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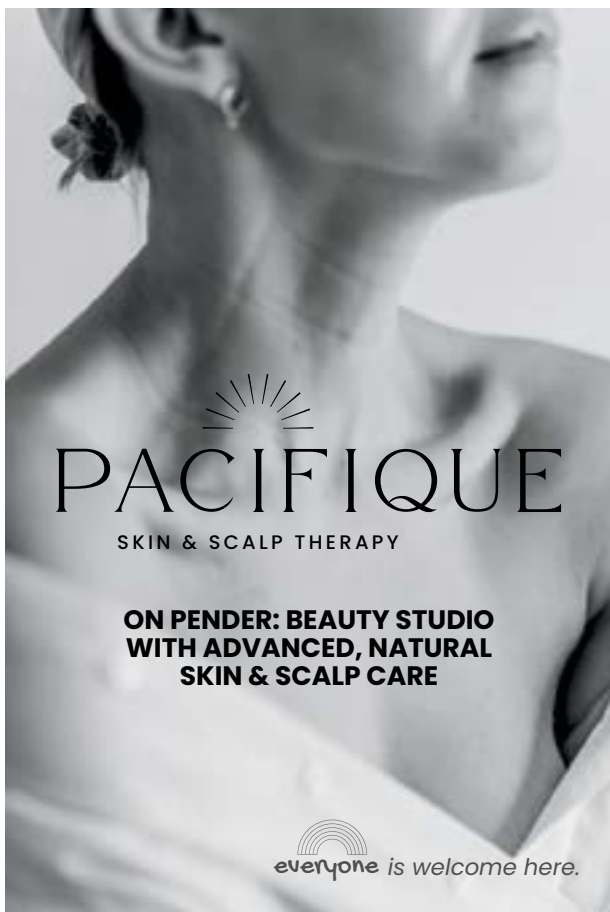
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55+ Programs

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All workshops are at the Pender Island Community Hall unless otherwise noted.

Date	Time	Workshop	Details
October 14	12 pm	Community Thanksgiving Lunch	Registration \$5 / Meal \$10 Special lunch hosted by the 55+ Activities Day and Lunch Program, but everyone is welcome. If you'd like to contribute, feel free to bring a dessert or hors d'oeuvre to share! Join us at 12:00 for lunch and stay to help build the "Thankful Tree", visit, share stories and singalong to classic songs from different eras.
October 21	3 - 5 pm	Sushi Making with Leeanne	Registration \$5 / Materials \$20 Learn to make California Roll, Vegetarian Roll, and Spicy Tuna Roll with Leeanne Mueller at the Community Hall from 3 - 5. When you register, let us know if vegetarian is your preference.
October 28	1 - 3 pm	Felting Fun with Debbie Katz	Registration \$5 / Materials \$25 (Limit 12 participants) Join Debbie for a fast and fun wet-felting workshop at the Community Hall. You will be making a "Take-Me-Away" purse/bag/pouch. No experience needed. Register today!

Monday Luncheons • 12-2pm

Sliding scale donation (\$8 recommended)



- October 7 • Butternut Squash Risotto • Sage Butter, Pecorino Cheese and Thyme
- October 14 • Turkey Luncheon • Traditional Fixings, Brined Turkey Breast, Confit Turkey Leg
- October 21 • Beef Burgers • Big Mac Remoulade, American Cheese and Potato Bun
- October 28 • Pork Carnitas • Salsa Verde, Cotija and Cabbage

For more information or to register for our programs, please reach out to us! We're here for you!

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Congratulations to Kady Dandeneau, Our Very Own Paralympics Superstar

The Canadian women's wheelchair basketball team faltered and were unable to beat China for a place on the podium at the Paralympics in Paris last month. Nevertheless, Pender Islanders couldn't be more proud of one of the team's star players, Kady Dandeneau, who grew up right here on Pender island.

Kady has always been an avid basketball player. Prior to playing wheelchair basketball, she was a stand-up basketball star in British Columbia, playing for the University of Northern British Columbia Timberwolves from 2007 to 2013.

She began playing wheelchair basketball in 2015 after discovering the game through fellow Pender Islander and former Team Canada coach, Tim Frick, when injuries prevented her from continuing to play standing.

Having always been an aggressive and physical stand-up player, Dandeneau brings the same style of play to wheelchair basketball and believes there's no better feeling than being able to represent Canada on the world stage while doing something she loves.

"Many of us on Pender Island have been witness to Kady's career, first as the top scorer for her UNBC stand-up team, through her battles with injury, and her times at home on Pender, helping to inspire the next generation of players," said Tim Frick, head coach of the Canadian Women's Wheelchair Basketball Team from 1990-2009. "We all knew that her impressive career



was fuelled by competitive fire and an unparalleled dedication to training. It comes as no surprise that her journey through wheelchair basketball that began in the Pender gym in 2015 gave us the opportunity to see her perform on the world's grandest stage. At the 2024 Paris Paralympics she dazzled the crowd with her skills and incredible performances. She gave the opposing teams and coaches fits with her power, intensity, and focus. In the end, Kady's play helped lead the team to its best finish internationally in over a decade. So many Islanders have commented on her excellent play and we can all truly say that it was a thrill to know that our island was represented so well. In September of 2026, Ottawa will host the world championships - start planning your trip now."

Well done, Kady!

Nu-To-Yu Building Fund

2/3 of the \$1,500,000 required to build the new Nu-to-Yu facility at the Driftwood Centre has been raised. Government grants will provide some of the remainder but private donations are also requested.

For information see:
<https://nu-to-yu.com/our-new-build>

To donate to the Building Fund, contact:
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Paul Brent
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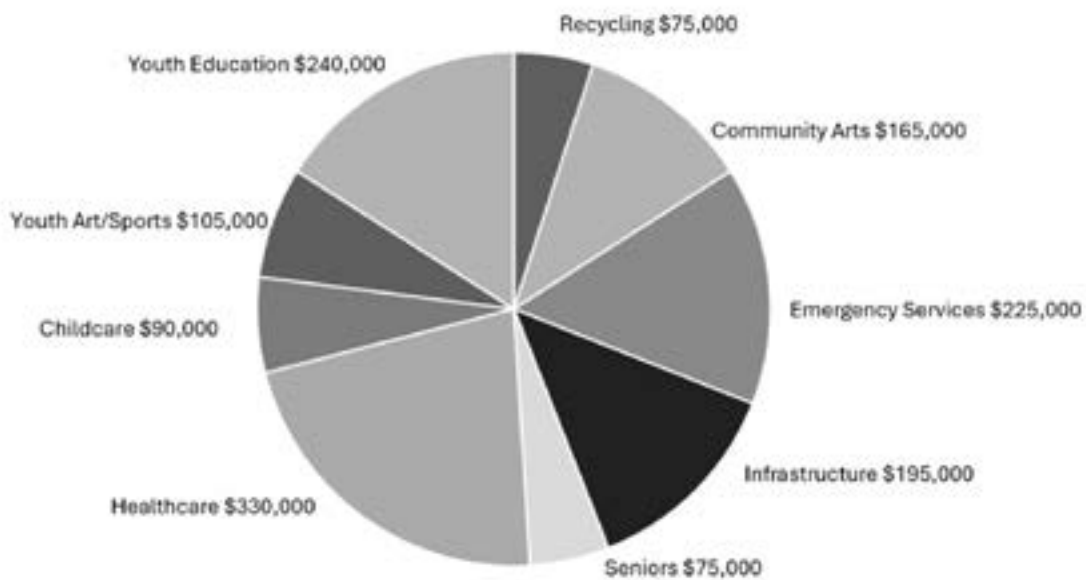
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OUR HISTORY - The Nu-To-Yu (NTY) store is a community thrift store operated by the Pender Island Community Service Society. It was founded in 1983 to raise money for health care services. Over the years, NTY has expanded its mission to support other worthy causes throughout the Pender Islands community and has contributed over \$1.5 million to a wide variety of community support initiatives.



THE FUTURE—Your donation will help build a new store that will triple our sorting capacity, double our storage, and expand retail space by 35%. This will give our loyal customers a better shopping experience and a much-improved working environment for our volunteers. We will offer a more extensive selection of merchandise and provide more opportunities for recycled goods.

Our improved operations over time will generate almost double the annual funds available for our community grants and student bursaries program.

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I Need Help

How hard it is to say those words. We like to think of ourselves as strong, independent, capable. We seem to be born with a drive to “do it our own self,” and that drive is nurtured in us as we grow. Yet a time will come, whether through age, illness, loss, accident, the vagaries of fate, the powers beyond our control, or even our own foolish mistakes, when we find ourselves desperately having to admit that we need help. We don’t want to look weak, vulnerable, needy, or stupid; we may feel afraid or ashamed. It may take every ounce of courage to say, “I need help.”

One of the things I value most about community is that help is almost always to be found. Even before we moved to Pender full time, I was so impressed with how people rallied around to support residents going through some of the most challenging and difficult situations. And I have seen that spirit of support and kindness so many times in the years since, in circumstances both big and small. It is integral to this community. In just the past few weeks, people have put on a fundraiser to support a Penderite fighting cancer, have responded with caring and practical help for a newcomer in dire straits, and I have personally experienced the kindness of two people in particular (Lori in the Browning Marina office, and Gary Buerk, who between the two of them rescued not only me, but an entire Poets Cove wedding). I am so thankful to live in this community.

As the days grow shorter and chillier, times may get tougher for some of our Pender residents. The Food Bank and Santa’s Sac may struggle to meet the needs of people who need some help and worry for those who may be afraid to ask. People who are struggling with depression or grief can be more isolated in winter months. Let’s keep a watchful eye for those who need help and be ready to do what we can. Let’s be community.

Annie Smith

Santa is Starting His List

The 6th Annual Elf Tree Project will start on November 15 and the tree will again be located at Tru Value Foods. The Elf Tree supports families in need over the holidays. It’s very simple – take a tag off the tree which has a gift and age/gender of child, buy the gift, and bring it back unwrapped with the tag to the box at Tru Value. Last year, due to the generosity of so many, we were able to give out wonderful bags of toys/gifts to 27 families with 48 children with an approximate value of \$8,500.



The Santa’s Sac program includes food support for families, couples, and individuals. Families receive a card for \$250, \$150 for couples, and \$125 for individuals. This year, families will also receive either a ham, turkey, or vegetarian choice. Last year, we supported 27 families, 4 couples, and 40 individuals. Total food card expenses were almost \$15,000. We also gave 22 gifts to seniors, supported by donations of chocolates/cookies by PI Pharmacy and bears from the BC Liquor Store.

We know the need this year will probably be greater, as visits to the weekly food bank have increased dramatically and food costs are so much higher. If you can help Santa this year, please consider:

- Making a cash/cheque donation to PI Food Bank with Santa’s Sac in the memo line. Tax receipts will be issued for amounts over \$20. Please include name, address and postal code.
- Donating your Tru Value 1% to Santa’s Sac #10.
- Taking a tag from the Elf Tree and buying a gift.
- Donating volunteer time. Volunteer forms are in the Santa’s Sac folder in the Community Box at Dockside Realty, Driftwood. We need elves to sort toys, deliver to the Anglican Hall, deliver hampers (Friday, December 20), and write cards etc.

Thank you again for your continued support. Without our annual sponsors, and your donations and volunteer hours, this program would not be possible. Let’s make Christmas brighter for others needing a little extra cheer this year.

*Terry Shepherd, Co-ordinator,
Santa's Sac Program*

Taoist Tai Chi Open House

October 2, 9:30 - 11:30 am
Community Hall

Taoist Tai Chi teaches that health comes when body, mind, and spirit are one. Working on all aspects of the person, this moving meditation reduces stress and helps us find energy, balance, and joy. In Taoist Tai Chi practice, strength comes when natural, soft movement penetrates and transforms every system and part of the body, from muscle to connective tissue to bones. This strength is also mental and emotional.

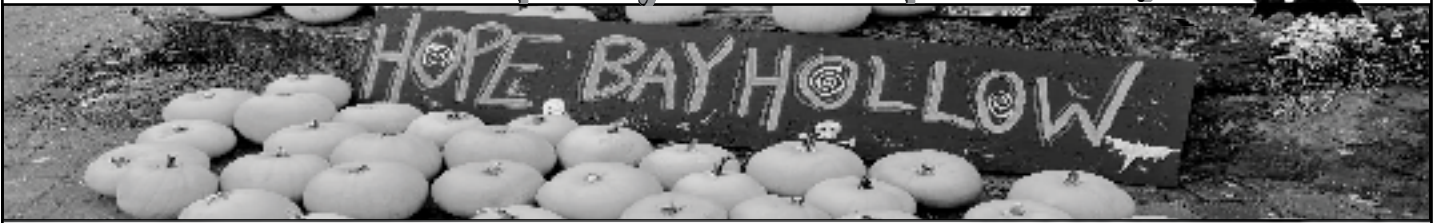
As participants become more resilient, they experience less worry and struggle and are able to calmly meet whatever challenges life puts in their path. The practice builds elasticity in muscles, tendons, and fascia, which helps the body function naturally and allows it to move more freely. At the same time this flexibility extends to the mind, helping people feel freer, more balanced, and more in harmony with those around them. When strength and flexibility work deeper into the body, people discover the powerful effects of meditation. Stillness grows and the mind calms, becoming clearer and more dynamic.

Pender Island’s Taoist Tai Chi group meets Wednesdays, 9:30 - 11:30 am, at the Community Hall.

All are welcome to attend the open house. For more information, please call 250-383-4103 or email victoria.bc@taoist.org.

Lynne Irons

Seventh Annual Hope Bay Hollow Pumpkin Carving Contest!



Calling Pumpkin Carvers of All Ages!

- Pick up your Free pumpkins starting **October 22** at Hope Bay or the Dockside Driftwood office.
 - Create your masterpiece!
- Write your name, phone number, and group (under 12 or 12+) on the back in waterproof ink.
- Deliver your Jack O'Lantern to Hope Bay by **October 28**.

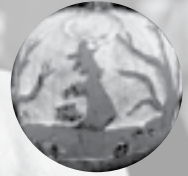
***Prizes will be awarded to the winners of:*

*the **Scariest** & the **Most Creative** Jack O'Lantern in each group, as well as a grand prize **People's Choice Award**.***

Come to Hope Bay Hollow after October 28th to

view the Jack O'Lanterns and vote for your favourite.

Why not visit the Hope Bay merchants while you're here!



North Pender Local Trust Committee

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING AND HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY

On Saturday, October 26, 2024, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) will be holding a Special Meeting at the Pender Island Community Hall. The purpose of this special meeting is to engage with the community on the LTC's Housing Access and Affordability project, including the scoping of community ideas, visions and priorities towards the development of a Housing Action Plan, and the LTC's Raptor Nest Development Permit Area (DPA) Project, where results of the recent data nest inventory study will be presented, along with potential bylaw amendments to update DPA provisions to reflect most recent provincial guidelines.

12:00 PM, Saturday, October 26, 2024

Pender Island Community Hall, 4418 Bedwell Harbour Road, North Pender Island

12:00 – 12:30: Open House

12:30 – 12:35: Call to Order

12:35 – 1:30: Raptor Nest DPA Project - Staff Presentation Q/A

1:30 – 1:45: Break

1:45 – 4:00: Housing Project

1:45 – 2:30: Preliminary Housing Needs Survey Results

2:30 – 3:00: Advisory Planning Commission Findings

3:00 – 4:00: Housing Action Planning Discussion

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Fall Fair

This year's Fall Fair was a great success, thanks to the giving people in our community who pitched in, donated, participated, and attended despite the gloomy weather, with the rain tapering off just before the opening parade. Thanks to our honoured guests, the Pender Island Museum Society and the South Pender Historical Society, with guest speakers Simone Marler and Robert Dill, who were a part of this year's *Then & Now* theme. We are so lucky to have Fall Fair Coordinator, Barbara Johnstone Grimmer, at the helm, making time in-between her busy farm, chairing the Farmers' Institute, and running the Wednesday and Saturday Farmers' Markets. Well done, Barb!

There will be a Fall Fair Committee and Convener meeting on October 15 at the Hall lounge at 7 pm. Anyone interested in being part of our team can attend. A recap of the event will be discussed and we welcome your feedback, ideas or input.

Note for volunteers who were provided with the ID lanyards: please return them to the Fall Fair folder in the Community Box at Dockside Realty or drop them at the Farmers' Institute Barn (back of Community Hall) during the Wednesday or Saturday Farmers' Market. If you'd like to recycle ribbons or paper clips, you can also drop them at the Barn.

Trophies are currently being engraved and ready soon. Recipients will be contacted to pick up.

We had over 1700 people go through the Fall Fair gates and about 700 entries. Please see the trophy recipients and volunteer and sponsor thanks on pages 33 to 35. On behalf of the Farmers' Institute, we are very grateful to our Pender Island Community for supporting the Fall Fair.

Michelle Marsden

Terry Fox Run 2024

This year's Terry Fox Run was a massive success. Thank you to the participants and volunteers who made this annual event one for the books. Together we raised over \$22,000 for cancer research! If you're interested in getting involved in next year's run, please contact Alex Harrison at terryfoxrunpender@gmail.com.

Alex Harrison

Finlay Sterling

February 17, 1941 - August 22, 2024



Finlay Sterling passed away peacefully in his sleep at San Pen Palliative Care with family by his side.

Fin came to Pender in 1959 as an eighteen-year-old cadet from HMCS Venture Officer Training in Esquimalt with a compass and a bedroll, looking for a piece of land for his father (also Finlay) who was looking for a little quiet after coming back from the war years earlier. He found the perfect spot, and his father found the beauty and calm he was looking for.

After a career in the Navy "flying planes off of boats" as he liked to say (including HMCS Bonaventure, HMCS Shearwater, USS Intrepid, and the USS Essex) Fin had a long career at Air Canada, culminating in rising to Chief Pilot of the 747-400.

Upon retirement, like his father before him, Fin and his son built his dream retirement home on that very same land that he had picked out for his father as an eighteen year old, and he retired to it with his wife Donna (who predeceased him in January of this same year) and family, including cherished visits from his grandkids.

Having travelled the world several times over, Fin had little interest in doing so anymore, and was content to sit on his deck and watch the "backyard traffic" as he called it, go by day after day in the Pacific. He also enjoyed his Friday "Truck Checker Group" at the Firehall, and was grateful for their camaraderie and letting him be one of the "gang".

Fin wished to thank everyone at Pender Fire and Rescue, First Responders, BC Ambulance, the entire team at the Pender Island Medical Clinic, and all the fine folks at the Pender Island Pharmacy, who all took the lead in helping him with his recent health related challenges. Your care and professionalism did not go unnoticed, and was very much appreciated. Not being one for any attention or shine, in lieu of condolences or flowers, Fin has requested donations can be made in his beloved wife's name at Victoria Hospice, if desired. Rest easy pops... and "keep the blue side up".

