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COVER STORY

Ah, a cover to remind us that when this pesky rain and cold stuff ends, the sun will return, and sights like those on our January cover will be a summertime reality. Port Washington does have an ability to look spectacular on a fine, blue sky, summer day doesn't it? I should warn you that this is no ordinary summer day on our cover...not by a long shot.

The cover photo is surprising in several ways. Surprise number one, it was taken by our own Pender Post production manager, Michel Pelletier. Pelletier, the photographer. Who knew? Pelletier modestly deflected any kudos, saying, "I'm not a photographer. The subject matter was spectacular and made it easy to get a good photo."

To read more about Mike Wiley's cover story, New Years resolution, and paying it forward, go to www.penderpost.org.



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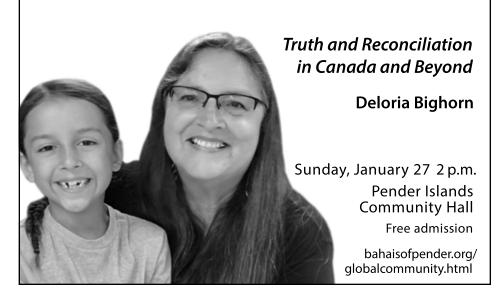
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The holiday season on Pender Island isn't quite over until we've had our Christmas Bird Count 4 Kids (CBC4K-ids)! Outdoor wintery wonder meets young citizen scientists as small teams



A Bahá'í Perspective



of kids, accompanied by experienced bird mentors, find and count the wild birds in our naturehood's ocean bays, fields, and forests. There will be hot chocolate and treats to warm up with. Please register now so we can be ready for you. Send us the names and ages of your child(ren), along with the name of accompanying adult(s) to penderislandscbc4kids@gmail.com, or call 629-3126. We'll get right back to you with important event details.

It's free (thanks to our generous sponsors PICA and PIFN), it's fun, it's for any family, and it is happening soon on Thursday, January 3! See ad on page 57.

Jill Ilsley, Julie Johnston, and Jackie Gill. Coordinators

Tourism Public Information Meeting

There will be a public information meeting on tourism January 12, 10 am, at the Pender Island School gym. Speakers include Randy Cunningham from Salt Spring, presenting information about the Southern Gulf Islands Tourism Partnership's (SGITP) pro-

posed five-year business plan. A representative from DestinationBC has been invited to speak about its role in promoting the industry from a provincial perspective. Carl Everitt, head of the Tourism faculty at Camosun College, will discuss the implications of tourism for small communities, and some management strategies. Chief Charlie Boyte will provide information about the impact tourism has on emergency personnel and services.

This meeting will provide our communities the opportunity to fully understand the benefits and implications of tourism, while supporting economic goals in managing tourism so it doesn't overwhelm our facilities, infrastructure, and environment.

Steve Wright

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Nightwalk

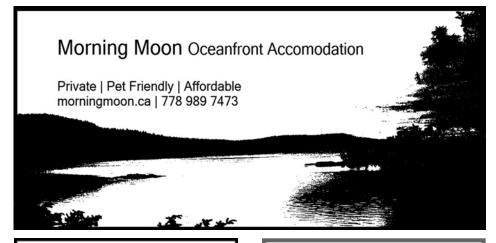
Pender Islands' unique and outrageous fashion show, ZOO-isLANDER, is ramping up for a spectacular show February 16. Follow us from dawn to dusk for "Nightwalk" as the runway fills with

creations that tingle and chill, by our local iconic designers. Hilarious and spontaneous MC Riel Hahn returns to host, while set designers Alaia Hammer and Denny Goertz light the way and roll out a unique runway upstairs at the community hall.

Let us tease you with a sneak peek...Get set for the return of Amazon G*, created by Angie Bowns and Geneva Jacobs. This duo is back with their new line of blinged-out trucker hats and customized work wear, sparking the light into the trenches of the everyday and summoning the dawn after the howling depths of a dark night, building the golden authenticity of personality into dazzling daily-wear designed deliberately for the daring. Find love and light on the runway for Madelin Emery's Couture for Weddings and Funerals, immortalizing both wedding and funerary fashion. Best Man or Best Suit? Get lit in conjugal bliss and honour lost ones in a parade of ceremonial attire. Then, enter a new dimension and meet creatures that only come out after dark in Izzy Burgwin's new collection of mystic wearable art. Continue to expect the unexpected from the rest of the team: Lindsay Hoopster, Josephine Spaxman, Laurie Storrie, the Nu-To-Yu volunteers, Marie Krahn, and Joanna Rogers.

And there is more! Inspiring new designers are joining the parade, including Wendi Lopatecki presenting her luminous weaving, Shelley Sarakanis adding her twist on a favourite fable, and Emma McClay turning inner tubes out, freeing us all from the bondage of convention.

ZOO-isLANDER 2019 is presented by Three on the Tree Production Society and is featuring a Youth-created runway



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Tickets are available January 15 at Talisman Books & Gallery and Southridge Country Store. The show will be a spectacular sell-out, so get yours early!

Catch the MAP community bus to and from the show, it's on us! See full page colour ad on **page 3**. See you there...

Madelin Emery

Pender Island Truth and Reconciliation Circle

November and December turned into busy months, not so much for things we organized, but because of the number of events that were happening with an Indigenous theme. Not all of us got to all events, but I am encouraged to have so many opportunities to learn about Indigenous culture. I am very grateful to be a part of a commu-

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nity where there is such interest in the issues and where we are able to build relationships through our support of our Tsawout neighbours.

Quick review of what was happening: A new totem pole was raised in Victoria. It was created by master carvers Tom and Perry LaFortune, brothers from the Tsawout Band. This pole was sponsored by the BC Ministry of Health as a symbol to represent their commitment to improving cultural safety and humility in the health system. The LaFortunes dedicated the pole to their mother and with respect to all the mothers and grandmothers who teach us.

Hans Tammemagi presented a show of his photographs chronicling the carving of the pole from its arrival in Victoria with bark still intact to the final installation. He described the background of the design of the pole, the significance of the figures, and gave us insight into what went on behind the scenes.

Ben McConchie orchestrated (pun intended) a musical evening, showcasing musicians from Tsawout (OCM), Pender Youth Orchestra, and PIJazz, We were

introduced to Ben's suite of music, with narration, S,DA,YES. A very moving piece, reflecting a time in history when clashes between the Indigenous and settler communities in this area resulted in murder and destruction.

Members of the Circle also attended a fundraiser in support of the Tsawout First Nation and their claim to James Island - Lel tos. The island was seconded by the government, used for a munitions factory during the war, and not returned to the Tsawout as promised. Several elders spoke of their family ties to the island, including the presence of the graves of their grandparents. The evening was supported by Indigenous law students from the University of Victoria and included a silent auction along with many beautiful pieces of art on display for purchase.

At our November Circle meeting we added a "pop up" event for December. The group heard the first four of the CBC Massey Lecture Series at home, (All our Relations, Finding a Way Forward, by Tania Talaga) and then met to listen to the fifth and final talk. People were moved by the speaker's message,



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January meeting: Wednesday, January 16, from 4 to 6 in the Anglican Parish Hall. Our topic will be the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP). Please review the document and come together to discuss your impressions. As always you can come even if you aren't able to do the reading; the Circle is a place to share your thoughts.

Susan Parr

Santa's Sac

How can we thank our whole Island for its extreme level of generosity? With all of your help, Santa's Sac has reached a whole new level of success in 2018. One new idea, which many of you embraced, was the "Be an Elf" program hosted by Dockside Realty, where nearly 100 folks took a child's wish from the tree and then purchased the gift for that child. This program was thanks

to Terry Shepherd and she made it happen with all of your help. The toy pile pictured was for the younger children and there was a similar pile for older kids. The other boon was that most of the shopping was done locally, which helped Pender Island merchants.

Many thanks to the backbone of our funding which we rely on year after year...the Nu-To-Yu, the Pender Island Lions Club, Royal Canadian Legion Branch 239, local churches, Magic Lake Housing Association, Marty and Christine at Pender Pharmacy, PAWS for the pet gift certificates, everyone working at Tru Value Foods, and for the more than \$2000 raised through folks donating to #10 on the Spirit Board. A grateful shout out to all who contributed financially to aid in our task and last but far from least, special thanks to Jo at Jo's Place for providing 20 turkeys to help make Christmas tasty as well as jolly.

Thanks as well to the bakers of goodies for our Super Seniors, Audrey the super baker, Tannis for her shopping for kids' hopes, Barb, Terry, and Bonnie for writing cards, the box wrappers, Bev and Sam for organizing the baking, Chris for her calls to our Super Seniors and for keeping us on our toes on food distribution day, all those who delivered food and toys and visited seniors and shutins, Mike and Gail at Tru Value Foods who help make food and vouchers happen, Lisa at PAWS, Pender Chocolates for the lollies for each child, and Jo.

This year we gave \$100 food vouchers to 31 singles, \$150 vouchers to 14 doubles and food for a week or food vouchers to 26 families. As well, 55 children requested (with the aid of parents) special gifts and pajamas to a value of \$60 per child. We also visited 26 Super Seniors and shut-ins with a token gift of baking and a poinsettia. What a wonderful community we live in and thank you to all who help others at what would otherwise be a pretty challenging time of year. How fortunate we all are to have settled in such a special place.

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A great big hug to Kelsey and Linda Lemain (sp) for their help on Saturday, November 10 when our dog Maggie thought she saw something in the bush and pulled Ken off his feet near Boat Nook. He managed to get to the sewer tank cover where he sat until they found him. Kelsey ran to our house to let me know what happened while Linda stayed with him. After that, I have to thank our ambulance crew and Dr. Rebner as well as the water taxi crew. Ken is doing well but nursing a broken arm and stitches over one eye. Maggie was on Santa's naughty list.

Ken and Val Butcher

Thank you

Our sincere thanks and appreciation to all our friends and neighbours for your Acts of Kindness after my hip replacement in November. Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Ed and Charlotte Woodrow



Emergency Responders Presentation

On December 13, representatives of our Pender Emergency Services gathered at the Pender Island Post Office for a presentation of plaques commemorating the recent issue of stamps recognizing Emergency First Responders. These stamps pay tribute to and reflect Canadian's respect and gratitude for the skills, service, and sacrifice of the people who protect them, sometimes by risking their own lives.

It was a great honour on behalf of Canada Post and the people of Pender Island to present our Police, Fire, Ambulance, Search and Rescue Services - our First Responders - with these plaques signifying our appreciation for all that they do for us.

The Post Office Team

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THE ARTS

Pender Island Art Society



Happy New Year to everyone! November was a busy month for the group and there were events and activi-

ties I didn't write about as *The Pender Post* deadline for December had passed by the time things were wrapped up.



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Lillian Tetreau instructed the group on acrylic painting twice. She called her sessions "Three Ring Circus" and they were entertaining and informative. Despite being a very experienced painter, Lillian continues to attend many different types of of art workshops and classes. These are then brought back to the group. I think her billing of "Three Ring Circus" (Lillian's title) is a bit harsh, but certainly ideas, thoughts, and techniques do bubble out of her and there's great opportunity to learn a lot. Thanks, Lillian.

The "Petit Salon" art show was held at the Community Hall the last weekend in November, starting with the reception Friday evening. That night was very busy and we had lots of traffic through the show. Sales were strong; it's always good to be "in the black" at the end of the weekend. We were pleased with the show; it was smoothly organized and run by Bea McDowell. Thanks so much, Bea; a show is an awful lot of work and the chair bears the brunt of it. Now we don't have to worry about putting on another till May.

Speaking of the new May show, things are falling into place. Sandi and Malcolm Armstrong are going to be the cochairs and already have started rallying the troops to some of the tasks that need to be done. The show will be held the May long weekend and it's going to be called "A Brush With Spring". We're excited about the opportunity to be early in the art show season as well as have a more even spacing between our two annual shows. Stay posted!

In January Malcolm will begin the new year leading the exercise of copying a masterpiece. That will begin on January 7 and we are only doing one session of this project this year. Malcolm has sent out a detailed write-up to members. Here are some of the important bits paraphrased from Malcolm:

"Please bring along a reproduction of a painting you have chosen to copy. The word "Master" is entirely up to your interpretation. Make sure you have paper or canvas of suitable size and the medium of your choice. If you are copying an oil painting it is quite okay to use acrylic but for watercolour or graphite or any other medium, your copy should be in the same medium as the original. If you have already started your copy, bring along the reproduction as well as the unfinished work. Please be prepared to tell us all why you chose the particular painting to copy. You may also bring along a completed copy that you have done some other time and also the reproduction that you copied."

