environmental collapse.

“We’re living with the consequences of extractive industries—logging, fishing, mining—done at the expense of the balance with the environment,” said Mike Sato, representing the group People for Puget Sound. Environmentalists want change, because they believe those with the most cash and who can afford the highest-priced scientists and attorneys, subvert the regulatory process. The burden of proof should fall on the industry to demonstrate value for the public.

Voice Staffers Cover Inauguration! Sort of!

The *Voice* augmented its journalistic “prowess” with “coverage” of the inauguration with a report by Oxford graduate and Contributing Editor Stephen Cunliffe, and photographs by past President of the National Press Photographers Association and two-time winner of the Newspaper Photographer of the Year award, Gary Settle.

Cunliffe’s article and one of Settle’s photographs can be found on pages 3 and 4..

Local News

Knock Out Noxious Weeds Day

by Dick Ullmann, Trails/Natural Resources Committee

The eighth annual noxious weed party is just around the corner. Once again, the Trails/Natural Resources Committee will be sponsoring the event. Over the past seven years, volunteers have pulled, cut and whacked multiple truckloads of Scotch Broom and taken them to their final resting place. We also will be looking for patches of Herb Robert and Tansy Ragwort.

Wednesday, April 1 is the date! We are looking for volunteers to meet at the Beach Club at 1:00 p.m. to form teams and get directions to the infested locations. We will work until 4:00 p.m. and then return to the Beach Club for a complimentary BBQ and social time. All volunteers and their spouses are invited.

Sign-up sheets are at both Clubs. Bring along a lopper or pruning saw and a pair of gloves. We will have several weed wrenches available. We also could use a few trucks to transport our "loot" to a nearby dumpsite. Join us in this effort to improve the health of our forested areas. You'll enjoy the accomplishment and the chance to work and socialize with some great Port Ludlow volunteers.

OWSI Pump Failure Causes Spill

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc., (OWSI) has reported that a pump failure in its electrical system permitted waste water to flow into Ludlow Bay in late January. An estimated 10,000 to 20,000 gallons of wastewater escaped through the bio-swales into the Bay.

According to Larry Smith, OWSI president, no long-term damage or health risks were expected. Water quality samples were taken and analyzed as a precaution. Outside consultants did water quality tests in the Bay. Their tests confirmed that there was no threat to public health.

The pump failure is highly unusual and was fixed quickly. Treatment plant records were analyzed to obtain an accurate estimate of the flow. Officials are investigating electrical modifications to prevent a recurrence of the incidence.

According to *The Leader* and *Peninsula Daily News*, investigators with the Washington State Department of Ecology (DOE) also looked into the spill.

Road Work Undertaken on Oak Bay Road

Monte Reinders, County Engineer, recently explained the geotechnical work at Oak Bay Road near the four-way intersection with Paradise Bay Road. He said that a soldier pile retaining wall at this location was failing. The failure caused the piles to



View of the challenged retaining wall with Oak Bay Road at upper right.

Photo by Bob Duncan.

lean outwards, some quite substantially, with associated cracking of the asphalt and settling of the road surface.

Jefferson County Public Works hired an engineering consulting firm to analyze the situation and design repair concepts, leading to selection of an alternate road construction. Analysis of the required roadwork at the site is expected to be completed by **April**. Final design will take longer depending on the alternative selected for completing repairs. The existence of a 55-foot deep ravine with loose fill complicates the project. The challenge for the consulting firm and Public Works is to find a durable, cost-effective solution.

The consultant team carried out the recent surveying and drilling activity as part of the project.

Northwest Maritime Center and Waterfront Tour

Ships ahoy! Imagine yourself in the pilothouse atop a ship with a commanding view of Admiralty Inlet, and with state-of-the-art navigation technology at your fingertips. You have found yourself in the Maritime Heritage Resource Building in Port Townsend, a staffed information center. This will be your gateway to the maritime activities and learning center housed in the facility. The history and culture of Puget Sound will be showcased via museum quality exhibits.

If you can hardly wait to get out on the water, this facility will assist you to do just that, as it will offer the place to

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arrange “a kayak, rowboat or shell rental, a whale-watching trip, a sunset cruise or a sail on a historic vessel.”

Those who attended the January Dine and Discover will recall Dianne Whittaker’s PowerPoint presentation on the Northwest Maritime Center, which is currently under construction on the Port Townsend bay front. The scheduled completion date is **Saturday, May 30**.

Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) is pleased to offer a free, guided tour of the facility on **Saturday, April 18**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. You can sign up any **Wednesday** at the CEA ticket table in the Bay Club. Those taking the tour will meet at 9:00 a.m. at the Bay Club parking lot, receive directions and carpool to the facility.

This is an impressive project on its way to reality, and a showcase of maritime history and activity right in our midst. Don’t miss this exciting hardhat preview, as space is limited.

After the tour we suggest you choose your favorite restaurant for lunch because, as an added treat, CEA has arranged for a local Port Townsend docent to conduct a strolling tour of the waterfront from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. Walk in the footsteps of the square rigger sailors and hear the boisterous and brawling history of this Victorian seaport. Learn about the commercial and moral life in the 1800s and of the captains and characters that built the town. You can sign up for either or both tours at the CEA table. There is a \$10 fee for the Walking Tour to be collected the day of the tour. That fee goes to the Jefferson County Historical Society (JCHS). For answers to your questions, contact Mary Stuart at 437-8140 or marttiandmary@msn.com.

TAX-AIDE Offers Tax Consulting

by Kathy Schreiner, Communications Coordinator

Six AARP TAX-AIDE sites in Clallam and Jefferson Counties opened in February with fully trained and certified TAX-AIDE volunteers to assist low and moderate income taxpayers with preparation of their 2008 tax returns. All assistance and electronic filing is totally free to the taxpayer. The nearest Jefferson County site is:

- Tri-Area Community Center, **Wednesdays**, 3:00–7:00 p.m. and **Thursdays**, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Phone 732-4822 for an appointment.

Telephone 385-9007 for locations of Port Townsend sites that are open on **Tuesdays** and **Fridays**, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Appointments are required.

Taxpayers should take the following to the TAX-AIDE site.

- W-2s, 1099s and documents necessary for 2008 return
- Copy of previous year’s return
- Evidence of real estate taxes paid in 2008
- Information regarding Stimulus Payment received in 2008 (Notice 1378)
- Photo ID and social security card for themselves and dependents

There is a new deduction for property taxes on a taxpayer’s main home even if the taxpayer does not itemize. It is up to \$500 for a single person or \$1,000 for a couple and can be added to your standard deduction, thus reducing your income tax. You will need to know how much you paid for your real estate taxes for 2008 so be sure to look it up and take it to your TAX-AIDE site. Further information can be obtained by calling 681-3811 or e-mailing kmsjes@olympen.com.

Artist of the Month

The Artists’ League Artist of the Month for **March** will be Phyllis Hansen, who will be displaying Port Ludlow’s First All Breed Dog Show at American Marine Bank. Her watercolor portraits will represent all seven American Kennel Club groups, from Sporting Dogs to Herding Dogs.

Phyllis is well known around Port Ludlow for her watercolor portraits of animals, including many Port Ludlow dogs. “Dogs demonstrate emotional and spiritual connection to the source of life,” she says. “They help us appreciate the joy of being.” She is particularly proud of her illustrated Rainbow Bridge story, which hangs with paintings of her Lakeland terrier, Peaches.

Besides painting various animal species, Phyllis has also worked in pen and ink and explored working on Yupo paper. She provided the botanical artwork for the Interpretive Trail signs and was the President of the Artists’ League in 2006.

Phyllis’ art will be celebrated with a reception from 4:00–5:00 p.m., **Friday, March 6**, in the lobby and conference room of American Marine Bank in the Upper Village. A sample of Peaches’ Nutritious Nibbles will be given to dog owners. The reception continues until 6:00 p.m. in the Artists’ League Gallery, located next door to the bank.

Disaster Preparedness Drill Completed

by Tom Stone, Director

The Disaster Preparedness Group's latest quarterly radio drill was held in January. Using an Olympic Peninsula earthquake scenario, available Block Captains self activated, made neighborhood assessments, and reported their findings to their Coordinators at the Beach and Bay Clubs. All drill objectives were successfully met.

The drill involved participation by 42 Block Captains; 39 Captains asked to be excused before the drill for various reasons; 18 Block Captains did not respond. All 14 Block Captains previously given drill scenario reports successfully passed their reports to their assigned Command Centers. Reports were relayed to the Fire Station's emergency communications room either by F.R.S. radio or relayed through a contributing ham radio operator. Captains assigned scenario reports were debriefed by Fire Chief Ed Wilkerson.

Some of the lessons learned from the drill were:

- Ham operators should emphasize that a drill is ongoing to avoid any misunderstanding by a casual listener.
- We need to continue to teach communication procedures. Callers should avoid passing information without a recipient's statement that they are ready for the report. Even in a high-pressure situation, the radio caller has to speak slowly and very clearly if they expect the recipient to write down their message.
- More Block Captains should participate in drills. Unavailable Captains should notify their Coordinators.
- Coordinators should have assigned, trained back-ups in case the Coordinators are not available or the post disaster situation is lengthy and Captains require relief.
- CERT drills should be conducted as part of the quarterly communications drills

Flag Ceremony Postponed!

Every Memorial Day for the past seven years, the South Bay Community Association (SBCA), with the help of several retired military, has offered a unique ceremony to commemorate the event and to retire American flags. This year during the closure of the Hood Canal Bridge, Captain Jerry Conover, USMC ret., was not able to get a color guard or a choral group to attend. The event is postponed until **Memorial Day 2010**. So save those tattered and worn flags for a proper disposal next year! If you would like Jerry to arrange storage, call him at 437-0537 or the Bay Club at 437-2208.

Urgent Care Opens

The Madrona Hill Urgent Care Clinic in Port Ludlow opened to see patients in mid-January. The Clinic is at 9481 Oak Bay Road and can be reached by phone at 437-9990. Madrona Hill Urgent Care has been serving the area through its Port Townsend Clinic since 2006 and has a reputation for giving good quality medical care.



The Port Ludlow Clinic is also a minor emergency walk-in clinic and patients may be seen five days a week without any prior appointment. The Clinic includes both x-ray and lab facilities and treats both injuries and illnesses. For work-related injuries, both Labor and Industries (L&I) and Private Workers' Compensation claims are accepted. In addition the Clinic has facilities to perform Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), Department of Transportation (DOT), sports, pre-employment and other physicals as well as drug screens.

The Clinic is contracted with Medicare and other major insurances and will also bill non-contracted insurances for patients.

In order to better serve the community, the Ludlow Clinic will be open on **Saturday** for those who cannot come in during the regular workweek. At this time, the hours of operation are **Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays** from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The Clinic is closed on **Thursdays and Sundays**.

Three medical providers, Bradley A. Bringgold, MD, Steven K. Hillman, MD and James C. Blair III, PA-C, staff Madrona Hill Urgent Care Clinics. A provider is on site at each Clinic during open hours.

Medical / Business Center Schedules Open House

To celebrate the opening of the Medical / Business Center located at the intersection of Oak Bay and Paradise Bay Roads, the community is invited to an Open House on **Saturday, March 14**, between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Meet the business owners and spend some time with them. Refreshments will be served!

Hosts for the event are Active Life Physical Therapy, Michael Haberpointner, MPT, owner; Home Instead Senior Care, Tom Boughner, franchise owner; Madrona Hill Urgent Care, Jim Blair, PA-C, owner; Oracle Financial and Insurance, Stephen Ridgway, owner; and Sonja's Bayside Barber, Sonja Storms, owner.

Water Main Flushing

by Greg Rae, Operations Supervisor, Olympic Water and Sewer

Olympic Water and Sewer, Inc., (OWSI) will conduct annual water main flushing for the Port Ludlow Master Planned Resort (MPR) area beginning the week of **March 9**, and lasting until approximately **April 30**. Crews will flush the mains using fire hydrants on **Monday through Friday** between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

This program is designed to flush away minerals that are left behind by the water. The lines need to be flushed periodically to prevent buildup and to prevent problems to the system.

The flushing may cause a harmless and temporary change in the appearance of the water. The changes are generally in color, ranging from brownish to black in extreme cases. The discolored water might appear not only in the tap but also in hot water tanks and toilet tanks. In most cases running your tap for a few minutes will eliminate the discoloration. It is a temporary condition and the water should quickly return to normal. There are no health issues associated with the discoloration.

Please call OWSI at 437-2101 should you have any questions about this notification or if you experience difficulties with your water returning to normal.

Life-writing Workshop Offered

According to Mark Twain, "There was never yet an uninteresting life; such a thing is an impossibility." No matter how ordinary or extraordinary you believe your life to be, life-writing professional Maureen Lander will start you on a journey of self-discovery as you realize the value and meaning of your experiences. Join her four-week workshop and discover the tools you need to reconstruct your life as an interesting, compelling story.

In the workshop you will learn basic writing/editing skills, how to get started and stay motivated, ways to dust off those memories, and much more. This two-hour workshop will start on **Wednesday, April 1**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, and meet for four weeks. Cost is \$70. You can find the schedule and syllabus at www.lifetime-legacies.com. There is also information at the Bay Club.

Silent Art Auction to Help Chimacum Students

For the fourth year the Port Ludlow Artists' League is sponsoring its Scholarship Auction from Noon, **Friday, March 13**, until 2:00 p.m., **Saturday, March 14**, in the conference room of the Bay Club.

This is a wonderful opportunity to pick up artwork and art-related items by local artists and at the same time help college-bound Chimacum High School students.

As in previous years items up for bid may include original paintings in oils, watercolors and pastels, prints, photographs, pottery, tiles, textiles, jewelry, baskets of art supplies for visiting grandchildren or for a budding adult artist, tuition to local art classes, and hand painted cards. All works donated are from members of the Port Ludlow Artists' League and other local artists.

Items will be offered through a silent auction with bidding opening at Noon on **Friday, March 13**, and running through 8:00 p.m. that night. The Auction opens again at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, March 14**, and finally ends at 2:00 p.m. Winning bidders may pick up their items at the Club through 4:00 p.m. that afternoon.

With generous community support the League has been able to provide nearly \$8,000 for college scholarship money from previous auctions. Thanks to this money ten area students have been helped in their pursuit of a higher degree.

For more information or to donate an art-related item, please contact Ginny Ford at vpatrikford@aol.com. or 437-2298.

Bingo and Pancakes

The Port Ludlow Firefighter Association has organized a family bingo night with a pancake dinner. The event occurs on **Saturday, March 14**. Pancakes will be served from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. Bingo will be from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

To participate, go to the Paradise Bay Community Center at 141 West Alder in Paradise Bay. For more information, contact the Firefighter Association at 437-2236.



Auction will include artwork from local artists.

Submitted photo

Enjoy Local Produce, Eggs and Cheese at the Friday Market

by Adele Govert



A variety of produce and other goods are waiting for customers at the Friday Market.
Photo submitted by Sandy Schmidt.