Retford Sterling (and family)

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Cindy Hultsch

1943 - 2024



Our time on Pender Island started out as a bit of a joke. On learning that a friend had bought a vacation home on Pender we joked that we would now have to buy one to keep up appearances. At the time, we had a boat that was our principal vacation venue. But after we stopped chuckling about the idea of keeping up appearances, we realized that we could use a cottage year-round rather than just boating in the summer. Thus began a new plan to sell the boat and our Victoria home, replacing them with a townhouse in the city and a vacation home on Pender. Ultimately, we executed this plan and purchased a townhouse in Victoria and a smaller vacation home here on the island. We quickly discovered that we really felt at home on the island and that led to plan 2.0. We sold the townhouse and renovated the Pender house to make it our permanent residence. That was 19 years ago, and Cindy always said the only way she was leaving this island was in a box. Sadly, that time has come. Cindy died peacefully at her home on Pender on August 26, 2024 after a courageous battle with cancer. She was born on June 25, 1943, in Baltimore, Maryland. She is survived by her husband David; children David, Debra, and Amy; grandchildren Sanaa,

Shaheedah, Shay, Alex, and Mylo; and brother Stephen.

Cindy grew up in Catonsville, Maryland, a suburb of Baltimore. Following her graduation from high school she attended Lycoming College in Williamsport, Pennsylvania where she majored in Spanish language. This is also where she met David, her future husband. He had finally gotten up the nerve to ask her to dance at one of the college events. She agreed (despite the fact she had been ogling one of his friends) thinking, "you never know when you are going to meet the man you'll marry" (maybe not a ringing endorsement, but...). Cindy and David married in 1965 following her graduation and moved to Baldwinsville, New York where David was continuing his education at Syracuse University. Cindy taught Spanish and French at Baldwinsville middle school for two years until the birth of their first child.

In 1968, the family moved to State College Pennsylvania where David began his career at Penn State University. This is where her love affair with fabric began. In 1970, she took a continuing education class on quilting (I am pretty sure this was an act of desperation to maintain sanity when caring for three children under age three). Regardless, it started her on a road that paid life-long dividends. During this period, she also opened a fabric store (Stitch-a-Knit) with a friend to take advantage of the popularity of sewing clothing from knit fabric. She also returned to school to train as a medical transcriptionist.

In 1984, the family moved to Victoria when David accepted a position at the University of Victoria. During her career here, Cindy worked as a medical transcriptionist at Victoria General Hospital and then for the cardiovascular group and a cardiovascular surgeon. She retired in 2000 which allowed her to spend more time on her passion for quilting. She had an extensive fabric stash and made dozens of quilts, many

of which she donated to local hospitals. She was a member of multiple quilting groups including the Victoria Quilters Guild and the Pender Island Quilters Circle, serving as president for the latter group several times. Cindy enjoyed sharing her passion for quilting and taught classes and workshops for several shops in addition to providing informal advice to fellow quilters.

Cindy loved living on Pender Island and wanted to stay at home through the end. With the outstanding help of our community nurses, Miranda MacKenzie and Carmel Kozak, we were able to fulfill that wish. Pancreatic cancer is a difficult road to travel. Cindy did it with amazing courage and grace that has inspired us all. Indeed, she has said more than once that these last two years were among the best in her life. That was in no small part due to the love and support that she received from her family and her friends on this island. Thank you.

A celebration of Cindy's life will be held from 2 - 4 pm on Sunday, October 20 at the Pender Island Golf and Country Club (2305 Otter Bay Road).

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the BC Cancer Foundation (150-686 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC V5Z1G1).

David Hultsch

Glenn Leigh Grimmer

August 18, 1952 – August 29, 2024



With deep sadness we mourn the passing of Glenn Leigh Grimmer, who died peacefully in his sleep on August 29 at the age of 72.

A lifelong learner and multi-generational Gulf Islander, Glenn loved the islands and the people who live here. He enjoyed boating, fishing, hunting, foraging, scuba diving, flying, farming, and many other activities through the years. He dearly loved his family and friends. The youngest blaster in BC, Glenn worked in logging camps on the coast before he started Gulf Excavating on Pender Island in 1976. He worked hard up until the day of his passing, helping people all over the Gulf Islands build homes and realize their dreams on their own piece of paradise.

Glenn is predeceased by daughters Kristen, Shelah, and Sarah, by his

father Donald, and his brother Bruce. He leaves to mourn his wife Barbara, mother Margaret, sons Aaron and Isaac, daughters Theresa (Nathan) and Cara, and stepsons Walter and Alex (Erin). He leaves his grandsons Donovan, Keagan, Alexander, and Nathaniel, and granddaughters Eveleena and Lilyanna. He also leaves his brother Dale, sisters Eileen (Vivijan) and Cindy (Tom), sister-in-law Barbara, and many family members and friends.

Glenn had multiple health issues but always had a positive outlook and strong faith. He worked hard on his recovery, freely offering his advice and help to others who also had health challenges.

God saw you getting tired, and a cure was not to be, so he put his arms around you, and he whispered come to me. You never said I'm leaving, you never said goodbye, you were gone before we knew it, and only God knows why. In life we loved you dearly, in death we love you still, and in our hearts, we hold a place that only you can fill. A golden heart stopped beating, hard working hands now rest, God broke our hearts to prove to us, he only takes the best.

You will be lovingly and always remembered by family and friends and by all who crossed your path.

There will be a memorial and celebration of life for Glenn on Friday, November 15 at the Pender Island Community Hall from 2:30 to 6 pm. Food will be provided.

Barbara Johnstone

Murray Alexander McAndrew

June 24, 1937 - April 17, 2024



Murray was born June 24, 1937 on the prairies of Canada in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan, and retired on Pender Island in 1996.

His family moved to Vancouver in 1952 and soon after he met Anne Wood, the love of his life, at McGee High School. He toured Europe for five months in 1953 playing the clarinet in the Kitsilano boys band, paying their way by performing in town squares.

Anne and Murray married while attending the University of British Columbia. He earned both Bachelor's (1960) and Master's (1962) degrees in chemical engineering from UBC, then moved the family to Princeton University and was awarded a PhD in chemical engineering in 1967.

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His professional career as a research scientist continued at Shell, always staying close to the laboratory efforts that he enjoyed the most. The year of 1971 - 1972 was memorable for the family, moving to Rouen, France on a company transfer program.

Murray and Anne played tennis and were very active in Scottish country dancing. Murray also enjoyed playing golf and billiards with his friends.

When Murray and Anne retired, they spent summers at their home on Pender Island and continued traveling the world each spring and fall.

Murray is survived by his wife of 65 years, Anne; daughter Margaret McNeal; sons James and Robert McAndrew and their spouses; seven grandchildren; and one great granddaughter. He was predeceased by his parents, James and Dorothy, and his sister, Carol Smith.

Jim McAndrew



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Maria Tippett

December 9, 1944 - August 8, 2024



Many people on Pender will already be aware of the death on August 8 of Maria Tippett. At the news of Maria's death, flags were lowered on the same day in Victoria, and at Cambridge University, five thousand miles away.

But it was at 9919 Gowlland Point Road that Maria had lived for the last twenty years of her life. It was there that a commemoration took place on Sunday, August 25, at the home she had shared with her husband Peter Clarke.

In December 2004 the newly-built house was fit for occupation. Its garden was Maria's own domain, growing apple trees, fruit, vegetables, and nourishing a wonderful array of flowers, both wild and cultivated. It was, by her own wish, to be her final resting place, with her ashes scattered there on August 25.

This event was designated as a celebration of her life. The first phase in her sudden demise had been 'Tragedy', when Maria was diagnosed in June with pancreatic cancer, which tests showed to be inoperable. Our hope was for more time, with less pain. But the second phase, 'Shock', came all too quickly: the spiral of her rapid descent into death.

Hence the third phase, 'Celebration' of Maria's extraordinary life and career. Peter had invited all neighbours on Gowlland Point and just a handful of others. The notable exception was Wesley Kovalou, Maria's only full-blood nephew, who drove from his professional Mounties' base in Alberta with his partner Elizabeth Sierocinske.

The total attendance of around forty was a token sample of all the many, many friends, colleagues, and acquaintances who mourned Maria. After a short speech from Peter, he scattered Maria's ashes in the garden that she had created from a rocky slope.

And now it was 'open house', with a number of informal exhibits on display, celebrating the various and diverse aspects of her career – books, photographs, artefacts, paintings, and sculptures.

Maria was herself "Made in British Columbia" (to steal the title of her book of essays) but she could also be called "The Cosmopolitan Canadian", with notable links to Germany, Russia, and China.

In Russia, as a budding art historian in the 1970s, she discovered the Kostakis Collection in Leningrad (St Petersburg). In Maria's last weeks, the only world news that cheered her was the release from Russian prison of Vladimir Kara-Murza, an old student at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, who had become a friend.

Maria and Peter went to China three times in the course of research for Maria's book on the life of Paul and Sonia Ho, *Eating Bitter* (2010). Other artefacts on display were linked to her publications and career, especially of course to the dozen or so books of which she was author. One of the most memorable was her biography of Emily Carr that first brought her fame as winner of the Governor-General's Prize over forty years ago.



Biographies of the painter Fred Varley, the carver Bill Reid, and the photographer Youssef Karsh were to follow. Her book *By a Lady* was a path-breaking study showing the range, quality, and sheer number of women artists in Canada. Her book on Canadian sculpture, sponsored by the sculptor Jeffrey Rubinoff, himself a long-time resident on Hornby Island, had a similar impact.

Maria followed her early volume, *Gulf Island Stories* (written on Mayne Island years ago), with a more broad-ranging collection of short stories, *Art for Art's Sake*.

Maria Tippet was a prize-winning author who also won scholarly distinction as a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada, and had been awarded three Honorary Degrees (at Windsor, Simon Fraser University, and the University of Victoria).

Maria was a woman of international renown who accomplished so very much in her 79 years but still retained her love for Canada and, in particular, these Gulf Islands that she called home for the last twenty years. She was rightly proud of her literary accomplishments but equally so of her Pender home and garden.

It was a good life. Amid our loss, then, there is much to celebrate.

Peter Clarke and John Pender

MLA

It has been a few months since I have contributed to the Pender Post, and I want to start by thanking the Pender Island community. It is an honour to serve your beautiful community, and I look forward to spending even more time on the islands and in the Salish Sea in retirement.

In June, I announced that I was not seeking re-election. It came as a surprise to everyone as I had started my re-election campaign on New Years Day. This Spring was a transformative season for me and in the end, I decided that it was time for me to step back and for someone else to step into the role of our provincial representative.

This last Thursday, I stood on the sideline of my son's soccer practice as an assistant coach, something I have not been able to do as an MLA. It is his last season of juvenile soccer and while I watched his team go through the paces, I thought about 16 years of elected public



Retiring MLA Adam Olsen and provincial Green Party candidate, Rob Botterell

life coming to an end. I grew excited by the opportunity of the new journey ahead, and importantly, the team can string a few passes together, so perhaps they will have some joy on the pitch.

Pender Island, the neighbouring islands, and the Saanich peninsula, are incredible places. As a WSÁNEĆ person, this territory is the place I belong. I have

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often invited my constituents, some who have been here for generations, and others who moved here yesterday, to be here like you belong too. Look after it, nurture it, steward it, and invest in it.

For the past seven years, I have represented this territory with passion and love. Our open constituency office, with powerful advocates, were empowered to stand with you and help you navigate through the provincial bureaucracy. I have been a reliable partner of government, and I have stood in the legislature and in the media as a fierce and thoughtful critic.

I have been empowered to serve from my heart, because community service is at the heart of the commitment of the BC Greens. The party offers a tremendous set of values and challenges its elected members to work hard and serve their community. HÍSWKE SIÁM for your support over the past decade.

As I step back, I am thrilled that Rob Botterell has stepped forward. He has lived in the riding for 20 years, on the Saanich peninsula and now Pender Island. He is a lawyer who has tremendous experience in the key areas for an MLA – constituent advocate and legislator.

I have sat across the table from Rob as he effectively represents an emergent community group that he helped organize. Additionally, I have debated amendments to legislation he helped draft. Also, in the time of record deficits, of note Rob understands finance as a former controller for TD bank.

It will be no surprise that I am proudly endorsing the Green candidate. Rob is a great candidate; he will make a strong MLA – both at home and in Victoria. I hope you will get to know him!

*Adam Olsen, MLA
Saanich North and the Islands*

CRD

While August was unusually quiet, September has been very active, with a suite of happenings.

At the September CRD Board meeting, three initiatives were brought forward and moved to proceed:

Region-wide Transportation Service

The first was development of a region-wide transportation service, augmenting the role of a coordinating body to provide more tools to integrate and advance regional mobility. It's pretty much baby steps. The initial focus will be on active transportation (trails for walking, cycling, and other mobility aids) which already benefit from a comprehensive core network (Galloping Goose and Lochside Trails), and may expand in areas such as multi-modal networks, transit and mobility hubs, with focus on regional transportation planning as it slowly unfolds.

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Pender Island Art Society



We've just had our AGM, where, among other things, we discussed ways to invite more of you lovely people to join Pender Island Arts Society. One of my favourite perks of being a member is the online gallery for our artists on the website: www.penderislandart.com. Take a look under Galleries. There you can show off your newest, bluest (or any other colour) artwork.

This website is of course available for everyone to view our artists' work.

Workshops coming up in October include a Meet and Greet drawing warm-up, setting up a still-life, and drawing practises. There will also be a Swap and Shop of art supplies. This will be facilitated by Margaret Alpen, October 7, from 1 to 3 pm at the Anglican Church Hall.

Our second scheduled workshop is Life Drawing with a clothed model, October 21, also from 1 to 3 pm, at the Anglican Church Hall. Workshops are free for members, and a \$5 drop-in fee for non-members.

Note to members: we are now only taking the \$35 annual membership fee by e-transfer at penderart@hotmail.com

We are gearing up for our annual Fall Art Show held at the community Hall in November; more details to follow next issue.

Corinne Parker



Why do we need this? Transportation is a region-wide concern. Most in the region travel between the various 13 municipalities and three electoral areas. Having a central body coordinate planning towards a more efficient, climate-sensitive, integrated transportation system that recognizes the impacts of future growth makes eminent good sense. It also positions the CRD in attracting senior level transportation funding. As example, Translink, the Lower Mainland's transportation system, is receiving \$1.7 billion in Federal Community Works Funds, almost 50% of the total \$3.5 billion allocated to BC's local governments.

Yes, if ultimately approved it will lead to an increase in taxes, initially something under \$40 per average SGI property. Will it benefit the SGIs? Coordination of bus and ferry timing would undoubtedly help, as would Rapid Bus initiatives from Swartz Bay to the core. But many initiatives across the region will benefit islanders who travel for shopping, medical and other appointments if our transportation network moves people more efficiently.

Full disclosure, Salt Spring's Director and a local Salt Spring Council member were opposed to joining the service, stating Salt Spring is self-sustaining, with all the services needed available on island, and wouldn't benefit from improved region-wide transportation. Ultimately the Board approved moving ahead with the full regional service, an initiative decades in the making.

Agricultural Land Trust

The second initiative involves the establishment of an agricultural land trust to support farmers and protect farmland in the CRD. This will begin with a trial project using a portion of Bear Hill Regional Park which already has agricultural values and would be leased from CRD Regional Parks. This is a simple and effective way to

test the efficacy of this program and is supported by the farming community to also strengthen food security. Assuming this is approved, the estimated 2026 impact per average SGI property would be 90 cents.

Electoral Area General Manager

The third initiative approved by the Board and supported by the Electoral Area Directors was the creation of an Electoral Area General Manager as part of the CRD's executive leadership team. The current structure sees each Electoral Area (Juan de Fuca, Salt Spring and the Southern Gulf Islands) having a different executive member as their lead. Those executive members have principal region-wide roles and are challenged to give sufficient attention to matters unique to the Electoral Areas (EA), which comprise only 5% of the population. Further, CRD's role is as the EA's local government, which is distinct from its role with the region's 13 local government municipalities. I'm convinced that coordination between the EAs and a dedicated representative at the executive level will bring immense value to our islands and amplify our ability to lobby senior government to fund the challenges unique to our rural and remote islands. Those challenges are formidable and are becoming more so – which will be the basis of next month's article.

*Paul Brent,
CRD Director for the SGI*





Pender Island Art Society presents

A Celebration of Art

A Winter showing by members of the
Pender Island Art Society

Saturday, November 23,
Sunday, November 24, 10am-3pm
Pender Island Community Hall

CRD parks and recreation grant

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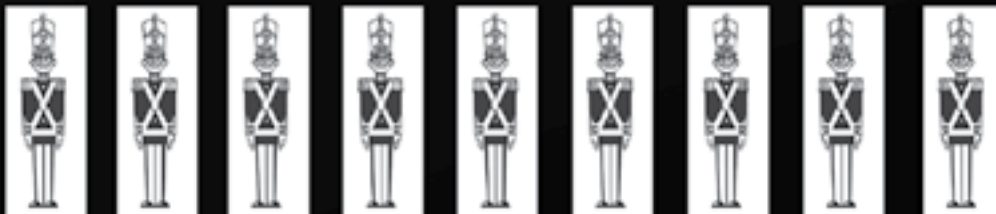
Agatha Christie's

"AND THEN THERE WERE NONE"

November 29, 30, 7pm. December 1, 2pm

Pender Island Community Hall

Tickets will be available in November



Pender Island Celtic Music Society



The Highlanders and friends from Mayne Island open the Fall Fair

Hard to believe another summer is over and done. The Highlanders kept busy with practices and two more outings. First was the Pender Fall Fair. Our “borrowed” bass drummer, Ron Henze, brought a large contingent from his other band to join us on that day. It was great to have them take part, and the two band groups blended together very well. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and cleared up, although the parade route from the Jim Dunlop Field to the Fair was still rather muddy and slippery under foot.

The second outing, also at the Hall, was the Terry Fox Run. It came just before the submission deadline for this issue. The Highlanders played some tunes as the runners were assembling and piped them out to the actual run. The enthusiastic running group left so quickly that the pipe band was left gazing after them as they sped away.

The Highlanders will be playing at the Crisp Festival on Saturday, October 5 at 9:30 am. Hope to see you there.

Caren Rennie

Pender Island Community Choir



It's the Big 50 for the Pender Island Community Choir! While there won't be pink flamingos in the yard, there will be three awesome concerts in December. Rehearsals are well under way and Sabrina has chosen a beautiful selection of Christmas and winter songs to celebrate this milestone anniversary and holiday season. Past directors have been asked to select some of their favourites, so there are songs ranging from rock and roll to traditional hymns. And of course, the Youth Choir is always heartwarming and will make your winter season way more joyful.

Join us as the Youth and Adult choirs collaborate with Denny and the Young Violins, Choir band musicians Charlie Knowles, Kathy Curtis, Dan Weeks and our very talented accompanist, Eileen Deros, to bring you the best fall/winter/solstice/Christmas concerts yet. Mark your calendars for December 13 - 15. Tickets will be for sale at Talisman Bookstore in November – watch for purchasing updates here and online.