On January 21, Annie Smith is back by popular demand and is going to teach drawing of hands and feet - something a bit more manageable for an afternoon than a portrait. Please bring \$5 for the fee for having instruction from an out-of-group artist. She is asking people to bring a sketchbook, charcoal, pencil, and an ink drawing pen.

There are some great things to watch for from PIAS. We have three more daylong workshops planned - Peter Loebel in February, Sarah Gayle in March, and Greg Swainson at the end of April. Thanks to Jane Baker for getting these awesome instructors lined up to come to Pender. Also thanks to Jane, we now have a Facebook page. Check out Pender Island Art Society on Facebook and don't forget to "like" what you see to help give us a higher profile. Also, she is really in need of more art from our group to post, so please send her good quality photos of some of your work.

Brenda Sledzinski, Secretary





By the time January hits us square in the face, the Pender Highlanders will be well into preparing for their biggest night

of the year: the annual Robbie Burns Gala, a celebration in honour of one of the greatest poets of all time, dear to the hearts of Scots the world over. This is the night we're all a bit Scottish, as will be seen by the colourful array of kilts and plaids. This is one of the few Pender events where you can really dress up. Time to bring those tuxedos and dresses out from the back of the closet.

According to formal ritual, the evening begins with the *Piping in the Haggis*





procession, with the meaty pudding held high. Scottish history tells us that haggis was originally the food of the poor, made from the entrails of sheep... yum. Its ingredients have evolved over the years and in accordance with local custom, to include beef, pork, and even wild meat. Once the haggis has been laid in its central place of honour, Heath Lansdowne will split it end to end with the ceremonial knife while reciting Burns' *Address to the Haggis*.

Malcolm Armstrong will then deliver the *Selkirk Grace*, and the dinner, prepared by local chef Pierre Delacote, will be served. After dinner speeches will include a *Toast to the Lassies*, which will be responded to by a *Toast to the Laddies*. This is a time for men and women to poke fun at one another with amusing, inoffensive humour. Then, the keynote address, the *Immortal Memory of Robbie Burns*, a speech which expounds on Burns' cultural and literary legacy.

The full program of entertainment will include the Pender Highlanders Pipes and Drums, a selection of mostly Celtic tunes performed by the Ceilidh Band, a sword dance by Leah Davies, and Scottish country dancing coached by Maggie Macdonald.

This year, the Burns Night Gala will be held at the Community Hall on Saturday, January 26. Tickets are available at Talisman Books & Gallery. The Pender Highlanders sincerely hope that you will enjoy this celebration. We thank you for joining in and for your generous support. See ad on page 4.

Marie Dion

Pender Island Community Choir

The choir thanks you all for your support of our Christmas concert series, *Yuletidal Harmony*. The choir performed three concerts over the weekend of November 30. The choir is beyond grateful for the opportunities to share our love of singing with wonderful Pender Island audiences. It was very exciting for all members of both the adult and youth choirs to perform before three very enthusiastic and attentive sold-out audiences.

So many people contributed to the success of the *Yuletidal Harmony* concerts, including three extraordinary music directors, the amazing young violinists, and an array of talented and experienced accompanying musicians, technicians, and stage hands. The whole team working hard together enabled the choir to reach its full potential and put on shows of the highest calibre. Thank you everybody!

We would like to extend one special thank you: for the first time both choirs were led by two music directors - the adult choir was led by Stephanie Jackson and Daniel Lapp, and the youth choir was led by Sabrina Werbowski and Stephanie Jackson. The talent, dedication, and leadership of our music directors challenged and inspired both choirs in their performances of a wide range of amazing music. Many of the songs are, or will soon be, Canadian-written Christmas standards, which added a special dynamic to the show.

The choir is excited to head into the New Year and commence rehearsals for our spring concerts. The adult choir will meet at the Community Hall on Monday, January 7 for registration at 6 pm, and our first rehearsal at 6:30 pm. The youth choir will meet at the Community Hall on Tuesday, January 8; Youth 1 will meet at 4:30 pm, and Youth 2 will meet at 5:30 pm.

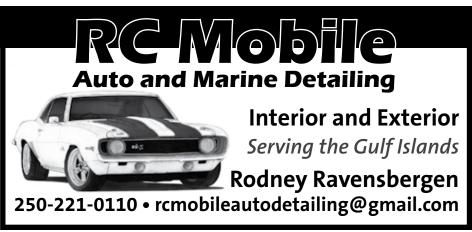
Anyone who loves singing, regardless of experience, is invited to join us!

Annette Cyr

Pender Island Concert Society

Receiving a standing ovation and drawing comments like "the best concert ever," Double Double Duo's performance in November was one to remember. The evening concert was the second performance that day for Michael Bridge and Kornel Wolak of Double Double Duo. Earlier that morning, Michael and Kornel presented an energetic and engaging program to the students of Pender Island Elementary School. The response was magical! The students were totally caught up in the excitement, yet attentive and eager





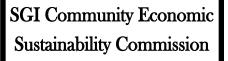
to participate. The Pender Island Concert Society is very fortunate in having been able to contract artists to perform student programs in conjunction with their regular concerts. The Cheng² Duo and Lizzy Hoyt will both be doing student programs later this season as will all concert artists performing in the 2019/2020 season.

Our third concert of this season will take place on Sunday, February 3 at 3 pm at the school and will feature the internationally acclaimed Cheng² Duo. Named one of CBC Music's "30 hot Canadian classical musicians under 30," the Cheng² Duo (pronounced Cheng Squared Duo) is celebrated by audiences and critics alike for its artistic excellence, generous spirit, and compelling vibrancy. The duo is formed by 21-yearold cellist Bryan Cheng and his sister, pianist Silvie Cheng. Silvie is a recent Master's graduate of the Manhattan School of Music in New York and recipient of the Roy M. Rubinstein Award for exceptional promise in piano performance. Bryan, now studying in Berlin, is the recipient of the 2017 Canada Council for the Arts Michael Measures Prize. As First Laureate of the Canada Council for the Arts 2018 Competition, Bryan has generously been loaned, from the Canada Council for the Arts Musical Instruments Bank, a circa 1696 Bonjour Stradivarius cello and a circa 1830 Shaw Adam bow. Bryan will be playing this cello when he and Silvie perform on Pender Island.

Quickly becoming an audience favourite wherever they perform, the dynamic Cheng² Duo has been making music together for the past 15 years. The duo's refreshing approach to making classical music accessible to new audiences of all backgrounds is steeped in a rare balance of infectious joy and enthusiasm in their playing on one hand, and mature, historically informed, and profound interpretations on the other. With wide-ranging repertoire from baroque to contemporary, from original arrangements inspired by folk music to new commissioned works, the duo has presented engaging recitals in notable venues throughout North America, Europe, and Asia. They have established a reputation for being invited for return engagements at prestigious venues and festivals, including Carnegie Hall's Weill Recital Hall (NY), the National Gallery of Canada, the Festival of the Sound (ON), Vermont's Pro-Concert Series, and Ottawa Chamberfest.

2017-18 season highlights include debut recitals at the Waterside Summer Series (Amherst Island), Cornwall Concert Series, Virtuosi Series (Winnipeg), Concerts at McMaster (Hamilton), Chamber Music at the Clark (Los Angeles), and tours throughout British Columbia, Quebec, and Ontario. The duo released its debut album, "Violoncelle français," on the German classical label audite in 2016, which has been lauded by international press for its "musical sensitivity," "maturity and perfection," "taste, sure flair for phrasing, and beauty of sound." Their sophomore album, "Violonchelo del fuego," was recently released in June 2018 and is a whirlwind tour through the great Spanish/Catalan music renaissance of the first half of the last century. Performed with much fire and passion. this new release also includes works for solo piano and solo cello, another innovation on record for these fine Canadian artists.





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Cheng² Duo's Pender Island concert program, "Romantic Impressions," features music by Claude Debussy, Francis Poulenc, Robert Schumann, and Johannes Brahms and is sure to delight all in our audience.

The final concert of the season on March 14 will be performed by Lizzy Hoyt, internationally recognized singer, songwriter, and multi-instrumentalist (fiddle, guitar, mandolin, and Celtic harp).

Single tickets for each of the Cheng² Duo and Lizzy Hoyt performances are \$25 and available at Talisman Books & Gallery, Southridge Country Store, and at the door before each performance. Students tickets are complimentary and can be picked up at the door. Elementary school students need to be accompanied by a ticketed adult.

Carole Elliott

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



Just a Christmas party you say! Never

if you have the Pender Island Quilting ladies in mind. December 10 is but a memory, but the fun still lingers on. A great crowd of quilters gathered for the potluck lunch. Before the members arrived, the little elves, Susan Dawson and Sue Foote, had set up a warm welcoming room for the fun to begin. Let the games begin, and Cindy Hultsch had us figuring out the names of Christmas carols that seemed Greek to most of us, but not so to Gina Cunningham, who had all but one correct on her sheet. Mr. and Mrs. Right made their annual confusing appearance and Heather Duncan intro-

duced us all to each other with some great questions. Ann England's daughter, Larissa, played beautifully on the piano as we did try to vocalize some of our favourite carols. Lunch was served and everyone outdid themselves with the best finger food imaginable. A surprise visit from Bunty (Mary) England finished off our morning with a warm feeling of friendship.

January 14, the new year starts again with Heather Duncan carrying on with our Kaleidoscope block, known professionally as the Lemovne Star. Hopefully the demo Heather did at our Christmas party helped most keep going but if you are stuck, January's meeting will surely get you on your way. It is a complicated pattern but once you have proper instructions 12 more blocks will be a breeze. Each block however has 24 pieces; it is like a jigsaw puzzle and the results are amazing. January will also be a refresher course on the reversible quilt that Cindy Hultsch taught in October of last year. You will need .7 metres each of seven different coordinating fabrics. The sashing will require .7 metre of fabric for one sash and .5 metres of another fabric. This will also do the binding. Batting will require a 45" x 60" piece; a crib size batting works well. Any more questions on this, please give Cindy a

So you see, January is full of fun and new ideas. If you are new to the Island please come out on January 14. It's a Monday, so see what we are all about. You will be most welcome and I guarantee you will join - just ask Laura, she is so glad she did. Our meetings are the second Monday of each month, except of course if the Monday falls on a holi-

day (we take in a Wednesday if that happens).

February is already in the works with bib making by Susan Purney-Mark for the Hope Home hospital in Port au Prince, Haiti. Fat Quarters and flannel, your machines, and cutting equipment are all you need to join in on this fun morning of quilting. Martha will be telling you more about this in the February issue of *The Pender Post*.

We send our deepest sympathies to Donna and Heather as they face life without their loved ones these past two months. Life always finds a way to go on and your friends are here to help.

Happy 2019 to all our members and their families.

Karen Gagnier

PIJazz

If you've ever been to a dance where PIJazz was playing, you might think putting on the show, and playing 20 or so tunes, seems effortless.

If that's the case, we're happy you see it that way. But it's not really how it is.



VOL__NTEE__ What's missing? UR!

Our museum is charting new directions and we're looking for a few willing volunteers to join our Board.

Do you enjoy a team that values the stories of those who have made our community what it is today? Do you have skills and expertise to bring to the table? Could you take on a project or role that supports our plans?

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We're in the early stages of planning a Swing Into Spring dance in March. So we try to answer these questions: Is there anything else scheduled for March, because we don't want to interfere with another production, and don't want to reduce our own potential ticket sales. Where should we have the dance? Should it be licensed, or should we aim for a family event? Do we want to find someone to offer a quick swing dance class just before we play? How can we get more people to come out and join us? Who will work the bar for us? Would anyone like to decorate the venue? and on and on...and the biggest question: What tunes will we play?

Well, that last question already has been answered, at least partially. Since we played with the Pender Island Youth Orchestra and the Tsawout Native Drum Band a month ago, band leader Ben McConchie has been handing out new music to all of us. You can figure we're putting in months of practice to get ready for one night's entertainment. And when it's done, most of those 'new' tunes will get filed away and probably never come out to play again.

Every dance, we try to bring you a mix of new-to-us tunes and some of those we've played before. That leads to some dancers saying, "Why do you always play the same tunes? Couldn't you do something new?" Of course, that is quickly followed by someone else saying, "Why didn't you play In The Mood?"