Sandy Schmidt, who manages the Friday Market for the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC), reports the market will open on **Friday, May 8**, the Friday before Mother's Day. The Hood Canal Bridge will be

closed and yet we will have a bounty of produce here in Port Ludlow. Local farmers offer their products to Port Ludlow residents in a variety of ways.

Community Supported Agriculture (CSA)

CSA is an easy way to put local produce on your table. With CSA you support farmers by purchasing a "share" in the lean months when they are incurring large costs. During the harvest months you will receive your dividend with a weekly box of beautifully grown organic produce.

Dharma Ridge

This neighboring farm in Beaver Valley sells produce at the Port Townsend and Chimacum Markets. This year they also are offering a CSA box to be picked up on **Wednesdays** between 3:00 and 7:00 p.m., either at their farm or at the Port Townsend Market. Adele Govert is offering to help distribute the boxes to Port Ludlow residents.

The price for a small share is \$300, which is \$15 per week. A deposit of \$50 now will reserve your share with the full amount due on **Monday, June 1**. The contents of a small share box will vary with the seasons but typically will contain one head of red summer lettuce, one pound of tomatoes, one bunch of carrots, a slicing cucumber, two mixed summer squash, one pound of broccoli, one pound of green beans and one ounce of basil. A large share is also available at \$450.

The CSA prices represent a 15 percent discount from market price. Delivery will begin on **Wednesday, June 17**, and continue until **Wednesday, October 28**, for a total of 20 weeks. There are brochures at both the Bay and Beach Clubs or you can call Haley at 732-0178.

for details. If this is your first year, you might consider sharing with a neighbor. Sign up on Dharma Ridge's website at www.dharmaridgefarm.com.

Pescador Farms will return to the Friday Market on opening day.

Suzanne at **Wild Harvest Creamery** in the Chimacum Valley is making goat cheese products and also is offering classes in cheese making. There are brochures at the Bay and Beach Clubs or you can call her at 732-0771 about taking one of her classes where you will learn to make feta, fromage blanc/chèvre and 45-minute mozzarella cheese. She will also be selling her products at our Friday Market.

Ananda Hills Farm has been a regular at our Friday Market. Jennie and her crew will be back again this year with produce, eggs and wool. They specialize in greens and gourmet salad mixes and everything you would want to top your salad including herbs for salad dressing. They also will be selling old-fashioned favorites like beets, green beans and tomatoes. She now has eggs for sale at the farm but you should call ahead first at 732-0111.

This is an easy time to support our local farmers. Think of the gas money you will save and the benefit of enjoying yummy organic produce. You also will be helping our neighboring farmers make a living so they will be farming here for us in the future. If you have any questions, please call Adele Govert at 437-8090. Market Manager Sandy Schmidt can be reached at 437-0882.

Lay of the Land

Do you love walking our beautiful local trails? Admiring the wildlife that makes its home here? Enjoying delicious produce from our local farmers? Then you have experienced the benefits of Jefferson Land Trust's (JLT's) work. For 20 years, JLT has been helping the community to preserve the land we all love.

Now you're invited to learn a bit about what they do. On **Thursday, March 12**, 4:00–5:00 p.m., join the staff of Jefferson Land Trust in the Olympic Room at the Inn At Port Ludlow. They will serve wine and cheese and discuss their work. Go learn about what they've accomplished in the past, upcoming projects, the tools they use, and challenges they face.

Space is limited; so RSVP to Caroline Robertson at the JLT office by e-mail to crobertson@saveland.org or at 379-9501, or For more information about JLT and upcoming events, visit www.saveland.org.

Drainage District Discussed at Presidents' Meeting

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Annexation of South Bay to the North Bay Drainage District was the topic of a panel discussion at the Bay Club in February. Speakers were Walter Cairns, Commissioner of the Drainage District; Nancy Lockett, Civil Engineer for Gray and Osborne; Jim Pearson, Project Engineer for Jefferson County Department of Public Works; and Pat Pearson, Water Quality Agent from Washington State University. The objective of the meeting was to provide information about the Drainage District to aid decisions about whether the South Bay should become a member.

Association presidents and other attendees learned that the Port Ludlow Drainage District (PLDD) was the result of a 1999 petition of the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Board. Trustees and residents were concerned about drainage problems in North Bay related to handling storm water runoff with drainage ditches and culverts. The vote and formation took place in 2000 with the encouragement of Jefferson County.

The District has a Board of three elected officers who serve for a term of six years each. The terms are staggered so that one commissioner is elected every two years. If South Bay elects to join the District, a commissioner would represent it. The District has a number of powers, most importantly the ability to engage in drainage, storm water, and surface water control and construct and maintain projects that offer further control.

Residents are assessed for the operation according to District. Assessments are based on the ratio of benefit that households in the zone obtain and on the amount of impervious surface represented. The real property that receives greater benefit or uses more of the resources pays a greater proportion of the cost. Special assessments may be levied to pay for construction, repair or maintenance of facilities and operations. The District also has the ability to acquire loans, which it has done in the past. The Seattle engineering firm of Gray and Osborne is hired for larger projects and storm water monitoring.

The South Bay has a somewhat different situation than in North Bay because the system is newer. By the time South Bay was developed, regulations had changed and tightened. The newer system relies on detention ponds that allow filtering and settling before water runs into the Bay. During the question-and-answer session, some attendees expressed disbelief in the advantages of joining the PLDD given that drainage issues in South Bay do not approach the severity of the earlier development. Others noted that changes in regulatory conditions could change that situation.

Head-on Collision Impacts Local Recycling

by Steve Failla, PLVC Recycling Chair

Conrad Dickey, the Skookum Recycling truck driver, was seriously injured on February 10 in a head-on collision with a gravel truck on Highway 101 during a snowstorm. At this writing he is in Harborview Hospital and will likely survive but probably will never be able to work again. Conrad, his wife Stephanie, and 11-year-old daughter are Port Hadlock residents.

This accident had a very detrimental effect on our recycling program in Port Ludlow. The Skookum truck was totaled and the change-out bin for cardboard was destroyed. Skookum is attempting to replace both as soon as possible. Fortunately Skookum and Murray Disposal help each other out. Since Murray has two trucks, whenever they have one available, they will pick up at Skookum's sites. So at the best, our pickup service is intermittent, and no cardboard bin is on site at times.

Everyone Can Help:

- Leave absolutely nothing on the ground. Let us not repeat our year-end performance, which not only was disgraceful, but drastically slowed down the pick-up process.
- If the bin is full, take your recyclables home and try again.
- Break down all cardboard. One unflattened box will take the room of ten or more flattened ones.
- Flatten all of your plastic bottles underfoot and put the caps in your garbage since they are not recyclable.
- Flatten beverage cans. Likewise, many tin cans can be opened at both ends then flattened.
- If you are going to Port Townsend or Poulsbo, take your recyclables with you.
- As a last alternative, you might have to put some recyclables in your garbage.

Conrad has been a good and reliable driver, serving Port Ludlow and Skookum's other communities. He and his family will be in for some very difficult financial times. If you feel inclined to help his family, you can write a tax-deductible check to Skookum, Inc., a 501(c)(3) corporation with the notation "Conrad Dickey Fund." Mail to Skookum, Inc., P.O. Box 1159, Port Townsend, WA 98368.

Thank you for both your recycling help and your contributions to Conrad and his family.

“R & R” in Port Ludlow

by Dave Pike, *PortLudlowToday.com*

Port Ludlow is a wonderful place to live, and its natural beauty provides a huge dose of “Rest and Relaxation” to all who call it home. However, there is another “R&R” that is just as important. That “R&R” is called “Responsible Recycling” and it represents our civic responsibility to ourselves, our community and future generations.

Did you know that you can now recycle electronics for free? Did you know that you can drop off print cartridges and fluorescent bulbs at the Bay Club? Did you know that you can recycle those old zinc anodes from your boat at the Marina?

We have devoted a section in *www.PortLudlowToday.com* that provides information on these and other recycling options available to all of us. Just click on the homepage Quick Link, “community recycling,” to learn about all of the options available.

If you have not yet had a chance to visit *PortLudlowToday.com*, please take a minute to check it out. We believe you will find relevant and timely information about your community. You can also visit us at the Bay Club on **Wednesdays in March** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to see live demonstrations on how to use this new communications tool.

Chief Wilkerson’s Safety Tip

With the 4.5 magnitude earthquake near Kingston in late January, I thought it would be a good idea to remind everyone of some basic disaster preparedness steps.

Talk with your family about potential disasters in the Pacific Northwest, such as home fires, wildfires, severe winter weather, flooding, earthquakes and accidents involving hazardous materials.

Train all family members. Take first aid classes. Learn to use a fire extinguisher. Locate your utility shutoff valves and know when and how to turn off your gas, electricity and water. Make sure several people in your household have this knowledge. Pick two places to meet; one right outside your home in case of a sudden emergency, like a fire, another outside your neighborhood, in case you can’t return home or are asked to leave your neighborhood. Everyone must know the address and phone number of your meeting locations.

Take stock of supplies you may already have on hand that would be helpful in a disaster. Put together a disaster supplies kit. Involve the whole family in collecting and assembling supplies of food, water and emergency tools.

Jefferson County Fire District #3

Alarm Statistics January 2009

Alarms	
Fire	2
False Alarm	1
Rescue/Emergency Medical Service	42
Good Intent Calls	5
Total Alarms	52
Ambulance Transports	
Airlift NW	1
Jefferson Healthcare	17
Harrison Medical Center	9
Harrison, Silverdale	4
Total Transports	31
Mutual Aid with Neighboring Districts	
Provided	5
Received	3
Automatic Aid Given	2
Total Mutual Aid	10

Tell everyone in the household where emergency contact information is kept. Post a copy on your refrigerator and keep another with your emergency supplies. Complete an emergency contact list as found on the American Red Cross website. Make sure you have included an out-of-State contact. You may be able to reach them when local phone lines are not in operation.

Test your readiness on a regular basis. Review your family disaster plan and go through supplies at least once a year. Commit to a day or weekend to update phone numbers, hold family fire and earthquake drills, and check supplies.

Make sure to include the six basics in your family disaster kit: water, food, first aid supplies, clothing and bedding, emergency supplies and special items such as medicine.

Hula for Health

Instructor Bernie Robinson will be returning from Hawaii to begin the spring session of her popular Hula for Health class at the Bay Club. Join her on **Friday, March 13** and keep fit by learning Hawaiian dance and culture. Classes run from 10:30 a.m. until noon and they consist of basic steps and motions, review and learning a new dance.

No experience is necessary to enjoy this fun activity! Cost is \$4 for Bay Club members and \$5 for non-members. For more information, contact Bernie at *brob@cablespeed.com*.

Rideshare Program an Option during Bridge Closure

The upcoming Hood Canal Bridge closure offers a good opportunity for workers, students and others to try carpooling and vanpooling. It saves gas, decreases carbon emissions and reduces the number of vehicles on the road. The last benefit is especially significant during the closure, when more drivers take alternate routes to and from the Olympic Peninsula.

RideshareOnline.com is a statewide program that matches individuals who wish to carpool or vanpool with others who are traveling along similar routes to the same destination. Commuters can seek fellow carpoolers or vanpoolers for their daily work or school commutes or for one-time events such as a fair or ball game.

Information about public vanpool programs describing vans available to groups of 5 to 15 commuters is available on the website. (Use “public vanpool” as the link to the webpage). Vanpools in Kitsap, Jefferson and Clallam Counties pay a low monthly fare that includes gas, insurance, maintenance and roadside assistance.

Registration is easy. Simply log on, provide information about your starting point, destination and work or school schedule. Within minutes, you will see a list and map of others with a similar commute, with whom you can exchange e-mail about a rideshare. The program takes into account personal safety and confidentiality by allowing commuters to use their home address or a nearby street intersection for matching purposes. This information is never revealed to others on the match list.

You can register at the rideshare website *RideshareOnline.com* or call 1-888-814-1300.

Watercolor with Joy

A new five-week series of watercolor classes are scheduled for **Mondays** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the Bay Club. Classes are on **Mondays, April 6** through **May 4**. This is a Beginning Part II class for those who have had a little experience with watercolor or who already have taken a beginning class from Joy. Emphasis will be on better composition of our paintings and a more painterly way with brush strokes. Cost for the five-weeks is \$100. Questions? Call Joy at 437-4171 or email her at watercolorsbyjoy@hotmail.com.



Drop in Anytime

It happened on a fine day in February. An unknown pilot, carrying a load of passengers, dropped down into Ludlow Bay. He edged up to the sandy beach on Burner Point and everyone got out for social time. Fortunately it was low tide or they might have been a little wet. The photo was taken by Peter Joseph, who apparently spends quite a bit of time patrolling the shoreline. Inexperienced pilots should not try this trick.

Closure of State Route 104

Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) will replace a culvert at milepost 12.7 just 1.2 miles west of the Hood Canal Bridge, necessitating closure of that section of the highway.

The replacement requires a 30-foot deep trench across the highway. The project will help migratory fish reach upstream habitat for spawning. Closure will take place in **May** at the same time as the scheduled replacement of the west section of the Hood Canal.

Community Meetings

First Wednesday Luncheon

We will be getting spring underway early this year with the First Wednesday Luncheon at the Beach Club on **Wednesday, March 4** at 11:00 a.m. Sylvia Smith from Valley Nursery in Poulsbo will be speaking about container gardening. Her presentation will include the best types of containers for certain plants, how best to arrange the plants for maximum appeal, and hardy plants to use for container gardening. This would be a good time to bring your questions. Please make a reservation for yourself and a new friend by signing up at either the Beach or Bay Club no later than **Sunday, March 1**, or you may contact Sandy Rooks at 437-0747 or sandraroops@hotmail.com.

The Tri-Area Food Bank requested donations for March are Cup-of-Soup and bottled salad dressings. However, donations of cash or check are always appreciated, as are all paper and hygiene products. Make checks payable to Tri-Area Food Bank.

We would like to give a special thanks to Lisa's Jewelry in Port Hadlock for its more than generous gift certificate for February. Remember that all proceeds from the raffle, after minimal expenses, go to support the Tri-Area Food Bank.

Finally, please make a note on your calendar for our exciting April fashion show, "Less is More." The date is **Wednesday, April 1**, at the Bay Club and features clothing from the Christopher & Banks and C.J. Banks stores in Kitsap Mall.

Dine and Discover

On **Monday, March 2**, at the Bay Club, Port Ludlow resident Sue McNab will thrill us with her true-life adventures while sailing around the world. She spent five years as one of the first all-woman crew to circumnavigate the globe on a 38-foot sailboat. Then she participated in the first American attempt to sail the Northwest Passage in one year aboard the *Cloud Nine*. She narrated and photographed the trip for the Public Broadcasting Service (PBS) special, *Five in the Ice*. With her, you will visit the South Pacific, the Red Sea, the Caribbean, and then cool off in the Arctic. Included will be discussion about the people she met, the pirates encountered, and the lessons learned. Call the Bay Club to sign up.