This month we give thanks for all the gifts we have on this beautiful island – sing joyfully and share those gifts with others.

*Terry Shepherd
PI Board/Communications Liaison*



Quilters' Circle display at the Fall Fair

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



The Pender Island Quilters' Circle participated in the Pender Island Fall Fair with a quilt display at the front entry. There was an eclectic selection of quilts which included applique and pieced patterns and several antique quilts. We thank our members for helping with this display.

The inaugural meeting of our guild for the 2024 - 25 year was held on September 9 at the Anglican Church Hall. Many of the quilters in our group are enjoying fall vacations, so we had a small gathering this month.

Sadly, we lost our dear friend and mentor, Cindy Hultsch, on August 26. Cindy was well known in the quilting community on Vancouver Island as well as here on Pender Island. She was a member for many years at the Victoria Quilt Guild and enjoyed retreat weekends with quilting friends for many years. Cindy never lost her sense of humour or her need to make another quilt. Cindy's warm smile, sense of humour and quilting expertise will be greatly missed. Rest in peace our dear friend; we will miss you. Cindy's daughter-in-law brought several of her quilts for us to view, enjoy, and be inspired by. There were lots of individual memories of all the new ideas for quilts that Cindy had introduced to our group and to all her quilting friends. This opening tribute to Cindy, was followed by quilters with their own show and tell. Many inspiring creations were shown.

Martha began the business portion of the meeting with two requests. The first request was for two people to plan the food and activity for the December meeting. Karen Gagnier and Karen Watson volunteered. The second request was for someone to take over the organization and setup of the quilting display for the Pender Island Fall Fair next August. There was some discussion about what is involved in setting up the display and planning will happen early in the spring. Fees for the year will be \$35 and can be paid at the October meeting or by an e-transfer.

Quilters' Circle, continued

Martha then discussed the program for the year. We are going to do a Mystery Quilt Challenge this year. The quilt will be made from two colours with strong contrast. Martha showed us some mystery quilts that she had made and brought some sample fabrics. Kelly Dine, whose fabric shop is here on Pender Island, is aware of the Mystery Quilt pattern so that she can assist with fabric selection for those going to her shop.

The October meeting will be the first session for the Mystery Quilt. People can make their fabric selection before then and begin cutting fabric at home to start sewing at the meeting. In November, we will do a Christmas theme and December will be our Christmas social event. Both the January and February meetings will be Mystery Quilt sessions, and we may be able to hold up some finished parts in March. Also in March, we hope to have someone come and talk about what judges are looking for when quilts are entered into events like the Pender Island Fall Fair. April and May are open at this moment. Is there an interesting technique that you think the group will want to learn more about? June is our wind-up event which will be a social event, and our AGM is included.

Please note that our October meeting will not be Monday this year because of Thanksgiving. The October Meeting will be held Thursday October 17, 9:30 am - noon at St. Peter's Anglican Church. At this meeting we will begin our mystery quilt challenge. It will be exciting to see everyone's fabric. Martha will bring her sample fabrics to show anyone who has not yet made their selection.

Quilter's Philosophy: The joy of gathering is to share successes, work on common ventures, and obtain helpful guidance. We are all travelling on this gorgeous blue planet and supporting one another along the way enriches the journey.

Charlotte Edwards

Pender Photo Club



Around Salt Spring race. Photo: Ken Sawatsky.

Another enjoyable evening was had by the Camera Club on Monday, September 9, as we viewed, critiqued, and enjoyed 55 photos submitted by eight club members. Yes, we had a theme, Summer Activities We Enjoyed, but the photos varied, well, almost alarmingly. As usual, the theme provided only a rough guideline, and photos included children swimming and playing (OK, they were cute.), sailboats with wavering reflections and also racing, and abstract shots of rust. Worrisome was the large number of wine-glass photos, many distorted and looking strange. (Hmmm. Wonder why?) The photos were interesting, instructive, and fun to look at. It was reassuring to learn

so many enjoy a tippie or two during the heat of summer.

The assignment for the next meeting is Shoes. Yes, you can shoot any single or pair of footwear that you wish. The next meeting will commence at 7 pm on Monday, October 8 via Zoom. Please get the link from Urs (ursboxler@gmail.com).

All camera lovers are invited to join our meetings. There's no better way to meet other members and get an intro to the club than by quaffing wine and downing food while ensconced in the comfort of your own home. You are welcome, please attend.

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There Were None* on November 29,
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discover who the murderer is. The cast
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particular order of suspicion, is Sean
Clazie, Joyce Davis, Robert Dill, Lesley
Field, Gerry Moore, Joe Montague,
John Pender, Yale Pimiskern, Melady
Preece, and Justin Sevald.

Some get knocked off and someone does
the knocking. But the question is who?

Tickets will be available at Talisman
and online in mid-October.

Evan Llewellyn, President

PIJazz

PIJazz band has begun its 2024/2025
season, and it turns out we can still
groove after the summer break. We'll
rehearse weekly on Thursdays at the
Anglican Hall, and present several
concerts and dances through the season.

Our goals for this season include getting
a bit of Latin going, so our next dance
may mix in some sambas and bossas.

We're always open to new members,
especially on trombone and trumpet.
You know who you are: you identified
as a band geek at one point, and it
comes back quickly. Give us a holler at
brycewoollcombe@gmail.com.

Musical Musings

First, let's all give a huge thank-you for
all the musicians, volunteers, organizers,
and fans who made all our summer
events possible. I cannot remember a
summer that was as full of amazing stuff
-- festivals, fundraisers, and parades.
Truly awesome, and I am so incredibly
proud to call this community home. It
hasn't stopped yet -- keep coming out
and enjoying all the talent.

Bryce Woollcombe, Music Director



Summer Band Camp performance at the Community Hall.

We started our month with some
changes here at Ptarmigan. Not only did we bid farewell to our
incredible Arts Interns Ripley and
Meredith, we also said goodbye to Alice
Karolina, our interim Creative Director,
as she heads into a new adventure in
Europe. While Lisa and Laura continue
in their Executive and Creative Director
roles, we have welcomed Kate Bidell
as Programs Manager, and Carly
Chamberlain as Communications
Manager. You can learn more about the
team on our website or social media
soon.

Thanks to everyone who participated
in the 2024 Fall Crawl, visiting local
artists' studios across the island; it is
so special to get to experience the local
talent in their element. With fall upon
us we have many returning programs.
Some favourites, including the Ukulele
Strum, and Beginner Guitar lessons
with Bill Heintz, are back, as well as A
Drawing Journey with Wendy Gardner.
We are also back in the Southern Gulf
Island schools with a Filmmaking
Workshop after school on Wednesdays
at the Pender Island School, to help
students create films for our Film
Festival in November. Once again we
are partnering with the outer island
schools to help seed music programs
so that all the Gulf Island students have
access to a robust music education.

For concert-goers, we are looking
forward to November 9, when we will
host Mayne Islander Meg Iredale on
her album-release tour, with *Ghostly
Hounds* opening for a concert that is
sure to be a rocking night of music.

Finally, we are sending a special shout
out to our 2024 Band Camp participants
and mentors, who closed out the
summer with a rocking showcase at the
Community Hall. Campers of all ages
showed off their skills, and the packed
crowd had an awesome time. Pender
is so talented. We cannot wait for next
year.

Short Film Fest

Submissions close October 15

Submissions are open for the ninth
annual Pender Island Short Film Festival
happening on Saturday, November
16. If you have created a film or have
an idea for a film brewing, this is your
chance to showcase it. The submission
deadline is October 15. Films must
be under 20 minutes in length and are
open to all creators from the Southern
Gulf Islands, Vancouver Island, and the
Lower Mainland. All submissions can
be sent to penderfilmfest@gmail.com
for entry. Tickets for the Film Festival
are available now on our website and at
Talisman Books for only \$15 and youth
are free.

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Ptarmigan Arts, continued

**A Drawing Journey:
Sketching Workshop with
Wendy Gardner**

Wednesdays, October 3 - 24, 6:30 - 8 pm
Community Hall
\$60 for four sessions.
Subsidies are available.

Beginners will be introduced to drawing basics and given set exercises and objects to draw. There will be materials available for beginners and for experimenting with. More practised drawers will be given still life challenges and/or time to work on personal drawing projects where feedback is wanted. Students are encouraged to share their work and listen to feedback towards the end of class. The final class will include an exhibition of student work, with guests invited for the last hour. Visit our website to register.

Ukulele Strum

October 2, 16 and 30, 5 - 6 pm
Community Hall
\$5 drop-in fee accepted at the door

The strum is open to players of all ages and abilities. Even if you've never played the ukulele before, come join this fun and welcoming group and give it a try. There will be extra chord charts available each week.

Concert: Legacy of Lightfoot

October 18, 7 pm
Community Hall

Ptarmigan Arts is proud to be sponsoring this upcoming concert featuring accomplished singer/songwriters

Oliver Swain & Dylan Stone. *The Legacy of Lightfoot* was born out of an enduring respect and reverence for the iconic music of Gordon Lightfoot. Take a journey through one of the deepest and most prolific catalogues of songs ever written. Not only was Gordon Lightfoot one of the most skilled songwriters of his generation, but he had the voice and charisma to match. The musicians who have come together to celebrate him combine their decades of experience as performers and songwriters to give a meaningful and engaging performance of his enduring catalogue of music. From his days playing the coffee houses in the 60s to the mega hits of the 70s and all the way up to the beautiful music written in his later years, *The Legacy of Lightfoot* shines a light on the entirety of Gordon's masterful career. Tickets are \$30 and can be purchased at Talisman Books or at ptarmiganarts.org.

**Concert: Meg Iredale
with the Ghostly Hounds**

November 7, 7 pm
Community Hall

We are excited to be welcoming Meg Iredale from Mayne Island to the Community Hall Stage for a full band show on her album release tour, with special guests (and honorary Penderites) *Ghostly Hounds* opening up the evening. Meg's new album *Lean In* was recorded at Fiddlehead Studios on Mayne Island with Adam Iredale-Gray (Aerialists). Like the guitar she built on the back of her truck from salvaged yellow cedar,

Meg Iredale brought these songs into being in a natural way. Her boldly honest lyrics, paired with a playing style and sound that moves like water over sand, Iredale is writing from the gut, and you're going to feel it. Tickets for this concert are available at ptarmiganarts.org and at Talisman Books.

**Weekly Community Gatherings:
Live Music and Fresh Soup**

Every Friday, 12 - 1 pm
Community Hall

This long-standing community program is a partnership between Community Hall, Ptarmigan Arts, and the SGI Neighbourhood House.

This October, we will be enjoying the talents of *The Lakemen* on October 4 in support of Crisp Fest, Zoubi Arros from Victoria on October 11, Randy Pinchbeck playing original songs on October 18, and *Slo Cookin'* featuring Stephen and Diana Fairclough, Dave Wright, and Xander Hartwood on October 25. If you can't make it in person, the music is live streamed each week on the Community Hall Facebook page.

**Art in the Library
Fluorescent Dreams:
A Celebration of Pop Art**

Through October, Pender Library

This exhibition features work from Matt Adolf, a contemporary artist who received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in mixed media art and sculpture from Emily Carr University. See the Pender Library report, page 48 for details.

For information and to register for any Ptarmigan Arts programs or events, please visit ptarmiganarts.org.

*Carly Chamberlain,
Communications Manager*

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Three on the Tree Production Society



Fall is here and we're in full swing planning for the annual Magic Lake Lantern Festival. This year is our twenty-fifth anniversary and we are hoping that it will be an extravagant event to celebrate the milestone. Thematically, we are both looking back and reflecting on the festival of the past years as well as looking forward to the future of what it could become.

For those who are new to the island or haven't experienced participating in the festival yet, we hold an all-ages New Year's Eve event that happens early in the evening on December 31. There's a short parade open to the public followed by an hour-long outdoor performance in front of Magic Lake at the picnic area. In the days leading up to the festival we will be holding lantern-making workshops at the community hall so that you can create a personal lantern to bring and be a part of the parade. Stay tuned in to the next Pender Post for exact times.

As always, we're hunting for support for the festival in many ways. We're looking for volunteers, materials, and

accommodations for some of our visiting artists. Our volunteers and participants are really the heart of the festival, but if a financial donation is easier, we are also hoping to have pledges of \$25 for 25 years in a campaign to keep the festival alive.

For more information on anything related to the festival or the workshops that will lead up to it, please send us an email to threeonthetreeproductions@gmail.com or follow us on Instagram where we'll be sharing visuals from festivals past and the plans for this season.

*Alaia Hamer & Liis Graham –
Program Coordinators*

ZOO-isLANDER 2025 - The Finale

The show is not over, but ZOO-isLANDER 2025 will be the finale of *Volume 1*.

Mark your calendar for February 15. Creators, designers, and models are needed for our upcoming show. More details in coming weeks and future Pender Post editions.

Madelin Emery



Family fun at the Lantern Festival at Magic Lake Park last New Year's Eve.

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**Coleman Rogers
Memorial Bursary**

We had our annual meeting in August. This past year two of our board members passed away - namely David Sherman and Russ Searle. At this past meeting we welcomed Leanne Sutherland and Kathy Curtis to the board.

This past spring we received a total of nine applications from secondary students on Pender Island. We were thrilled to have so many! The Board members read through all these applications. We approved a bursary to each of the applicants of \$600. It was so interesting to read of two students working towards becoming a vet, another student taking Mechanical Engineering, and still another into education. It was a diverse list of choices and we are so proud of these students for continuing their post secondary education.

Thank you to our Pender community for supporting us through the Spirit Board at Tru Value. This gave us enough funds for one of these bursaries. Also we thank Mike Gray for his care in providing this opportunity to our small bursary committee.

We encourage the residents of Pender to consider saying #27 when they buy groceries at Tru Value.

Joanne Enns, Chairperson

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**Community Hall
(Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association)**

As the crisp fall air settles over Pender, the Community Hall is buzzing with festive energy and cozy gatherings. From the lively Halloween Howl Family Dance to weekly Friday Community Gatherings and Monday Seniors Activity Day (a better name to be found later) and harvest markets, there's something for everyone this season. Whether you're ready to dance the night away, enjoy films, or lend a hand at one of the events, the Community Hall is the heart of autumn celebrations. Don't miss out on the fun and warmth as the island comes together to embrace the spirit of our community.

Halloween Howl Family Dance
Saturday, October 26, 6:30 - 8:10 pm

Join DJ Marc with his spooktacular tunes and dance until you're pooped, head out to the bonfire in the crisp night air, grab a hot dog from the Fire Hall, then back to the dance. The dance will be in the Main Hall with the doors open to keep you cool and breezy. The film *The Nightmare Before Christmas* will follow the dance.

Films

Doors open 15 minutes before films start.
Admission is \$5 - \$10 (sliding scale).

Coco (2017)
Saturday, October 19, 1:15 pm

Despite his family's generations-old ban on music, young Miguel dreams of becoming an accomplished musician. Desperate to prove his talent, Miguel finds himself in the stunning and colorful Land of the Dead. After meeting a charming trickster named Héctor, the two new friends embark on an extraordinary journey to unlock the real story behind Miguel's family history. This film will be run by the Youth Leadership Program.

The Woman King
Saturday, October 19, 7:15 pm

In the 1800s, a group of all-female warriors protects the African kingdom of Dahomey with skills and fierceness unlike anything the world has ever

seen. Faced with a new threat, General Nanisca trains the next generation of recruits to fight against a foreign enemy that's determined to destroy their way of life.

Ghostbuster: Frozen Empire
Friday, October 25, 7:15 pm

The Spengler family returns to the iconic New York City firehouse where the original Ghostbusters have taken ghostbusting to the next level. When the discovery of an ancient artifact unleashes an evil force, Ghostbusters new and old must unite to protect their home and save the world from a second ice age.

The Nightmare Before Christmas (1993)
Saturday, October 26, 8:15 pm

Jack Skellington, Halloweentown's beloved pumpkin king, has become bored with the same annual routine of frightening people in the real world. When Jack accidentally stumbles on Christmastown, all bright colors and warm spirits, he gets a new lease on life.

Night of the Demon (1957)
Wednesday, October 30, 7:15 pm

American professor John Holden arrives in London for a conference on parapsychology only to discover that the colleague he was supposed to meet was killed in a freak accident the day before. It turns out that the deceased had been investigating a cult led by Dr. Julian Karswell. Though a skeptic, Holden is suspicious of the devil-worshiping Karswell. Following a trail of mysterious manuscripts, Holden enters a world that makes him question his faith in science.



Community Gathering Lunch

Fridays, 10:45 am - 1 pm

Join the weekly Community Gathering for a visit in the café, a delicious lunch, live music, and fun activities for everyone.

Friday Fun

Fridays, 10:45 am - 12 pm

Every Friday come and join our youth leaders as they lead fun activities. All ages are welcome; older adults are particularly encouraged as a fun way to get to meet children and youth of the community. Activity is by donation.

October 4: Puzzles

October 11: Thanksgiving Crafts

October 18: Café Francais

October 25: Make Spooky Snacks

Youth Activities and Programs

Youth Leadership Program

Ages 10 to 12 and 13 to 18. *Free*

Join this fun and skills-building program. Depending on your age and interests, you can learn how to do things like run the Community Café, help at special events, make posters, be a caretaker of the Community Hall, assist with activities, organize and lead activities, mentor younger or less experienced youth, help older people with technology, photograph events and activities, help cook or bake for community lunch, and many other areas, all while developing skills and getting great experience. Come in on a Friday or Saturday between 10 am and 1 pm and ask to talk to Andrea or Liam.

Saturday Harvest Markets

Come out and browse local food, craft, and produce. Local handmade goods, farm fresh produce, and a café led by the Youth Leadership Program are available. Support your local artisans, artists, and cuisiniers. If you would like to register as a vendor for any of these markets, please contact the Hall.

Yuletide Market Registration

The Yuletide Markets will run November 16, 23, 30 and December 7, 14, 21, 10 am - 2 pm. Register on our website.

Carpet Bowling

Wednesdays 1:30 - 3:30 pm

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Community Hall, continued

Volunteer Opportunities

We are looking for volunteers for films, Comfort Center, advertising and office support, as well as 55+ Activity Leaders and Youth Leadership Program Mentors. All training will be provided. If you are interested in volunteering or need more information on what these positions entail, please email bookings@penderislands.org or call 629-3669.

Featured volunteer opportunity this month: Films - Are you a cinephile? We need people to help take entry donations, sell popcorn, and help tidy-up after movies. If you are a bit of a tech minded person, you can also learn how to show films. Volunteers watch the show for free, receive free popcorn and help select film options if they like.

Andrea Mills, Liam Sigurgeirson, and George Fowlie



Provincial Election Day

Saturday, October 19

**Voting place:
Pender Islands School**

To register or update your information, or request a vote-by-mail package, go to:

www.elections.bc.ca

Gulf Islands Food Co-op



We have a busy season ahead, full of events:

Seed Season

The Gulf Islands Food Co-op is grateful to United Way for funding the purchase of seed cleaning equipment that will be available for all four islands to share. A set of hand-screens has arrived, and later in October the larger machine will be here too. Together, they will be able to clean all kinds of vegetable seeds, from tiny basil seeds to larger squash seeds and everything in between.