We leave Ben the unenviable job of making up a set list, and trying to please all the people all the time.

So please, put the first mark on your 2019 calendar at the beginning of March, saying "Swing Dance PIJazz" and by next month's issue of The Pender Post, we should be able to fill in some of the details for you.

These performances are important to us for two reasons. We need a reason to keep playing and practising, so having a deadline and an event to shoot for is the way to go.

But to put it bluntly, we also need these events to help us raise money. Our ticket sales keep us solvent so we can continue to offer a jazz band both to the public and to those players out there who haven't touched their instruments since high school but just might like to start up again.

Operating the band costs money, with PIJazz paying for everything from sheet music to instruction in some of the techniques of playing jazz. We strive to keep band members from having to pay any kind of dues to be in the band, especially since we have student members whose parents don't need another fee to pay.

We hope you can see your way clear to coming out for a dance and a good time with us, sometime in March. Details to follow.

Vicki Dutton

Pender Photo Club

Infortunately, our December gathering was cancelled due to those pesky winter flu bugs. Our next meeting is scheduled for 7 pm in the community meeting room at Pender Islands School on Monday, January 14.

The theme for next month's photo assignment will be *Comfort*, a topic most welcome in this season of high winds and heavy rain. Please send four images to Urs Boxler at ursboxler@gmail.com and he will share them with the group. And we are now running a half price special on memberships! You can sign up for the second half of our 2018/19 season for only \$10. We hope to see you there. New faces are always welcome.

Niki Roberts

Pender Solstice Theatre Society



By the time you read this, the 2018 Pantomime will be over but, we are certain, not

forgotten. It involved nearly two years of planning and a cast of 30 volunteers who rehearsed for over three months, fitted in additional rehearsals with each other, and provided an amazing show over four nights; 14 of those cast were on the stage for the first time. The younger Sprites stole everyone's hearts with their astounding performance, Marina Terra worked tirelessly organizing them on the performance nights, choreograph-



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Pender Photo Club - Friends at the beach - Photo by Niki Roberts!

ing, and rehearsing five numbers with Rob Dill. Jane Harrison spent months designing and building the set, attending all rehearsals, and managing behind-thescenes for performances with the help of Ada, Troy, and the purrfect cats, Wren and Maeve. Celine Wilde painted and transformed the stage set into a mystical and magical fantasy. The director and costume designer/maker Keith and Tilly Smith started planning and researching music, costumes, and script two years ago; Tilly was making the costumes and hats nearly every day for a year. Nancy Westell painted the luminous icons and made the jewellery, Christine Buckham rescued Tilly with her sewing skills, and Mary Chamberland and Joy Thierry Llewelyn were wonders with a glue gun; all were dressers behind the scenes. Rutger Kamphuis and Howard Southwell were another couple of volunteers who dedicated hundreds of hours installing technical equipment,

arranging lighting and musical effects, and attending many rehearsals, assisted by David Chamberland and Janet Mason. Evan Llewelyn not only gave us the fantastic and memorable 'Have a banana' (the evil wizard Ababananza) but added that special magical touch to the Panto in his role as co-director. The producers, Barry and Clare Mathias, had rehearsals all planned and booked a year ago, produced posters and tickets with our amazing graphic designer Chanda Bosch, and organized many other tasks behind the scenes. Nicole Payer flew over from Quebec specially to transform people with her hairstyling magic and made sure those hats and wigs were fixed firmly. Margaret Alpen transformed cast with her makeup artistry. There are many many more who contributed to the success of this extravaganza and we wish we could list them all. Over 50 people freely volunteered their time, and they are all the reason



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Aladdin Pantomime Cast Photo

Solstice was able to provide a fun and entertaining Aladdin Pantomime.

The acting, music, comedy, stage sets, costumes, and special lights and sound were enjoyed by over 550 people and there are already requests to repeat it for those unlucky people who were unable to get a ticket, but sorry everyone, this was an exhausting endeavour for everyone involved, and they all deserve a well-earned rest. However, please keep

an eye out for the amazing comedy version of *Odd Couples* in the spring, directed by Evan Llewellyn.

Tilly Smith

Ptarmigan Arts



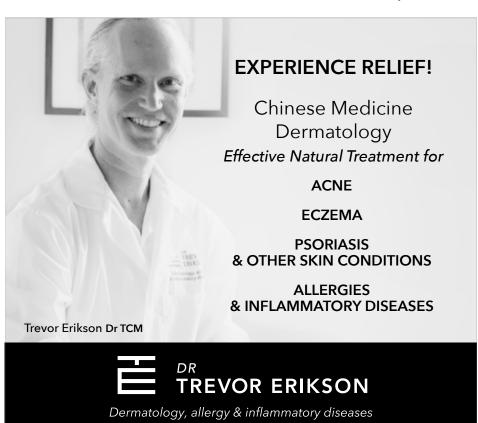
The Ptarmigan team wishes you a Happy New Year and hopes that you had a wonderful holiday season with friends and family. We have

lots of exciting things brewing in 2019 and you can always stay up-to-date by checking out our website *www.ptarmi-ganarts.org* and signing up for our email newsletter.

We're starting the new year off right with Ukulele Strum-A-Longs on January 2 and 16 from 4 - 5 pm at the Kraken Theatre. Ukuleles seem to be taking the island by storm, and we welcome all ages and abilities to be a part of the movement. Bring your ukulele, a music stand if you have one and \$5 to cover costs. We will have music and chord charts for everyone. If you don't have your own uke, they are available for rent or purchase from Gather at Hope Bay.

Lester Quitzau will be leading two workshops as part of a Music Mastery series this month. On January 19, he will be sharing the history and styles of slide guitar playing, sharing beginner and advanced technique and his own slide secrets as well as exploring the world of open tunings. On January 26, Lester will be sharing about improvisation and jam technique, giving participants the opportunity to practice the art of listening and playing in the moment. It will be a hands-on workshop, so bring your instruments and creativity. These workshops are \$20 each, or \$30 for both and are happening from 1 - 3 pm at The Kraken Theatre. Register by January 10.

We're bringing back the ever-popular Down By the Bay, a music, song and dance program for preschoolers that begins on January 19 from 11 am - 12 pm at The Kraken Theatre. Ben McConchie and Janet Willingham will be co-hosting this fun-filled six-week program. Open



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to ages 3 - 5 (under 3 can join if accompanied by a parent). The cost is \$60/child or \$100 for two and the registration deadline is January 10.

We're continuing to sponsor the live music portion of The Pender Island Health Care Society's Community Gatherings on Fridays, featuring Ralph Keefer (January 4), Taeven Lopatecki and Friends (January 11), Lester Quitzau (January 18) and Dean Steeves (January 25). Come by the Community Hall at 12 pm for a \$5 bowl of homemade soup and enjoy the music for free.

With the start of the new year, we are also beginning our membership drive. It's only \$5 for the year to become a member of Ptarmigan, and it helps us expand our support base and access more funding opportunities so we can continue providing arts programming in the Southern Gulf Islands. Become a member or renew your membership by March 31 and be entered to win a prize pack. New members can fill out an online form at www.ptarmiganarts.org/ membership or pick up a physical copy from our office, and renewing members can drop off their \$5 at our office, Dockside Realty at the Driftwood, or e-transfer lisa@ptarmiganarts.org. Thank you for supporting the arts.

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

Lauren Mann

Three on the Tree Production Society



A fter a hectic December, the biggest message we have from Three on the Tree is a tremendous thank you to

the community! The Lantern Festival is always a huge coordination effort, but what is most special about the event is all of the people who come together to work and celebrate. Over the past couple of years we have seen an increase in the number of families and individuals who participate in the lantern-making workshops and the parade and it is so exciting to have fresh energy come into the festival. As an organizer of the event, I am so grateful for the energy and creativity that everyone contributes at this busy and exhausting time of year, so please look for a full list of thanks in the February issue of The Pender Post.

In the upcoming months, we start to think about the coming year and the return of the festival next December, so if you are interested in participating in a volunteer or organizational capacity, please don't hesitate to contact us on Facebook or via our mailing address: PO Box 96, Pender Island, BC, V0N 2M0. Wishing you all a year of magic for 2019.

Alaia Hamer, Programming Coordinator

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Coleman/Rogers Bursary

#27

Hello, everyone. Here we are at the end of another year on our beautiful island.

We want to thank the generous folks of the island who contribute on the Spirit Board to #27 for our bursary fund. This fund helps local students to continue their post-secondary studies.

Another way you can contribute is to write a cheque payable to the Coleman Rogers Bursary Fund. You can mail your donation to Joanne Enns, 4210 Clam Bay Road, Pender Island, BC, V0N 2M1. Tax receipts are sent to folks who donate over \$50. The cheques can also be left in our file folder in the Dockside Realty Office.

Education is the key and we want to be able to assist as many young Pender Island students as apply for funds each year. We look forward to your support as always. Thank you.

Joanne Enns



Epicentre

Family Co-operative

Thanks to the caring and generous Pender Island community, we have a youth centre on Pender Island that is safe, neutral, central and inclusive.

Check out our website - https://piepicentre.weebly.com/

Thanks to all the people who enjoyed our baked treats and donated at the choir concert in December. Thanks again also to the Community Choir for the opportunity.

Programming

Toddler Time

Toddler Time runs from 10 - 11 am on Tuesday mornings and is a time for parents of five-year-olds and under, to connect, share ideas and support each other. The kids mostly play as they explore the space.

Epic Tuesday

Our Epic Tuesday after-school program will start up again once school is back in session. For information about joining this, science club, or sewing club, please contact *karenonpender@shaw.ca*.

Youth and Teen Night

We host regular youth and teen get togethers. Every third Saturday is youth night and every fourth Saturday is teen night. Youth night this month is January 19 from 7 - 9 pm (Grades 4-7) and teen night is January 26 from 7 - 9 pm (Grades 7+). Free for members or \$5 drop-in fee.

Epic Art Class

These classes are Mondays 3:45 to 5:15 pm (off first bus) with Celene Wilde. The class is close to full but if you would like to join, contact *karenonpender@shaw.ca*.

We have other programs as well. You can see a complete list on our website https://piepicentre.weebly.com/ or the school newsletter. To register or for more information, please contact kare-nonpender@shaw.ca.

Membership

Membership has its privileges. You can book and use the space anytime to meet up with your friends or throw a party. You will find the Epicentre to be a nice place to visit and meet up with friends. You will also receive discounts on

workshops and classes, and the drop-in fees for toddler time, after-school programming on Tuesdays, youth and teen night events will no longer apply. If you would like to become a full member, the cost is \$100 per family per year, but we also offer monthly memberships at \$10 for those who are new, curious, or just visiting the island. This includes grandparents with visiting relatives. The Epicentre is a wonderful place to hold birthday parties or a special event. To book the space we ask \$10 for members and \$25 for non-members. Contact Karen at karenonpender@shaw.ca for more information.

Josephine Spaxman

Ferry Advisory Committee

Ferry Facts

n November 20, BC Ferries (BCF) released its second quarter financial statements. Net earnings for the six months ended September 30 were \$96.9 million (M), which is a drop of 16.2% from the same period in 2017. A 1.6% increase in revenue was more than offset by a 7.4% increase in operating costs. Year-to-date November, the overall BC Ferries (BCF) system traffic continues to increase and with four years of steady growth is now above the 2008 levels. Travel by passengers and vehicles was up by 1.1% and 1.8% respectively. BCF offered an additional 640 round trips vs last year. The net earnings include \$109.7 M in service fees from the provincial government and an additional \$15.9 M to partially offset the revenue loss for the increase to the seniors discount and the 15% fare reduction on the Minor Routes, Northern Routes, and the Major Route connecting Horseshoe Bay and Langdale. Fares were held constant on the three Major Routes connecting Metro Vancouver with Vancouver Island. Capital expenditures net funding was \$126.8 M. Projects included were: \$39.7 M for the Spirit Class ferry midlife upgrade, \$24.7 M for the Northern Sea Wolf and Terminal modifications, \$17.7 M for major overhauls and inspections, and \$15.3 M towards the new Island Class vessels. The complete report can be found at the BCF web site under investor relations/financial reporting.



On Route 5, (Swartz Bay - Southern Gulf Islands), year-to-date October vehicle and foot passenger traffic was up 2.04% and 0.22% respectively, with Pender Island numbers below the average at 0.84% and -0.69% respectively. On Route 9, (Tsawwassen - SGI), yearto-date October overall vehicle and foot passenger traffic was up 4.59% and 2.83% respectively with Pender Island numbers continuing to be above the average at 9.13% and 9.52% respectively. This past summer, heavy Route 5 traffic resulted in many overload situations and delayed sailings. On-time service for Routes 5 and 9 averaged about 80%. The Mayne Queen is scheduled to be replaced with a Salish Class vessel in 2020 or 2021, which should improve the service considerably.