On **Monday, April 6**, at the Beach Club, Professor of Biological Science James R. Karr will speak on "Around the World—Lessons from Three Trips." His research dates from 1971 to 2009, and his observations of climates, geology, plants, animals and humans raised many questions: Where have societies prospered and why? Where and why have some of these societies collapsed? What lessons do these observations provide to modern society trying to plan wisely for our future? Call the Beach Club to sign up.

For both events, take a potluck dish to serve at least 10 persons and your own tableware and beverage. A fee of \$2 per person will be collected at the door. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. If you find that you cannot attend, please notify the appropriate Club so those on the waiting list can be accommodated. For questions, call Hilda or Michael Cahn at 437-8223.

January Duplicate Bridge Winners

by Ian Feltham

January 5: North/South – Tom Stone/Ted Wurtz, first; Nancy McGillis/Cindy Olberding, second; Jan Ditmar/Lucy Stone, third. **East/West** – Sandra Flaherty/Mae Vlieg, first; Darrell Fett/Bruce Schmitz, second; Norm Crump/Marvin Segar, third.

January 12: Robert MacNeal/Shirley Porter, first; Tom Stone/Ted Wurtz, second; Bernice Ingman/Marilyn Linrothe, third.

January 19: North/South – Tom Stone/Ted Wurtz, first; Doris/Ian Feltham, second; David Hendrie/Ralph Stroy, third. **East/West** – Robert MacNeal/Shirley Porter, first; Soozie/Dan Darrow, second; Marilyn Elgin/Marvin Segar, third.

January 26: North/South – Robert MacNeal/ Shirley Porter, first; David Hendrie/Ralph Stroy, second; Nancy McGillis/Cindy Olberding, third. **East/West** – Darrell Fett/Bruce Schmitz, first; Ralph Phillips/Lois Ruggles, second; Marilyn Elgin/Marvin Segar, third.

Duplicate Bridge is played at the Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Bridge Deck on **Mondays** from noon to 5:00 p.m. For information, please call either Doris or Ian Feltham at 437-9196.

Port Ludlow Hikes

Friday, March 6: Clear Creek Trail

Join us for an easy walk of 7 miles along the recently improved trail system in Silverdale. Perhaps you would like to do some shopping or stop at the brewery after the walk. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, call Larry Scott at 437-9299 or Nancy Gordy at 437-7646.

Friday, March 20: Duckabush

Enjoy a moderate hike of 7 miles with a 1,300-foot elevation gain on climbs up Little and Big Humps. There is an opportunity for adventurous hikers to go an extra 1.5 miles to see an impressive old growth forest. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information contact Dick Gronhovd at 437-7692 or Dick Ullmann at 437-5010.

Friday, April 3: Hansville Trails

This is an easy walk of 5 or 6 miles on a network of trails being developed in North Kitsap County. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, contact June DeMers at 437-6546 or Ellen Mallet at 437-1402.

Wednesday, April 8: Spring Planning Meeting

Mark your calendar for this semi-annual event, 5:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. Watch your e-mails for further information. Help plan the summer hikes and then enjoy dinner. For information, contact Dick Ullmann at 437-5010.

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

Walk the 4.5-mile Timberton Loop. Enjoy views of the Olympic Mountains and Mount Rainier. Meet at the trailhead on Timberton Road at 9:00 a.m. For information, contact Doris Monti at 437-0716.

Port Ludlow Birding Group

by Stephen Cunliffe, Contributing Editor

Winter birding activity in our part of the world usually takes place along the shoreline, and the last outing of our bird group was no exception. In January, reinforced by some members of Admiralty Audubon, twelve of us set off in the direction of Quilcene and Dosewallips. For most of us, the locations we found along the northern end of Quilcene Bay were new, and we were well rewarded by large numbers of ducks and other waterfowl. Our species count for the day was 33.

In February winter decided to return on the exact day of our planned outing. Discretion being the better part of

valor, we decided to stay home. The snow, rain and wind looked much better when seen through a window. We will hope for better luck next time, on the morning of **Tuesday, March 10** at 8:30 a.m. If you would like to join us then, please contact Stephen Cunliffe, sjaycee@gmail.com.

Not all wildlife adventures have to be out of doors, and on the evening of **Thursday, March 19** at 7:00 p.m., Admiralty Audubon will be hosting a lecture on the wildlife and other natural resources of Alaska's North Slope and the Arctic Ocean. Pat Pourchot of Audubon Alaska will describe wildlife including caribou, geese, whales and polar bears, as well as Audubon Alaska's plans to protect these valuable resources. The lecture will be held at the Community Center, 620 Tyler Street in Uptown Port Townsend.

Garden Club March Speaker

On **Wednesday, March 11**, Patti Kretzmeier will speak on "Selecting Healthy Plants and More." The Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) meeting will be held at the Bay Club. This is a brown bag luncheon. Doors open at 11:00 a.m. The Garden Club will furnish beverage service and desserts.

Patti Kretzmeier and Gary Rohde, proprietors of Gardens at Four Corners in Port Townsend, have been in business for 16 years. Patti will bring plants to talk about and show us how to select healthy plants for our gardens.

There will be a \$5 charge for non-members. Dues of \$20 for the 2009 gardening year commenced with the January meeting and may be paid at the **March** meeting or mailed to PLGC, P. O. Box 65235, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Dues cover the January-December calendar year regardless of the month in which they are they are paid.

Help Keep Recycling Area Tidy!

If the recycling bins are full, residents are asked to stay out of the roped-off area.

Take recyclables home, to Port Townsend, or to Poulsbo. Remember to break down all cardboard, remove bottle caps and flatten plastic bottles and tin cans underfoot. In emergencies and as a last alternative, put recyclables in your garbage.

Volunteers are overseeing the site. (See related story about charitable fund for the injured Skookum driver on page 16)

Brilliant Watercolors from Featured Artist

Watercolorist Nancy Collins is the featured artist at the **March** meeting of the Port Ludlow Artists' League at 1:00 p.m., **Wednesday, March 18**, at the Bay Club.

Nancy comes to Port Ludlow from Fort Bragg, California, where she has been a regular instructor with the Mendocino Art Center for over ten years. Her brilliantly-colored watercolor paintings have been featured in *American Artist* magazine and in one-woman shows at Stanford University and the City of Hope in Beverly Hills. Her paintings are currently displayed in galleries and restaurants throughout Northern California.

Guests are welcome to attend the Port Ludlow Artists' League meetings. A donation of \$5 is suggested. For more information about the League and its programs, please contact President Ken Thomas, 437-7906, or plal9pres@gmail.com.

While in town Nancy Collins also will be conducting a "Not Just Another Duck" watercolor workshop, where she will focus on expanding the color palette to create a painting of geese and other water birds. The workshop will run two days, **Friday and Saturday, March 20 and 21**. All levels of skill are welcome to attend; the cost for the two days is \$170. Please contact Marti Mathis, 437-2704 or marti@waypt.com to reserve your space and to get details on the workshop.

CEA to Lunch at Famous Dave's

Join the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) for a down home BBQ lunch at Famous Dave's. The Out to Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, March 19** at 11:30 a.m. Dave's is located at 3276 Northwest Plaza Road in Silverdale. This is just behind the Target store.



Dave's has wonderful food, great service and cozy surroundings. Don't miss the brisket and the bread pudding. Everyone will order from the menu and be provided with separate checks.

Sign up no later than **Friday, March 13** at the CEA table in the Bay Club any **Wednesday** between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. If you have any questions, call Steven Gross at 437-8065.

Port Ludlow Stamp and Paper Arts Club

The Port Ludlow Stamp & Paper Arts Club got off to an excellent start in January, and now we have yet another meeting under our belt. We anticipate a great time on **Wednesday, March 18**, 10:00 a.m. at the Bay Club. For newcomers, please mark your calendars for the third **Wednesday** of each month with our meeting dates and locations which alternate between the Beach and Bay Clubs.

We're promised yet another exciting demonstration at this next meeting, presented this time by two of our enthusiastic members. Most often, a single person will demonstrate a technique of choice, and we all try to emulate the process; it's colorful and fun—and amazing to see how differently we can all interpret a method or project.

Each month we enjoy learning new means of producing our always-fascinating cards and projects, sharing information on materials with which to embellish them.

For further information, Jeanne Mitchell will be glad to respond at 437-7702.

Bluebill Spring Social

The Olympic Peninsula Bluebill's Spring Social will be held at the Bay Club on **Friday, April 3**, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Bluebills are taking this opportunity to honor the Independent Living gang for all their good work.

The Boeing Company sponsors this social for Boeing retirees and their spouses and anyone interested in volunteering time to provide assistance to the elderly and less fortunate in the Tri-County area. The menu includes: Chicken drumettes with sauces, spinach dip with bread, meatballs in sauces, veggie tray with dip, deviled eggs, assorted beverages, coffee and tea.

Please send your R.S.V.P to Michael Graham, michaelg@cablespeed.com, by **Friday, March 27**.

We look forward to seeing you all at the Spring Social!

Singles to Dine Italian Family Style

All singles are invited to enjoy family-style Italian dining at the Fireside Lounge on **Thursday, March 5**, at 4:00 p.m. We had such a good time in November that we couldn't wait to return. For \$15 each we can enjoy a delicious three-course Italian feast.

Please call Lorraine DeBartolo, our hostess, by **Sunday, March 1** for reservations. Her phone number is 437-8174.

Amateur Radio Club

Amateur (HAM) radio is not only about communicating with other amateurs around the world, it is also about helping the community in times of disaster. You may remember stories after hurricane Katrina where whole communities were without power, telephone and even without cellular phone service. Amateur radio operators filled in and provided needed emergency and welfare communications, volunteering their equipment, time and expertise.

It is no different in Jefferson County. Jefferson County HAMS will be participating in a countywide emergency preparedness training exercise scheduled for **Friday, April 17**. Neighborhood volunteers, block captains and emergency team members throughout Jefferson County, including Port Ludlow, will be practicing their emergency communication plans and skills. Playing a significant role, Port Ludlow Amateur Radio Club (PLARC) and other amateur radio operators will provide the communication link from the local communities to the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Saturday and Sunday, March 21 and 22, PLARC will teach a course for those interested in upgrading from a Technician Class to a General Class amateur radio license. If you have an interest in taking this course, contact the PLARC Secretary via the website listed below. You will need to register by **Friday, March 6**. There is no charge for the course; however, you will be expected to purchase a copy of the study manual.

PLARC sponsors a weekly no-host luncheon at Pedro's Fiesta Jalisco on **Wednesdays** at 11:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Luncheon reservations and more information about ham radio and activities can be found via the Club's website at <http://www.n7pl.org>.

Computer Club News Wireless Communication Devices

When most of us think of wireless, we look to our wireless computer network in our homes—or to Wi-Fi connections in public places like coffee shops, hotels and airports. But there is a world of wireless devices around us from the now-required cell phone earpiece, to our iPod or other MP3 device. There are navigation systems, entertainment systems, communication systems, travel systems...and wireless office systems. Learn more at the Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC) General Meeting **Monday, March 9**, at 6:00 p.m. A panel discussion of this ever-expanding topic promises to be entertaining and informative. PLCC General Meetings are open to the entire community.

- Office SIG meets **Monday, March 2**, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Mac SIG is **Thursday, March 5**, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- Special Topics SIG is **Monday, March 16**, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Mac SIG meets **Monday, March 16**, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- Pro Show Gold SIG will meet **Thursday, March 12**, 12:30–2:30 p.m.
- Photography SIG meets **Monday, March 23**, 10:30 a.m.–noon

Workshops are held **Saturday** mornings, 11:00–noon. SIGs and workshops meet at the Bay Club, members only. To join PLCC, contact Dick Allyn at 360-554-0193 or e-mail him at zither@cablespeed.com. Check the website at www.pl-cc.com for Club news.

Port Ludlow Village Council

Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) Report

by Jack McKay, PLVC Secretary

February Meeting Highlights

The Port Ludlow Village Council's February meeting was held at the Bay Club on Thursday, February 5, with approximately 20 residents attending. President Lynn Gauché convened the meeting at 3:00 p.m. Council members present were Jim Boyer, Gene Carmody, Helen Cotta, Lynn Gauché, Doug Henderson, Laury Hunt, Jack McKay, Dean Mosier, Larry Nobles, Tony Simpson, and Art Zoloth.

Correspondence addressed to the President included an announcement by the Port Ludlow Auxiliary of the Seattle Children's Hospital. The Auxiliary will hold their First Annual Walkathon using the Port Ludlow Trails on **Saturday, July 25**.

Treasurers Report

Gene Carmody, treasurer, submitted the January 2009 fund balances. Income in January was \$135.00; expenditures were \$885.75. The balance is \$10,577.86. A motion passed to accept the January financial statement.

Carmody cautioned the Council about the possible impact of the Hood Canal Bridge closure on **Friday Market** and the Port Ludlow Days proceeds and discussed the 2009 budget. Projected Income for the next year is \$30,000. Projected expenses are \$23,000. A motion to approve the proposed budget passed.

Reports from Agencies and Organizations

Port Ludlow Chamber of Commerce

Arlene Obtinario presented information about the Chamber of Commerce pre-Valentine's Day mixer on February 12 at the Beach Club starting at 5:30 p.m. Helen Cotta is the PLVC representative on the Chamber.

Port Ludlow Associates (PLA)

Diana Smeland, President, reported that PLA officials met with North Bay residents to discuss future developments in the community. Ms. Smeland also updated the Council on the Ludlow Cove and Shoreline Management permit issued for Ludlow Bay Village.

Public Relations Committee

Bill Browne requested that Port Ludlow Village Council be used in reference to the Council rather than the acronym PLVC to provide clarity for those who are new to the area.

Port Ludlow Village Council Board Meeting

General Meeting
Thursday, March 5
3:00 p.m., Bay Club

Workshop Meeting
Tuesday, March 17
3:00 p.m., Bay Club

www.plvc.org

Community Development Committee

Larry Nobles reported that the Shoreline Management Program (SMP) proposals should not impact the community since Port Ludlow is grandfathered. In 2020 the Development Agreement (DA) will have to be renegotiated. (See related article on Shoreline Management on page 8.)

Trails Committee

Soozie Darrow reporting for the Natural Resources/Trails Committee said Dick Ullmann, Vice-chair for Natural Resources and Larry Scott, Chair for Trails, are both recruiting assistants for the 2009 season. Persons who might be interested in the assisting either chair or want to suggest a candidate should contact Dick Ullmann at 437-5010, e-mail rullman@olypen.com or Larry Scott at 437-9299, e-mail mclgscott@cablespeed.com. A motion to approve the Trails Committee Annual Report and to instruct the treasurer to transfer \$1,000 dollars to the Trails Committee for the year 2009 passed.

Friday Market

Doug Henderson reported that the **Friday Market** would open on **Friday, May 8**.