To learn how to clean seeds, we invite you to join us at the Pender Community Hall on Sunday and Monday, October 6 and 7, when FarmFolkCityFolk will have their mobile seed cleaning trailer available for all to use. The public is welcome to bring any dried plants from their garden from which they want to separate seeds, using a variety of equipment and expert assistance from FFCF staff who can also answer any questions you have about how to save and store your own seeds. Please book a time slot if you have lots to process – contact me at rk@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org. All we ask in exchange is a donation of some of your seed to our Pender Seed Library.

Our Pender Seed librarian, Wendi Lopatecki, will have packets of seeds to give away at the Crisp Festival October 4 and 5. Please bring any spare seeds to share, and expand our community seed resources.

Winter Stock-up Market

Several of our local growers will have a grand selection of winter storage veggies for sale on Saturday, October 12 at the Community Hall market. Be sure to shop for your spuds, beets, squash, and more for Thanksgiving. Expert grower, Rob Dill, will be at the Co-op table to answer your questions about how to store veggies for the winter, and Julie has made up a great handout full of tips and recipes too. Thanks to funding from the CRD, we will also be purchasing local veggies for the Food Bank.



New seed cleaning hand-screens.

Caring for the Land

On Friday, October 18, the third S,DÁ,YES Community Volunteer Day will be held at QENENIW (Hay Point on South Pender). These community-building events provide a tangible opportunity for reconciliation. We are happy to be one of several community groups making this project possible. To register (free) please email Madelin at madelin.emery@gmail.com.

The BC Ministry of Agriculture is funding Water Workshops for commercial growers on Pender on November 8 (and Galiano November 7). Dennis Lightfoot P. Eng. will attend field tours providing guidance in a peer-to-peer environment, sharing his vast expertise in drainage, water storage, irrigation, and dryland techniques with the farming community. More details will be provided in the coming weeks.

Sign up for our newsletter by contacting us at info@gulfislandsfoodco-op.org.

Roz Kempe



As Magic Lake Property Owner's Society's new secretary, I will be keeping you informed and up-to-date on MLPOS projects, inquiries, and activities of high importance to the community. So, let's get started.

There is a lot to maintain in a coastal marina, so we have a dedicated team in charge of maintenance at Thieves Bay. Frequent, well-organized work parties are one of the best ways to keep our beautiful marina safe and functional. On August 28, fifteen volunteers checked cleats and cleat bolts, refastened or replaced deck boards, and installed 10 sheets of donated, composite decking. With lunch and refreshments provided, the volunteers worked from 10 am - 3 pm. Thank you, volunteers, for sharing your time, skills, and enthusiasm.

By now, most of us are aware that the American Bullfrog is an invasive species and poses a substantial threat to the natural balance of wetlands throughout the Gulf Islands. Some residents, like those entrusted with the custodial care of Buck Lake, have taken action. The Buck Lake Property Owners Association, with the support of the MLPOS, enlisted expert remediation by herpetologist Stan Orchard from Victoria. During the evening late last July, a team of two conducted a thorough inspection of the lake perimeter, capturing (for removal) and classifying 43 bullfrogs within a few hours.

Mature female bullfrogs are capable of producing tens of thousands of eggs each year while tadpoles will overwinter and transform into juvenile bullfrogs during mid-summer. Knowing the gender and stage of growth is a key factor in determining the extent of colonization and developing a long-term strategy for early detection and follow-up removal. Over half of the bullfrogs captured in Buck Lake were females and 61% of those had not yet released their eggs. A very large tadpole was also found, suggesting successful bullfrog spawning in Buck Lake during 2023; however,



the overall distribution of captured bullfrogs indicates that the lake is in the earliest stage of colonization.

While Mr. Orchard recommends a plan for further bullfrog removal in 2025 and 2026, local residents should be aware that tadpoles from the 2023 spawning will transform into a large number of juvenile bullfrogs around the margin of Buck Lake.

Marney McKay, Secretary



New Rules to Protect Vulnerable Road Users

In the September issue last year, Dr. Don Williams reported on the relationship between vehicle speeds and morbidity and mortality for vulnerable road users. New rules addressing some concerns expressed by Dr. Don came into effect this past June 3. The rules, intended to improve safety for everyone, are available here on the BC government website: tinyurl.com/GiveSpace.

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MAP, continued

A vulnerable road user risks serious injury or death from contact with a motor vehicle. These users include cyclists, motorcyclists, electric kick scooter users, wheelchair and mobility scooter users, and animal driven vehicles.

When approaching a vulnerable road user, a driver should assess speed while considering road conditions, traffic, and weather. A vulnerable user should be given as much space as possible when following and passing. Inadequate caution allows a fine of \$109 and a driver penalty of 3 points.

Where the speed limit is 50 km/hr or less, the minimum passing distance is 1 meter. Where the speed limit is higher, the passing distance is 1.5 meter. A passing distance violation allows, at minimum, a fine of \$368 and 3 driver penalty points. The law permits a fine up to \$2000 and 6 months of imprisonment.

The Taxi Saver program will continue to March in 2025. Coupons providing half taxi fares for seniors and disabled Pender residents are available at the Community Resource Centre at the Driftwood. The office is open Monday and Friday, 10 am - 4 pm.

Moving Around Pender, Alternative Transportation Society will hold its next monthly meeting on Saturday, October 5, 10 am at the Community Hall, in the lounge or on the back porch. Members and non-members are welcome. Bring feedback, questions, and suggestions, or just come to listen in.

email: map.contact@movingaroundpender.ca
 Web: movingaroundpender.ca
Peter Easthope

Nu-To-Yu (Pender Island Community Service Society)



As we approach the end of the month, we invite all active members to join us for our semi-annual membership meeting, where we'll vote to approve grants to support applications from various Pender non-profit societies. Since our inception in 1983, our entirely volunteer-operated non-profit society has proudly contributed over \$1.5 million to numerous worthy causes within our community. Your ongoing support, whether through donations and purchases at the Nu-to-Yu thrift store, cash contributions to our building fund, or selecting "33" for your 1% at TruValue, continues to fuel our mission. We are so grateful for your commitment and generosity, which empower us to support you.

As some of you will have noticed, Tin Lizzy is gone from the front of the store. She has temporarily gone to Steeve Larouche's workshop where he's giving her a midlife makeover. She'll next appear at our new store. Thank you, Steeve, for continuing to foster your creation. Please see our website (nu-to-yu.com) for more information about how our new build is coming along and to make a donation to this cause.

Do you have something to donate? Please bring it by the back of the store on Tuesdays or Thursdays between 9 am and noon or Saturdays from 11 am to 2 pm. Due to our space constraints, each household is limited to two bags or boxes per day. Phone 629-2070 during these same hours to discuss larger items prior to bringing them to the store or for possible pick up if you do not drive.



Recently, our vice president Manfred brought a big truck load of donations to the Salvation Army in Victoria. He delivered items from our store that were surplus to what we could sell or had just been in the store for a long time. They always thank us for our donations, but they're in the same predicament as us and that is generally overwhelmed with items they can not sell. Thrift stores cannot accept very dirty donations, electrical appliances where the plastic is sticky and breaking down, or old worn non-stick pans, just to name a few. Luckily, most of these items can be taken to our awesome recycling centre. Anyway, when you do come to drop off donations for us, please be patient as we go through what you're giving to us. We're just trying to be selective so we can maintain our standards and not pay a lot to have stuff we can't sell be disposed of.

Josephine Spaxman

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MP Elizabeth May, provincial Green Party candidate Rob Botterell, Maryanne Pare and Kathy Cronk at September 13 Community Conversation

Community Conversations is a bi-monthly gathering of Pender/S, DÁ, YES residents who are interested in discussing issues relevant to our shared island experience. In the past year, we've been fortunate to have our MLA Adam Olsen attend every session. We've also had a range of guests who have represented Islands Trust, CRD, and our Fire Department. The format is Q and A and the goal is to provide participants with the opportunity to address concerns for the well being of our island community.

On September 13, which was a Friday and therefore potentially an unlucky day, we had the good fortune to host both Elizabeth May and Green candidate for Saanich-Gulf Islands, Rob Botterell. Topics included the history of the carbon tax, which was initiated by Gordon Campbell's Conservative provincial government in response to the pine beetle infestation and in recognition of climate change.... in 2008! It was revenue-neutral at the time of its inception. This neutrality was removed by the NDP government in 2018 by Premier Horgan. When we talked about ocean pollution, Elizabeth shared her vision of a Washington State/BC alliance to create a UNESCO Marine Conservation Area for the Salish Sea.

What made this gathering unique was that all the issues we covered addressed local environmental and climate concerns. The recognition of how the planetary emergency is presently, and will increasingly impact our island home, was central in people's questions. When one participant asked Elizabeth how we can best respond to the crisis, she pointed out that ensuring our riding remains Green is a climate action that will have far-reaching influence on the threats to our environment, and it is an action that any resident with voting rights can do.

Rob spoke about how his twenty-five years working as a lawyer with Indigenous communities has been a training ground for the position of MLA on the issue of how to get one's voice heard. He also reflected that witnessing the resilience of Indigenous people gives him hope for the ability of the human spirit to respond to the climate crisis.

The Climate Cafe continues to be well-attended with new people showing up every time we gather.

This month we continued to answer the question, "suppose world leaders decide that the climate crisis is beyond their capacity to solve and form a citizens' committee to ask what they thought

needed to happen to solve the crisis. You have been invited to be a member of that committee. What ideas and solutions would you bring?" as well as the question, "How do you think change can happen, what will prompt us to change, and what is your personal theory of change?"

Both these questions brought out many answers and prompted some great discussion.

The next Climate Cafe takes place, as it always does, on the first Friday of the month, 9:30 am at the Community Hall. See you on October 4.

Kathy Cronk and Maryanne Pare

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Pender Island Chamber of Commerce



As we head into October, there's lots to share from the Pender Island Chamber of Commerce. We're excited to welcome two fantastic new members: Kelly Dine's Woven Fabric Gallery, and Deb Bartlett Realty. Each of these businesses brings something unique to our vibrant community. From high-quality fabrics and patterns at Woven Fabric Gallery, to Deb Bartlett's trusted real estate services for those wishing to relocate to the Saanich Peninsula, we are thrilled to have them as part of our Chamber family. Be sure to visit their listings in the Chamber business directory (www.penderislandchamber.com) and reach out to see how they can support your needs.

In terms of advocacy, we continue working to ensure our small businesses are represented. Whether it's discussions around ferry service, the importance of roadside business signage for home-based businesses, or infrastructure like improved Wifi and banking services, we are actively engaging with various levels of government to voice the concerns of our business community. October is a particularly important time for advocacy with the upcoming provincial election just around the corner. This is your opportunity to make your voice heard, so stay informed and take the time to vote on October 19 or in the advance polls.

October also happens to be Small Business Month, which is a wonderful time to celebrate the backbone of our local economy. It's probably fair to say that nearly all of the businesses operating on Pender Island are considered small or micro-enterprises, run by passionate individuals and families who are deeply connected to our community. They contribute to our local economy, offer personalized services and create jobs, all while facing the unique challenges of island life. As we head into the fall, let's make a conscious effort to support them. Whether it's popping into a local store, booking a service, or recommending a local business to a friend, every little bit helps.

At the Chamber, we are dedicated to fostering a strong, diverse business community. If you know of a business that could benefit from joining the Chamber, now's the time. Together, we can continue to build a thriving, resilient economy here on Pender Island.

Sandra Tretick, Manager

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre

Pender Island Child Care Society

Family Counseling Sessions

Twice a month on every second Monday afternoon, registered counselor Geneva Jacobs will offer supportive services to parents raising little ones. These one-to-one counselling sessions will be held in a confidential space while children are cared for by an educator. Geneva brings compassion, reflectiveness, and curiosity as she accompanies you in navigating your way toward a more fulfilling and empowered life. We are grateful for the generous support of The Victoria Foundation.

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast is held one Saturday per month from 9 - 11 am at Dragonfly. This month it will be held on October 19. Facilitators Pam and Chris will be there flipping pancakes, sizzling up some sausages, and brewing endless pots of coffee. This is a fabulous program for children and dads, uncles, grandpas, or friends to come out for a free breakfast, socialize, play, and give mom the morning off. Thanks to the Ministry of Children and Family Development this program is free.

Parents and Babes

The Parents and Babes program runs every Monday morning (except holidays) from 9 - 11:30 am at Dragonfly. Pamela Wadge facilitates this free drop-in program for parents, caregivers, and their children. Come out and enjoy snacks, adult and children interactions, and developmentally-appropriate toys and books. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and the Pender Island Child Care Society, this program is free.

Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP)

HOP is held every Wednesday morning from 9:30 - 10:30 am in the school gym. Come on out and join Jennifer Ursell as she sets up new activities each week: from basketball and hula hoops to crash

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mats and obstacle courses, this program will be sure to tire out your youngster. HOP is designed for parents/caregivers to engage in physical activities and learn new skills with their children 1 - 5 years.

Thanks to the Pender Island School and the CRD, this program is free.

Workshop Series

One Monday evening a month various speakers will present a variety of topics related to parent self-growth and empowerment. Workshop participants will have the opportunity to engage in demonstrations and discussions, as well as takeaway skills for parenting in everyday life. Our workshop this month is Cultivating Secure Attachment with presenter Geneva Jacobs happening on October 28, 6 - 8 pm. The cost to participants is \$10 per workshop. Please contact Pam to sign up.

Check out our website for more information about our programs, helpful parent blogs, and recipes, at www.dragonflycentre.ca. If you would like further information on Dragonfly activities, contact Pam at 629-3039 or by email: dragonflyfamilycentre@gmail.com

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Pender Islands Conservancy



Restoration

It's that time of year – the days are getting cooler and it's starting to rain, so that can only mean one thing: time to start planting. There are lots of exciting developments in the world of ecological restoration on Pender this year, from new restoration projects to a new native plant nursery. The Pender Conservancy is working with the CRD on a number of projects that aim to restore wetlands, streams, and Garry oak meadows through invasive species removals and native species planting. If you want to get involved in these activities, please get in touch with Sara Labadie at sl.ecologicaltechnician@gmail.com to get on our restoration email list. We will also have opportunities for you to visit some of our newest Nature Reserves to help with restoration efforts over the coming months.

Restoration of wild spaces and our own backyards, to enhance biodiversity, ecological resilience, and drought tolerance, requires the reintroduction of native plant species that are adapted to the Coastal Douglas Fir biogeoclimatic zone. One of the Conservancy's priorities has been to improve our community's access to native plants to facilitate this restoration work across the island. As part of a huge step toward this goal, we are excited to invite the community to Pender's new native plant nursery, located at the Valley Home Farm. For a sneak peak, join

us on October 10 for a Native Plant Propagation seminar and workshop, a collaboration between the Conservancy, Pender Island Garden Club, and Gulf Islands Food Co-op. Kristen Miskelly from Satinflower Nurseries will present a seminar on native seed propagation in the morning at 10 am at the Community Hall, followed by a tour of the new Pender nursery and a hands-on cutting propagation activity with Adam Miller, Conservancy nursery manager, at 1 pm. Space is limited for the nursery visit in the afternoon, so please RSVP to make sure you secure your spot. Visit the Conservancy events page for more information on this event and to RSVP. The grand opening of the nursery will be on Thanksgiving weekend, October 12, 10 am - 2 pm, and we'll be open every Saturday thereafter through the fall.

Nature Centre at Hope Bay

With the fall comes the return of overwintering waterfowl to our shores. In October, you will find some of these birds visiting our Nature Centre as well. Investigate the variety of bill shapes that reflect different diets: does the bird dive for fish, or filter algae through its bill? Inspect the positioning of legs on the body: does it dive for food, or dabble at the water surface? Much can be determined about a bird just by studying its morphology. To learn more, visit the Nature Centre Wednesday to Sunday from 11 am to 3 pm. We're also excited to have added Adrienne Moya's Mudware pottery to the gift shop – lovely pieces from rustic to elegant in design, perfect made-on-Pender gift options, for yourself or others.



Sara Labadie and Lisa Baile removing Daphne from Pender parks.

Coming Events

Native Plant Propagation Seminar and Workshop

with Kristen Miskelly and Adam Miller

Presented by Pender Conservancy, Pender Island Garden Club, and Gulf Islands Food Co-op

Seminar: Thursday, October 10, 10 am at the Community Hall. Admission \$10 (free for Garden Club members).

No advance registration required for seminar only.

Nursery tour and propagation activity at 1 pm.

Space is limited. RSVP for nursery tour at penderconservancy.org/event.

For more information contact Pat Holborn at pholborn@shaw.ca.

Legacy-Giving Seminar and Workshop

Wednesday, October 23, 7 pm, Community Hall

Are you thinking of leaving a legacy for conservation? There are many ways to support conservation through planned giving and conservation covenants – established today for future generations. Learn from our panel of experts and fellow community members and start planning your legacy today.

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Are you and your family prepared for a major earthquake? Would you know what to do if one were to strike our islands tomorrow? The Great British Columbia ShakeOut, held on the third Thursday of every October, is a province-wide earthquake drill, organized to encourage individuals, families, schools, businesses, and communities to practice earthquake safety as well as review and update emergency preparedness plans and supplies. This year it will be October 17 at 10:17 am.

So why is it important to do Drop, Cover, and Hold On drills? To react quickly you must practice! You may only have seconds to protect yourself in an earthquake before strong shaking knocks you down or drops something on you. Practicing helps you be ready to respond.

If you are inside a building, move no more than a few steps, then Drop, Cover and Hold On:

- **DROP to the ground (before the earthquake drops you)**
- **Take COVER by getting under a sturdy desk or table**
- **HOLD ON to it until the shaking stops.**

Stay indoors until you are sure it is safe to exit. In most buildings in BC you are safer if you stay where you are until the shaking stops. If you are outdoors when the shaking starts, you should find a clear spot away from buildings, trees, streetlights, and power lines, then Drop, Cover, and Hold On. Stay there until the shaking stops. If you are driving, pull over to a clear location, stop and stay there with your seatbelt fastened until the shaking stops. Then proceed with caution and avoid bridges or ramps that might have been damaged.

Ground shaking during an earthquake is seldom the cause of injury. Most earthquake-related injuries and deaths are caused by collapsing walls and roofs, flying glass, and falling objects. It is extremely important for a person to move as little as possible to reach the place of safety because most injuries occur when people try to move more than a short distance during the shaking.

Look around you now, before an earthquake. Identify safe places such as under a sturdy piece of furniture or against an interior wall in your home, office, or school so that when the shaking starts you can respond quickly. An immediate response to move to a safe place can save lives. And that safe place should be within a few steps to avoid injury from flying debris.