In January 2018, the provincial government employed Blair Redlin to do a comprehensive review of BCF coastal ferry services. The review was to: examine whether the contracted ferry services are being provided in a manner that supports the public interest, consider what changes to the price cap and regulatory model would ensure the system is

working as efficiently as possible, and identify opportunities and recommend actions to enhance ferry service and/or reduce costs without impacting existing service. The review was to have been completed by June 2018. At the time of writing, no information on the report is available on the BC government web site.

BCF has two customer care departments: Customer Service and Customer Relations. Customer Service handles enquiries regarding services, schedules, bookings, company information, etc. In other words, questions that can be quickly and easily handled without input from other departments. Customer Relations employs two to four staff who deal with formal complaints and advanced, more complex enquiries such as future plans for potential terminal changes. Due to the current backlog, new files are not addressed until old files are dealt with. Consequently it may take six weeks or longer for responses to new issues forwarded to Customer Relations.

With the implementation of the new booking system, reserving with a TAP form now means having to provide a credit card and be subjected to change and cancellation fees as with any other reservation.

The deck space on the Salish vessels is allocated among over-heights, underheights, and commercial vehicles. Only 60 feet of commercial space is allocated for each sailing on Route 9. This is a carryover from the Queen of Nanaimo days and has caused problems for several businesses needing to revert to using the through-fare procedure in order to get home. The Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) has requested that the allocation of vehicle space by category be eliminated and a policy of first come-first served for reservations be implemented.

BCF confirmed that foot passenger through-fares must still go through the ticket counter in Swartz Bay to obtain a boarding pass. There are two problems with this process: if there is a long line-up for tickets, the passenger risks missing the connection, and for the elderly it is a long walk up to the ticket counter and back down to the ferry. Suggestions for improvement include providing boarding passes at the Tsawwassen or Gulf Island terminals. BCF will be ex-



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The Manager's overall mandate would be to reduce costs and increase revenue. Job responsibilities include the supervision of all paid employees and contractors; responsibilty for all hall bookings, and to increase bookings by soliciting prospective users; ensuring all Legion and booked functions run smoothly by developing a strong volunteer list; establishing and implementing new fundraising ideas as required. Good leadership skills and working with limited supervision are required.

This is a very challenging and rewarding position requiring approximately 10 hours per week. If you feel you have what it takes to fulfill these duties, please drop off your application at the Royal Canadian Legion Branch 239 folder at Dockside Realty, attention Bill Critchley, Treasurer.

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amining options to the process.

The local Pender Island Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) representatives are Dave Dryer, *chateaupender@shaw.ca*; Jill Justice, *jill_justice@shaw.ca*; and Roy Moore, *bcffacroy@gmail.com*.

Roy Moore

German Shepherd Rescue of BC

As 2019 comes into view, here's a look back at a busy 2018. GSRBC and our adoptive families lost some very special dogs in the past year, but it is gratifying to know that those rescued dogs had wonderful homes. These dogs were given that second chance and adopted into homes that met their individual needs, allowing them to become the incredible companions they were meant to be. GSRBC continues to work tirelessly, helping those dogs that need an "extra leg up," GSRBC takes the dogs that have no one else. Our volunteers take the lost souls that are too afraid to "show well" in the shelters or who require special medical attention. Our foster and adoptive homes continue the



Santa has his hands full - Photo by Tim Frick

rehabilitation necessary for these dogs who, through no fault of their own, have been discarded. We could not take on these special dogs without your help. Whether your support is in the form of fostering, adopting, or supporting our fundraising efforts, it is greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead to the new year, Pender pups are long overdue for some tracking fun. Tracking or "nose work" is a great activity for your BFF as it spotlights your dog's natural ability. Tracking exercises your dog's brain and gives him/her a "job" which in turn may help curb many unwanted behaviours. More importantly, tracking, like other dog sports, is an excellent way to build that bond between the human and dog. "Nose work" is appropriate for dogs of any age, breed, or temperament. If you are interested in getting back at it or starting to learn, contact me at gerryphillips@mac.com or 629-8394

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Heartwood Folk School

Community Conversation on Resilience, Part II



Join us to continue the conversation about how we can grow island resilience on Saturday,

January 26 at 10 am at the Community Hall. At our first conversation in November, we identified five important focus areas: local agriculture and food security, water management, building a model society on Pender, sharing and developing skills on the Island, and developing sustainable local energy.

On January 26, we'll continue this conversation by developing an idea about what resilience in each of these areas might look like and practical steps we might take to move forward together.

Everyone is welcome, whether you could make it to the first conversation or not. Bring your good ideas and your enthusiasm (we'll provide the snacks!)

Revitalizing Heartwood

We will be working to revitalize Heartwood over the coming months with a focus on growing Island resilience. We are looking to join forces with people who are enthusiastic about building a strong, more self-reliant community. If you would like to get involved, email Ben Kadel at ben@emotusoperandi.com. And look for more classes and opportunities to engage with your neighbours in the coming months.

Ben Kadel



North Pender Local Trust Committee

I hope everyone is having a wonderful winter and wish you all the best for the New Year.

Going forward, Ben and I will alternate who posts for the North Pender Local Trust Council (NPLTC); this month it is my turn. Thanks to all who attended the first NPLTC meeting on November 29, 2018. I appreciated the respectful and informative conversations and hope to continue conducting these meetings in a way that supports discussion. I also encourage people to write in with comments, as having your thoughts in advance is very helpful when considering an application and visiting sites before decisions are made at LTC meetings. At the November meeting we considered four applications. We also decided to list our two projects as Climate Science Change Adaptation and Mitigation Resilience, and Land Use Planning for Waste Management. Please see meeting minutes included in the next meeting agenda for details on these by visiting

the Islands Trust website or our Trustee website www.penderislandstrust.org.

Our next NPLTC business meeting will be on January 31, 2019 at the Community Hall starting at 10 am and going until done. The agenda for the meeting is posted online seven days prior to the meeting, with a full package available of all applications being considered. I encourage everyone to look over the list of new applications and send Ben and/ or me an email if you have any specific thoughts about any of the applications. Please contact our local planners with any technical questions at *information*@ islandstrust.bc.ca or 250-405-5151 and ask for North Pender planner. Again, I would like to stress that advance notice of your thoughts helps us consider applications more fully than waiting to also talk to an issue at the meeting. Such advance input is greatly appreciated.

In addition to the regularly scheduled NPLTC, we would like to invite you to an open house at the Community Hall on January 12 from 2 - 4 pm. This open house is intended as an information sharing space to learn more about what it means to live within the Islands Trust

area, how you might contribute to the Islands Trust Conservancy efforts, information about our official community plan (OCP), and other topics of interest. People are also welcome to contribute to conversation around Tourism issues within the Southern Gulf Islands the same day at 10 am.

We would also like to offer community members the chance to participate in a workshop hosted by Islands Trust and Living Oceans on Sea Level Rise Workshop on January 29, 2019 from 6 - 9:30 pm at the Community Hall.

If you are having any trouble accessing materials directly on the Islands Trust website http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/ please let us know your specific challenge by email dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca so we can work to fix this, and we will also put up a shortcut on our Trustees site for the Pender Islands www.penderislandstrust.org.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you who have been so gracious in your comments about me taking up the Trustee position here on North Pender. I know we will not always agree but I want you all to know I feel honoured to serve our





community in this way.

Ben McConchie bemcconchie@islandstrust.bc.ca

Deb Morrison dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca Deb Morrison

South Pender **Local Trust Committee**

community information meeting Awas held on December 2, at the Firehall on South Pender. It was an opportunity for residents and property owners to meet the new trustees and to inform them of any concerns and issues they felt needed addressing this term. Trustees provided the community with their thoughts about public process, communication, and what they hoped to accomplish in the next four years.

Issues we believe will be upcoming are:

Ground Water

- supply, quantity, and quality rural character
- · how to define and maintain it
- what does it mean to property owners

with respect to siting and design?

- how will it impact the clearing and landscaping of residential properties?
- · how does it translate in the subdividing of properties?

Bylaws and enforcement

- property owners?
- can we have a bylaw without loopholes or the ongoing request for variances?
- use of Development permits

Tourism

- · STVRs and fairness to commercial
- · scale and style

Please note - On January 12, at 10 am, there will be a Tourism Public Information meeting at the Pender Island School that will provide information on benefits, strategies, management, and implications.

Mandate and jurisdiction

· collaboration with North Pender

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We will be holding regular informal meetings like this to ensure people have the opportunity to become involved and heard.

In January, positions on the Advisory Planning Commission (APC) will become vacant. Anyone who would like to volunteer to serve on the APC should contact either of the trustees to submit their names.

In the meantime, we hope you all had a very happy Christmas and wish you the best for the new year. Enjoy the holidays!

Steve Wright

Magic Lake Estates Water and Sewer Local Services Committee

s we welcome 2019, a few things Achange and some things never change. As a committee, we thank Alex for his years of submissions to *The* Pender Post. While Alex takes a break from writing, we will try to be as enthralling as he was.

While our water treatment plant continues to produce good and safe drinking water, our tired sewage treatment plants continue to be abused. Our plant operators continue to regularly cope with items that should not find their way into our collection system. Some of the worst offenders are dental floss (you should see how it gets wrapped around a pump) and personal wipes (they don't break down) that ball up with other things such as tissues, tampons, and condoms, which all have to be manually removed. We, as the committee, have asked for your consideration and co-operation in looking after our aging infrastructure without seeing much change. We need to treat our plant like a septic field. Ask yourself "would you flush that into your field?" If the answer is "no" then don't flush it.

The operation costs, which are paid for through user fees and property taxes, will be increasing this year, as the infrastructure is aging so it takes more to keep it going.

On a happier side, the Buck Lake sewer replacement project is complete (with some remediation to be completed). All in all, it appears to be a success, however the amount of ground water running in the system proves the infiltration of water into the system needs to be reduced.

Yours for the committee.

Kathy Heslop

Monday Morning Dog Club New Year's Gripes

As opposed to Resolutions!

These are my gripes or pet peeves, because I cannot make resolutions for others but maybe someone will see something that helps them to make a resolution.

Gripe # 1 Irresponsible Breeders

In particular, of large bouncy breeds and smaller very active breeds. Working with dogs as I do, I see both the best and the worst of choices made. Being "of a certain age" myself, I understand that it is often hard to believe, or accept, that we can no longer do things we could have done easily 15 or 20 years ago and because of that, I really do believe that breeders have a responsibility to help us in our choice of puppy. After all, the dog's life is at stake. If things go badly wrong, it is the dog who ends up, in best-case scenario, at the SPCA or a similar shelter/rescue centre or, worstcase scenario, being put down. Unfortunately, all too often, the breeder is in it for the money and will sell the puppies to anyone with the money, regardless of their age, (pensionable, or parents buying an unsuitable dog for their child); their home circumstances (partner not keen on a dog, never mind this particular dog, never had a dog before); living arrangements (no fenced yard); etc., etc.

These are circumstances I have personally come across in my 20 years as a TTOUCH Practitioner and every time it tears me apart because, usually, the human involved ends up loving a young

dog they cannot cope with and being either heartbroken at having to give them up or struggling to cope with a big, strong, rambunctious breed or a very active "working" breed youngster.

I am definitely not saying that we oldies shouldn't have a puppy, or that children shouldn't, but the puppy should be suitable to the person and it is up to the breeder to be responsible and make sure that they only sell puppies to those who understand what they are getting and can cope with.

If breeders don't care about what happens to the puppies they bring into the world, they shouldn't be doing it.

Gripe #2 Overweight Pets

This is not a new problem but it is a worse problem now than it was in the past. There is so much choice of food and treats for both cats and dogs and, for some people, feeding their pet is, they feel, a sign of their love for the pet, whereas, in reality what they are doing is causing the pet harm.

Extra weight can cause lasting damage to your pet's internal organs, bones, and joints -- some of which can never be remedied even with a change in diet and exercise. Below is a list of some of the dangers inherent in obesity: exercise intolerance, decreased stamina, respiratory compromise (breathing difficulty), heat intolerance, hypertension (high blood pressure), diabetes or insulin resistance, liver disease or dysfunction, osteoarthritis (lameness), increased surgical/anesthetic risk, lowered immune system function, increased risk of developing malignant tumours (cancer). Taken from PetMD on the web.