Port Ludlow Days

Doug Henderson reported that the Port Ludlow Days will be held during the week of **August 10-16 (Monday-Sunday)**.

Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) Committee Update

Lynn Gauché reported that the following activities have taken place recently:

- The Mineral Resource Land Overlay (MRLO) update was denied in our favor.
- The Conditional Use Permit (CUP) meeting date has changed to **mid-March**.

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- The land swap between the Washington State Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Pope Resources is still under consideration.

Ms. Gauché reported that the Iron Mt. Quarry Mitigation Committee, comprised of Lynn Gauché, Dan Meade and Tony Simpson, met with four Pope Resource officials on January 19, to determine ways to acknowledge concerns, i.e., the ongoing business of Pope Resources, their public image in Port Ludlow, the pending DNR land exchange, and the impact of possible mining and timber sales on property value and lifestyle of Port Ludlow residents.

The Port Ludlow Village Council will host an informational meeting with representatives of Pope Resources on **Wednesday, March 4**, 3:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. The purpose of the meeting with Pope Resources is to provide an opportunity to exchange ideas and dispel rumors about the company. Following that meeting, the IMQ Committee will meet again with Pope Resources and try to craft an agreement that will protect the interests of the Port Ludlow community.

Port Ludlow 20/20 Committee

Art Zoloth updated the Council on the meeting of the 20/20 Committee and topics covered, e.g., purpose of the Committee, outcomes and issues/opportunities. Committee members include: Chair Art Zoloth, Janet Barnes, Bev Browne, Val Durling, Doug Henderson and Steve Shanklin. The Council approved a motion to accept the current Committee membership list and that any future changes to its membership be presented to the Council.

Non-Affiliated Homeowners Committee

Helen Cotta requested the Council to approve the appointment of Karen Best and Jim Tallman to the Committee. A motion was made, seconded and passed to approve them as members of the PLVC Non-affiliated Homeowners Committee.

Emergency Communications Committee

Dean Mosier asked the Council to define what is meant by “immediate dissemination of urgent information.” Committee members are Michael Asbury, Bill Browne, Jack McKay, Dean Mosier, Dave Pike and Art Zoloth. The Council approved a motion to accept the current Committee membership list and that any changes to the membership be presented to Council.

Phone Directory

Gene Carmody reported that the Directory Committee would be reorganized in **March**. Committee members presented for approval: Bob Azen, Gene Carmody, Dick Durand, Bob Force, David Goudie and Jack McKay. The Council approved the Committee membership list and

that any changes to membership be presented to Council for vote.

Projects Motions and Updates

Tony Simpson requested that the Council disband the following ad-hoc Committees since the projects have been completed:

- Community Development Standing Committee: Committee re-established.
- Banners for the Paradise Bay Parkway: Project completed.
- Public Relations Standing Committee: Committee established.
- Drive-up Mail Drop Box: Project completed and box installed.

Announcements

The next PLVC General Meeting is on **Thursday, March 5**, 3:00 p.m., at the Beach Club. The **March** Workshop will be held at the Beach Club on **Thursday, March 17**, 3:00 p.m. For an unofficial report on this meeting, with attachments, link to the PLVC website at <http://www.plvc.org> and click on “Port Ludlow Village Council.”

Update from the IMQ Mitigation Committee

by Lynn Gauché, PLVC President

On January 19 Lynn Gauché, Dan Meade and Tony Simpson of the Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ) Mitigation Committee met with leaders of Pope Resources. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss community concerns about the Iron Mountain project and the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) land transfer. We also talked about sight/sound barriers, buffers around the Master Planned Resort (MPR), easement protections, adhering to conditional use permitting (CUP) and limiting truck traffic within the MPR to minimize IMQ’s impact on our community.

As a result of our meeting, David Nunes, CEO of Pope Resources said, “We [Pope] realize now that lack of communication with Port Ludlow has helped to create fear and concern within our community.” As a landowner, Pope wants to become directly involved in the discussion surrounding the proposed IMQ operations. Mr. Nunes acknowledged there has been a lack of adequate information. He indicated that Pope would like to discuss the proposed mining operations with all the parties.

To facilitate this discussion they have asked the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) and the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) for assistance in setting up

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a series of at least two community meetings. The first one, open to all residents of Port Ludlow, is scheduled for **Wednesday, March 4**, 3:00 p.m., at the Bay Club.

In this first meeting Pope will focus on:

- Listening to and answering questions regarding the perceived issues residents have discussed over the past several months,
- Providing factual information concerning known issues, and
- Listening to any new concerns that may have arisen.

In the interest of creating the most open dialogue, the parties agreed that Iron Mountain officials would not be invited to the first meeting. Thought will be given as to whether they should attend later meetings.

Pope has agreed to follow-up sessions where they will address any issues that require additional research and consideration. Between meetings the Iron Mountain Mitigation Committee will meet again with Pope Resources to develop an agreement to help ensure the continued economic, recreation and health values of our community.

Please join us at this extremely important meeting on **Wednesday, March 4**, for what we hope will be a constructive interchange between Pope's leaders and the Port Ludlow community.

Whacking, Planting and Pulling— Will the Fun Never End?



Hardy souls hack through the Ludlow Cove Trail.

Submitted photo

The crew that showed up at the Ludlow Cove Trail to attack the overgrowth sure seemed to be having a good time. A group of seven or eight whacked and pulled up Scotch Broom, vines and weeds and the hidden Oregon Grape and small trees growing there.

This group worked for two hours on three separate occasions and took two huge loads of debris to the dump. You can now follow a clear path to the Picnic Point and enjoy Ludlow Bay. The trail is accessible across from Kitsap Bank where you can see a small parking area. Walk straight through the chained entrance and bear left.

In **March** we will again gather to sow wildflowers at the entrance to the interpretive trail. This will involve weed whacking, raking, rototilling and spreading seed gently

into the ground. When the spring rains come we hope to enjoy a beautiful native wildflower display. We will also plant a number of new natives and invite anyone who enjoys gardening to join us. Not to be forgotten, **Wednesday, April 1** is our eighth annual Noxious Weed Whacking Day. (See related article on page 11.)

With the arrival of spring we will have more fun spreading wood chips, trimming growth, removing fallen trees and forging new trails through the woods. Please enjoy our 14 miles of trails. Many dedicated workers have made them possible.

Village Activities Calendar

Most events are open to everyone in the community unless members-only is indicated, or unless obviously for special-interest groups

March

Mon., March 2

9:00 a.m. – noon, LOA Meeting (members), Beach Club
 10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Office SIG (members),
 Bay Club
 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Olympic Terrace Board Meeting (members),
 Bay Club
 3:00 – 4:30 p.m., Port Ludlow *Voice* Staff Meeting, Beach Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Timberton Board Meeting, Bay Club
 5:30 – 9:00 p.m., Dine and Discover with Sue McNab,
 Bay Club

Tues., March 3

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Trails/NRC Meeting, Bay Club
 10:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., CEA Meeting, Bay Club
 2:00 – 5:00 p.m., PLUSH Investment Meeting, Bay Club

Wed., March 4

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., First Wednesday Luncheon, Beach Club
 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Port Ludlow Today Demonstration,
 Bay Club
 2:00 – 4:30 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Community Meeting with Pope Resources re.
 Iron Mountain Quarry, Bay Club

Thurs., March 5

9:00 a.m. – noon, Bayview Board Meeting (members),
 Bay Club
 9:45 a.m. – noon, Knitwits, Beach Club
 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Village Council General Meeting, Beach Club
 4:00 p.m., Singles meet at the Fireside Restaurant
 6:00 – 7:30 p.m., Computer Club Mac SIG (members),
 Bay Club

Fri., March 6

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for Clear Creek Trail,
 Bridge Deck
 9:00 – 11:00 a.m., SBCA Board Meeting (members), Bay Club
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Artists' League Reception for Phyllis Hansen
 "All Breed Dogs," American Marine Bank
 5:00 – 6:00 p.m., Artists' League Reception for Phyllis Hansen
 "All Breed Dogs," Art Gallery

Mon., March 9

9:00 – 11:00 a.m., Bluebills Meeting, Bay Club
 6:00 – 6:30 p.m., Computer Club Social Time, Bay Club
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Computer Club General Meeting, Bay Club
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Coast Guard "Tides and Current," Fire Sta-
 tion

Tues., March 10

8:30 a.m., Birding Group Outing, e-mail sjaycee@gmail.com
 9:00 a.m. – noon, MGA Board Meeting, Bay Club
 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Book Club, Bay Club

Wed., March 11

11:00 a.m., – 2:00 p.m., Garden Club Luncheon, Bay Club
 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Port Ludlow Today Demonstration,
 Bay Club
 2:00 – 4:30 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club

Thurs., March 12

10:00 a.m. – noon, Drainage District Meeting, Beach Club
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 12:30 – 2:30 p.m., Computer Club Pro Show Gold SIG
 (members), Bay Club
 3:00 – 5:00 p.m., Computer Club Board Meeting (members),
 Bay Club
 4:00 – 5:00 p.m., Jefferson Land Trust Reception, Inn At Port
 Ludlow

Fri., March 13

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
 Noon – 8:00 p.m., Artists' League Scholarship Auction,
 Bay Club
 10:00 a.m. – noon, Inner Harbor Board Meeting (members),
 Bay Club
 10:30 a.m. – noon, Hula for Health, Bay Club
 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., SBCA Monthly Social (members), Bay Club
 7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Family Movie Night, Bridge Deck

Sat., March 14

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., LMC General Meeting (members),
 Beach Club
 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m., Artists' League Scholarship Auction,
 Bay Club
 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Open House, Medical / Business
 Center

Sun., March 15

5:30 – 9:30 p.m., Arts Council Cabaret event with singer
 Patricia O'Callaghan, and "Afterglow" Dinner, Bay Club.
 Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for table selection and beverage
 purchase.

Mon., March 16

10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Special Topics SIG
 (members), Bay Club
 5:00 – 7:30 p.m., South Bay Potluck (members), Bay Club
 6:00 – 7:00 p.m., Computer Club Mac SIG (members),
 Bay Club
 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Coast Guard ABS, About Boating Safely,
 Fire Station

Tues., March 17

9:45 a.m. – noon, Knitwits, Beach Club
 1:00 – 4:00 p.m., Fly Fishers General Meeting, Bay Club
 3:00 – 6:00 p.m., Village Council Workshop, Beach Club
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., St. Patrick's Day Celebration,
 The Fireside At the Inn
 6:30 p.m., Reader's Theater, call 437 2861 for location

Wed., March 18

10:00 a.m. – noon, Stamp and Paper Arts Group, Bay Club
 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Port Ludlow Today Demonstration,
 Bay Club
 1:00 – 3:00 p.m., Artists' League Meeting, Bay Club
 2:00 – 4:30 p.m., Beginning Computer Class, Bay Club
 5:00 – 8:00 p.m., Cookery of Portugal, Fireside At the Inn
 6:00 – 10:00 p.m., Coast Guard ABS, About Boating Safely,
 Fire Station

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Thurs., March 19

11:30 a.m., CEA Out to Lunch Bunch, Famous Dave's
Restaurant, Silverdale
5:00 – 7:30 p.m., Niners Traditional Social, Bay Club

Fri., March 20

8:30 a.m., Hiking Club Leaves for the Duckabush, Bridge Deck
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., A Day with Chef Dan, Fireside At the Inn
9:30 – 11:00 a.m., SBCA ARC Review Meeting, Bay Club
1:00 p.m., Artists' League Meeting, Bay Club

Sat., March 21

1:00 p.m., Artists' League Meeting, Bay Club
6:00 – 9:00 p.m., Homeowners' Potluck (members),
Beach Club

Mon., March 23

10:30 a.m. – noon, Computer Club Photography SIG
(members), Bay Club
3:00 – 4:45 p.m., Teal Lake Board Meeting (members),
Bay Club

Tues., March 24

2:30 – 4:00 p.m., WGA Meeting, Bay Club

Wed., March 25

11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m., Port Ludlow Today Demonstration,
Bay Club
7:00 p.m., USCG Auxiliary General Meeting, Fire Station

Thurs., March 26

Noon – 8:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Ludlow Village Players present *Bus Stop*,
Bay Club

Fri., March 27

9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Hands on Clay, Bay Club
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Family Movie Night, Bridge Deck
7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Ludlow Village Players present *Bus Stop*,
Bay Club

Sat., March 28

7:00 – 10:00 p.m., Ludlow Village Players present *Bus Stop*,
Bay Club

Mon., March 30

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., CEA Board Meeting, Beach Club
3:00 – 5:00 p.m., *Voice* Staff Meeting, Bay Club
7:00 – 9:00 p.m., Coast Guard "Weather," Fire Station

Tues., March 31

10:00 a.m. – noon, CEA Board Meeting, Beach Club

Future Events

Noxious Weeds Day, April 1
Life-writing Workshops Start on April 1
Bluebill's Spring Social, April 3
Hiking Club to Hansville Trails, April 3
Dine and Discover, April 6
Watercolor with Joy Classes Start on April 6
WGA Opening Day, April 7
Hiking Club Spring Planning Meeting, April 8
MGA Spring Meeting, April 15
Arts Council Craicmore Concert, April 16
Niners Couples' Dinner, April 16
CEA Northwest Maritime Center Tour, April 18

Hood Canal Bridge Closure, May 1
Friday Market Opening, May 8
Artists' League Art Walk, July 24 – 25
Arts Council Music on the Green, July 26
Port Ludlow Days, August 10 – 16
Hiking Club Fall Get-a-way, September 14 – 18



Beach Club/North Bay News

Submit your articles to Barbara Berthiaume at 437-0423, or by e-mail to barbara.berthiaume@gmail.com no later than the 10th of the preceding month.

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Important Dates

LOA Meeting
Monday, March 2, 9:00 a.m.

LMC Board Meeting
Saturday, March 14, 9:00 a.m.

Tel: 437-9201
e-mail: beachclub@olympus.net

Sign up for the *Log* online at the above address
Visit www.lmcbeachclub.com for more complete information

All LMC members are welcome. ☼

LMC February Meeting Highlights

by Barbara Berthiaume, North Bay Editor

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) monthly Board meeting was held on Saturday, February 14 at the Bay View Room of the Beach Club. The Board took the following actions:

- A member appeal of an Architectural Control Committee (ACC) decision regarding new construction has been set for **Saturday, March 21** at 9:00 a.m.
- The 30-day notice to the membership was waived in order to conduct a Workshop on Thursday, February 26 from 1:00–4:00 p.m. to review the rules and regulations regarding appeal time limits. The Board will also consider the feasibility of developing an ad hoc committee to study the possibility of creating a schedule for fines.
- The General Manager was given authority to negotiate a final contract with Purdue Construction to repair the men's locker room floor drains. The total project cost cannot exceed \$30,000 without prior Board approval.
- The LMC Secretary was instructed to write letters to two homeowners requesting that they take the necessary steps to be in compliance with LMC regulations.
- The revised proxy/ballot will be sent to the LMC attorney for a final review.