Did you know that the Pacific Coast is the most earthquake-prone region of Canada? Each year, seismologists

with the Geological Survey of Canada record and locate more than 1000 earthquakes in western Canada. In the offshore region to the west of Vancouver Island, more than 100 earthquakes of magnitude 5 or greater (large enough to cause damage had they been closer to land) have occurred during the past 70 years. Part of the Pacific Ring of Fire, the concentration of earthquakes along the west coast is related to the presence of active faults or breaks in the earth's crust. The surface of the earth is always changing, as the earth's crust is made up of plates (like pieces of a jigsaw puzzle) that are constantly moving relative to one another at speeds of about 2 - 10 cm/year (about how fast your fingernails grow). The plates can either slide past one another, or they can collide, or they can diverge (or move apart). The west coast of Canada is one of the few areas in the world where all three of these types of plate movements take place, resulting in significant earthquake activity.

For full details on The Great British Columbia ShakeOut or to register your participation, visit the website: www.shakeoutbc.ca. For earthquake and emergency preparedness information go to www.crd.bc.ca/prepare-yourself.

*Brigitte Prochaska
Emergency Management Lead,
Southern Gulf Islands*

Pender Island Farmers' Institute



The Pender Island Farmers' Market will be continuing through October on Wednesdays, 3 - 5 pm, and Saturdays 9:30 am - 1 pm behind the Hall. We will be accepting BC Farmers' Market Nutrition Coupons, cash, debit, and credit.

The community hall market is not a member of BC Farmers' Markets so cannot accept coupons. We welcome you to support both markets. Supporting local farmers is important to keep our island rural.

Please note that the follow up meeting for the Fall Fair is 7 pm, October 15 at the Community Hall. We welcome input and advice so that we can better plan for the 2025 Fair, which will be on August 23 next year.

Regional Agrologist Megan Halstead passed on these events:

Managing Weeds in a No/Low Till System

October 6, 1 - 3 pm at Sandown Centre for Regenerative Agriculture.

Learn how to keep weeds under control without repetitive tillage.

In order to adopt regenerative no/low till management systems, farmers must adapt their management strategies for dealing with weeds. Shellie MacDonald will facilitate a two-hour hands-on workshop at Sandown Centre identifying and explaining different techniques for dealing with weeds in a no/low till context.

Drought and Dry Farming Field Day

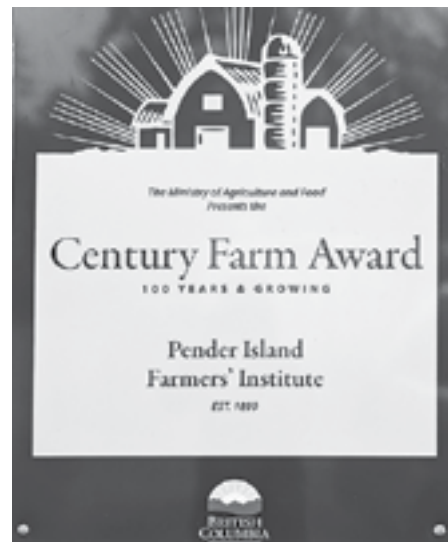
Galiano and Pender Island, November, details to be announced.

Islands Agriculture Show

Save the date: January 31 to February 1, Cowichan Exhibition Park, Duncan.

The conference sessions at the Islands Agriculture Show provides producers the opportunity to get the latest information on research, farming practices and market opportunities from some of the industry's most knowledgeable experts.

Barbara Johnstone



Century Farm Award presented by the Ministry of Agriculture and Food for 125 years of community service



We want to hear from you!

Your input can help the LTC better understand the housing needs of this community and pursue priority actions to address those needs!

To address the lack of affordable housing that has long been a concern of the Pender Islands community, the North Pender Island Local Trust Committee (LTC) has initiated a Housing Access and Affordability Project. The project purpose is to work with the Pender Islands community, interest groups, and First Nations on identifying options that could improve access to affordable housing, and to develop a housing action plan.

Step 1 in this project is getting feedback and input from the Pender community. Please tell us your experiences by completing the survey!



<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/penderhousingneeds>

Congratulations!

Pender Island Fall Fair 2024 Trophy Winners

**Jaime Scott Corbett
Memorial Cup
Most Points in Fall Fair
Robert Dill**

Section A - Floral

Eleanor Adamson Memorial Trophy
Michelle Marsden
N.N. Gimmer Trophy
Michelle Marsden

Section B - Fruit

James Auchterlonie Trophy
Robert Dill
A.H. Menzies Cup
Robert Dill

Section C - Vegetables

Ashton Ross-Smith Trophy
James Russell
MacKinnon Trophy
Robert Dill
Raven Rock Farm
Terrific Tomato Trophy
Michelle Marsden

Section D - Beer & Wine

Royal Canadian Legion Trophy
Cheri Thiessen

Section E - Dairy & Poultry Products

Otter Bay Marina Trophy
Iona Farm, Joann Cottrell
Pender Island Realty Trophy
Ember Symons, Jackson Crichton,
Andy Crichton

Section F - Food Preservation

Ladies Auxillary Shield
John Fotheringham

Section G - Baking

Vivienne Menzies Rose Bowl
Allyson Tammernagi
Pender Island Bakery Trophy
Allyson Tammernagi

Section H - Needlecraft & Fibre Art

Pender Post Shield
Debbie Katz
Pender Island Pharmacy Trophy
Ann England
Fibre Guild Trophy
Leslie Munro

Section I - Applied Arts & Crafts

Pender Island Shop Craft Guild
Trophy
Audrey Green
George Gummer Trophy
Al Blake, Kate McNairn, Robert
Wilman, Michael Plumb

Section J - Fine Arts

Pender Island Art Group Trophy
Michelle Wilman
Pender Island Artisan Co-Op
Trophy
Frank Ducote

Section J1 - Photography

Pender Island Photo Club Trophy
James Russell, Susan Taylor

Section L - Young People's Agriculture

Westcoast Chandlers Trophy
Ember Symons, Carmen McLeod,
Quinn Moir, Toam Haleri, Finya Dobie

Section M - Poultry & Other

Small Caged Animals
Pender Island Farmers' Institute
Trophy
Ember Symons

Section N - Young People

Royal Canadian Legion Trophy
Eden Davies

Section O - Children

Royal Canadian Legion Trophy
Vera Moir
Wow Factor Award
Jocelyn & Dorothy Hinmueller

Section Q - Special Categories

Fred Smith Trophy (Bounty)
Faye Mogensen
Pender Island Berry Pie Trophy
Jojo Sigurgeirson
Nu-To-Yu
Susan Dawson
Taste Division
Michelle Marsden, Marianne Davies
Gulf Excavating Trophy (Parade)
Junior Sailing
Earl Hastings Trophy (Parade)
Pender Ocean Defenders
Pender Island Cable TV & Internet
Trophy (Parade)
Ben McCarthy
Scarecrow 1st Place
Pender Island Community Hall Fall
Fair Youth Leadership Camp

Section R - Recycling

Karl Hamson Recycling Trophy
Pierre Delacôte



Thank you for helping us celebrate
125 years of the Pender Island
Farmers' Institute.
See you in 2025 when registration
opens up once again!



Thank You!..

We would like to thank the people of Pender Island for another successful Fall Fair. We are grateful for your enthusiasm in celebrating 125 years of the Pender Island Farmers' Institute.

The committee would like to thank the following unpaid businesses, organizations and volunteers that gave time, raffle prizes, in-kind or financial help to the fair. You helped make the 2024 S,DÁYES Pender Island Fall Fair a success!



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| Christine Gillis | Fridge of Wonders | Judy Graham |

PENDER ISLAND



"There is so much value in the volunteers for their time and expertise in many areas."

*- Barb Johnstone
Fair Coordinator*

FARMERS' INSTITUTE

The 2024 S,DÁYES Pender Island Fall Fair was hosted on the unceded lands of the WSÁNEĆ peoples. We have the opportunity to support First Nations in the resurgence of traditional agriculture and aquaculture practices which is an essential stride in reconciliation. We respect their historical relationships with these lands that continues to this day.

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Pender Island Fall Fair

2024 - Then & Now

...more to thank

Kapus Studio
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 Wendy MacDonald



Michelle Marsden photos

See you August 23, 2025!

*The Pender Island
 Fall Fair gratefully
 acknowledges
 financial support
 from the Province of
 British Columbia.*

DID WE MISS YOU?
*If your name was
 missed, our
 apologies. Let us
 know and we'll
 include you in our
 next PIFI report.*



WEEKLY EVENTS

Doubles tennis group play, every Monday, Wednesday & Friday, 9 am - noon and
 Doubles pickleball group play, every Tuesday, Thursday & Sunday, 9 am - noon,
 Magic Lake tennis courts

SUNDAYS

Badminton Club, 10 am - noon, School Gym (also Tuesday evenings)

MONDAYS

Parents and Babes, 9 - 11:30 am (except October 14), at Dragonfly 28
 Seniors Activity Day 9:30 am - 2 pm, Community Hall..... 42
 MYI: 18 Postures for Seniors with Judith 10:30 - 11:30 am, Community Hall 42
 55+ Lunch, 12 - 1 pm, Community Hall..... 3, 42
 Caregiver and Grief Support Group, 1 - 2:30 pm, Community Hall (Oct.7 & 21).. 43

TUESDAYS

Badminton Club, 7:30 - 9:30 pm, School Gym (also Sunday mornings)
 MYI: Essentrics with Heather, 9:30 - 10:30, to October 22, Community Hall 42
 MYI: Moderate Yoga with Krista, 9:45 - 10:45, to October 22, Community Hall.. 42
 MYI: Gentle Chair Yoga with Meisha, 4:30 - 5:30 pm, Community Hall 42
 Artists' Drop-in Drawing with Ron Underhill, 2 - 4 pm, every Tuesday
 We Are Not Alone with Mary Reher, 3 - 5 pm (to October 22), 5900 Pirates Rd.
 Beginner Guitar Lessons, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Community Hall (also Thursdays)

WEDNESDAYS

Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP), 9:30 - 10:30 am, School Gym..... 28
 Taoist Tai Chi, 9:30 - 11:30 am, Community Hall..... 7
 MYI: 18 Postures for Seniors, 10:30 - 11:30 am (starting Oct. 7), Community Hall ... 42
 Carpet Bowling, 1:30 - 3:30 pm, Community Hall 23
 Socrates Club with John Gowen, 2 - 4 pm, Legion
 Ukelele Strum, 5 - 6 pm, Community Hall (October 2, 16, 30) 20
 Living Well with Chronic Disease, 1 - 2:30 pm, to November 6, Community Hall 41
 Sketching Workshop, 6:30 - 8 pm, Community Hall (to Oct. 24)..... 20

THURSDAYS

Euchre with Margaret Vergette, 2 - 4 pm, Legion
 Beginner Guitar Lessons, 10:30 - 11:30 am, Community Hall (also Tuesdays)
 Singing for Fun, Singing for Joy, 4 pm Anglican Church (to Nov. 28, except Oct. 24)

FRIDAYS

Food Bank, 9 am - noon, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall 39
 Youth Leadership Program 10 am - 1:30 pm, Community Hall 23
 Community Café, 10:30 am - 1 pm, Community Hall 23
 Friday Fun, 10:45 am - 12 pm, Community Hall 23
 Community Gathering Lunch, 12 - 1 pm, Community Hall..... 20

SATURDAYS

Youth Leadership Program 10 am - 1:30 pm, Community Hall 23
 Legion Meat Draw, 4 pm

NU TO YU 26
Shopping: every Friday and Saturday,
 10 am - 4 pm
Donations: every Tuesday and Thursday,
 9 am - 12 pm and Sat., 11 am - 2 pm
 (no furniture on Saturdays)

LIBRARY
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday,
 4710 am - 3 pm (closed October 12)

RECYCLING CENTRE 48
 Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday,
 10 am - 3 pm; Friday 10 am - 4 pm
Bike Shop: 1st Tuesday (October 1),
 10 am - 3 pm

**THE CONSERVANCY
 NATURE CENTRE** 30
 Wednesday to Sunday, 11 am - 3 pm

MUSEUM 44
Until October 14:
 Saturdays and Sundays and
 Thanksgiving Day, 1 - 4 pm



**A Community Festival
 October 4 & 5
 Community Hall
 Music, Poetry and Storytelling,
 Workshops, Visual Artists
 www.thecrisp.ca**

OCTOBER EVENTS

2	Wed	7:00 pm	Gulf Island Film Co-op Meeting, Ptarmigan Arts office.....	
		9:30 am	Taoist Tai Chi Open House, to 11:30 am, Community Hall	7
4	Fri	9:30 am	Climate Café, Community Hall.....	27
		10:45 am	Activity: Puzzles, Community Hall	23
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by <i>The Lakemen</i> , Community Hall.....	20
5	Sat	10:00 am	Moving Around Pender meeting, Community Hall	25

OCTOBER EVENTS, continued

6	Sun	2:00 pm	Speakeasy, Legion	
		2:30 pm	Health Care Society Public Information Meeting, Community Hall.....	40, 41
			FarmFolkCityFolk seed cleaning, Community Hall (also October 7).....	24
7	Mon	12:30 pm	1:1 Counseling with Geneva Jacobs, to 4 pm (also October 21), Dragonfly Centre	28
		1:00 pm	Clayworks with Gillian Turner, to 3 pm, Community Hall	
		1:00 pm	PIAS Meet & Greet and Swap & Shop, to 3 pm, Anglican Church Hall.....	15
8	Tues	7:00 pm	Camera Club, via Zoom	18
10	Thur	9:00 am	Garden Club, Community Hall, then Valley Home Farm (full day).....	30, 55
		10:00 am	Native Propagation Seminar and Workshop, Community Hall	30, 55
11	Fri	10:45 am	Activity: Thanksgiving Crafts, Community Hall.....	23
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by Zoubi Arros.....	20
12	Sat	10:00 am	Fire Prevention Week Open House, to 2 pm, Fire Hall 1.....	39
		10:00 am	Food Bank Food and Funds Drive, to 3 pm, Driftwood Centre.....	39
		1:00 pm	BINGO, Legion	
13	Sun	2:00 pm	Here's to Your Good Health: Toxic Drug Crisis, Community Hall	40, 41
15	Tue	7:00 pm	Fall Fair Committee and Convener Meeting.....	9, 32
16	Wed	4:00 pm	Truth and Reconciliation Circle, to 6 pm Fireside Room, 4703 Canal Road	
17	Thur	10:17 am	Great British Columbia ShakeOut	31
		9:30 am	Quilter's Circle, to noon, St. Peter's Anglican Church	18
18	Fri		S, DAYES Community Volunteer Day at QENENIW (Hay Point, South Pender).....	24
		10:45 am	Activity: Café Francais, Community Hall	23
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by Randy Pinchbeck.....	20
		7:00 pm	<i>Legacy of Lightfoot</i> concert at the Pender Community Hall.....	20, back cover
19	Sat		Provincial election	
		9:00 am	Dad 'n Me Pancake Breakfast, to 11 am, Dragonfly.....	28
		10:00 am	Scrapbook & Crafts Group with Melody Pender, to 5 pm (also October 20)	
		1:15 pm	Film: <i>Coco</i> , Community Hall.....	22
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>The Woman King</i> , Community Hall	22
21	Mon	12:30 pm	1:1 Counseling with Geneva Jacobs, to 4 pm (also October 7), Dragonfly Centre	28
		1:00 pm	PIAS Life Drawing, to 3 pm, Anglican Church Hall	15
		3:00 pm	Parks and Recreation Commission monthly meeting, to 5 pm, Community Hall	45
		5:00 pm	Yacht Club Inspiring Speaker Series, to 6 pm, Bistro at Port Browning	57
23	Wed	7:00 pm	Legacy Giving Seminar and Workshop, Community Hall	30
25	Fri	10:45 am	Activity: Spooky Snacks, Community Hall	23
		12:00 pm	Community Gathering, music by <i>Slo Cookin'</i>	20
		4:00 pm	Recycling Society AGM, Community Hall	48
		5:30 pm	Dinner with live music by Peter Emery, Legion	51
		7:15 pm	Film: <i>Ghostbuster: Frozen Empire</i> , Community Hall	22
26	Sat	12:00 pm	North Pender Local Trust Committee: Special Meeting and Housing Needs Survey, to 4 pm, Community Hall ..	8
		2:00 pm	Legion General Member Meeting.....	51
		6:30 pm	Halloween Howl Dance to 8:10, Community Hall.....	22
		8:15 pm	Film: <i>The Nightmare Before Christmas</i> , Community Hall	22
			Golf Club Awards Night.....	55
28	Mon	6:00 pm	Workshop: Cultivating Secure Attachment, until 8 pm, Dragonfly Centre.....	29
30	Wed	7:15 pm	Film: <i>Night of the Demon</i> (1957), Community Hall	22

ADVANCE NOTICES FOR NOVEMBER

1	Fri	9:30 am	Climate Café, Community Hall.....	27
7	Thu	7:00 pm	Meg Iredale with <i>Ghostly Hounds</i> , Community Hall	20, back cover
15	Fri		6 th Annual Elf Tree Project begins.....	7
16	Sat	10:00 am	Yuletide Markets begin, Community Hall	23
		6:45 pm	Pender Island Short Film Festival, Community Hall.....	19
17	Sun	2:00 pm	Here's to Your Good Health: Chinese Medicine, Community Hall	
23	Sat	10:00 am	PIAS: A Celebration of Art show, Community hall (also November 24).....	16
29	Fri		Solstice Theatre: <i>And Then There Were None</i> , Community Hall (also Nov. 30 & Dec. 1).....	16, 19



Fall Vaccine Campaign

The official launch date for the fall Flu and COVID vaccination campaign will be announced in late September or early October (estimate is October 21, 2024)

Here are some key points that may answer some of your questions:

- The fall covid vaccine will contain a new strain that was not in previous vaccines. It is recommended to get vaccinated to improve your immunity against a wider variety of strains.
- Appointment Booking will be done ONLINE on the "GetVaccinated" website or by phone to 1-833-838-2323, same as last year. The pharmacy does NOT handle appointment bookings.
- Please do not call the pharmacy for appointment bookings.
- The government will send you an invitation by text or email for your covid/flu vaccine. Please follow the link to book your appointment.
- You may get a covid vaccine if you have not been vaccinated, nor infected with covid, in the last 6 months. For example, if you caught covid in July, you will need to wait 6 months until January to get a vaccine.
- RSV is not included in this year's vaccination campaign.

Now open 7 days/week

Monday - Friday 10am-6am

Saturday - Sunday 10am-4pm

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FAITH DIRECTORY

Anglican Church of Canada

Parish of Pender and Saturna Islands • 4703 Canal Road

October 6	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist	St. Peter's Church
October 13	10:00 am	Morning Prayer	St. Peter's Church
October 20	10:00 am	Holy Eucharist	St. Peter's Church
October 27	10:00 am	Circle Service	St. Peter's Hall

All services are in person or via Zoom. Please contact the office for the Zoom link.
Church Office: 629-3634 | Parish e-mail: admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca
Hall bookings: rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

Pender Island Community Church (PICC)

4405 Bedwell Harbour Road (little white church next to the library) We are a non-denominational church, all are welcome!

October 6	10:45 am	Dan Glover	Communion Service
October 13	10:45 am	Bill Phillips	Worship Service
October 20	10:45 am	Garth Klassen	Worship Service
October 27	10:45 am	Mark Klassen	Worship Service

Please visit our website (www.picchurch.ca) for updated information, or telephone Judy at 629-6168.