We all know it is hard to resist the big brown eyes gazing at us so lovingly but, if you truly want what's best for your best friend, resist. Treats should be used as rewards for work done, ie: short training sessions (five minutes, several times a day) or as rewards when trying to change a behaviour (operant conditioning) such as lunging or barking at cars, skateboards, etc.

In our training sessions we use lots of treats but, once the dog knows the behaviour, treats can be used sparingly.

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As for the actual meals, raw food is best weighed (3% of dog's normal body weight, per day, divided into two meals); kibble (use the guidelines but feed a little less than they say) and in both cases, look at your dog. Look down from above the standing dog and, if there is no waist - in other words, if both sides of the dog are more or less straight (heaven forbid they be convex) from shoulder to tail - then your dog is overweight.

Dogs and cats should have a "waist" and you should be able to just feel the ribs, not see them (except in Greyhounds and such).

Any dog can overeat but some well-known overeaters are Labradors, Retrievers, Beagles, Dachshunds, and Spaniels. And I must say, I have seen very few well-shaped Dachshunds, ever. Almost all I see can barely walk, with their bellies so close to the ground. Dachshunds are particularly prone to back problems, their backs being so long in the first place. Keep your Dachshund skinny; it is the best thing you can do for him/her. Your pet will be happier, livelier, more playful, and more full of joy, if you keep the weight down.

Gripe #3 Aesthetic Surgery

It is hard to believe, in this day and age, that the practice of cropping dogs' ears and the docking of tails is still common. Never mind declawing cats (which is the same as amputating your fingers and toes). You would not believe the reasons I have been given, by breeders, for the cropping of ears in certain breeds; I won't even insult you by repeating them. Both of these practices are banned in most of Europe and they have the most beautiful Rotties, Boxers, Schnauzers, etc., etc., with long tails. Ear cropping has been banned for years in these places, tail-docking not quite as long. Things do move forward slowly here though; if I remember rightly, BC vets have made a positive move in this matter recently; I forget the details, I'm sure it was the vets and not the government but that's a start.

This is my gripe, so suffice it to say that I believe these practices to be unnecessary, cruel, and inhumane. Now that I have got that all off my chest, I should like to say that these are my own personal opinions; I know that there are

those who will disagree with me but I also know there are many who agree. No matter your opinion, I should like to wish Everyone a very Happy New Year!

Anne Ashton,

TTOUCH Practitioner

Moving Around Pender

MAP



MAP has been operating the community bus for the last two-and-a-half years as a pilot project. The pilot project is terminating at the end of the year and the MAP Bus

Team has decided to stop the regularly scheduled bus service at least for a few months. The bus will still be available for charters.

To find details on the pilot project, you can access the final report at http://bit.ly/20gZn8d. Please complete our brief survey about the bus either online at http://penderbus.org/survey or use the paper copy on page 3 of this issue of The Pender Post and return it to the Moving Around Pender (MAP) folder at Dockside Realty in the Driftwood Centre.

The main reasons behind the decision to interrupt service are the lack of a sustainable financial model to run the bus and volunteer fatigue. The bus was purchased with funds from CRD but the operations have been based largely on volunteer drivers and organizers and small grants and donations from community organizations, businesses, and individuals. Although the community and granting agencies have been very supportive and generous, some stable long-term funding will be required to achieve a sustainable service. All public transit systems require government support of some kind (taxation) and the fare box only provides a small fraction of the operating costs.

There has been a slow but steady increase in ridership over the two years of operation and some Penderites have come to rely on the bus and have incorporated the service into their regular routine. However, ridership has not reached the levels we had hoped for, especially in our original target group, Pender Island Seniors.

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One of the goals of the project was to reduce the carbon footprint of transportation on Pender but that has been challenging using a diesel bus with only modest ridership. Ultimately we would like to get an electric bus but at present the capital cost of these vehicles is prohibitive.

The Bus Team will now take a much deserved rest to thoroughly evaluate the statistics and seek feedback from the users and residents of Pender Island.

While future operations have not been fully determined at this time, we hope to resume limited service in the spring of 2019 with the potential to ramp up to three or four days per week during the summer months, as we have done for the last two years. However, this resumption will be dependent on successful applications for funding currently being submitted and ultimately a more sustainable model of service delivery is required.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported the bus to date (there are too many to list here) and we hope that many of you will participate in our survey as your feedback is important and we want to take your responses into account.

The Map Bus Team

Outer Gulf Islands RCMP-GRC

Season's Greetings from the Outer Gulf Islands RCMP. With so many people in the communities decorating their homes so nicely our detachment does not want to be left out and has taken to decorating the local roads with blue and red lights in search of impaired drivers.

Targeting impaired drivers is not only one of our detachment's primary objectives but also one of the most common requests and concerns from the communities we police.

BC has the toughest drinking and driving laws in Canada. If you're caught driving impaired, you could face these penalties:

- Driving suspensions from 24 hours to 90 days
- Vehicle impoundment

- Fines, from \$600 and up to \$4,060
- Jail time
- Mandatory rehabilitation
- Installation of ignition interlock in your vehicle

This year, we have also taken the proactive approach to this issue by creating an 'anti-impaired driving' campaign. A number of BC Liquor Store bags have been dropped off at the school for the students to print, color, and paint antiimpaired driving messages on the bags. Our officers aim to then, time and calls permitting, be present to meet and interact with the students while they draw and assist us with this campaign. It is a fun way to meet and be together to share a positive message. This should take place anytime soon, close to winter break, as students and staff begin to shut down for the holiday season. We will then collect these bags and return them to the liquor store where they will be passed on to customers with these positive messages.

All in all, the Outer Gulf Islands RCMP would like to remind everyone planning to indulge with alcohol or cannabis to do so responsibly and utilize a safe ride home, as we will be out looking to ensure road safety. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday season and all the best in the New Year!

Sgt. Kim Bruce

Pender Island Chamber of Commerce

Happy New Year to all



We are look - ing forward to working with

you in 2019. We'd like to formally say welcome to Tania Honan Smith who will be working with Melody on Chamber initiatives this year. Tania brings with her some fresh ideas and energy to the office and visitor centre. Welcome, Tania; it's a pleasure working with you.

This year is the Pender Island Chamber of Commerce 60th anniversary. We look forward to celebrating this milestone sometime in May. More information on this and the AGM will be sent out in early February. Also watch for nomina-

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tions for Chamber of Commerce awards for Pender businesses and non-profit organizations. Is there an award you'd like to see the Chamber support? Let us know!

Our quarterly newsletter will continue to be sent out. Watch for them in your inbox for March, June, September, and December. Other events and activities to watch for are the Business Showcase in the fall and a couple of informational workshops or fundraisers spread throughout the year. If you have any ideas or requests for workshops or fundraisers, please contact Melody or Tania at the Chamber office located in the Community Resource/Visitor Centre.

Deadline to be included in the 2019 Visitor Guide will be March 1 this year, as we hope to have the visitor guide available by the end of March. If you have any questions regarding the Visitor Guides please contact us. We still have several Tear Away map pads available at the Visitor Centre for \$25 a pad. We will open up the advertising for a new run of Tear Away maps in Early April.

You should have received your membership renewal notice for 2019. We thank

you in advance for your continued support of the Chamber. If you are interested in joining the Chamber of Commerce or have any questions or comments, we are always happy to make time to meet with you and answer your questions or hear your feedback.

We encourage you to drop in and have a chat on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays between 10 am and 2 pm.

Melody Pender, Administrator

Pender Island Child Care Society

By being yourself, you put something wonderful in the world that was not there before ~ Edwin Elliot

Parents and Babes



Parents and Babes is every Monday

morning from 9 - 11:30 am at Dragonfly. This is a free drop-in program for parents, caregivers, and their children. Come out and enjoy snacks, adult and children interactions, and the book lending library. There will be no Parents and Babes on January 21. Thanks to Success

by Six and the Pender Island Child Care Society, this program is free.

Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP)

HOP is every Wednesday morning in the school gymnasium from 9 - 10:15 am. Come on out and join facilitator Karen Parker as she sets up new activities each week - from ball pits to ring toss and obstacle courses to car races, this program will be sure to tire out your youngster. HOP is designed for parents/caregivers to engage in physical activities with their children 1-5 years. Thanks to the Pender Island School and the CRD, this program is free.

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast

Join Sarah and Steve on Saturday, January 26 from 9 - 11 am for Dad n' Me pancake breakfast. Kids can bring their dads, uncles, grandpas, or friends. This is a great opportunity to play with your kids and meet some of your children's friends and their dads. Thanks to the Ministry of Children and Families, this drop-in program is free.

Child Care

Our dedicated and caring early childhood educators offer care Tuesday, from 9 am - 3:30 pm, and Wednesday to Friday, from 9 am - 4:45 pm. We are sad to see Michelle Andersen leave the island and our centre, but we'd like to wish her all the best with her new endeavours in Victoria. We are pleased to welcome Kandice Knapp (ECE) to the Dragonfly team. Kandice has a gentle nature and treats all children with great respect. We are so happy to have her on board. The government-initiated program titled A New Day for Families, means that we have opted into the parent reduction fee program. Also, the new Affordable Child Care Benefit is helping more families with the cost of childcare. The link to this site is gov.bc.ca/affordablechildcarebenefit. Call Sarah for more information or if you need assistance with your forms.

Circle of Security Parenting Series

Join trained facilitators for this important eight-week course based on decades of research about how secure parentchild relationships can be supported and strengthened. This is a parent reflection program that presents video examples



of secure and problematic parent/child interaction. Parents will learn to understand their child's emotional world by learning to read the emotional needs, support their child's ability to successfully manage emotions, enhance the development of their child's self-esteem, and honour their own innate wisdom and desire for their child to be secure. The course will take place on Mondays, January to March from 5 - 7 pm. A light meal and childcare will be offered. The cost is \$80. We'd like to thank Victoria Foundation for their generous contribution.

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

Sarah Conley

Pender Island Community Service Society



All of us at Nu-To-Yu and PICSS hope that you and

yours had the best holiday season.

I find working with PICSS rewarding - the way people work together to put manufactured items back into the community instead of into the landfill. Some people get rid of clutter while being ecologically responsible, while others get new needed items, and sometimes treasures - all without having to get on a ferry. And the end result is funds to use to improve life on our islands. I have been helping to sort for a couple of years, and let me tell you, pretty well anything you would want (well, within reason) shows

up here after a while.

A big heartfelt thank you to the people who think of us when getting rid of things they no longer want or need, and to the people who come into our store and purchase these items. An even bigger thank you to the people who come in week after week, and month after month to sort these things, arrange them, then work in the store to sell them. None of this would be possible without you.

To show appreciation, in December there was a staff dinner at Jo's. The food and conversation were great, as were the door prizes and silent auction items.

We had a successful Silent Auction at the Winter Market on December 8, raising over \$1000 for the New Building Fund. We wish to thank everyone who bid on the items, and congratulate the people who were the lucky winners.

Now that Christmas is over, things will start getting back to normal (whatever that is). The first donation drop off and sorting day of the new year will be Thursday, January 3. The store will reopen on Friday, January 11.

The last weekend of the month will be \$5 bag day, which allows you to stuff as much clothing and linens as you can into a brown paper bag (excluding specially priced clothing and shoes). And to make it clear, 'last weekend' is when both Friday and Saturday are in the same month; if Friday is the last day, and Saturday is the first of the new month, \$5 bag days are the previous weekend.

Sheila Veness

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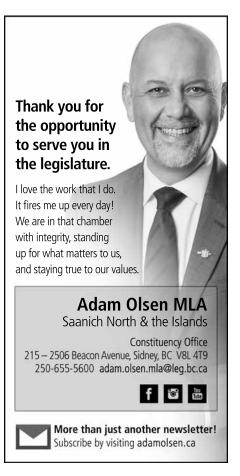
Pender Island Conservancy Association



The Pender Island Conservancy was incorporated as a charitable society in 1993. In 2018, the Conser-

vancy celebrated a milestone (or is it a kilometrestone?) - 25 years of protecting the land and the marine environment of Pender Island. Amongst the achievements of the Conservancy, with community support, have been leading the establishing of Medicine Beach Nature Sanctuary on North Pender Island and along with the Friends of Brooks Point, the purchase of the land which now completes the Capital Regional District Brooks Point Regional Park on South Pender Island.