President's Message

by Jim Boyer, LMC President

As we near the end of our Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) administrative year, I want to use this opportunity to express my gratitude for the time spent by our select Committee members on behalf of the Port Ludlow community.

Your contribution is all too often a thankless effort which goes unnoticed when things are going well, but you have made an investment in the collective future of the community we have chosen to call home. To each and every

person who has donated his or her time to improve the social and physical environment in which we live, you are a credit to yourselves, your family and Port Ludlow.

In addition to the fine supporting teams who have come forward this year we have been fortunate to have a core group of smart and talented chair people. I'd like to recognize them here: Barbara Berthiaume, Communications; Ted Buehler, Greenbelts; John Van Zonneveld, Finance; Dwayne Wilcox, Covenants and Regulations Committee (CRC); Jim Goode, Operations; and Sharron Sherfick, Architectural Control Committee (ACC). I sincerely hope that I can prevail upon all of you to continue in service and maintain the status of our volunteer committees as we transition through the process of welcoming three new members to the Board of Trustees next month.

All of our Committees have accomplished much over the past year. In spite of the months it took to get the Committees staffed and doing business, your productivity has exceeded expectations. Though I would prefer to see you all reenlist, I trust that those of you who choose to move on will aid us in recruiting a successor as talented and diligent as you have been.

On behalf of the 2008–2009 LMC Board of Trustees, I extend our sincere gratitude to each and every volunteer member of the LMC select committees.

Family Movie Nights

Family movies nights are on **Friday, March 13, and Friday, March 27**, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Bridge Deck. Grab the kids and get together with other North Bay families for a great night out. Popcorn and juice will be served along with the movie. ☼

LMC February Committee Chair Activities

by Barbara Berthiaume, North Bay Editor

The Ludlow Maintenance Commission (LMC) Committee chairpersons reported the following activities:

Architectural Control Committee (ACC):

Sharron Sherfick, Chair

An appeal has been submitted to the Board of Trustees regarding new construction.

Communications Committee:

Barbara Berthiaume, Chair

The spring issue of the *Navigator* will be sent out after Board approval at the **Saturday, March 14** Board meeting. The Policies and Procedures draft has been completed by the Committee and sent to the Covenants and Regulations Committee for review.

Finance Committee (FC):

Open

Treasurer Ian Feltham announced the resignation of John Van Zonneveld as the Finance Committee Chair due to health reasons.

Greenbelt Committee (GBC):

Ted Buehler, Chair

It was reported that Jefferson County has agreed to permit the Door of Grace Ministries access to their property from Oak Bay Road. The only restriction is that ingress can only be made by a right hand turn off of Oak Bay Road and egress can only be made by a right hand turn onto Oak Bay Road. President Jim Boyer thanked the Ad Hoc Committee for the work they have put into this effort and the Committee is now disbanded as the original task has been fulfilled.

Operations Committee:

Jim Goode, Chair

The Committee asked the Board to consider establishing an Ad Hoc Committee to investigate the possibility of developing a system of fines for homeowners out of compliance with the LMC regulations. This issue is on the agenda for the February 26 workshop.

Manager's Report

by Brian Belmont

As of February 12, the Ludlow Maintenance Corporation (LMC) has only collected 80 percent of this year's assessments as compared to nearly 90 percent at this time last year. The Finance Committee and I attribute this to the overall financial uncertainty that we are experiencing nationally.

LMC recently hired Don Baker as a replacement for Phil Eng in the Maintenance Department as Phil is retiring at the end of **April** after working for LMC for more than 24 years. Don has a good background in construction, building and grounds maintenance. He also has excellent communication skills. He will be participating in a couple of orientation shifts this month and will start full time **Monday, March 2**.

LMC also hired Melissa Denny as a part-time hostess. Melissa is taking her daughter Mara's place on the hostess schedule. Mara is leaving the Beach Club staff after more than 4 years to accept a full-time position elsewhere.

Butch and Barbara Sword recently donated a Pilates machine for use in the exercise room. This donation is greatly appreciated by the Beach Club membership.

Many thanks to Steve Siegiel for recently installing a new fan-forced heater and thermostat in the Gazebo. The new installation allowed LMC to remove the two previously installed six-foot baseboard heaters from that room.

Greenbelt Improvement Begins

Several neighborhood groups have responded to The Greenbelt Committee's (GBC) offer to work together to improve the Greenbelt and reduce fire hazards. We will meet with these groups in the coming weeks to determine how goals can be accomplished. Those interested in improving the Greenbelt should sign the list at the Beach Club and we'll contact you.

Volunteers are needed! One of our most important resources here in Port Ludlow is the 57 acres of woodland reserve. Many decisions as to how this resource is managed lie in the hands of the GBC. If you would like to make a significant contribution by protecting our trees and views, consider serving on the Committee. The GBC performs many functions including maintenance of privacy buffers between streets and neighbors, view corridors, oversight of open space requirements relating to balance of density in subdivisions, and coordinating drainage issues with the Port Ludlow Drainage District.

The Committee meets once a month for about three hours, and also makes on-site visits as necessary. Volunteers are also needed to help out occasionally doing outdoor clean up. For more information about either serving on our Committee or as a volunteer, contact Ted Buehler, GBC Chair, at 437-0500 or e-mail Ted at stephandted@yahoo.com.

Welcome North Bay Newcomers!

William and Bonnie Couch
Ryan Menday
Kurt Van Ness

Keefe Lane
Ketch Lane
Evans Lane

“Wearing of the Green”

The North Bay Home Owners Pot Luck (HOPL) will celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with the theme of “Wearing of the Green.” Festivities will begin **Saturday March 21**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Beach Club’s Bay View Room. Wear your green, practice your brogue and come have fun! The cost is \$7 per person.

Bring an appetizer, potatoes, carrots, Irish soda bread or dessert enough for 10 people. Corned beef and cabbage will be provided along with beer, wine and soft drinks. Remember to bring your own utensils.


If you have any questions, please contact Veronica Schroeder at 437-4178. Please sign up by **Monday, March 16**, at the Beach Club registration desk. ☘

Correction: Volunteer Resource Committee Contact

President Jim Boyer recently appointed Jamie Bima to chair the Volunteer Resource Committee. This new Committee seeks members willing to network in the community to fill openings on a variety of Committee and Board positions. If you would like to participate in your community, call Jamie Bima at the corrected number, 437-9335.

Bay Club/South Bay News

Janet Force, 437-0419, and Judy Thomas, are the Bay Club editors. Submit articles to them by e-mail at jandd@waypoint.com or judythomas2@yahoo.com. For information, call Linda Colasurdo at 437-2208.

 Denotes Bay Club members-only activity.

Important SBCA Dates to Remember

Pope Resources Meeting
Wednesday, March 4, 3:00 p.m.
 Bay Club

All residents of Port Ludlow are invited

SBCA Board Meeting
Friday, March 6, 9:00 a.m.

All SBCA members are welcome. 

SBCA Update

by Dan Meade, SBCA President

The meeting of the South Bay Community Association (SBCA) Board of Directors was held at the Bay Club on February 6. Directors present were Joe Kelly, Tom McCay, Dan Meade, Ken Snider, Sharon Walker and Chris Whitehurst. Mike Morgan and Linda Colasurdo of the SBCA staff also attended, as did 21 residents and the recording secretary Mea Graham.

Role of the Board in Interpreting Existing Rules and Making New Ones: Meade commented on Article 18.1 of the Covenants, Conditions & Restrictions (CC&Rs), which states that the "... Board shall have the exclusive right to construe and interpret the provisions of this declaration." This section along with 5.3 empowers the Board to interpret existing rules and to make new ones. This power is essential to resolving disputes and to the governing of the Club. There must be closure to ongoing disputes and resolution to differences in interpretations. Any member having questions on the meaning of rules, questions on how regulations are interpreted or complaints on any aspect of the functioning of the SBCA should mail or drop off a hard copy of their inquiry, addressed to the SBCA Board, at the Bay Club.

Voice Article: Dan Meade thanked Dan Darrow for his photo and Joe Kelly for the *Voice* article on the recycling mess. The picture was worth a thousand words and the article got to the point.

Minutes: Robert's Rules of Order highly recommends that minutes of the Board reflect what was done and not what was said. Starting with this February's minutes, our official version will contain actions taken and motions made. Comments, opinions and observations will be noted in the Port Ludlow *Voice* articles as a way to interface with the people in the community. The *Voice* is available in hard copy or can be accessed on the Port Ludlow Village Council website. All Committee reports are on file at the SBCA office.

Financial Report: Chris Whitehurst reported the financial highlights for December, showing the Total Current Assets for the month to be \$345,078 and Total Assets to be \$558,374 with an increase of \$26,716 over last year's Total Assets. The Income Statement for December 2008 showed total revenues of \$7,059 and Total Operating Expenses of \$30,235 and a Net Operating Surplus of \$28,302 for the current fiscal year. The Maintenance reserve is \$166,873 and the Renovation Fund is \$118,230.

Operations: Dan Meade pointed out that the SBCA missed the fact that Port Ludlow Associates (PLA) had obtained certificates of occupancy on their model homes. Rick Rozzell was correct in his demand that they have to do assessments once the certificates are in effect more than 60 days. PLA is now current. Due to the Board's oversight, the \$50 in interest that would otherwise be due will not be charged.

Long Term Planning: All scheduled maintenance has been budgeted for and is on track. The Renovation Fund will concentrate on lighting, furniture and acoustics. Projects will be ranked and presented to the Board at a regular meeting; the Board must approve any spending recommended by this Committee and SBCA members will have advance notice so they can comment on and influence decisions on large projects. There are no plans to expand the Bay Club beyond the present footprint.

Old Business:

Iron Mountain Quarry (IMQ): Dan Meade relayed what occurred at a small meeting with Pope Officials and three IMQ Committee members. He emphasized the importance of all residents of Port Ludlow attending a major meeting along with the top management of Pope Resources on **Wednesday, March 4, 3:00 p.m.**, at the Bay Club. At that time Pope Resources will go over all items of the IMQ proposal and take all questions. This is a very important meeting and is open to non-SBCA

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members. The press will be in attendance. The IMQ Committee would like to see 300 or more people in the audience.

South Bay Drainage District Update: Tom McCay referred to a meeting held February 3 with 37 attendees and 4 speakers. As the South Bay ages, Villages may find it more difficult to maintain their ponds. Further, a new Shoreline Management Program (SMP) could impose new restrictions on drainage. We will monitor developments here; as this issue ripens, we will take further action if a consensus develops that we should.

New Business:

Committee minutes will be required if mandated by the Board.

Use of the swimming pool and exercise equipment: The current policy of admitting SBCA members and guests staying in their homes to use the pool and exercise equipment will be maintained pending resolution of this issue at next month's meeting. All SBCA members who wish to comment on who should use these facilities, or how clarification of these rules should be worded, are invited to express their views at the Board's next monthly meeting, **Friday, March 6**, at 9:00 a.m. If you cannot attend, a written hardcopy addressed to the SBCA Board may be submitted by mail or dropped off at the Bay Club

Executive Session: Immediately following the regular monthly meeting, an Executive Session was held. This dealt with an incident possibly involving a violation of the SBCA's Harassment Policy and a complaint filed under policy 1.020.000. The Board is absolutely committed to maintaining a workplace free of intimidation and harassment. The Board is investigating this and action will be taken if warranted.

Everybody's Irish Potluck



Even if you are not Irish, you can go celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the South Bay Potluckers. The date is **Monday, March 16**, 5:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. The Committee will provide the traditional corned beef and cabbage and appetizers. All you have to do is

sign up to bring salad, potato casserole or dessert. Don't forget your place settings and beverage of choice.

Donation of \$1 per person will be collected at the door.

Entertainment will be Irish humor. Call Nancy Green, 437-0548, for further information. ♣

Arts and Entertainment

This section features news on Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events as well as a performing arts calendar for Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit news and calendar items to Beverly Rothenborg, editor, at bevrothenborg@waypoint.com by the 10th of the preceding month.

Ooh La La: Qui, A French Cabaret!

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Port Ludlow Arts Council



Cabaret Singer Patricia O'Callaghan.
Submitted photo

In a perfect world, all of Port Ludlow would come together for pleasant and memorable events—not only when they want to vent grievances. If your wish is to spend a pleasant evening with neighbors from both sides of the Bay while listening to an outstanding world-class vocalist, and then to partake of a delicious dinner—be sure you've set aside

the afternoon and evening of **Sunday, March 15**, for just such an event. Bay Club doors open at 4:30 p.m. for table selection and beverage purchase. A delicious "Afterglow" French Bistro three-course dinner will be served following the concert. The menu by Fireside's Chef Dan Ratigan will include French Onion Soup, Coq au Vin with Pommes Persillees and Tart aux Pommes Crème Fraiche. Dinner tickets are \$20 and must be purchased in advance, no later than **Monday, March 9**.

At 5:30 p.m. Canadian mezzo-soprano and world-class cabaret singer Patricia O'Callaghan will take the stage. What exactly is a cabaret singer? O'Callaghan's performances are an eclectic and theatrical blend of repertoire ranging from Edith Piaf to Rufus Wainright, with lots of Leonard Cohen and Kurt Weill in between. She peppers

her concerts with French, Spanish, and German, while keeping a core of English. Thanks go to Puget Sound Energy, who is sponsoring this concert.

Performing here with a small combo, O'Callaghan's show will be both intimate and classical in nature—coupled with songs that have an edgier, pop sound. With worldwide distribution, tours in Europe and North America, she has released her fourth CD, *Naked Beauty*, which is receiving critical and popular praise.

Spending her childhood in Northern Ontario, O'Callaghan considered whether her career should be in rock music or in a convent. At seventeen as an exchange student in Mexico, she had an epiphany to become an opera singer—the perfect melding of the two: All the discipline and undebauched life of a nun—but she would still get to sing. With a music degree from the University of Toronto and further training at the Banff Centre for the Arts—she ultimately established her career performing and recording European cabaret-style music by such composers as Francis Poulenc, Erik Satie and Kurt Weill—not quite opera, but close.

O'Callaghan does sing opera at times, mostly contemporary—including opening the 2007 season in Weill's *Threepenny Opera* with Toronto's Soulpepper Theatre Company and touring the Juno winning opera *Constantinople* by Christos Hatzis to Covent Garden's Royal Opera House. Visit www.patricia-ocallaghan.com To learn more about her,

Tickets for this cabaret concert are \$20 and are available at the Bay Club/ or share a six-concert Flex Pass at \$111 with friends and plan to share a table. Be sure to exchange Flex Passes early to be assured of seats. To exchange Flex Passes or purchase concert and dinner tickets by mail, send instructions along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to P. O. Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. To check on ticket availability, call the Bay Club at 437-2208.

Love's Labor Lost in a Kansas Snowstorm

by Marti Duncan, Publicity



Where was her innocence lost?