St. Teresa's Chapel - Roman Catholic Services

4705 Buccaneers Road

October 6	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
October 11	9:30 am	Friday Mass with Fr. Rolf
October 20	9:30 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion
October 25	9:30 am	Friday Mass with Fr. Rolf

Pender residents and visitors are always welcome to celebrate Sunday and Friday liturgies with the chapel community. There will be coffee, tea and goodies served after the liturgies. If there are any changes to the above schedule, those on our mailing list will be informed. eMail stteresachapel@gmail.com or phone 250-629-6029 to find out any changes to the schedule..

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

Meets at the home of Don and Bev Peden, 4862 Pirates Road

October 9	7:00 pm	Discussion Group
October 23	7:00 pm	Discussion Group

"Though its waves be many, the sea is one; diversity is not an obstacle to unity."
'Abdu'l-Baha

For information and zoom link call 250 412 2524.

Common Table Fellowship in Christ

Meets every Sunday in the Meeting Hall at St. Peter's Anglican Church, 4603 Canal Road.

(Enter through vestibule on the east side of the Meeting Hall.)

10:30 am	Service
12:00 pm	Fellowship, coffee & tea, potluck goodies

Common Table Fellowship In Christ is a spiritual family who find unity and new life 'In Christ'. Come as you are, all are welcome. Visit our website (commontablefellowship.ca) or reach us at commontablependerisland@gmail.com.

Pender Island Fire Rescue



Hello Pender Islands. As of September 17, our members have responded to 228 emergency calls.

September remained a busy month on the island with the kids going back to school, tourism still going strong, and other events that kept our crews busy.

Interior Structural Firefighting Training

Saltspring Island Fire Rescue and Pender Fire joined forces to complete their members' interior structural firefighting training. This training event brings all the theory and practical work together that the recruits have learned over the past year, and pushes them to work as a cohesive team in a strenuous, hot, smoke-filled environment. Once they complete this training they will be permitted to fight fires as part of a team inside the structure. It's a big step forward in any recruit's training stream. So congratulations to our four firefighter recruits who completed this milestone training.

Fire Prevention Week

October 6 - 12

This year's theme is "Smoke Alarms: Make Them Work for You". No doubt everyone has heard how you need to test your smoke alarms and change the batteries. It may seem trivial, but in this profession we have seen firsthand here on the Penders how smoke alarms save lives and can be the difference between lives saved and tragedy.

Fire Prevention Week Open House

October 12, 10 am - 2 pm

Fire Hall 1- 4423 Bedwell Harbour Road

We will have the trucks on display, have fire safety information available, discuss fire smart principles, meet the Pender Island Emergency Program members, provide residential portable fire extinguisher annual inspections, and even teach you how to use a fire extinguisher if you would like to try. We will also be hosting our Island's famous pancake breakfast. So come join us for this informative and tasty day.

Permits

A reminder to everyone that open burning, when allowed, requires a permit for each type of fire you will be having. The permit for each class of fire is valid until December 31 of the current year. Permits are available on our website at www.penderfire.org or you can apply in person at Fire Hall 1 during regular business hours.

Halloween

Halloween is coming and our crews will be providing popcorn and hotdogs again this year, so be sure to follow us on Facebook to get the details of this event as they are released.

Recruitment Drive

Lastly, we are starting our recruitment drive for the 2025 year. If you have been or are interested in joining this amazing team, please come and introduce yourself and let us show you what we have to offer here at Pender Fire and what the process and commitment look like. See ad page 4.

*Captain Jon Grelik,
Fire Prevention Team*

Pender Island Food Bank Society



Fill Up the Food Bank - Food and Funds Drive

We need continued community support as costs rise and our food bank use grows. As Thanksgiving approaches, if you have some non-perishable food items you can share or would like to drop off, or you would like to make a financial donation to the Food Bank, we'd really appreciate it.

The Food and Funds Drive is 10 am to 3 pm on October 12 at the Driftwood Center. The Scanlan Brothers will be playing music around noon for your enjoyment.

There are paper bags with lists of suggested food items available at the Community Box at Dockside Realty Office for your use if you would like them, or just stop by and make a donation of food and/or funds at the drive. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The kind of items we are looking for are non-perishable foods, unopened, undented/undamaged, labelled and current best before dates. Suggested foods are things like peanut butter or other nut butters, jam, canned tuna, salmon, sardines, chicken, or ham, Kraft dinner, rice, canned fruit and vegetables, canned soups, beans or stews, pastas and pasta sauces, crackers, granola bars and other healthy kid snacks, instant mashed potatoes, healthy cereals, canned milk/alternative milks, toothbrushes, soap, toothpaste, etc.

We are also gratefully accepting cash donations to help us buy the food we need as we need it. These can be cash or e-transfers to penderislandfoodbank@gmail.com and we are able to give charitable receipts for donations of money over \$20.

We also need volunteers to staff the Friday morning food banks. For those who would like to volunteer, please contact Pamela Wright at pwright@unbc.ca for an application form. Your service would be very welcome.

Bev Peden

Can We Help?

The Pender Post often has space for free fundraising announcements. If your organization is fundraising, send a note to production@penderpost.org and we'll try to help get the word out.



Public Information Meeting

Sunday Oct 6 @ 2:30 pm

The Pender Islands Health Care Society invites everyone to attend a public information session at the Community Hall on October 6, 2024

Topics Will Include:

- Introduction of new Pender Islands Health Care Society directors
- Annual Report, Overview of Finances
- Update on Health Centre projects
- Update on Primary Care Network (PCN) process
- Questions from the community



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2024 SPEAKER SERIES

Here's to Your Good Health!



TALK
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Leslie McBain
Co-founder, Moms Stop the Harm

Information & Misinformation About the Toxic Drug Crisis

Sunday Oct 13 @ 2 pm

PENDER ISLANDS COMMUNITY HALL (UPSTAIRS)

Leslie McBain,
Co-founder of Moms Stop the Harm,
will speak about addiction, toxic drugs,
the opioid crisis, and what we can do
about them. *Open Q & A following the talk.*



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Pender Island Health Care Society (PIHCS)

Annual General Meeting

The Pender Islands Health Care Society held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on September 25, to elect new and returning directors and to present the Annual Report and audited financial statements. A summary will be included in the November issue of the Pender Post, as the meeting occurred after submission deadlines for the October issue. An open community information meeting on October 6 (see below) will also provide a summary.

Public Information Meeting

October 6, 2:30 pm, Community Hall

Topics will include introduction of new Board members, an overview of our finances, and updates on Health Centre projects and the Primary Care Network (PCN) process. There will be opportunity for questions from the community.

Living Well With Chronic Disease

October 2 - November 6

Do you live with a chronic illness or condition? Share support and learn new strategies in this six-week self-management group for people coping with the challenges of living with a chronic illness and chronic pain. The group is facilitated by Elizabeth Miles, MSc, and Adrienne Moya, MSW, and will meet on Wednesdays from 1 - 2:30 pm at the Community Hall. For more info and sign-up, please email info@penderislandhealth.org.

Community Support Office: New Staff and Programs

Shelley Easthope has joined us as the new Better at Home Coordinator. Providing non-medical home support to seniors in our community, the Better at Home Program is funded by the United Way of BC but coordinated locally to best meet the needs of the Pender Islands. If you are a senior looking for some help around the home, or if you are interested in working as a contractor with the program to provide light housekeeping, gardening, shopping, home maintenance, or other services, please contact Shelley at betterathome@penderislandhealth.org,

or visit penderislandhealth.org/better-at-home. Thanks to United Way funding, subsidies are available to accommodate all income levels.

The first of our brand-new programs is the Community Connector for Seniors. This is also a United Way program, and the Pender Islands were selected to participate in Phase 1 of a 3-year provincial rollout. Community Connectors work within a health care approach that recognizes the significant impact of social and environmental factors on well-being. This innovative method connects older adults with non-medical services within their community through self-referral or referral from family, friends, or health care providers. This type of program is described as Social Prescribing, and improves mental health, reduces social isolation, and enhances overall quality of life. The program is in the early stages, but if you would like to learn more, please reach out to Marcella Reay at communityconnector@penderislandhealth.org.

Monday Seniors Activity Day

Mondays have been set aside at the Community Hall as a day just for seniors (and younger friends). Eventually the program would like to offer respite care through trained volunteer "buddies." Buddies will stay with your loved one at the Hall, allowing caregivers some time off or a chance to participate in an activity themselves. For details and volunteer opportunities, see the Community Hall report page 23 or contact us at volunteer@penderislandhealth.org.

Speaker Series:

Here's to Your Good Health Information and Misinformation About The Toxic Drug Crisis

October 13, 2 pm, Community Hall

Leslie McBain will speak about the risk of overdose deaths, and her work to decrease them. Leslie's 25-year-old son Jordan died from a drug overdose after becoming opioid dependent on prescription drugs, and she subsequently co-founded Moms Stop the Harm, a network of Canadian families impacted by substance-use-related harms and

deaths. They advocate for changes to drug policies, provide peer support to grieving families, and assist those with loved ones who use or who have used substances. BC continues to experience the highest number of overdose deaths among Canadian jurisdictions, with devastating consequences for individuals, families, and communities. Misinformation and stigma make the problem worse. Leslie hopes to inform, and to respond to questions.

Wondering About the Waitlist at the Medical Clinic?

Waitlists at BC medical clinics are transitioning or have already transitioned to the provincial Health Connect Registry (HCR), which connects people to a primary care provider in their own community. The Registry is a provincial requirement, and the Pender Medical Clinic has integrated its waitlist to this system. If you were on Pender's waitlist, know that you are now part of this larger registry, but have not lost your place in the Pender queue. When able to on-board patients, the Clinic will be drawing from the HCR and contacting you in person. To be on a waitlist for the Pender Medical Clinic, you must register through the provincial Registry. To register, please visit <https://www.healthlinkbc.ca/health-connect-registry>. You can call 8-1-1 if you need help registering or need a translator, or to update your information.

Your Support is Appreciated

Over the past year, donations from the community have been regular and generous, whether through the Tru Value Spirit Board or from individuals and local groups. The Society is so very appreciative of your continued support; we rely on this generosity to maintain and improve our services to the Pender community, facilitating access to primary health care and complementary services and programs to support the health and well-being of the community. Thank you!

*Kelly Leroux,
Communications Committee*

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Pender Island Health Care Society, continued

Job Opportunity: Health Resource Navigator (HRN)

The HRN will provide guidance and assistance to Pender Island residents of all ages in navigating the healthcare system and accessing healthcare services both on and off-island. The ideal candidate will have a social work or healthcare background. This is a part-time 0.5 FTE position at \$25 to \$31 per hour. For more information, visit penderislandhealth.org/work. Applications and cover letters can be sent to info@penderislandhealth.org.

Tania Honan

Community Support Programs

“The meaning of life is to find your gift. The purpose of life is to give it away.”
~Pablo Picasso

Maintain Your Independence Classes

If the cost poses a hardship, contact Community Support for assistance; many thanks to the CRD/Pender Parks and Recreation Commission for its

financial support of the MYI programs. To register call 250-629-3346 or email andrea.mills@penderislandhealth.org

MYI: 18 Postures for Seniors with Judith

Mondays, October 7 - October 21, 10:30 - 11:30 am
\$15 for the 3-class session, drop-ins welcome (\$5). Initial video classes are free.

These exercises were designed in the 70s by Western and Eastern medical practitioners in Shanghai, to improve wellness for seniors. They incorporate slow stretches, breathing exercises, improving balance and posture, and stimulating acupuncture points. Classes will run at the Community Hall. Drop-ins welcome, \$5.

MYI: Essentrics with Heather

Tuesdays, to October 22, 9:30 - 10:30 am
Anglican Hall. Drop-ins welcome, \$8.

Restore movement in your joints, increase strength and flexibility in your muscles, and help relieve pain. This

is a slow to medium paced full body workout. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat.

MYI: Gentle Chair Yoga with Miesha

Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 pm, to October 22
Community Hall. Drop-ins welcome (\$8).

Increase flexibility, stay limber and improve balance. This class is suitable for those with mobility challenges, difficulty with balance, and ideal if you are recovering, have arthritis or joint injuries. Wear comfortable clothing.

Full - MYI: Moderate Yoga with Krista

Wednesdays, 9:45- 10:45 am,
to October 23, Community Hall

To register or have your email address added to our mailing list, leave a message for Andrea at 250-629-3346 or email andrea.mills@penderislandhealth.org

Monday Seniors Activity Day: Connect, Thrive, and Have Fun!

We're delighted to announce that after many years on our wish list we are set to launch our Monday Seniors Activity Day - a day full of fun, connection, and engaging activities. This is a collaborative project with the Southern Gulf Islands Neighbourhood House. Aside from the delicious lunches and fun afternoon workshops we have all grown to love, we are adding in an amazing array of activities throughout the day for this weekly get together.

A day full of activities. Each week we will offer a wide array of enjoyable activities such as a café, exercise, workshops, guest speakers, matinees, dancing, and more. Every session is crafted to ensure you can participate at your own pace, whether you're here to stay active, learn, or relax with friends. Do you have an idea for an activity that you would like to see there? We would love to hear from you.

Connect with friends, old and new. Monday Seniors Activity Day is more than just activities, it's a community. Enjoy meaningful conversations over coffee, share a laugh during an activity, or dance to some of your favorite tunes. It's a space where friendships can grow and new connections are made, week after week.

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Getting here can be easy. Worried about transportation? Don't be. We are putting together a list of people who would be willing to help folks get to and from the Community Hall. If you think you'd be interested in helping get people there or back, we'd love to hear from you.

Join us and be part of the fun. There's no better way to start your week than with Monday Seniors Activity Day. It's a day full of opportunities to connect, stay active, and have fun. Have an idea for an activity? We'd love to hear it. Interested in helping or learning more? We'd love to chat. And if you're interested in helping as a volunteer, we offer flexible opportunities to fit your schedule.

Seniors Activity Day Schedule

October 7

- 9:30 - 2:00 Cafe, crafts, puzzles, games...
- 10:30 - 11:30 18 Postures
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch \$8 - \$10
- 1:00 - 2:30 Caregivers and Grief Support Group
- 1:00 - 3:00 Clay Works 2

October 14

- 9:30 - 3:00 Cafe, crafts, puzzles, Games...
- 10:30 - 11:30 Exercise
- 12:00 - 1:00 Thanksgiving Lunch (registration required, call 629-3665)
- 1:00 - 3:00 Games
- 1:00 - 3:00 Karaoke and mocktails

October 21

- 9:30 - 3:00 Cafe, crafts, puzzles, games...
- 10:00 - 11:30 Meet and Greet and Ideas
- 10:30 - 11:30 18 Postures
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch \$8 - \$10
- 1:00 - 2:30 Caregivers and Grief Support Group
- 1:00 - 3:00 Carpet Bowling
- 3:00 - 5:00 Sushi Workshop

October 28

- 9:30 - 3:00 Cafe, crafts, puzzles, games...
- 10:00 - 12:00 Collages
- 10:30 - 11:30 18 Postures
- 12:00 - 1:00 Lunch \$8 - \$10
- 1:00 - 3:00 Poetry for fun
- 1:00 - 3:00 Felting

Call us today at 250-629-3346 or email volunteer@penderislandhealth.org to get involved. We can't wait to see you there.

Caregivers and Grief Support Group

Monday, October 7 and 21, 1 pm - 2:30 pm

This group is an opportunity for self-care, a place to discuss your concerns, or get information. Every other Monday, find out what others have done, share your feelings, and connect with others. Come early, 12 - 1 pm, for a delicious lunch put on by the SGI Neighbourhood House.

Act of Kindness

Each month we will bring you a story found in our community. If you would like to have your story of kindness or gratitude added, please contact Andrea.

"When I was 8 years old, my mother sent me away for a few weeks. At the time, I didn't fully understand why, but I was terrified. At the train station, she yelled at me for not appreciating how much the ticket had cost. I was about to embark on a 12-hour journey, alone, to a destination I didn't know. As I sat crying, a girl, who seemed to be about 15, noticed me. She came over, sat down next to me, held her hand on my shoulder, and started chatting about random things – anything to distract me. Her presence and her words were a lifeline in that moment of fear and uncertainty.

It's been 45 years since that day, but I've never forgotten her kindness. I often wonder where she is now and hope she's living a beautiful life, just as she helped me begin to believe in the good in the world. Her simple, compassionate act meant the world to me. It's moments like those that shape a person's view of the world.

I'm living a happy life now, and I make an effort to pass on that kindness to others. On bad days, I remember how a stranger's compassion lifted me up when I needed it most, and I do my best to pay it forward."

To volunteer, to learn more, to inquire about meeting dates or times, or to sign up for any of the above programs and opportunities, please email andrea.mills@penderislandhealth.org or leave a message at 629-3346.

*Andrea Mills,
Community Support Worker*

Pender Island Museum Society

You never know when someone will come through the door of the museum ready to share an interesting piece of island history. That's what happened in mid-August when two brothers paid us a visit.

They introduced themselves as great-grandsons of Alexander and Jeannie Hamilton who settled at Browning Harbour starting in 1885. Their mother, Anne Holonko, age 87, is the last surviving grandchild of the Hamilton family. She is the daughter of James Torrance Hamilton (1898-1982), the youngest child and only son, and the niece of his four sisters. Anne had asked her sons to deliver a short memoir she'd written, and we're thrilled to share it with you:

"My Dad's career was with the CPR Westcoast Steamship Service, a captain, and eventually Marine Superintendent of the fleet. So, it was only natural that our family spent most of our leisure time on the water, sailing in the Gulf Islands. Often, we visited Dad's sister, my Aunt Peggy and her husband Fred Smith at Welcome Bay on Pender."

Anne recalled a memorable visit to Browning Harbour in the late 1940s with her father. The Hamilton home, "The Knolls", was abandoned by then but the barn was still standing.

"Our visit was through the canal. As I recall, Dad said the original canal had been dug to make for a shorter weekly trip to the quarries where they worked. We had to navigate slowly through a forest of kelp in the canal. It was not wide or deep. Dad pointed out what were probably the remains of [Indigenous] burial platforms in the trees above."

"Dad and I went into the barn which seemed to be in remarkably good shape. There were two workbenches. One was the height of an adult and the other of a child. I remember Dad opening a drawer on the lower bench. There were a few tools in it. Dad said they were his childhood tools. He had tears in his eyes. He just shut the drawer and left. That scene was forever stuck in my mind."