The Conservancy is a registered land trust and a member of the Land Trust Alliance of BC. Land trusts are legally empowered to accept donations of land for permanent ecological protection. Through this process, and in partnership with the Islands Trust Conservan-



cy, there are currently 17 properties or portions thereof which are permanently protected by conservation covenants on the Pender Islands. In addition, there is a conservation covenant held jointly by the Conservancy and a private land owner and one held between the Conservancy and the Capital Regional District, represented locally by the Pender Islands Parks and Recreation Commission. A conservation covenant is a legally binding agreement between the landowner and a land trust, that is written into the property title and provides permanent protection of the ecological communities of the covenanted area.

In addition to protection of ecologically sensitive land, the Conservancy is active in restoration activities such as the Hope Bay Stream Chum Salmon Project, in which the organization is in partnership with the Pacific Salmon Foundation and has the professional support of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. Hope Bay stream is the only historical salmon spawning stream on Pender Island. It is hoped that through the efforts of the restoration team, Chum salmon will again start their lifecycle in this habitat. Kelp bed mapping around Pender is also underway in co-operation with the Sea Change Marine Conservation Society and the University of Victoria. Restoration of eelgrass beds in selected locations provides habitat for young fish and invertebrates, spawning surfaces for Pacific herring, and food for migratory seabirds.

Removal of invasive plant and animal species that compete with our native flora and fauna is a high priority and lessens the impact on the natural biodiversity of the Islands. A special thank you to those who have been removing upon marine ecosystems.

The Conservancy is pleased to be associated with other local organizations such as the Pender Island Field Naturalists, Pender Islands Trust Protection Society, Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission, and Magic Lake Sewer and Water Commission in providing support for public conservation education.

Speaking of education, we are endeavouring to increase the environmental education and participation of our younger Penderites through developing our contacts with the local school. In fact, thank you to an enthusiastic and hard-working two classes from the Pender Island School that removed invasive species and planted native Western Cedar and willows along the Hope Bay Stream this fall in a work party hosted by the Hope Bay Bible Camp. Cooperation with the conservancy organizations of the other Southern Gulf Islands and local First Nations is also encouraged.

Assistance with conservation projects on the Pender Islands is always welcome; please join us. If interested, please contact us through our website www.penderconservancy.org.

Graham Boffey

Scotch Broom and Daphne. Recently the Conservancy has become a member of the CRD Partners in Parks Stewardship Program for Brooks Point to assist with the removal of invasive species at this location. Advocacy on environmental issues affecting the Pender Islands has become more significant as increasing pressures on the Salish Sea have the potential for major impacts, particularly

Pender Island Farmers' Institute

PIFI

2019 Fall Fair **Planning Getting Started**

Tanuary is when we get the ball rolling for the 2019 Fall Fair, so it's a great time to get involved if you have ideas for how to make next year's fair better than ever. Our next meeting will be Thursday, January 14 at 7 pm at the Community Hall.

We will be meeting regularly on the second Thursday of the month at 7 pm at the Community Hall. Everyone is welcome and the more the merrier.

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

Ben Kadel

Farmers institutes aim for greater communication, collaboration

Delegates met in Richmond to forge connections

Farmers' Institute representatives from around BC gathered in Richmond to network and meet with BC Agriculture Minister Lana Popham at her invitation on November 30. The all-day meeting was intended for face-to-face discussions around institute activities, challenges and opportunities, improving communications, and to review ministry programs available to institutes.

A highlight of the meeting was the province's proclamation of November 30, 2018 as BC Farmers' Institutes Day, in recognition of the historical and ongoing work of farmers' institutes in BC and the support they provide the communities they serve, advocating on behalf of farmers and promoting agriculture.

Communication was a major theme of the meeting, and Megan D'Arcy of Smithers Farmers' Institute led a discussion on the development of a communication platform to exchange news and opportunities for funding and collaboration. Popham expressed her support for the idea, stating "we should be communicating all the time, with a farmers' institute website with opportunities





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for funding, studies, consultations, and events."

Farmers' Institutes superintendent Chris Zabek provided an overview of the Farmers' and Women's Institutes Act and its regulations to the 45 representatives in attendance. The act has existed since 1956, following previous legislation dating back to 1873. It provides a legislative means for the incorporation of Farmers' and Women's Institutes and establishes a legal entity that can enter into contracts, hold property, borrow money, and apply for programs. The act also provides an avenue for institutes to have direct communication with the agriculture minister.

"The historic goal of Farmers' Institutes has been cooperation (economically and socially) in a geographically diverse province, and to encourage settlement and education," says Zabek, a regional agrologist based in Abbotsford.

Institutes are incorporated under one or more of the following purposes under the Act: to improve conditions of rural life; to promote theory and practice of agriculture; to arrange for purchase, distribution, or sale of commodities, supplies, products; to act on behalf of members in all matters incidental to agricultural pursuits and rural development; to promote home economics, public health, child welfare, education, and better schools.

Farmers' institutes were first established by the government over 120 years ago to connect agricultural communities in the province. They grew quickly, reaching nearly 200 institutes with over 7,000 members at their peak. Today's institutes have the same district and individual institute structure, but there are fewer institutes (approximately 50) and members (1,275) and fewer active districts (four versus 10).

"It is impossible to describe the average farmers' institute – they range in size, in activities, in age, in assets, as well as geographically," says Zabek, "The oldest institute was formed in 1898, the most recent in 2016. Membership can range from 5 to 200, assets from a few dollars to millions of dollars, and meeting from one to ten times a year."

Activities vary as well, including peer networking and mentoring, extension event support, community support, lobbying, managing assets such as community halls, running fall fairs and farmers markets, tool and equipment sharing co-ops, school gardens, and social activities.

Many institutes organize farm tours for all levels of government, expanding the education role from training new farmers and teaching new skills to established farmers, to teaching politicians and the public about agriculture.

Members serve on committees advocating for farmers' interests at community, municipal, provincial, and federal levels.

The Pender Island Farmers' Institute was established in 1924, and organizes the Fall Fair (since 1932) and the Farmers' Market (since 1978), and also sponsors the Neptune Grimmer-Ashton Ross-Smith bursary, Seedy Saturday, and the school planting day.

Barbara Johnstone

Pender Island Fire Protection Society

PIFPS

The Board of Directors will have two vacancies to be filled at the AGM in April 2019.

Following the new policy adopted in 2018, there will be no nominations from the floor at the AGM. Please see our ad on **page 39** for complete details.

Ally Tammemagi

Pender Island Fire Rescue



Happy New Year to our friends, neighbours, and families on the Penders and beyond from all of us at Pender Island

Fire Rescue. We wish you all a safe, happy and healthy 2019.

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FAITH BULLETIN

Anglican Church of Canada

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January 6 10:00 am St. Peter's Holy Eucharist Epiphany

January 13 10:00 am St. Peter's Circle

January 20 11:00 am St. Peter's World Day of Christian Unity (Ecumenical Service)

January 27 10:00 am St. Peter's Holy Eucharist

Ellen Willingham, 629-6700 **Bookings for the Parish Hall:**

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Pender Island United Community Church (PIUCC)

4405 Bedwell Harbour Road - We are an inter-denominational church, all are welcome!

January 6	10:45 am	John Wilton	Communion Service
	2:00 pm	Hymn Sing	Note: New timeAll Faiths welcome
January 13	10:45 am	George Hodgson	Worship Service
January 20	11:00 am	St. Peter's	World Day of Christian Unity (Ecumenical Service)
January 27	10:45 am	John Wilton	Worship Service

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

St. Teresa's Chapel - Roman Catholic Services

4705 Buccaneers Road					
January 1	10:00 am	The Solemnity of Mary: Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider			
January 6	9:00 am	Liturgy of the Word and Communion with a lay presider			
January 13	4:00 pm	Mass with Father Scott			
January 20	11:00 am	World Day of Christian Unity (Ecumenical Service) at St. Peter's			
January 27	4:00 pm	Mass with Father Scott			

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

The Bahá'í Community of Canada (https://ca.bahai.org)

The Bahá'í Group of Pender Island

January 19 7:00 pm Feast of Sovereignty

January 27 2:00 pm Global Community: A Bahá'í Perspective (see ad on page 5)

- For the locations on Pender Island, please contact Andrea Cribb at 629-9945 or Bev Peden at 250-412-2524.
- The Global Community speaker series starts this month at the Pender Islands Community Hall
- From the writings of the Bahá'í Faith:

The Church at Hope Bay

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

January 20 11:00 am World Day of Christian Unity (Ecumenical Service) at St. Peter's

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

[&]quot;It is incumbent upon all the peoples of the world to reconcile their differences, and, with perfect unity and peace, abide beneath the shadow of the Tree of His care and loving-kindness." ~ Bahá'u'lláh

Health Services	Community Support Numbers
Medical Emergency	Capital Regional District (CRD)
Medical Clinic	Director SGI, David Howe
Dr. Gerry Moore, Dr. Robyn Wiens, Dr. Bruce Rebner	Building Inspector629-3424
Nurse Practitioner - Tracey Adams	SGI Harbours, Carl Bunnin cbunnin@gmail.com
Monday to Friday, 9 am-12 pm and 2 pm-5 pm	Bylaw/Animal Control complaints .1-800-665-7899
Patients, please do not call clinic staff at home. If your circum-	Magic Lake Water & Sewer General . 1-800-663-4425
stance is genuinely of an urgent nature that will not wait until	Magic Lake Water & Sewer Emergencies 1-855-822-4426
the clinic reopens, call 1-800-866-5602 and ask for the "Doc-	Emergency Hydro 1-888-769-3766
tor on-call for Pender Island." Your call will be returned.	Fire Rescue (Emergencies)
	Duty Officer is available 24/7 1-250-478-7770
Alcohol and Drug Counsellor, John McNally, 250-538-4849	Non-Emergency Contact Information
Audiologist, Donna Stewart	Hall #1 and Administration629-3321
Chiropractor, Mark Wensley	Hall #2629-3325
Community Support, Andrea Mills629-3346	Hall #3629-3400
Crisis and Mental Health Counsellors	Fax629-6194
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Elizabeth Miles	Burning PermitsFire Hall #1
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Family advancement Counsellor	Hall/Venue Bookings
Kirsty Chalmers250-222-0025	Anglican Parish Hall stpeterstchristopher@gmail.com
Dentist, Dr, Gary Sacher	Community Room (School)629-3711
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Lab Services, Sonya Fulawka	Legion Hallbookings239.rcl@gmail.com
Optometrist, Dr. David Schaafsma629-3233	Pender Island Community Hall629-3669
Naturopath, Dr. Andrea Gansner 604-544-7656	Plum Tree Court Meeting Room.plumtreecourt@gmail.com
Pender Island Community Nurses	Home Support Services
Carolyn Cartwright-Owers and Miranda Mawhinney.	Ask for the home support program 1-888-993-2299
Pharmacist, Christine Swan629-6555	Islands Trust: Victoria1-800-663-7867
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	Saanich-Gulf Islands, Elizabeth May1-800-667-9188
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D - Di	Toll free
Reg. Physiotherapist, Mieke Truijen 629-9910	Help Line for Children anywhere in BC310-1234
	Pender Islands Emergency Program
24 Hour Crisis Help Lines	Emergency Coordinator - Pat Haugh629-9991
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Healthlink BC Dial 811	Pender Island Public Cemetery629-3727
Nurses 24/7, Pharmacists 5 - 8 pm, Dieticians 9 am - 5 pm	Pender Island Veterinary Clinic629-9909
Island Women Against Violence (IWAV)	Poison Control Centre1-800-567-8911
Crisis support/transition1-877-435-7544	RCMP, Outer Gulf Islands (non-emergency) 629-6171
Stopping the Violence Counselling 250-538-5568	Crimestoppers1-800-665-TIPS (8477)
Women's Outreach Counsellor1-888-537-0717	Victim Services
Kids' Help Phone 1-800-668-6868	Rescue
Mental Health Distress Line	Marine & Aircraft distress 1-800-567-5111
Support/Information310-6789	Joint Rescue Coordination Centre (JRCC)
Suicide Prevention Helpline1-800-784-2433	
Vancouver Island Crisis Line1-888-494-3888	Search and Rescue (Land) Emergency
Victim Link1-800-563-0808	Provincial Emergency Program 1-800-663-3456
	School Trustee, Greg Lucas glucas@sd64.org