Photo by Marti Duncan

Imagine a beautiful young woman whose innocence has been left somewhere in the past, and a brash young rodeo champion, stranded in a bus stop diner during a raging snowstorm. But they aren't alone. Keeping them company are a motherly, hard-working diner-owner,

a sweet young waitress, a lecherous, drunken reprobate of a college professor, a wise old cowboy, a kindly bus driver and a diligent, honest, and forthright sheriff. Eight unlikely people are thrown together, uncovering highly unexpected situations in the play, *Bus Stop*, by William Inge, a Broadway hit that was later made into a movie starring Marilyn Monroe.

Three performances of *Bus Stop* will be presented at the Bay Club on **Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 26, 27 and 28**. Opening curtain is at 7:00 p.m. each night; doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Talented cast members are Janet Christensen, Moriah Christensen, Don Clark, Doug Hubbard, Juanita Maples, Peter Philips, Matt Ready and Howard Slack, with Peter Philips directing.

This is the second production of the merged drama groups now known as the Ludlow Village Players (LVP). Last year's production, a melodrama, was a huge success. It was an early sellout so be forewarned—get your tickets early! They are \$12 per person and are now available at the Bay Club. Tickets will be sold at the door if seating is still available.

Those supporting the cast include Celeste Archambault, Bob Azen, Janet and Terry Barnes, Marti and Bob Duncan, Val Durling, Melanie Lewis, Eve McDougall, Jane Navone, Bob Olbrych, Elly Peters, Russ Reed, Penny and Sonny Sanzaro, Bill Schaefer, Janet Stark and Myron Vogt. Newcomers and veterans alike are welcome to help with the following: makeup, refreshments, set transport, sound effects, stage crew responsibilities, ticket taking, ushering and wardrobe. For information, call Val Durling at 437-2861 or Peter Philips at 360-301-5281.

Coffee Concerts Return

The Coffee Concerts have resumed on **Mondays and Tuesdays** at Gwendolyn Moore's new venue, Turtle Bluff III. She and Barbara Hinchliff have been working on their duo-piano programs. Each begins at 10:00 a.m. and lasts until about noon, with an ample refreshment break about halfway. The concerts are accompanied by Gwen's fascinating and informative commentary. This month's music includes:

- **March 16 and 17** – “Goldberg” Variations by Johann Sebastian Bach, and Sergei Rachmaninoff's *Suite for Two Pianos*
- **March 23 and 24** – “Late” Ludwig van Beethoven, his *E-flat Major String Quartet, Op. 127* and *A-flat Major Piano Sonata, Op. 110*
- **March 30 and 31** – Aaron Copland's *El Salon Mexico*; and Frederic Chopin's *Nocturnes*

Turtle Bluff III is located at 523 Blue Ridge Road in Port Townsend. It is important to call 385-3626 to make reservations for the day you wish to attend, and to get directions to this new venue.

Old Time Fiddlers' Spring Concert

The Washington Old Time Fiddlers (WOTFA) District 15 spring concert will be on **Sunday, March 15**, 2:00–5:00 p.m., in the Sequim High School Auditorium. Admission is by a donation of \$10 for families and \$5 for individuals. Proceeds provide scholarships for students. There are currently 11 youth in the District's program.

WOTFA is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserve, promote and perpetuate the art of old time fiddling. They play primarily music of the 1800s and early 1900s although some newer traditional and country music is also performed. In addition to fiddles, they welcome violins, guitars, mandolins, banjos, autoharps, harmonicas, pianos and acoustic bass violins.

There are 17 WOTFA Districts in the state and 170 members from Clallam and Jefferson Counties in the local district. Members play in small groups at retirement centers, nursing homes, country markets, fairs, festivals and other local events.

Jam sessions and performances are free, open to the public, and are held at the Sequim Prairie Grange on the second **Saturday** of the month and at the Chimacum Tri-Area Community Center on the fourth **Saturday** of the month. The musicians jam from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. followed by a performance. For further information, contact Hershel Lester at 360-417-6950 or e-mail handrlester@olympen.com.

Contemporary Traditional Celtic Band to Perform Here and at Chimacum Schools

by Barbara Wagner-Jauregg, Port Ludlow Arts Council

Dust off those tartans and kilts and get ready for a lively and energetic Scottish and Irish cultural event both here and on stage at Chimacum Schools. On **Thursday, April 16**, Craicmore, a contemporary traditional Celtic band, is coming to East Jefferson County, as guests of the Port Ludlow Arts Council. In order to reduce the expense of bringing them here, community assistance is requested to provide housing for Dave Champagne, Sean FayeCullen, Nancy Johnston and John MacAdams. A total of three homes are needed for two gentlemen and one couple. As far as we know at this time, they will stay here one night arriving early **Thursday** for the school concerts.

The band will perform two "Celtic Connections" concerts at the schools, at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., sponsored in part by First Federal. Judie Bergquist of the Arts Council Board, who spearheads its Youth Outreach says, "In today's multi-cultural society, these types of programs bring a positive message of cultural diversity, demonstrating how Celtic music has accepted many global influences while retaining its fundamental traditions."

On **Thursday** evening, at 7:30 p.m., Craicmore will then perform for Port Ludlow audiences at the Bay Club. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. for seat selection and socializing. Artwork in glass and clay by Judy Thomas of the Port Ludlow Artists' League will be on display.

Formed in 1992, Craicmore draws words and music from the traditional music of Ireland and Scotland and claims influences as diverse as the Afro Celts, Chieftains and Pogues, rock and Australian indigenous music. Driving rhythms from guitar, bass, Bohdran drum, conga and other percussion, along with high-spirited whistles, flutes and bagpipes, powerfully render jigs and reels. Four-part harmony, rhythmic hardshoe dancing, an East Indian Shruti Box and rumbling Didjeridoo all accent the warmth and passion of Craicmore's fiery performances. It's an amazingly seductive marriage: one that never fails to turn new faces into fans, an audience that continues to grow with their aggressive touring and the release of their second critically acclaimed CD, *Craicmore: Too bad for heaven, too good for hell...*

To offer homes on the night of **Thursday, April 16**, for the Craicmore performers, contact Barbara Wagner-Jauregg at 437-9726 or bwagnerj@olympus.net.

Tickets for the Craicmore concert are \$20 and can be purchased at the Bay Club. Holders of six-concert Flex Passes are reminded to use remaining punches for this final concert of the 2008-2009 series. To exchange passes, mail instructions along with a self-addressed stamped envelope to P. O. Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA 98365. Check on ticket availability by calling the Bay Club at 437-2208.

Peninsula Singers to Perform Bach's *The Passion*

J. S. Bach first performed his work, *The Passion According to St. Matthew*, based on the gospel of the same name, at St. Thomas Church in Leipzig, Germany, in 1729. After that Good Friday service, he filed the music away where it stayed until Felix Mendelssohn discovered it in a Berlin library 100 years later. Mendelssohn was so taken with it that he arranged a performance the same year. Since then it has become recognized as the greatest sacred choral work ever written and scholars have analyzed it repeatedly. The musical genius of Bach and his complete understanding of the text shine through the piece.



Maestro Dewey Ehling.
Courtesy photo

Bach's *Passion* will be performed for the first time on the North Olympic Peninsula by the Peninsula Singers, under the direction of Dewey Ehling, **Sunday, March 29**, 2:00 p.m., at the Port Angeles High School Auditorium. Members of the Port Angeles Symphony and Port Townsend Community orchestras will assist the Singers.

Bach tells the story through the Evangelist. Every word of Matthew, Chapters 26 and 27, is sung. The Peninsula Singers portray the apostles, the angry crowds who want Jesus crucified, and the witnesses to the Passion. Also integrated are many chorales and solos including those of Jesus, Peter, Caiaphas, Pilate and his wife, and the maids who recognize Peter as well as two false witnesses.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for seniors and students and may be purchased by contacting the local Port Ludlow members of the Peninsula Singers: Sharon England at 437-5043 or Sally Orsborn at 437-0670. Children under 12 are admitted without charge.

Performing Arts Calendar

Sunday, March 1

It's the final performance at Poulsbo's Jewel Box Theatre of *Pack of Lies*, which tells the story of a nice English couple who are approached by a Scotland Yard detective who asks to use their home to spy on neighbors suspected of being Soviet operatives, 2:00 p.m., 360-779-9688, www.jewelboxtheatre.org.

Sunday, March 1

The Sound Theatre company presents *The Last Five Years*, a poignant and smart contemporary musical, which portrays five years in the relationship of an ambitious writer and his struggling actress wife, 7:30 p.m., Bainbridge Performing Arts, 206-842-8569, www.bainbridgeperformingarts.org.

Sundays, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 1 through March 8

The 13th Annual Playwrights' Festival presents three emerging Jefferson County authors and their award-winning plays from the 2008 One Act Play Competition, various times, Key City Public Theatre, 385-7396, www.keycitypublictheatre.org.

Saturday, March 7

Each month at Bainbridge Performing Arts a troupe of multi-talented performers entertains in a totally improvised evening of comedy and song, all from audience suggestions, THE EDGE, 7:30 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.BainbridgePerformingArts.org.

Saturday, March 7

The Jewel Box Theatre's improvisational comedy troupe, The Portable Reality Show, will be performing two shows as they take suggestions from the audience for their zany antics, 7:30 and 10:00 p.m., Poulsbo, 360-779-9688, www.brownpapertickets.org.

Saturday, March 7

Since exploding out of the Los Angeles underground scene, the Royal Crown Revue's unique combination of swing, jive and jazz has ignited audiences everywhere, 8:00 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday and Sunday, March 7 and 8

"Fables and Fairy Tales" is the title when the Bainbridge Symphony Orchestra offers music for youth with a young pianist as a soloist on the first movement of Mozart's *Piano Concerto #19*. Also offered will be some Elgar, as well as Prokofiev's *Peter and the Wolf*, 3:00 p.m. with a pre-concert chat at 2:15 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.BainbridgePerformingArts.org.

Saturday, March 14

Julian Schwarz, cello soloist, will be featured when the Port Angeles Symphony Orchestra offers music by Borodin, Brahms, Haydn and more, 10:00 a.m. dress rehearsal, 6:40 p.m. pre-concert chat, 7:30 p.m. concert, Port Angeles High School Auditorium, 360-457-5579, www.olympen.com/pasymphony.

Saturday, March 14

Get ready to have your socks knocked off by the Atomic Bombshells, Seattle's polished, professional and perfectly choreographed burlesque troupe. Originally hailing from the sultry swamps of New Orleans, they bring some Southern sizzle to the Northwest with their vintage Bourbon Street striptease and show-stopping choreography, 8:00 p.m., Bainbridge Performing Arts, 206-842-8569, www.BainbridgePerformingArts.org.

Saturday, March 14

Back by popular demand, An Dochas & The Haran use traditional Irish and original music to accompany explosive Irish step dancing appealing to audiences of all ages and musical preferences, 6:30 p.m. dinner, 8:00 p.m. show, Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Sunday, March 15

World-class cabaret singer Patricia O'Callaghan and her band entertain at an Arts Council Cabaret event, 5:30 p.m., followed by an optional three-course French Bistro Dinner prepared by Chef Dan of the Fireside. Doors open at 4:30 p.m. for table selection and beverage purchase. Bay Club, 437-2208.

Friday, March 20

Combining original comedy, world class juggling, movement, music and technology makes Mark Nizer's show a complete entertainment package. You'll never know it's possible until you see for yourself, 7:00 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Saturday, March 21

The Best of the Seattle International Comedy Competition features past winners and finalists of this popular contest, 8:00 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton, 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org. "May contain adult material."

Sunday March 22

This Bainbridge Chamber Music concert ranges from the pre-modern folk traditions of Eastern Europe to the complexities of American artistic life after World War II, 3:00 p.m., 206-842-8569, www.BainbridgePerformingArts.org.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 26, 27 and 28

The Ludlow Village Players present William Inge's Broadway hit, *Bus Stop*, about eight unlikely people stranded together in a rural Kansas bus stop diner during a raging snowstorm. Filled with humor, pathos and unexpected romance, it's the vividness and humanity of Inge's colorful characters that make the play such a beloved American classic, 7:00 p.m. each night, Bay Club, 437-2208.

Saturday, March 28

A master of the art of physical comedy and with talent, humor and genius, Avner The Eccentric weaves a spell of poetic simplicity in a show of hilarious predicaments, 7:00 p.m., Admiral Theatre, Bremerton 360-373-6743, www.admiraltheatre.org.

Hot Ticket Tuesdays!

Every **Tuesday**, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., tickets for an upcoming Admiral Theatre show will be discounted 50 percent! The discounted show is a secret until **Tuesday** morning. You must visit the Admiral Ticket Office in person for discounted tickets to one of their great shows! It's located at 515 Pacific Avenue in Bremerton.

Port Ludlow Associates

Developer News

by Diana Smeland, President, Port Ludlow Associates

As I am writing my article for the deadline, the weatherman is predicting 4 to 6 inches of new snow tomorrow. Here I was hoping that winter had moved on, and spring was anxious to get here. Maybe it was just wishful thinking on my part. I hope by the time you are reading this that spring is finally here.

Exciting News: The Inn At Port Ludlow was featured in the November, 2008, *Condé Nast Traveler Magazine* in the “Top 75 Mainland U.S. Resorts.” We were then honored to be in the January, 2009, “Gold List” for *Condé Nast Travel Magazine*. We were ranked highest in “Food & Beverage,” but fifth overall in the State of Washington for hotels. We were in fifth place due to our not having as many activities as the other hotels, i.e. spa, pool and exercise facility.

Ludlow Cove II (Log Dump): The appeal to the Shoreline Hearings Board included four items. All of the items were dropped except for the length of the permit. The Hearing Examiner approved a ten-year permit, which was appealed for a five-year permit instead. Our hearing is **Thursday, March 26** in Lacey.

Ludlow Bay Village: The County has issued the Shoreline Permit for the uplands, which includes almost everything except the Marina expansion of the docks and the gangplanks to the docks.

New Well in North Bay: We are still working through the process of drilling a new well for an additional point of withdrawal for Well #2. This new well will be in the Water Office area on Walker Way across from the mini storage. We know that this will cause some noise and continue for at least a month. We will be working with residents as we have more information.

Let Me Hear From You: I would love to hear from you with questions that I could answer in my column. We continue to look forward to meeting with groups and residents to share ideas or deal with any expressed concerns about Port Ludlow’s future. Randy Verrue is now a resident of Port Ludlow and is usually around for the second and fourth week of each month. We are both committed to an outreach program with the members of our community. If you are interested in meeting, please contact me at dsmeland@portludlowassociates.com or call me directly at 437-8342.

Resort News

by Paul Wolman, General Manager, The Resort At Port Ludlow

Awards and Accolades

The 2009 *Condé Nast Traveler Magazine* “Gold List” named The Resort at Port Ludlow as one of the world’s best places to stay! I am honored and humbled by such an unexpected and prestigious recognition. I would like to thank everyone in our beautiful community for the support I received during my first year of tenure as the General Manager of the Resort.