Eleven-year-old Anne Hamilton at Welcome Bay in 1948 (inset) and her father at about the same age in 1910 (far left). At age 87, she is the last surviving grandchild of the Pender Hamiltons.



"The Knolls", the Hamilton home, and barn at Browning Harbour ca 1920. Campers now pitch their tents where the house once stood.

Anne has a valuable memento of her father's time as a ship's captain. In June 1939, his ship the SS Princess Marguerite had King George VI and Queen Elizabeth on board for a crossing from Vancouver to Victoria. Anne still has the commemorative mug that the royal couple gifted to the officers,

marking the first visit of a reigning British monarch to Canada and the USA.

In a telephone interview, Anne also shared memories of her remarkable Aunt Mary Hamilton. We'll share that story in a future Pender Post article.



After their museum visit, Anne's sons moored their boat overnight in Browning Harbour in the shadow of their ancestral home.

Museum Closes for the Season

Thanksgiving Day (October 14) marks the Museum's final open day for the season. Until then, we're still open weekends from 1 - 4 pm.

Simone Marler



2024 - 25 Restoration Season Begins

2021- 2030 is the UN Decade on Ecosystem Restoration. Around the world, individuals, nonprofits, and governments are stepping up to restore rainforests, rivers, seagrass meadows, coral reefs, mangroves, and more. Ecosystem restoration can help to end poverty, combat climate change, and prevent mass extinction – but we need to work together.

On Pender, one of the ways you can help is by joining us in our CRD Community Parks to remove invasive species and

plant native trees and shrubs. In the past year alone, community volunteers have planted over 200 trees and shrubs in our parks, and the 2024/25 restoration season is now upon us. This fall/winter, we will be restoring the riparian area along the stream at Shingle Bay Park, continuing to plant trees and shrubs in the forest along the Masthead-Shingle trail, returning to the forest wetland at Danny Martin Park for more fun with blackberries (and more tree/shrub planting), and continuing work



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New dock at Magic Lake Park. Photo: Ben Symons.

to remove invasives and plant trees in the Disc Golf Park, Capstan Lane Park, and the Enchanted Forest. Work parties to remove invasives will also target broom on George Hill – continuing the efforts of hundreds of volunteers and Pender School kids to restore the Garry Oak meadow ecosystem over the past few years – and we will get started on Daphne removal along other trails (Schooner/Privateers trail: we’re looking at you.)

Stay tuned to our Facebook page and the Pender Conservancy’s social media pages for announcements about volunteer restoration days in our community parks. Have fun, meet your neighbours, get some exercise, and help heal the land.

Erin O’Brien, Commissioner

iNaturalist in Pender Parks – and Beyond

Would you like to be amazed and get close to nature while out on a walk in one of Pender’s many parks? Would you like to learn about and appreciate the myriad of fascinating life forms who make their home on our Island? With the free iNaturalist app you can do all this. In three easy steps, you can get to know and identify the trees, flowers, birds, butterflies, mosses, lichens, and fungi; it’s an endless smorgasbord of nature, and makes every walk fun, informative, and an adventure. And you get to share your data with the rest of the iNat community of “citizen scientists” across the world. The iNaturalist community includes experts who can verify that you have the correct identification. These data can then be used for research, so vitally important at this time of climate change, to provide a picture of how species are responding to a rapidly changing environment. So far more than 180 million observations have been documented, and this number grows every day.

Fall is a wonderful time to try out your iNaturalist app and take a walk in the woods. Keep your eyes peeled for the astonishing array of mushrooms of all colors and sizes which can be found scattered throughout Pender’s parks after

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a coolish August and some refreshing recent rains. They also have imaginative and colourful names such as Shellfish-scented Russula, Dyer's Polypore, Wood Woolly-foot, Trembling Crust, Lobster mushroom, Purple Brittle-gill, and Slippery Jacks. And it's hard to miss the fluorescent yellow Dog Vomit Slime Mold! Refer to *Mushrooms of British Columbia* by Andy MacKinnon & Ken Luther for further identification and edibility - or not.

To get to know the many species that share this island with us, here are two free apps to download that will make every walk exciting and educational:

Birds
merlin.allaboutbirds.org/download

Plants, fungi and more:
www.inaturalist.org

Lisa Baile, Commissioner

Magic Lake Dock

The boat launch dock is now in place at Magic Lake Park. This new feature will help you launch your canoe or kayak with ease, while at the same time protecting the sensitive riparian habitat on the north side of the lake from trampling. And as always, respect the wildlife we share the lake with: This is an important site for overwintering waterfowl, and in the summer, we are privileged to have, among other species, pied-billed grebes building their nests of floating aquatic vegetation and ferrying their young on their backs. The new dock will help to enhance both the quality of our community's recreational experience as well as the quality of the habitat the lake provides for the many other species that we share our parks with.

Commissioner Vacancy

Have a vision for your Community Parks? Want to help make it happen, or just be part of ongoing community efforts to manage and enhance our recreational opportunities on Pender Island? Join us on the Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission. Contact penderparks@crd.bc.ca for more information or to volunteer to join the Commission.

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Canadian Library Month

October is Canadian Library Month: libraries and library partners across Canada will raise awareness of libraries' valuable role in the lives of people in Canada. More than just a place to find books, libraries promote cultural awareness, engage in the community, provide educational programs, support freedom of expression, and so much more. 2024 theme: "Libraries for Life / Biblios Pour La Vie". Come see our display of a huge variety of books that feature libraries in their pages.

Student Assistants

We're proud to have supported local teens in gaining job experience through our youth employment program. This month we welcome Amy, our newest student, to gain hands-on library experience and learn important job skills including communication, teamwork, and customer service. Since 2012, we've offered volunteer and paid positions to students (15 years and over), with over 17 teens benefiting. Our students have gone on to work at local businesses and attend post-secondary studies. Thanks to Abby, Reed, Kaity, Ben, Elijah, Ripley, Jessie, Xander, Liam, Nikolas, Quynn, Wren, Sean, Ona, Emily, Isabella, Malcolm, and others for bringing your unique perspectives to libraries on Pender, Mayne, and Saturna islands.

Book Donations

The Library accepts donations of used books in good condition, without water, mold or physical damage. Donated books should be newer, published within 10 years. One bag of donated items per person, per day. Please do not put donated items in the book chute but give them to staff at the front desk. Good quality donated books that are not added to the shelves will be included in our fundraising book sale each November. Thanks for your generous book donations.

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Art in the Library

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Programs

Halloween is coming! Kids, come by the library with your costumes, see the fun decorations, and pick up a Halloween surprise. For adults, BC's Public Libraries are hosting a second season of a virtual author series. Tune in to phenomenal Indigenous authors who have garnered huge readership across the country, providing their unique perspectives through live conversations. Join Katherena Vermette who will discuss her latest novel, *Real Ones* on October 15, at 6:30 pm. Free registration, virtual link available from the Library's website and Facebook page.

New Books

Adult Fiction

Close Knit (Jenny Colgan), *James* (Percival Everett), *This Other Eden* (Paul Harding), *Waiting for the Long Moon* (Amanda Peters), *By Any Other Name* (Jodi Picoult), *In Winter I Get Up at Night* (Jane Urquhart), *Resolution* (Irvine Welsh).

Adult Mystery and Sci-Fi

The Rose Arbor (Rhys Bowen), *Peach Tea Smash* (Laura Childs), *The Lost Coast* (Jonathan Kellerman), *The Cuckoo* (Camilla Lackberg), *What Have You Done?* (Shari Lapena), *Fire and Bones* (Kathy Reichs), *Toxic Prey* (John Sandford), *This is Why We Lied* (Karin Slaughter).

Adult Non-Fiction

When the Ice is Gone (Paul Bierman), *101 Tips for a Zero-Waste Kitchen* (Kathryn Kellogg), *The Knowing* (Tanya Talaga), *The Widow's Guide to Dead Bastards* (Jessica Waite), *Unstable Properties* (Patricia Wood).

Youth

Abuelita and Me (Leonarda Carranza), *Little Black Lives Matter* (Khodi Dill), *We Are Big Time* (Hena Khan), *We Care* (Megan Madison), *Every Body* (Shelley Rotner), *Everyone is Welcome* (Phuong Truong), *Fashionopolis* (Dana Thomas).

Library hours: open Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 am - 3 pm at 4407 Bedwell Harbour Road. Email: libraryhelpdesk@crd.bc.ca or call 250-629-3722 for assistance. Closed October 12 for Thanksgiving holiday.

Carmen Oleskevich, Library Director

Pender Island Recycling Society



Members are invited to attend the Pender Island Recycling Society's annual general meeting on Friday, October 25, 4 pm at the Community Hall.

The depot is on winter hours through the end of May. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 am to 3 pm; as well as Saturday 10 am to 4 pm. The extra hour on Saturdays is to help accommodate those crossing the dip road closure on South Pender, but everyone in the community is welcome to use the depot at this time.

Thank you to everyone who helped with the Fall Fair this year. It's always impressive to see volunteers come together for such a big event. Depot attendants set up stations to sort recyclables and compost that would have otherwise ended up in the garbage. Our water refill stations, generously donated by Jenn K of Island Savings, gave fairgoers an alternative to single use bottled water. Pender Recycling's dish loan program also provided 350 plates, as well as cutlery and napkins for dinner, eliminating the need for single use cutlery and tableware.

Keep our dish loan program in mind next time you're planning an event. Pender Recycling can provide plates, bowls, cutlery, and a large assortment of glassware; as well as cloth napkins and serving dishes. The loan program is

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available by donation, most people give an amount between \$5 - \$50. Dishes and glassware are an eclectic mix. For more info contact penderislandrecycling@gmail.com or ask an attendant next time you visit the depot.

We appreciate all your donations to our Freestore/Restore and Bike Shop. Please keep in mind we cannot accept any fabric, upholstered items, or particle board. The damp weather is coming and these items are damaged by moisture. We do accept gently used kitchenware, décor items, working electronics and appliances, lighting, as well as tools and hardware that can be safely reused. We also accept donations of bicycles for our Bike Shop. The bike shop is staffed the first Tuesday of every month, and refurbished bikes can be viewed any day the depot is open.

Did you know the depot can process debit and credit card transactions? We are outfitted with a point-of-sale machine that can safely take your card payments in person. Appliance drop-off fees, store purchases, new memberships and backhaul payments can all be processed by card; enquire in the office or ask one of the depot attendants.

Laura Begley

We're nearing the end of another summer gardening season. The gardens are full of fruit (well, mostly tomatoes) and vegetables. Some crops have been amazing (zucchini, as usual) while others have been disappointing. I can't believe I only have five butternut squash this year.

We're also coming up to the end of our financial year. Some gardeners are giving up their plots. While we have a waitlist, it is getting shorter as plots are reassigned. If you are interested in an organic community garden plot and would like to be added to the waitlist or have questions, please contact us at pocgsmembership@gmail.com. The garden is located on North Pender, near the community hall and library. A plot is 20' by 20' and the annual fee is currently \$65.

Sue Long

PenderPOD



Apicnic! Over thirty whale sighters from the Southern Gulf Islands Whale Sighting Network (SGIWSN) gathered mid-September at Winter Cove on Saturna for a picnic. Four of us from South Pender travelled by water taxi from Hope Bay. In the last six months we have been joined on our network platform by the QENTOL, YEN - WSANEC Marine Guardians led by Senior Manager David Dick from Songhees First Nation, and the Straitwatch crew from Cetus Research and Conservation Society who monitor boats near whales or in the Sanctuaries (ISZ) at Pender and Saturna.

Their sightings and reports from on the water are a valuable addition to ours from the shores of the Penders, Saturna, Mayne and Galiano Islands, and our sightings assist their work to protect the endangered Southern Resident Orcas (SRKW) in the Salish Sea. This was an informal meeting among the three groups to exchange information and get

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Julia Rankin, Monica Petrie and Michelle Wilman, SGIWSN Sighters from South Pender, and David (the water taxi captain) on the dock at Winter Cove.

acquainted, putting names and faces to our sighter handles.

For the next three months Dylan Smyth, a researcher for Raincoast Conservation Foundation, will be on Oak Bluffs. Dylan is currently a Masters student at the University of the Algarve in Portugal. In collaboration with Raincoast, SFU, and Saturna Island Marine Research and Education Society, and with assistance from the Southern Gulf Islands Whale Sightings Network, he is investigating how Southern Resident Orca calls are changing in the presence of vessels and underwater acoustic disturbance. The noise from boat engines large and small, masks the whales' communication and echolocation for finding and catching salmon.

J POD calls were heard on the Raincoast Hydrophone early on September 14 and ever alert sighter Kath Durant saw them in Drummond Bay near Brooks Point. The next evening about fifty-eight Orcas from J, K, and L pods were sighted at East Point on Saturna heading west.

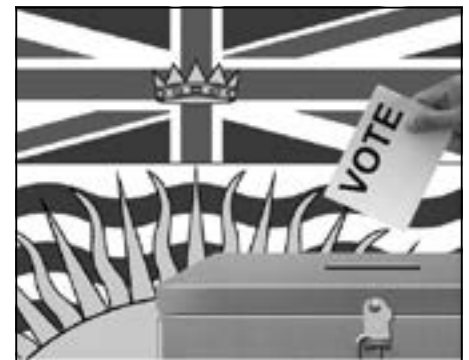
I went out to the east side of Brooks Point to wait and was soon joined by Kathleen and the researchers Mikayla, Janine, and Dylan.

By the time we saw the "super pod" they were very spread out, most across Boundary Pass near Waldron Island. But a few came close enough to shore so that we got some photos. It was getting dark and the moon was up. Mikayla Young's photo (previous page) shows a Southern Resident in the moonlit sea.

The next day L 90, Ballena, was seen in Haro Strait with a new calf, L128, by shore-based observers on San Juan Island. They were also seen and reported by our Sighters in Swanson Channel ISZ later in the week. This calf will receive a name if they survive their first year. Sadly, the survival rate among newborns of the SRKW is fifty percent. Low availability of nutritious prey, ocean pollution, vessel presence, and noise are the greatest threats to the SRKW ability to thrive. There are many organizations working to increase their chances. Washington State's 1000 yard allowable approach distance to SRKW by whale watching and private vessels becomes law in January 2025. Canada must enact the same on our side of the Salish Sea.

See Pender Ocean Defenders on Facebook to read news about the whales and see penderpod.ca for POD events

*Monica Petrie,
SGIWSN Pender Coordinator*



**Provincial
Election Day**
Saturday, October 19
Voting place:
Pender Islands School

To register or update your information, or request a vote-by-mail package, go to:
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OK, here's the thing. It's September 18 and the deadline for submitting the reports is tomorrow. No big deal, right? I'm usually a last-minute guy anyway. The only problem is, I'm currently laid up with a very inconvenient bout of COVID 19 or 24 or whatever it is now called and I'm finding it rather hard to get enthused about anything. I'm just mentioning this in case you start reading my subsequent comments and start wondering, is this guy on some kind of medication or something?

I thought I was done with this stuff. It's been four years since my last Covid visit and I've had all my regular shots since, but when Melody brought it home like a little lost puppy, I let it curl up at my feet where it has decided to stay until it makes up its mind about returning to that place from whence it came. Every now and then making me think it may be leaving, only to say "whoops, just kidding". If anyone else out there is suffering through this latest round of Covid, I am sure they know of what I speak. I have things to do, barbeques I'm supposed to be cooking for, play rehearsals I should be attending, firewood that still needs to be split and stacked – countless things other than rambling on about COVID.

Ok that's enough of that. Here's some of the Legion news and then I can go back to bed.

Barbeques are now officially over for the year. September 20 was the last one. Thanks to Jon Grelik for filling in for me. Thanks also to all of our fantastic crew of volunteers who made it all possible. It was a very successful summer on the patio with sell outs for pretty well every night. Thanks also to all the great Pender Island musicians who came out and entertained our guests.

Things will be a little quiet now for the next month as we give the crew a well-deserved rest. We will be back on October 25 with our first full meal dinner. I'm still not sure of the menu but there will be music supplied by the Boundary Pass Troubadour Peter Emery. Pete is a great singer and guitar player with a

sense of humour, things I really like in an entertainer. I'm currently searching to find someone else to cook dinner so I can actually enjoy some music for a change. I'll let you know how that works out. I'm not holding my breath.

I'm getting kind of tired now, but I need to thank a few more people before closing. Thanks to our Pig and Lamb BBQ crew for once again making it a great event, with special thanks to Shane Greenall and the boys for doing all the cooking. Thanks to Kathy Haggitt for making our Aloha meat draw one of our biggest nights of the year, and Cupid Cruz and his daughter Ambrea for supplying some authentic Hawaiian music and hula dancing – it made the night.

Thanks also to Dave Dryer for donating some much-needed tables for our new patio. Dave and Dianne have now left the island to start the next chapter in their lives and we wish them many more happy years. Dave is a long time Legion member, restaurateur, and Lions Club President for as long as I can remember. Dave and Dianne gave a lot of themselves to the island and will be missed.

Also, thanks to Margie Berringer for her donation of tablecloths, cutlery, etc. from her now ended catering business – they will get used.

Oh yeah, don't forget Remembrance Day is just around the corner.

John Pender, President



Happy end of summer! With the change in season comes the beginning of school and those all so important safety reminders.

Shorter days and foggy, rainy weather make it difficult to see those little ones heading to and from their respective school, and to from their bus pick up or drop off.

Stop for the School Bus

The Outer Gulf Islands RCMP wishes to remind the public about the following safety laws in regard to school buses transporting children to and from school. The beginning of the school year often results in complaints regarding vehicles ignoring school buses that are stopped to pick up and drop off children. We are reminding drivers that when you see a school bus that has stopped, and you see its red lights flashing and the swing out stop sign, you must stop.

The Motor Vehicle Act requires drivers to stop in either direction upon seeing flashing red lights on a school bus. This includes both lanes, with no exceptions. Once the bus turns its flashing lights off and retracts the swing out stop sign it is safe to proceed. Best practice is to give the bus lots of time and room.

Failing to stop for a school bus could result in a violation ticket being issued which includes a fine of \$368 and three penalty points.

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RCMP, continued

Give Space

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Failing to take proper precautions with road users could result in a violation ticket being issued which includes a \$109 fine and three penalty points. Failing to maintain the prescribed passing distances could result in a fine of \$368 and three penalty points.

These laws have been put in place to protect those whom we care about the most. Ultimately everyone who uses the roadways shares their respective responsibility to make sure everyone gets home safely. Parents please ensure your children are informed about their duties, make sure they are visible, and remember bright colours for clothing and backpacks or even reflective items could be the difference.

For more information, please visit gov.bc.ca/sharetheroad.

Happy fall!

Const. Matt McGregor

SGI Community Resource Centre



We are a nonprofit focused on improving island residents' lives. Our vision is to foster a thriving, interconnected community by addressing economic, environmental, and essential service challenges. We strive to leverage local resources and collaboration to empower all residents through educational, social, and economic opportunities. Committed to regenerative economy principles and inclusive progress, we aim to enhance community well-being and preserve the islands' environmental health for a vibrant future.