DECEMBER

28	Fri	10:45 am	Mocktails with Madeleine, Community Hall
		12:00 pm	CG/PIHCS Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Enzo Marino, Community Hall
		4:00 pm	Lantern Festival Lantern Making Workshop to 8 pm, Community Hall
29	Sat	3:00 pm	Lantern Festival Lantern Making Workshop to 8 pm, Community Hall
30	Sun	2:00 pm	Lantern Festival Lantern Making Workshop to 8 pm, Community Hall
31	Mon	5:00 pm	Magic Lake Lantern Festival, parade forms at Danny Martin Park at 4:30 pm

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1	Tue	1:00 pm	Lions Club Annual Polar Bear Swim, Port Browning Marina	39
2	Wed	9:00 am	Food Bank open Wednesdays to 11 am, upstairs at back of Anglican Parish Hall*	
_	· · · · · ·	10:00 am	Wednesday Walking Group to 12 pm, Community Hall*	
		1:30 pm	Carpet Bowling to 3:30 pm every Wednesday, Community Hall*	5 1, 15
		4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum-A-Long to 5 pm, \$5 drop-in, also January 16, Kraken Theatre*	16
3	Thu	9:45 am	CBC4Kids, please register at penderislandcbc4kids@gmail.com	
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Winter Hours: Thursday, Saturday, and Tuesday, 10 am - 3 pm*	
		5:30 pm	Legion Meat Draw, Euchre at 4 - 6 pm, Darts at 7 pm, every Thursday, Legion*	
4	Fri	10:00 am	Community Café to 1:30 pm, Community Hall	
		10:30 am	Makers Hub, Free Drop In, first Friday of each month, Community Hall	
		11:00 am	Repair & Tech Cafe, every Friday, Community Hall	
		12:00 pm	CG/PIHCS Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Ralph Keefer, Community Hall*	17, 34, 38, 61
		5:30 pm	PI Soccer Club meets every Friday, all welcome, 14 years plus, free, School Field or Gym*	
		6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Festive Slow Roasted Pork, Legion Hall	5, 46
5	Sat	10:00 am	Saturday Winter Market to 1 pm, Community Hall*	34
		10:00 am	Gratitude Graffiti Board, Community Hall	
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Winter Hours: Saturday, Tuesday, Thursday, 10 am - 3 pm*	
		1:15 pm	Moving Around Pender meeting, Community Hall	
		5:00 pm	Legion Meat Draw, every Saturday, Legion Hall*	4, 46
6	Sun	8:30 am	Pender Pacers run every Sunday, call Herb for details, 629-3205*	
_		10:00 am	Badminton meets every Sunday, 10 am - 12 pm, School*	
7	Mon		Parents and Babes to 11:30, (also on 14 and 28), Dragonfly Centre	
		9:25 am	Walking Group meets every Monday and Friday, St. Peter's, call Carol for details, 629-9959	
		1:00 pm	PIAS, Copying the Masters with Malcolm Armstrong to 4 pm, Anglican Parish Hall	
		5:00 pm	Circle of Security Parenting, (also on January 14, 28), Dragonfly and Community Room	
		5:00 pm	Registration deadline for Youth Orchestra Winter/Spring session	
0	Т	6:00 pm	Community Choir registration and rehearsal at 6:30 pm, Community Hall	
8	Tue	9:45 am 10:00 am	MYI: Moderate Yoga with Ella, Community Hall*	
		10:00 am	Epicentre Toddler Time to 11 am, Epicentre	
		10:00 am	Recycling Depot, Winter Hours: Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 10 am - 3 pm*	
		12:30 pm	MYI: Moderate Yoga for Men with Les	
		12.30 pm	Epicentre After-school Kids Club, Epicentre	
		4:00 pm	•	
		4:30 pm	Youth 1 Choir meet and Youth 2 Choir meet at 5:30 pm, Community Hall	
		7:30 pm	Badminton meets every Tuesday, 7:30 - 10 pm, School Gym, Peter Taylor, 629-3375*	11
9	Wed	9:00 am	HOP to 10, (also on 16, 23, 30), School Gym.	26
		12:00pm	55+ Luncheon, RSVP Nora 629-3845 Anglican Parish Hall*	
		2:00 pm	Socrates Cafe resumes and meets every Wednesday to 4 pm, Pender Island Public Library*	,
		4:00 pm	Wednesday Games Night, starting January 9, drop in starting at 4 pm, Legion*	4, 46
10	Thu	9:45 am	MYI: Moderate Exercise – Flow Arts with Janet, Community Hall*	
		11:15 am	MYI: Mindful Movement for Strength with Sandra, Community Hall*	
		1:00 pm	Garden Club presents Mark Benson speaking on Water, Anglican Parish Hall	
		5:00 pm	Registration deadline for Down By The Bay preschool music and dance program	
		5:00 pm	Registration deadline for Music Mastery Workshops with Lester Quitzau	16

*indicates an event or activity which is scheduled weekly or for more than one day

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11	Fri	10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu to re-open on Friday and Saturday until 4 pm*	27
		10:00 am	First Aid Friday with Alyssa to 11 pm, Community Hall	
		12:00 pm	CG/PIHCS Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Taevan & Friends, Community Hall	17, 34, 38, 61
		6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Sweet and Sour Chicken, Legion Hall	
12	Sat	10:00 am	Tourism Public Information Meeting, Pender Island School	
	Sut	10:00 am	Pajama Day, Community Hall.	
		11:00 am	Lego Club meets to 12 pm, Library	
		2:00 pm	NPLTC Open House to 4 pm, Community Hall	21
13	Sun	2:00 pm	Shakespeare with Barry Mathias to 4 pm, Library	
	Mon	9:15 am	Quilters' Circle meet, Anglican Parish Hall.	13
		2:00 pm	Caregivers Support Group to 3:45 pm, call Christine for details 629-6005	
		5:30 pm	Youth Orchestra begins, Pender Island School	
		7:00 pm	2019 Fall Fair Planning meeting, Community Hall	28
		7:00 pm	Pender Photo Club meets, School Community Room	
15	Tue	9:15 am	PIFN 3 rd Wednesday Nature Walk with Robin Thistle-Walker, meet at St. Peters upper lot	47
		7:00 pm	BINGO sponsored by PIRAHA, Community Hall	34, 43
16	Wed	4:00 pm	Pender Island Truth and Reconciliation Circle to 6 pm, Anglican Parish Hall	8
17	Thu	12:00 pm	55+ Take a Break, call Elise for details 250-858-2158	
18	Fri	9:00 am	Pender Island Parks and Recreation meeting, open to the public, Plum Tree Court	41
		10:00 am	Pender Post Directors meet, Community Hall	
		10:45 am	Handy Skills Workshop with Peter to 11:45 am, Community Hall	
		12:00 pm	CG/PIHCS Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Lester Quitzau, Community Hall	
		6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Roast Beef, Legion Hall	
		7:00 pm	Elizabeth May Town Hall, Community Hall	
19	Sat	10:00 pm	General Meeting and Elections, Legion Hall	
		10:00 am	Puzzle and Brainteaser Day to 1 pm, Community Hall	
		11:00 am	Down By the Bay preschool music and dance every Saturday to 12 pm, Kraken Theatre*	
		12:00 pm	Scrapbooking to 8 pm and Sunday to 5 pm, \$20 includes a meal; register t melodyre@shaw.	
		1:00 pm	Music Mastery Workshop with Lester Quitzau to 3 pm, Slide Guitar, Kraken Theatre	
		7:00 pm	Epicentre Youth Night to 9 pm (grades 4-7), Epicentre	
20	C	7:30 pm	Film: <i>Kayak to Klemtu</i> , Community Hall	
	Sun Mon	1:00 pm 1:00 pm	PIAS, Drawing Hands and Feet with Annie Smith to 4 pm, Anglican Parish Hall	
	Thu	5:00 pm	Registration deadline for Ptarmigan's Creative Dance Choreography workshop with Barbara	
	Fri	10:45 am	Finger Painting for all ages with Madeleine, Community Hall	
23	1.11	12:00 pm	CG/PIHCS Soup Luncheon with Live Music by Dean Steeves, Community Hall	
		6:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Dinner, Burger Night, Legion Hall	
26	Sat	9:00 am	Dad n' Me pancake breakfast, Dragonfly Centre	
	~	10:00 am	Heartwood's Community Conversation on Resilience, Part II, Community Hall	
		10:00 am	We All Be Bards Day, Community Hall	
		1:00 pm	Music Mastery Workshop with Lester Quitzau to 3 pm, Improvisation, Kraken Theatre	
		5:00 pm	Robbie Burns Night, Community Hall	
		7:00 pm	Epicentre Teen Night to 9 pm (grades 7+), Epicentre	
27	Sun	2:00 pm	Global Community: A Bahá'í Perspective speaker series, #1 to 4pm, Community Hall	
29	Tue	6:00 pm	Islands Trust and Living Oceans on Sea Level Rise Workshop to 9:30 pm, Community Hall	
31	Thu	10:00 am	NPLTC business meeting, Community Hall	21
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	ADV	ANCE NOT	ices for February	
3	Sun	3:00 pm	Concert Society presents the internationally acclaimed Cheng ² Duo, School	12, 64
8		-	PIFN presents a narrated video, Kenya Safari: The Lure of Africa	47
16	Sat	7:00 pm	ZOO-isLANDER Fashion Show, doors 7, show 7:30 pm, @ZOO-isLANDER, Community	Hall 2, 6
17	Sun	_	Museum Society AGM with guest speaker Professor Roy Carlson, Community Hall	
27	Wed	1:00 pm	Chronic Pain Self-Management begins (6 weeks) Meeting Room, Mani, 629-6639	

Special Events & Activities at the

Community Hall





Elizabeth May **Town Hall**

January 18, 7 pm

Heartwood Presents:

Conversation on Resilience Part II

January 26, 10 am - 12 pm





Wellness Wednesdays

January 19, 7:30 pm

Kayak to Klemtu

10 am - 12 pm Walking Group

January 15, 7 pm

1:30 - 3:30 pm **Carpet Bowling**

Saturday Market Special Activities 10 am - 1 pm

January 5 Gratitude Graffiti Board January 12 Pajama Day January 19 Puzzle & Brainteaser Day January 26 We ALL Be Bards Day



11:00 - 12:00 Activities

12:00 - 1:15 Lunch

12:15 - 1:00 Live music



FRIDAY JANUARY 25, 10:45 - 11:45 FINGER PAINTING! WITH MADELEINE All ages welcome Bring a smock or a mess-able shirt

An up to date calendar can be found at: www.penderislands.org



5th Annual Pender Islands Elementary School Silent Auction

All items will be showcased and open for bidding at Talisman Books & Gallery from February 1-21, 2019

Some of the many confirmed silent auction prizes include gift certificates to Ainslie Point Cottage, Poets Cove Resort & Spa, Mary's Bleue Moon Café, The Roost, Mariner Pizza, Pender Otters Swim Club, and Port Sidney Marina. There will also be gift baskets and art donated by many businesses and individuals including All Bay Marine, Booksend Studio, Alexander's Coffee, Pender Vet Clinic, Raymond & Linda Pink, Gather Teahouse, Garden Song, Sea Star Vineyards, Peninsula Gallery, and Pender Chocolates

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Wednesday 10am-6pm Saturday 10am-2pm In keeping with tradition, the PIFR extended family came together December 8 to celebrate the festive season. This year, a special Elf (Pender's own Planet Janet) kept the young ones entertained and excited with some Hoop Jam while they waited for Santa to arrive in his big red fire truck with small gifts to keep them busy until Christmas, a tradition since 1972.

More than 100 of PIFR's volunteers attended the event at the Community Hall: Board members, support crews, responders, spouses, children, and our partners at RCMP, BCAS, and Victims Services. All were entertained over dinner by Pender's Young Violins and Denny Goertz. Many thanks also to the Goodings and their crew for a tasty turkey dinner and to Gary Goodman who kept our palates wet, sending all home suffonsified.

There is a special bond between the people at PIFR that I believe is made possible by the empathy, concern, care, and compassion we share. I have tremendous admiration for the giving I witness daily. From the small children who share their parent or grandparent time to the contributions by experienced and highly skilled folks who look after our trucks, feed us, maintain our buildings and equipment, and tend to our technical, technology, writing, human resources, and editing needs. It is this collective effort that creates the magic behind PIFR. That special magic enables PIFR to deliver high-quality comprehensive services with exceptional care all year

With apologies to all the blissfully married folks out there, these words from an old Chinese proverb ring pretty true: *If*

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you want happiness for an hour - take a nap. If you want happiness for a day - go fishing. If you want happiness for a month - get married. If you want happiness for a year - inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime - help someone else.