Special thanks to my good friends, Peter Joseph and his lovely wife Jeanne, who relentlessly encouraged me in my endeavor.

Fireside Specials and Themed Dinner Nights

Daily: Thank Goodness it’s Time to Relax, Happy Hour, 2:30–5:00 p.m.

Saturdays and Sundays: Fireside Weekend Brunch, 8:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m.

Sundays: Dinner: “Half Price Wine.” Don’t be afraid to order a rare wine from our wine list—it’s 50 percent off!

Mondays: Buy two entrées, and the less expensive of the two will be half off. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bottle); no corkage fee charged.

Tuesdays: “Paris Comes to Your Table” in a four-course Parisian bistro dinner for \$19 per person; or for \$24 per guest, we will pair your meal with wines—a glass of vintage white with the starter and a glass of a great red with your entrée. Reservations are from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Note, these prices do not include tax and gratuity.

Wednesdays: “Fireside Grilled Beef Dinner,” the Best of the West: prime rib, Porterhouse, filet Mignon and Delmonico New York Steak for you to enjoy without having to mortgage your house! Also “Half Price Wine.” Don’t be afraid to order a rare wine from our wine list—it’s 50 percent off!

Thursdays: “Cena Con la Famiglia Ed Amici” (Italian Family Dinner). Bring your family and friends (minimum four guests) and enjoy a genuine four-course Italian dinner. You’ll discover Tuscan soups, risottos from Lombardy, polenta and pasta from the Veneto, entrées from Emilia-Romagna and desserts from Sicily and other provinces. The price is \$60 for a party of four, \$15 for each additional guest (free for children under five). Paired with vintage wines, it is \$80. The regular menu is

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also available. Reservations from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. are recommended for these Daily Specials. Please call Paul at 437-7074.

The Fireside Restaurant serves breakfast, lunch and dinner daily. On **Saturday** and **Sunday** brunch is offered from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Country Style breakfast is served from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. Lunch is from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. TGI's Time to Relax Happy Hour is offered from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. Dinner is served from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. For inquiries or reservations, please call 437-7000.

Upcoming Events—Save the Dates!

Saint Patrick's Day Celebration: Tuesday, March 17:

In addition to our Tuesday classic, "Paris Comes to your Table," we will also celebrate our friend Saint Patty and all of you coming from the other side of the pond!

The celebration will start with a cheddar and ale soup followed by a wild salmon salad, then corned beef, cabbage, potatoes and carrots served with a side of pureed green peas and finally an Irish pudding with Jameson sauce. This dinner comes paired with beer, not the green stuff, but a sixteen-ounce Mac and Jack. All this for \$19. Not too shabby!

Early reservations highly recommended; call Paul now at 437-7074.

The Cookery of Portugal: Wednesday, March 18:

"Portuguese cookery must not be confused with that of Spain. Its characteristic flavors are more varied, strong spices are less dominant, but fresh herbs and spices are more abundant. There are a number of general traits: the use of four predominant ingredients (cabbage, rice, cod and potato), a marked taste for soups, a wide range of fish and seafood dishes, a notable selection of pork products such as black pudding (blood sausage), Andouille, smoked ham, and a sausage flavored with chili peppers and a predilection for sweet desserts often made with eggs."

A five-course dinner is prepared by Chef Dan, paired with elegant wines from the Douro Valley and Porto region, and presented by Paul, your host, at \$49 per guest. Reserve now. Call Paul at 437-7074. (We only have a handful of seats available!)

A Day with Chef Dan

Friday, March 20

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.



"The Art of Braising"

Students will follow Chef Dan into the Fireside Kitchen where they will all receive hands-on instruction for preparing an Appetizer, Main Course and Dessert according to their preference.

Each course will be enjoyed with a different wine paired by the Fireside Sommelier.

Students will learn the fun and importance of the complement between food and wine.

Classes will be offered once a month

\$49 inclusive per person

\$45 for local residents

Space is very limited, contact

Paul now at 437-7074

Tide Timber Trail

MGA Anticipates Season

by John Cragoe, MGA President

It's hard to believe, but the first event of the 2009 Port Ludlow Men's Golf Association (MGA) season is upon us. On **Wednesday, March 4**, we'll be teeing off at 9:00 a.m. for a 3-2-1 Four-Man Team tournament. This will be the first of 35 weekly tournaments this year. If you haven't joined the MGA for 2009, there's still time—just complete the form available at the Pro Shop and leave a check for your dues.

On **Wednesday, March 11**, we'll be buying lunch for the guys in the maintenance crew following play. Be sure to sign up and go tell these guys how much we appreciate all their hard work. Many of the crew will be playing with us on that day as well. Team events will round out the schedule for the month of **March**, with a Two-Man Aggregate Stableford on **Wednesday, March 18** and a Two-Man Chapman on the **Wednesday, March 25**.

Mark your calendars now for these dates:

- **Wednesday, April 15:** Spring Meeting at the Bay Club, 4:00 p.m.
- **Friday, May 1:** Hood Canal Bridge closes for five to six weeks
- **Wednesdays, May 6 and 13:** Home and Away matches with Whidbey Island
- **Wednesday, June 3:** President's Cup begins
- **Tuesdays, June 9 and 16:** Home and Away matches with Dungeness

The Men's Golf Association offers weekly organized play flighted by handicap. There are weekly prizes and monthly lunches. Occasional skills clinics and special events add to the overall experience you will enjoy. This year's Board is dedicated to making the coming season fun for all golfers. Board officers are:

- John Cragoe, President
- Dean Morgan, Vice President and Tournament Director
- Jack McKay, Treasurer
- Don Thompson, Secretary
- Tom Stone, Social Chairman
- Joe Kelly, Handicap Chairman
- Wayne Samples, Director at Large
- Jerry Conover, Director at Large

WGA News

by Turney Oswald, Publicity

As we embark on a new season of golf, the Port Ludlow Women's Golf Association (WGA) would like to welcome new members, Shannon McCaslin, Laura Shisler and Anne Weigel to our group. We are 55 members strong, of which 46 are playing members and 9 are social members. We look forward to a fun-filled year of weekly play, tournaments, outings at other courses, and occasional play with our spouses in Couples' events, as well as several luncheons. Co-Captain Peggy Selby has spent a considerable amount of time planning the weekly games that begin in **March** and end in **October**. These events are aimed at improving our skills, having a good time and playing with a variety of different partners.

Don't forget to sign up at the Clubhouse by **Sunday** noon prior to **Tuesday** golf. The first day of play is **Tuesday, March 10** so you will need to sign up by noon **Sunday, March 8**. Weekly play continues every **Tuesday** thereafter.

Opening Day has been moved to **Tuesday, April 7** and Beth Weaver and her committee have planned a festive celebration to celebrate the start of our 2009 season. The theme for the game and the luncheon is "The French Open." Following the luncheon at the Bay Club, Captain Sandie Yonke will preside at the Opening Day meeting and pass out this year's Handbooks.

A preview of activities planned for 2009 includes:

- Cinco de Mayo Welcome Back party, to include spouses and significant others, on **Sunday, May 3**. We hope to see all the snowbirds back from their flights south.
- The Spring Tournament will be held **Monday and Tuesday, May 11 and 12**.
- Captain's Cup Match Play Tournament will begin on **Tuesday, June 9**.
- The Club Championship will be in **mid-August**.

Port Ludlow will again field a team for competition in TOP, which stands for Teams of the Olympic Peninsula. Sharon Zablotney and Lucinda Thompson will head up this group of gals for team match play. It's always fun to be able to compete on different courses throughout the season.

This is just a small sampling of all there is to offer in ladies golf at Port Ludlow. If you are interested in joining this friendly active group, contact any Board member or Cathie Hampton, Membership Chairman, at 437-0827. She will be happy to answer your questions.

News from the Lady Niners

by Beverly Browne, Publicity

Snow is falling as I write this and it is difficult to believe the golfing season is just around the corner. The ladies and men's nine-hole golf associations will begin the 2009 golfing season of with their traditional social on **Thursday, March 19**, 5:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. This would be an excellent time for potential new members to investigate our organization and pick up information about joining. A good person to contact is Betty Quisenberry, our membership officer, 437-2001. Adele Govert will have the handbooks listing the rules and the games ready for pickup.

This year's officers for the women's organization are: Captain Barbara Berthiaume, Co-captain Cathie Hampton, Treasurer Gayle Carrier, Play Day Chairs Kathy Stainfield and Laura Shisler. Couples' chairs are Judy and Tom Smith and Anne and Bill Weigel. The social committee consists of Bev Boucher, Karen Fyock, Shannon McCaslin and Kathy Snider. Margo Elton does our handicapping. Cynthia Durham writes the thank you and get-well notes; Elin Failla is the big sister. Carolyn Voss presides over the rules. Charlotte Pennington keeps the historical record of our activities.

Please note the following change: the **Thursday, April 16** couples dinner will be at Niblick's rather than the Bay Club. Cathy Hampton is organizing the year-end banquet. And we haven't even started the year yet. Wow!

One issue under discussion this year has been the amount of yearly dues. They have held steady at \$35 and will continue to do so for the ladies this year. The men's organization is canvassing its membership to assess the acceptability of an increase. Pick-up games are ongoing at the Club. Captain Barbara will send e-mails about tee-times, at least until the games start in earnest. The hardy will benefit from the exercise. Remember: "No other game combines the wonder of nature with the discipline of sport in such carefully planned ways," according to Tom Watson. See you on the course!

Mariners' News

Dock Talk

by Kori Ward, Marina Manager

Fishing License 2009

Your fishing license must be renewed prior to **Wednesday, April 1**. Please be sure to bring in your past license; this will expedite the process. Washington State law requires all recreational Dungeness crab fishers, regardless of age, to have a current catch-record card and Puget Sound crab endorsement. In addition to knowing and following the fishing rules, one of the most important responsibilities crabbers have as stewards of the resource is complying with catch-record card requirements. All people who fail to carry and maintain a catch-record card are subject to a citation which carries a fine of \$80.

Fishers age 15 years and older also must have a fishing license. Crab fishers 14 years and younger are not required to have a fishing license.

All crab fishers will receive two crab catch-record cards when they receive a Puget Sound crab endorsement. Information from catch-record cards must be reported by **Tuesday, September 15** following the summer fishery and **Friday, January 15** following the winter fishery. Information must be reported even if the cardholder did not go fishing or catch any crab during each season. Catch-record card information can be reported online or completed cards can be dropped off at a Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) regional office or mailed to: WDFW, Fish Program Catch Record Card Office, 600 Capitol Way North, Olympia, WA 98501-1091.

Visiting Yacht Clubs and Rendezvous 2009

The reservations are flowing in and our weekends are filling up quickly. The Yacht Clubs are blocking out weekends for their annual cruise to Port Ludlow. We currently have 26 yacht clubs that have chosen Port Ludlow as a weekend destination.

- **Friday–Saturday, March 13–14**, Navy Yacht Club of Everett
- **Monday, March 30**, North Olympic Sail and Power
- **Friday–Saturday, April 10–11**, Kingston Yacht Club
- **Friday–Sunday, April 17–19**, Tollycraft Boating Club, Galilean Yacht Club
- **Friday–Sunday, May 22–24**, Poulsbo Yacht Club, Rob Rothe Rendezvous
- **Friday–Saturday, May 29–30**, Nauticat Rendezvous

- **Thursday–Saturday, June 4–6**, Nordhaven Rendezvous
- **Friday–Sunday, June 12–14**, Cougar Yacht Club, Port Madison Yacht Club
- **Friday–Saturday, June 19–20**, Islander Sail-In, Everett Yacht Club
- **Friday–Sunday, June 26–28**, Mukilteo Yacht Club, Edmonds Corinthian Yacht Club
- **Friday–Sunday, July 10–12**, Grady White Rendezvous, Everett Coast Guard Auxiliary
- **Friday–Sunday, July 24–26**, Bellevue Yacht Club
- **Saturday, August 1**, Corinthian Yacht Club Seattle
- **Friday–Sunday, August 14–16**, Fox Island Yacht Club, Carver Cruisers
- **Friday–Sunday, August 21–23**, Perry Rendezvous
- **Saturday–Sunday, August 29–30**, Multi-hull Association
- **Friday–Sunday, September 4–6**, Olympic Yacht Club
- **Friday–Saturday, September 11–12**, Ranger Tug Rendezvous
- **Friday–Sunday, September 18–20**, Dagmar Yacht Club

The Marina staff and I are looking forward to another safe and successful boating season.

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Boating Classes

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary (USCG), Flotilla 41, will offer two public courses from its basic skills series in **March**. They will be “Tides and Current” on **Monday, March 9**, and “Weather” on **Monday, March 30**. Each will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Fire Station on Oak Bay Road.

These courses, from the USCG boating skills series being offered this spring, are hands-on, and emphasize skills needed for Northwest boating.

The fee will be \$10 per person per course. The “boating skills and seamanship” book can be purchased as a reference, if desired, for \$15.

The course “About Boating Safely” (ABS) will also be offered in **March**. It is an eight-hour course given in two sessions, **Monday, March 16, and Wednesday, March 18**, 6:00–10:00 p.m. at the Port Ludlow Fire Station.

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ABS is an introductory course with an emphasis on boating safely in the Pacific Northwest. Participants will learn the basics of protecting and handling their boat, trailering, aids to navigation, locks and dams, safety equipment and other topics. Federal and Washington State requirements for boating will also be presented. Graduates meet the requirements for the Washington State boater's education card.

The course costs \$35 including class materials. To register for courses, contact Dan Johnston at 437-2368, e-mail: danj@cablespeed.com.

Sailmaking Workshop Announced

Go spend a week down on the water in Port Hadlock and learn the basics of sailmaking while constructing sails for a student built wooden boat. You'll learn to measure the rig, work from the designer's plans, design the aerodynamic efficient foil shape, layout, cutting, sewing, and handwork—all are a part of the art and science of the sailmaking process. Learn all this and much more while building sails during this week-long workshop taught by Sean Rankins, owner of Northwest Sails.

The workshop takes place the week of **Monday, March 30 through Friday, April 3**, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. The course takes place at the Northwest Sails loft at the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding Campus. The cost is \$595, including a \$100 registration fee.

For more information visit the website at www.nwboat-school.org. You can download the registration form or call the school at 385-4948 to register over the phone.

Speed Limit in Port Ludlow Bay

5 mph

No Wake, It's the Law!



Chamber of Commerce

Chamber News



Kathie Sharp and Paula Zimmerman, 2009 Chamber Co-Presidents.