Housing NOW

Housing NOW and the Southern Gulf Island Community Justice Program are partnering to offer online community circle conversations, addressing housing issues crucial to the health and sustainability of our island communities. We'd love for you to be part of the conversation.

Also coming this winter is our joint project, *Kitchen Table Conversations* - a practical guidebook on communication and conflict resolution. Whether you're a homesharer, family member, friend, or renter, this guide is designed to help navigate shared living arrangements with understanding.

For updates, join our subscriber list at www.linktr.ee/sgihousing.

Dining in the Dark

When winter winds blow and snow causes power outages in the Southern Gulf Islands, meal prep can be a challenge. Fortunately, islanders are creative and have shared their tips and recipes in the *Dining in the Dark* cookbook. This fall, join us for some fun

meal preparations with a local chef on your island. Learn power outage safety and try out some delicious recipes. Our chef will demonstrate cooking techniques and safety tips to keep you prepared for winter. Stay tuned for dates and locations, and email us for more information on purchasing the cookbook or attending the demos: dineitdark@sgicomcommunityresources.ca.

The Crisp Festival

Now in its fourth year, The Crisp is a vibrant festival hosted by the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre. Happening on October 4 - 5 at the Pender Island Community Hall, this year's festival celebrates community well-being with a dynamic lineup of music, poetry, and storytelling. Enjoy art activities, apple-themed events, and workshops focused on food security and environmental sustainability. Don't miss performances by Dan Mangan, *Astrocolor*, and more. For details, visit www.thecrisp.ca.

Business Centre

Discover the convenience of our Community Business Centre at the Driftwood. We offer essential services like photocopying, printing, scanning, and laminating. Use our community laptops and iMac or book our cozy meeting room. We also have hybrid meeting equipment, including the OWL Lab and audio-visual tools, available for rent. For smaller meetings, we provide paper flip charts, markers, and white boards. We're here to simplify your tasks and offer assistance for all your needs.

As autumn's crisp air and vibrant colors arrive, let's take some time to connect with friends, family, and our community. This October, I hope you enjoy quality time with those you care about and have a warm and meaningful Thanksgiving.

Melody Pender



Thank You for Supporting Our Raffle and 50/50 Draw

We want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to everyone who supported our recent raffle and 50/50 draw. Your generosity is making a significant difference, as all funds raised are going towards the new daycare facility on Pender Island. The families and children of Pender Island deeply appreciate your support and, together, we are building a brighter future for our community.

Taxi Saver Program

Thank-you for supporting the Pender Island Taxi Saver Pilot Program. Although the pilot phase has ended and registrations received before September 30 will be included in the final report, you can still buy \$40 worth of taxi vouchers for just \$20 until March 2025. If you haven't registered yet you can fill out a short registration form available on our website or at the office to start enjoying these savings.

Callout for Facilitators

We are looking for those with skills in facilitation and workshop development specifically around grants and capacity building. We can provide remuneration. Please contact mcowan@sginh.ca.

Seniors Programs

We are set to launch our Monday Seniors Activity Day, a collaborative project with the Pender Islands Health Centre and The Pender Island Community Hall. Starting in early October, Mondays have been set aside at the Community Hall as a day just for seniors (and younger friends.). We also have some exciting programs coming up in October including Thanksgiving Lunch, Sushi Making with Leanne, and Felting with Debbie Katz. For details, see the Health Care Centre report page 41, the Community Hall report page 23, and our ad on page 3.

Southern Gulf Islands Community Justice Program - Making Connections

This summer, the Southern Gulf Islands Community Justice Program (CJP) has been all about connecting with our community. Through our presence at the Saturday markets on Galiano, Mayne, Pender, and Saturna, we've had the opportunity to speak with many residents about the issues that matter most to them. These conversations have laid the groundwork for an even busier fall season.

In the coming months, we'll be partnering with Housing Now to organize community conversations, providing training in peace circle facilitation, and hosting circles on each island. Alongside these efforts, we will continue to prepare for Restorative Justice referrals. Whether you're interested in participating as a volunteer or simply learning more, we encourage you to get involved.

If you would like to learn more about our programs, facilitate a community discussion, or even plan ahead for potential challenges, please reach out. You can email us at cjp@sginh.ca or contact the Neighbourhood House for more information.

Volunteer Program

Join us as a volunteer and play a vital role in empowering the community. By volunteering with us, you help enhance self-sufficiency, promote well-being, and alleviate poverty through a variety of innovative programs that support seniors, youth, childcare, food security, and community justice. Call us at 250-629-3665 or email: admin@sginh.ca.

6 on the Spirit Board

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Michael Cowan, Managing Director

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South Pender Historical Society



Setting up for the Growers and Makers Market at the Church of the Good Shepherd

Things are settling down for the SPHS after a busy summer schedule. The South Pender Growers and Makers Market held at the Church of the Good Shepherd on Sunday September 1 was a great success with sunny weather and up to twenty vendors selling seeds, books, veggies and fruit, bread and preserves, flower arrangements, jewelry, homemade clothing, textiles, and art creations, with tarot readings and scrumptious food to keep us full and happy. A diverse mix of activities kept everyone entertained. Nick Crofton's music created a peaceful ambience to the event. Brenda Clairó set up a games area which proved to be especially popular with kids and families alike as they enjoyed making bracelets with materials from nature, flying their paper airplane creations, or playing a friendly game of bean bag toss. The SPHS display boards were eagerly read by many, who especially enjoyed reliving the early hippy days of the 70s and 80s on South Pender. The silent auction and donation tables raised over \$800 for the SPHS to continue to provide community programs and events during the upcoming years.

There are so many people who helped to make this event come to life and it is in large part due to the commitment and efforts of the Grower and Makers Market volunteer committee who

organized the event including Kaya, Sandra, Sandy, Patricia, Elizabeth, and Mani. A special thanks to Don and Wendy Munroe for allowing vendors to park on their property and help ease congestion in front of the Church. Many thanks to the vendors for helping make this the success it has become, and to the many volunteers who helped with membership, set up and take down, parking, donations, and the silent auction tables including Faye, Christian, Elizabeth, Sandy, Christina, Patricia, and Gail and others. Thanks also to the South Pender Fire Department and Pender Legion that lent us tables for the event. Lastly a warm thank you to all who donated funds or items for the Treasure and Silent Auction Tables. It was truly a team effort. Well done everyone!

Robert Dill, President

CanBoat



Pender Island Squadron

There is a definite change of season underway – the daylight period is noticeably shorter, the temperature is becoming cooler, and leaves are beginning to fall from the trees. Time to think about winterizing your boat and those maintenance tasks that have been on the to do list since launching last spring.

Now is the time to prepare your boat for winter: change your engine oil and filter, check your battery, make sure your bilge pumps work, protect your toilets and water system from frost damage, and remove electronic equipment that may be damaged by moisture condensation. Remove cushions and other items that also may be damaged by moisture and make sure the vessel is well ventilated to prevent mildew occurring. Make sure the shaft seal is not leaking and all through hulls are closed when not in use. Check your boat frequently through winter and make sure the battery remains charged. If your boat remains in the water over winter make sure all mooring lines are in good condition and properly fastened.

We have varied our itinerary slightly from last month in an effort to structure our educational efforts in tune with the seasons. Accordingly, our seminar on introducing participants to some basic piloting skills associated with charts and chart plotters will be held in early spring 2025.

On November 17 we will be presenting a seminar on Winterizing Your Boat. Notifications will be sent out later this month once we have secured a suitable venue.

CanBoat also offers courses nationwide on numerous topics such as Basic Boating (PCOC), Basic Navigation and Boat Handling, Maritime Radio, GPS and Radar, Boat and Engine Maintenance, Marine Electrical Systems and many other topics. There is a lot of useful information on our website: CanBoat.ca.

We continue to offer Maritime Radio and Beyond Boating Basics on-line.

Thanks for reading. stay safe on the water.

David Kirsop, Commander

Pender Island Garden Club



The Pender Island Garden Club October 10 meeting will be a collaboration with the Pender Island Conservancy and Gulf Islands Food Co-Op. The morning will start at the Community Hall at 10 am, where Kristen Miskelly of SatinFlower Nurseries will speak on planting native seeds in the fall. This will be followed by a break for lunch, so please bring a bag lunch if you are attending both sessions.

We will then move to the new Native Plant Nursery at the former Valley Home Farm, where manager Adam Miller will do a tour of the greenhouse and shade tent and present future Nursery plans. There will be information on local native plant stock and propagation guidelines. This will include a hands-on propagation activity showing how to take cuttings, and you will leave with a cutting to take home.

Non-members are invited to attend one or both sessions with a \$10 charge for non-members at each session.

Free App

One other juicy piece of information is regarding one of the best plant apps, called PlantNet. It's free and our members who have used it say it is very good.

Vivian Mitchell

Pender Island Golf Club



Once again, the golf season starts to wind down.

The ladies are scheduled to close their league activity on October 8 while the men close their season on October 17. The last official event of the year will be the awards night which will occur on October 26.

There are a number of people who think October is a great month for golfing on Pender Island. The weather has cooled down, the grass is again green due to more moisture in the air, and more tee times are available as the number of summer visitors has declined. On the downside, there is less daylight available. We invite everyone to get out as many times as they can while the weather, and daylight, holds.

Groundskeeping does not stop at the end of the summer season. The course is maintained all year by our

superintendent Greg and his supporting crew of volunteers. They are committed to keeping the course in good playing condition. If you are coming out to play in October, you are getting the best conditions possible.

The Pro-shop will continue to stay open until golf activity dies down. This is normally expected to be towards the end of October. Once the pro-shop closes you will no longer be able to book tee times. For non-members the winter flat rate of \$25 will once again apply. Please note that the two-for-one Wednesday does not apply to winter rates. Payment at the Honour Box can be made with cash or by e-transfer. Just follow the instructions on the envelope. Please remember to take the tags from the envelope and attach them to your golf bag. You may be asked to present them if they are not

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Golf Club, continued

visible on the course. After you arrive, you may tee off as soon as the course is clear.

Sadly, due to health issues, Mark Tremblett has closed The Clubhouse on Pender restaurant. Many of us have enjoyed the meals Mark prepared for both lunches and dinners. There was nothing else like it on the island. He always treated the golf league days as special and went out of his way on many occasions to ensure that members, as well as guests, received the best experience possible. He has definitely left his imprint at the golf course and we wish him well for the future.

If you have an interest in operating a food service facility at our clubhouse, please get in touch with me at President@penderislandgolf.ca or 250 222-2212.

Golf is so popular simply because it is the best game in the world at which to be bad. – AA Milne

Frank Deme, President

Pender Island Otters Swim Club



Our fall registration opened in mid-September and we started our first swim of the fall on September 27. While registration is still open, we are filling up quickly, even with the addition of an extra hour of pool time from 10 - 11 am. With our most popular hour of 11 - 12 noon filled up almost immediately last year, our board approached Panorama Pool to see if we could get a bit more pool time so we could spread our groups out a bit. We were able to get that extra hour, and we are hoping that will offer a bit more time choices for our swimmers and lessen the load for our coaches during peak time slots.

With 5 coaches now on staff, we are able to cover our wide age ranges of swimmers better and are thrilled three of our coaches are returning from last year for continuity. And, we welcome our new Head Coach Clara Dickieson and new assistant coach Sidney Boone to our coaching team. We will try to get a group photo for the next report.

There is a really big thank-you to go out to our registration team of Jackie Peterson and Marie-Andree Cloutier. Marie and Jackie reorganized our membership lists that were becoming cumbersome and overlapping. They also worked hard over late August and

early September to get our registration set up for the fall, and notices sent out to all our current membership by mid-September. Also, we gratefully acknowledge and thank all the grant commissions for accepting our grant applications for this coming year. They are the Gaming Commission of BC, CRD Parks and Recreation Commission (Pender Island), and CRD Parks and Recreation Commission (Mayne Island). With needed increase in pool time and coaching staff, their support in making these changes happen is more than we could hope for. It enables us to keep our registration fees as low as possible, so we can offer swimming instruction to as many as we can fit in.

If you would like to swim with us this fall, registration is still open. Please go to our webpage (www.penderislandottes.ca) and follow the link to registrations. Any other questions, please contact us at penderottersswimclub@gmail.com.

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Pender Island Yacht Club



PIYC has had a great summer with boating adventures to Saturna Winery, Chemainus Theatre, and Montague Harbour. Our fall racing series began September 21 and our Monday Monthly Meet-Ups begin October 21. All our activities and shenanigans are posted on our excellent website, PIYC.ca, in case you are curious to see what we're up to. New members are always welcome.

Inspiring Speaker Series

Monday, October 21, 5 - 6 pm,
Bistro at Port Browning

Best selling author, Gary Karlsen (NoOrdinarySeaman.com) will lead us into his unique, harrowing and humorous tales onboard and in port. As a young man in the 1960s, he travelled the world, working on cargo ships. Adventures, misadventures, challenges and lifelong bonds are chronicled in his three books: *No Ordinary Seaman*, *Bosun*, *A Mariner's Journal* and *Bosun, Ship of Ghosts*. He'll also share his

experience of writing both maritime memoirs and fiction.

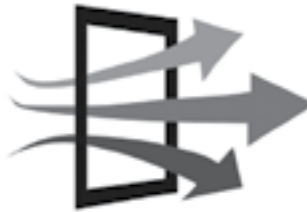
Boaters have one thing for sure in common. They have an impulse to explore – what's around the next corner or over the horizon, or their own personal limits. We are so fortunate to have so many groups of interest that we can connect with here on Pender. One thing in common is all you need to start a friendship, a kinship. Being a member of the yacht club these last two years has brought into my life great fun cruising with cool folks. I'm expanding beyond my comfort zone and building confidence solo racing in a gale, enjoying the camaraderie when someone needs help – like when Wally's boat fell over. It became an all day party. And then there's the Commodore part ... such a learning experience on so many levels. I hope to see you at a Meet-Up soon.

Fiona Percy



One of my favourite Pender Island Halloween traditions is the annual display on Bedwell Harbour Road, near the Community Hall. (Another is the trick or treating on Rum Road.) I took this photo last year. It was cool, wet, and foggy – perfectly spooky for Halloween. I can't wait to see what's in store for us this Halloween!

Larry Colcy



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WEATHER OBSERVATIONS FOR AUGUST

	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	23.5°	12.5°	18.0°	31° on 2nd & 9th	9° on 13th & 28th	56.9 mm		56.9 mm
“Normal”	23.8°	12.6°	18.2°	36° in 2021	8° in 2008	24.9 mm		24.9 mm

August is historically our second driest month with an average precipitation of 24 mm. July is the only month with less rain. Even so, August precipitation has varied from a low of zero to a high of 92 mm. Our maximum temperature in August is usually in the mid- to high-twenties with an occasional hot day in the low- to mid-thirties.

This August seemed to be cooler than usual because we did not have any really hot days, but the average daily maximum and minimum temperatures were very close to average for August. For most of the month, the weather was very pleasantly warm, and the rain was good for the garden.

Some things have done better than usual in the garden this summer, and some have not done so well. Blackberries

were disappointing and were late ripening, and they did not like the heavy rain in late August. Our peaches were great and won first prize at the Fall Fair; most of our flowers did well and the vegetables were a mixed bag.

August had very little rain in the first three weeks, including two thunderstorms which produced no rain in our area. Then, as happened in June and July, we had rain towards the end of the month, and we finished well above the average precipitation for August. In fact, August 2024 was the third wettest August in the 38 years that I have been recording the Pender Island weather. One night we had 25 mm in twelve hours and that is very unusual for Pender at any time of year. Unfortunately, that overnight downpour was on the day of our Fall

Fair. It caused some inconvenience and concern during the setup, but the rain stopped by mid-morning and the rest of the Fair day was dry and sunny.

Water in the lake was 25°C early in the summer but did not get much higher. It was good for swimming but not as warm as usual. By the end of August, after all the rain, the lake water temperature had dropped to 19°C. The fire hazard had dropped to Moderate, but there was still a ban on outdoor burning.

October is the first month of our wet season. It is likely that we will have an occasional frost in October, but the only year that we have had snow in October was 1991.

We stay on daylight saving time until November 3.

Malcolm Armstrong

NUMBERS PUZZLE MCA #47 BY MALCOLM ARMSTRONG

There are 27 numbers in this puzzle, about the same as usual. To solve the puzzle you must enter a number 1 – 9 in each of the 54 small empty squares, but there must not be more than one of each number 1 – 9 in any row or vertical column or each block of nine numbers. I do not think this puzzle is very difficult and I think that some of you will find it reasonably easy. I appreciate the feedback I have received from some readers who regularly solve these puzzles.

Malcolm Armstrong



Nu-To-Yu Building Fund

2/3 of the \$1,500,000 required to build the new Nu-to-Yu facility at the Driftwood Centre has been raised. Government grants will provide some of the remainder but private donations are also requested.

For information see:
<https://nu-to-yu.com/our-new-build>

To donate to the Building Fund, contact:
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Pender Island Lions 2025 Phone Book Listing Update



PART 1 - White Page Listing Only (No Charge)

1. Regular White Page listing *(Unchanged 2024 Listings will be repeated)*
2. New Listing Delete Change (indicate below) Vacation*
Please ✓ appropriate box

Surname _____
(Use a separate form for each surname for each phone number)

First Name _____

Street Address _____

Land-line Number _____ Fax Number (optional) _____

Cell Number *(listing does not need to accompany a land-line number)* _____

3. *Advise us if your phone number is placed in 'vacation' status when you are away.
This will prevent your name from being deleted from our book.
4. Your completed form can be put in the **Lions Box at Western Financial Group (Insurance Office)** in the Driftwood Centre, or mailed to Pender Islands Lions Club, Box 75, Pender Island, BC V0N 2M0
5. Forms and payment must be received by **Monday, October 28, 2024**

PART 2 - White Page Bold Print Listing

1. **With** a Yellow Page advertisement, all ad costs include a bold print listing in the white pages **no cost**
2. **Without** a Yellow Page advertisement (see **PART 6** for payment options)..... **\$25**

(Give the exact wording you want for your white page bold listing, on the line above.)

PART 3 - Green Page eMail Addresses (No charge)

- New Listing Delete Change
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Surname _____

Full First Name _____

E-mail Address _____

(Unchanged 2024 listings will be repeated)

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PART 4 - Yellow Page Advertising

1. Indicate the section(s), of the yellow pages, you want your ad(s) placed in _____
2. Repeat 2024, or submit new ad for 2025 (please ✓ appropriate box) Repeat New Ad
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 - If your ad remains unchanged, let us know. We have the 2024 **Yellow Page** ads on file.
3. Choose the size of ad you want and ✓ appropriate box beside price.
(These dimensions must include the ad borders)
 - **Width:**
 - All ad spaces are 4.55 inches wide
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 - 1 inch high ad - the first ad for the year \$80
 - any additional 1 inch high ad \$60
 - 2 inch high ad - the first ad for the year \$160
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PART 5 - Forms and Payment

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