Submitted photo

Unfortunately, the monthly general-meeting luncheons have been suspended until further notice. The Chamber Board is currently working on the possibility of offering new and refreshing venues for Chamber networking opportunities in

2009. Watch for more information soon!

The 2009 Port Ludlow Chamber Officers are

- Co-Presidents: Paula Zimmerman of American Marine Bank and Kathie Sharp of Kathie Sharp Piano Studio
- Co-Vice Presidents, Piper Diehl of Ludlow Bay Massage & Wellness Spa and Dianne Cranston of Kitsap Bank
- Interim Secretary and Treasurer, Arlene Obtinario of Gardiner Gardens Administrative Services, LLC.
- Chamber Board Members are: Dana Petrick of Dana Pointe Interiors, Inc. and Shelli Cates of American Marine Bank. The Administrative Assistant is Chris Reynolds.

Chamber Liaison to PLVC

Interim Secretary/Treasurer Arlene Obtinario circulated "Wine and Chocolate Mixer" flyers along with a personal invitation for Mixer attendance to the Port Ludlow Village Council (PLVC) members and meeting attendees at its February 5 meeting at the Bay Club.

Contact the Chamber

The Chamber mission is to support, enhance and promote local businesses. It provides many benefits to its members including networking with other business-minded individuals. Contact the Chamber at info@portludlowchamber.org if you want to serve on the Chamber Board, or if you have ideas for guest speakers, community enhancement projects, and/or membership drive promotional ideas.

A Special Thank You

Thank you to the awesome guest presenters at our Wine & Chocolate Mixer on Thursday, February 12—namely the Port Townsend entrepreneurs Richard Sorensen of Sorensen Cellars; James and Christina Pivarnik of Christina James Winery; Lynn Hamlin-LeMaster, owner and chocolatier of Lehani's Deli & Coffee; and the Port Ludlow chair massage team of John Martin and Michele Pirie of Ludlow Bay Massage & Wellness Spa. Chamber Board members Piper Diehl, Paula Zimmerman and Dana Petrick, the Mixer coordinators, are to be congratulated for another fantastic, charming event!

Regrets . . . The Chamber Board thanks Dr. Jerry Brady and Eline Lybarger for serving the Chamber as Directors this past year and wish them well in their 2009 endeavors. Dr. Brady and Eline served as valuable members of the team. Their personal input will be missed.

Welcome New Chamber Board Member

Shelli Cates, American Marine Bank Mortgage Loan Originator joins the 2009 Port Ludlow Chamber Board of Directors and looks forward to her involvement with the Chamber. Shelli moved to western Washington from Post Falls, Idaho in 1990 and to Port Ludlow in 2006. She has had 19 years of business experience in mortgage lending and real estate.



Shelli Cates.

Submitted photo

Shelli is enthusiastic about her work, "I love the small town atmosphere of working in a community bank. It is rewarding to help people find the mortgage program that fits their needs." Shelli offers her expertise to first time buyers, FHA/VA, USDA rural development, land/lot loans, custom construction and for all types of refinances. P.S.: Ask Shelli about Benny—the love of her life! Her Pug!

Regional News

Working Image Benefit Fashion Show

Spring is on its way when you see the trees beginning to bud and the days getting longer; it's time for the Annual Working Image Benefit Fashion Show. In honor of their tenth anniversary, Working Image will host a dinner. . Enjoy the same teddy bear auction, lively celebrity waiters and same fabulous fashions! The date is **Wednesday, April 15** at the Port Townsend Elks Club. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; the show begins at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40.

Proceeds from this event benefit Working Image, a program that provides work clothing at no cost to low income women in Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. You may call or e-mail Program Manager Kristina Whipple at 385-2571, ext. 6334 or go to workingimage@olycap.org.

Special Census Series Offered

The Jefferson County Genealogical Society (JCGS) will present a three-part series covering special Federal census records. These records include Native American, slave and "defective, dependent and deficient" categories as well as non-population schedules for mortality, religion, wages, industry, agriculture and other topics.

Admission to the series is \$15 and JCGS membership is required. Society membership is \$15 annually for individuals or \$20 per family. Classes will be held **Sundays, March 8, 15 and 22**, 1:00–2:30 p.m., at the Research Center, 13692 Airport Cutoff Road in Port Townsend. You can call JCGS at 385-9495 to make reservations.

Sixth Community Walk to Fight Hunger

The annual Communities Responding to Overcome Poverty (CROP) Walk will be held on **Saturday, March 28**. Donations solicited by walkers and organizers before and on the day of the walk help to fight hunger both at home and abroad. While 75 percent of the monies support fighting global hunger and relief efforts through Church World Service, the remainder benefits Jefferson County food banks. In the past, CROP Walk in Jefferson County has raised over \$41,000 of which \$9,400 has gone to our County's food banks. This year the need is greater than ever as food banks everywhere are experiencing increased demand for their services.

The nearly five-mile loop begins and ends at H.J. Carroll Park in Chimacum. A van will be circulating to pick up walkers preferring to walk only part way. A refreshment stop is provided at Ferino's Pizza Parlor, which is about half way through the loop. A shorter Golden Mile walk is available entirely within the park. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m.

Everyone is encouraged to attend. Businesses and organizations may come out as a group. Even though several generous businesses support the walk most of the money is raised with modest contributions from walkers and their sponsors. So call today to pick up a packet and get your sponsors or to make a donation if you are not able to attend. For further information, call Bev Rothenborg at 437-0505.

Northwind Gallery's "Mountains"

Northwind Gallery is featuring a show entitled "Mountains," a juried collection of metaphorical or literal artworks. Artists contributed work. The juror was Eric Swangstu, creator of exhibits and outreach programs at the Art Mine Gallery in Port Hadlock. Currently the Associate Director of Admissions for Cornish College of the Arts, he is curator of the Gallery at the OK Hotel in Seattle.

The show opened on February 27 and runs through **Monday, March 30**. There will be an opening reception on **Saturday, March 7**, from 5:30–8:00 p.m. during Art Walk. A Coffee Talk will be held on **Saturday, March 15**, at 2:00 p.m. with Eric Swangstu.

Northwind Arts Gallery is at 2409 Jefferson Street in Port Townsend; gallery hours are noon to 5:00 p.m., **Thursday through Monday**. Check the website northwindarts.org.

An Evening of Haiku

On **Thursday, March 12**, Northwind Reading Series presents an Evening of Haiku featuring Christopher Herold, Doris Thurston, Jay Haskins and Karma Tenzing Wangchuk. Readings begin at 7:00 p.m. at Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson Street in Port Townsend.

Christopher Herold wrote his first haiku at Tassajara Zen Monastery, where he was a student of Shunryu Suzuki Roshi and became a lay Buddhist monk. His book, *A Path in the Garden*, won a Haiku Society of America's Merit Book Award. Past president of the Haiku Poets of Northern California, he co-edited their journal, *Woodnotes*. In 1999, he co-founded and was managing editor of *The Heron's Nest*, considered one of the top English language haiku journals. He co-organized the Haiku North America Conference held in Port Townsend in 2005.

Doris Thurston, born in Kelso and raised in Woodland, Washington, had a 28-year sojourn in Marin County, California, raising five children. After returning to Washington, she finished her Bachelor of Arts degree at Evergreen College, at the age of 65, in Literature and Writing. She lives in Port Townsend and performs poetry and storytelling with schools, library groups and for Elderhostel. Having ten grandchildren and two great-grandchildren keeps her life on a broad-running perspective.

Jay Haskins attended art schools in Los Angeles and studied with various artists in the area. He worked as a boat designer/builder and sail-maker until he retired and moved to Port Townsend in 1979. For the last twelve years he has played with Yesango, a marimba ensemble. Not until joining the Port Townsend haiku group in 2006 did he get serious about this form. He continues to learn his craft from fellow haiku poets as well as by reading the poems of time-honored masters.

Karma Tenzing Wangchuk debarked in Port Townsend in 2006 after careers in pearl-diving, health care administration, book editing, Buddhist monkhood, political agitation and tramping about. Tenzing has published in the "usual haiku niches" but of late mostly in *Minotaur*, the locally produced literary journal. None of his many chapbooks are currently in print, but two new ones are crowning.

The evening is open to the public. Donations to support Northwind Arts Alliance are encouraged.

JCHS Announces Victorian Fashion Show

Two Victorian theme fashion shows will be presented on **Saturday, March 21**, at 1:00 and 3:00 p.m., during the 13th annual Port Townsend Victorian Festival.

Ladies, gentlemen and students from throughout Jefferson County will model beautiful Victorian costumes and exquisite vintage period attire from private collections. This scholarship fundraiser will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, 1111 Franklin Street, in Port Townsend. Donations will gratefully be accepted at the door with all proceeds benefiting the Jefferson County Historical Society's (JCHS) Scholarship program.



Victorian ladies model vintage attire.

Submitted photo

We encourage any interested person who has graduated from high school or home school while a resident of Jefferson County to apply for our scholarship. Continuing education should include the study of history, historic preservation or a history-related field. More information and guidelines can be obtained at all Jefferson County high schools or at JCHS at 540 Water Street, Port Townsend, WA 98368. You can call the Society at 385-1003 or contact the Scholarship Committee representative, JoAnn Bussa, 311 Hwy 101, Brinnon, WA 98320. Her phone number is 360-796-4410. Deadline for applicants is **Tuesday, May 19**. Donations for the Scholarship also can be mailed to either of the above addresses.

The fashion show is just one of the many events scheduled during Victorian Festival. Plan to participate in the Victorian Grand Ball, Victorian Homes Tour and other opportunities to learn about this fascinating era. To find a list of all activities and schedules, log on to the Festival website www.victorianfestival.org.

Sunday Bus Service Ends

The Jefferson County Transit Board has voted to end its **Sunday** service to Poulsbo. Jefferson Transit previously offered two round-trips to and from Port Townsend through Port Ludlow. The change was made in response to a Kitsap Transit decision to end Sunday service.

Beware of the Vacuum Cleaner Salesman!

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Recently we were visited by that scourge of all sales-people, the vacuum cleaner salesman. It started out with a phone call from someone who announced we had won a fabulous prize in a drawing that neither of us could remember entering. The prize was either a top-of-the-line barbecue or a trip to a five-star resort. The catch was that the prize information had to be delivered in person. This should have been a red flag but we bit on the assurance that the sales person was not bringing a vacuum cleaner.

The guy showed up three hours late carrying, you guessed it, a vacuum cleaner that he called an “air cleaning system.” Incidentally, it also did floors. He, let’s call him Vic, was a pleasant-looking young man who “loved what he was doing.” Vic was working for a “great company with a great reputation” although neither of us had ever heard of it. He made friends with us by asking us about our lives. I thought he would blanch a little when we told him that we had previously been marketing professors but he didn’t. He told us about his life and what great experience he was acquiring and could use in the future.

Vic chatted knowledgeably about the product using a fancy flip chart, showing how sturdy it was and how the parts fit together ever so conveniently. He would win a desirable trip if he sold a certain number of systems. (I’m young, cute and a hard worker. Please help me! After all, we are friends.)

The machine needed to be demonstrated to fulfill the requirements of Vic’s job. He wouldn’t get paid if he didn’t do this. (Help me, help me!) This involved putting part of the system in a bedroom to “clean the air.” (It was noisy and didn’t seem to work.) This was followed by a demonstration of vacuuming using filters (available from the manufacturer) to demonstrate how filthy the house was despite the fact that the carpet was just cleaned. Vic asked, “What’s important to you? Don’t you care about your health and your investment in your home?” (If you won’t help me, help yourself.)

By this time we were a couple of hours into the agony without a discussion of price (which started at \$5,000) or the prize, and Vic had been repeatedly told there was no sale and never would be. Vic kept talking. (Don’t be mean to me.) Finally, and under threat of physical violence, he packed up and beat it out the door with us hot on his heels to wrest the prize information from him. It was hard to get and, on review, worthless. The “winner” had to reserve a spot within 10 days by sending in \$50. The destination

could be changed by the company at will. I shudder to think what the barbeque would have looked like.

The moral of this cautionary tale is, when you get phone calls with offers you know to be ridiculous, hang up! There is no free lunch and you didn’t win anything. You never will.

Northwind Arts Framing Workshop

A workshop with Jay Haskins and Don Tiller on **Wednesday, March 18** from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., will launch the 2009 Northwind Arts Alliance workshop schedule. The first one will focus on effective framing and presentation of artwork and will take place at Northwind Arts Center, 2409 Jefferson Street, Port Townsend. The cost of the session is \$50. It is recommended that participants bring two or three examples of work, framed or unframed, so the group can discuss the way to best display the work advantageously.

Registration forms may be found online at northwindarts.org or at the Center. For more information contact Jay Haskins at jhkapotso@olympus.net or 385-6389.

Sheriff Brasfield Retires



Mike Brasfield.

Courtesy photo

Mike Brasfield, Jefferson County Sheriff, will retire on **Friday, March 27**. This retirement caps a long public service career in law enforcement beginning in 1968. A 26-year-long career with the Seattle Police Department involved a progression of increasing responsibilities. He also served as the Fort Lauderdale Chief of Police, retiring from that position in 2001.

Brasfield's service on commissions and committees includes the Broward County Chiefs of Police, the Broward County Commission on Substance Abuse, the International Association of Police Chiefs Private Sector Liaison Committee, Washington State Sentencing Guidelines Commission, and Washington State Board on Law Enforcement Training Standards and Education. He was active with the Washington Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs. He has worked on programs to enhance security in the Pioneer Square and International District to address issues of domestic violence, substance abuse, emergency communications, and drug task forces.

Brasfield was elected to his first four-year term as Sheriff and took office on January 1, 2003. He was re-elected in the fall of 2006 and began his second term on January 2, 2007. The Sheriff has been awarded "life member" status in the International Association of Police Chiefs, has introduced a number of operational improvements, and is generally credited with "raising the bar" of expectations of Sheriff's Office employees.

A temporary Acting Sheriff will fill the remaining 21 months of Brasfield's term according to Washington law. Undersheriff Anthony "Tony" Hernandez, 39, is widely expected to step into that position and to be a candidate for Sheriff in this fall's mid-term elections.

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Shoreline Rules Questioned

by Beverly Browne, Editor

Shoreline properties are beautiful but property owners are worried about the effects of the new Shoreline Management Program (SMP) rules on their property rights and values. The proposed revisions increase setbacks for waterfront properties on saltwater, lakes and streams. Property owners are insisting on more time to comment on the new regulations, which they believe are insufficiently researched and pasted together from Whatcom County regulations. (For an explanation of the SMP proposal, see the related story on page 8.)

According to assessor Jack Westerman, the current proposal could result in property owners having to do expensive studies to build along the shoreline. Although Westerman believes that the shoreline plan should be updated, the problem is to balance the rights of homeowners with



Photo by Peggy Lee Flentie

environmental protection. Determining the real impact of the new SMP may be very difficult to determine, according to Westerman. However, he expects the tax burden to shift from shoreline properties to other properties.

Shoreline property has always been desirable. But real estate agents worry it is becoming less so and will depress an already depressed market. Check the County website at www.co.jefferson.wa.us/communitydevelopment/ShorelinePlanning.htm for more on the proposal.

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