In the past year, our volunteers helped this community by donating more than 17,000 hours in board administration, training, emergency response, duty shifts, truck checks, grant writing, editing, writing, and inventory control; and, they supported more than 20 other great community causes and special events. I would say our volunteers have earned a lifetime of happiness.

So folks, help us create some magic and help our community through our apparatus, building, or volunteer support teams. Male or female, young or retired: if you have some time and share our passion for helping others, please give us a call at 629-3321 and see if there is a fit for you at PIFR.

This holiday gathering was my first chance to introduce our new PIFR staff, following a substantial restructuring after Mike Dine left to take a new position as chief of the Whitehorse Fire Department.

I am pleased to announce the following appointments: Adrian Hanson, a 29-year veteran of PIFR, won the position of Assistant Chief - Training Officer effective October 1. Jon Grelik won the position of Assistant Manager Operations and Maintenance and started his new role December 1. Ian Elliott, a 20-year veteran of PIFR, won a new part-time position as Assistant Manager Logistics and began work November 1.

Sara Miles took over as PIFR's Administrator in April and has been doing a spectacular job looking after the administrative needs of PIFR and the Board since then. David Chamberland took over from Donna Aston when she left for the UK in August, and he continues to keep our books and my accounting in impeccable order.

Please note: There has been a significant number of poisonings and deaths from carbon monoxide (CO) in Canada this year. Please test your smoke and CO alarms. If you don't have a CO alarm, please acquire and install one. A CO alarm is a lifesaving essential when you have wood or gas heating devices in your home.

Fire Chief Charlie Boyte

Pender Island Food Bank

December began with considerable monetary donations to the Food Bank, thanks to some very charitable groups on Pender. We wish to thank Cindy Hultsch, who organized the Santa Sale at the Anglican Parish Hall. The artists and vendors at that sale brought cookies to accompany the coffee and tea made by Food Bank volunteers. Shoppers at the sale donated a total of \$308 for the cookies and drinks and that money was given to the food bank.

That same day, the volunteer firefighters joined with the RCMP detachment to collect money and tinned foods. They raised \$1052 as well as a considerable supply of healthy tinned goods that have helped to stock our shelves. All the tins donated had 'best before' dates well into the 2019 and 2020 years and we appreciate that none of it was outdated. We



We're changing it up!!

Thanks so much to this wonderful community for your support so far. We plan on being here to host you for a very long time to come so we need to make some changes.

We will be **closed from January 14 to 31**st for renovations!! Sorry for the inconvenience but we think you will be very happy with the results!

~Vanilla Leaf Bakery Café Team

thank the volunteers for their time and, of course, the biggest thanks go to the islanders and visitors who donated the money or contributed tinned food.

Thanks to the Pender Island Pharmacy for thinking of us at this time of year. They contributed a cheque for \$500. And we also received donations of food from two of our own volunteers. Austin Davies gave a large donation of crackers and Clarice Bloomenthal brought in kiwis fresh from her tree.

If you know of a Pender resident or family in need of our help, please direct them to the Food Bank, open every Wednesday morning from 9 - 11 am at the back of the Anglican Parish Hall.

Shirley Arthur

Pender Island Health Care Society

PIHCS

Community Support Programs

Indifference and neglect often do much more damage than outright dislike. ~ J.K. Rowling

January Maintain Your Independence Programs

Tuesdays, January 8 - February 26

9:45 am Moderate Yoga with Ella11:15 am Gentle Chair Yoga with Ella12:30 pm Moderate Yoga for Men with Les

Thursdays, January 10 - February 28

9:45 am Moderate Exercise - Flow Arts with Janet

This Circus Arts movement class for seniors will help improve balance, coordination, and flexibility in a fun atmosphere. Suitable for all ability levels as it can be tailored to the needs of participants.

11:15 am Intermediate Exercise - Mindful Movement for Strength with Sandra

This Mindful Movement class includes strength work with weights. We will move in ways to gently lubricate our joints and find joy in that movement. We will also focus on balance and stretch and always finish with a relaxing meditation. Bring a mat if you have one but it's fine to do all movements on chair, or standing, or in between.

To register, email andrea@pender-islandhealth.ca or call 629-3346 and leave a message. The \$40 pre-registration deadline for these classes is December 31 at 1 pm. After this, the cost will be \$45 for the full session or \$7 to drop in. If the cost poses a hardship, contact Community Support for assistance; many thanks to the CRD/Pender Parks and Recreation Commission for its financial support of the MYI programs.

55+ Luncheon Group

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

55+ Take A Break!

Thursday, January 17. Want to get out, be social, and have lots of fun? Join the group at 12 pm on the third Thursday of every month. We have speakers on interesting subjects, go on field trips, and, of course, we always have goodies. For more information, contact Elise at

Pender Island Junior Sailing Association AGM

January 20, 2019 at 1 pm Community Hall Lounge

All interested people may attend A Board Meeting will follow



Demystify Antidepressants

If your doctor has recommended that you take an antidepressant, you likely have a number of questions about your treatment. Here are some facts:

What is an antidepressant?

The brain chemicals responsible for transmitting messages are called neurotransmitters (like serotonin, noradrenaline, etc.). Imbalance of neurotransmitters, which can happen after a prolonged stressful period, a shock, or from hereditary mood disorder, can cause typical symptoms of depression such as sadness, fatigue, difficulty concentrating, and loss of interest.

Antidepressants are medications intended to restore the balance of neurotransmitters in the brain. It is possible that an antidepressant that is effective in one person may not be in another. Therefore, it is sometimes necessary to try more than one antidepressant before finding the best-suited one.

What are the main side effects of antidepressants?

Side effects are usually temporary, and may be headaches, drowsiness/dizziness or insomnia, nausea, constipation, sexual disturbance.

What are the common beliefs or myths about antidepressants?

"I can't believe I have sunk this low." Some people believe that taking an antidepressant is a sign of weakness. On the contrary, choosing to take medication shows courage and the will to improve one's psychological health.

"I will be forced to take these for the rest of my life." Antidepressants are not habit-forming. The duration of treatment using antidepressants depends on the condition of each individual

"I am doing well, so I can stop my treatment." Only stop under a doctor's supervision. You are doing better because antidepressants are working! If you stop and are not truly ready, you might "crash" again."

Your pharmacist is always available to answer your questions.

Monday - Friday 10am-6am Saturday - Sunday 10am-4pm

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250-858-2158 or email *e-dri@hotmail. ca*. Thank you to the Pender Island Lions club for their support of this fun and important program.

Caregivers Support Group Monday, January 14, 2 - 3:45 pm

The Family Caregivers Support Group is an opportunity for self-care, a place to discuss your concerns, get information, find out what others have done, share your feelings, and connect with others. Meetings will be held on February 11, March 11, April 15, May 13, and June 10. Please contact the group facilitator, Christine, at 629-6005 for more information or to RSVP.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteer Drivers

Drivers needed for both on or off-island medical trips. Volunteers receive emails or phone calls about upcoming trips; if the volunteer is available they are matched up with the person needing a ride. Drivers can receive a Charitable Tax Receipt for their mileage and either a Charitable Tax Receipt or a set amount of money for snack or meal reimbursements.

Meals on Wheels Drivers

Deliver meals one time per month to people who are mainly homebound. The shift can take between 1.5 - 2 hours. Drivers can receive a Charitable Tax Receipt for their mileage and either a Charitable Tax Receipt or a set amount of money for a snack reimbursement.

Act of Kindness

"Recently I was the recipient of two acts of kindness on Pender. The first happened at the clinic. I left my cane in my car when I went in for a dentist appointment. When I walked outside after my appointment, I felt shaky so I asked a man who was standing nearby talking with his friends if he would mind walking with me to my car. He immediately offered me his arm. On the way to my car across the parking lot, I thanked him and he replied, "I never miss an opportunity to have a pretty woman on my arm." The other act of kindness was when my car was out of order. A friend of mine drove me to Browning so I could do my washing. When I had a quarter of a bag left, undone, my friend insisted on taking it home with him to wash it in his machine. I went out the next day, and when I returned, I found the bag of completed washing on my table and every article of clothing was completely and meticulously folded."

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 call 629-3346 or email andrea@penderislandhealth.ca.

Andrea Mills, Coordinator

Community Gathering

Community Lunch Host & Cook Replacement

At the time of this article, we have not confirmed a soup cook, but we'll have a permanent or temporary replacement for the first week of January. Anyone interested in making soup as a regular soup host or fill-in should contact Tania at *community_gathering@outlook.com*. Resumes for the full position, or letters of interest as temporary replacement cooks, can be dropped off at the Pender Islands Health Care Society at 5715 Canal Road, or submitted by e-mail at *community_gathering@outlook.com*.

Community Gathering Soup Luncheon January 4, 11, 18, 25

Every Friday we provide a soup lunch with bread, crackers, vegetables, and live music. Lunch is pay what you can, suggested \$5 donation, all ages. Soupto-go is \$7 a bag for a generous portion. If you would like to volunteer, contact Tania. See list of musicians on page 61.

Makers Hub - January 4

There is no fee to attend and no RSVP is required. Drop in with whatever you are working on or network with other artists and crafters. We have a nice-sized group of women that attend each month, and we encourage men who like to make what-have-you to also join in. There's plenty of room for everyone.

Fridays, Repair and Tech Café

Drop by around 11 am and have your tech questions answered, your items repaired, and kept out of the landfill. Repairs are often easy and inexpensive to do.

Let's explore new passions, renew and deepen old ones, meet with old friends and make new ones at all of our weekly Community Gatherings.

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Pender Island Lions Club

Vision Testing



Since 1917, Lions Clubs have aided the blind and visually impaired, while also making a strong commitment to com-

munity and serving youth throughout the world. Lions Clubs International is the world's largest service club organization, and any donations are well used by the many needed programs.

Your Pender Island Lions will be at the Pender Island School to conduct non-invasive vision testing for all students on Wednesday, January 16.

A specialized instrument like a "point and shoot" camera prints a report for students appearing to have signs of impaired vision. The test is performed about one metre away from the student and takes about 30 seconds in total. The vision tests are about 97% accurate for six common visual problems (lazy eye, crossed eyes, refractive issues, far and near sightedness, and astigmatism). Nearly one in four children have some vision concerns. Because about 80% of a child's learning is visual, children's learning suffers if they have undiagnosed and untreated vision problems. This testing does not replace professional eye care. Students with possible impaired vision will receive a report recommending referral to professional health providers.

Apart from vision testing at the school, we plan to make good use of the equipment throughout the first three weeks of January. The vision screening is designed to work best for those under the age of 45, but we do test all ages.

We will be available to perform the testing for you, at no charge, at the Community Gathering on Friday January 11 from 10 am - 1:30 pm, and at the Winter Market on Saturday, January 12 from 10 am - 1pm.

Please also let us know if your club, organization, or event would like us to participate and have your people tested at your meeting and location by contacting Paul at 629-3225.

Paul Wever

Annual Polar Bear Swim 2018

The Annual Lions Polar Bear Swim will take place at the inner harbour beach at Port Browning on Tuesday, January 1 with splashdown at about 1pm. Preregister early. The Pender Island Lions Club and Port Browning Marina Resort welcome all Pender Islanders to start off the New Year with an invigorating plunge into the Pacific. Come early, and register for the swim to qualify for the certificates and prizes. Our fantastic Pender Highlanders Pipe Band will be there to serenade us. There will be free hot chocolate for swimmers.

Santa Ship

The Lions International Santa Ship came to Hope Bay on Saturday, December 15. Santa and all his Lions elves were welcomed by the Pender children and their parents. Thank you to all the merchants and to those who came out to make this another very successful Lions event.

Eyeglass Collection

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

2019 Lions Telephone Book

The telephone book is complete and now at Island Graphics Ltd. for printing, and will be in mailboxes in mid-January. Thank you to the Pender Island Museum Society for allowing us to use a photo of the museum taken by Urs Boxler.

Dave Dryer

Pender Island Museum Society

100 Years Ago on Pender



Coming right after the end of WWI, January 1919 marked a long-awaited return

to a more normal life with weddings, holidays, new technologies, and community celebrations. We dipped into the museum archives to share highlights of 1919 penned by farmer, amateur pho-

Pender Island Fire Protection Society Board of Directors Vacancy

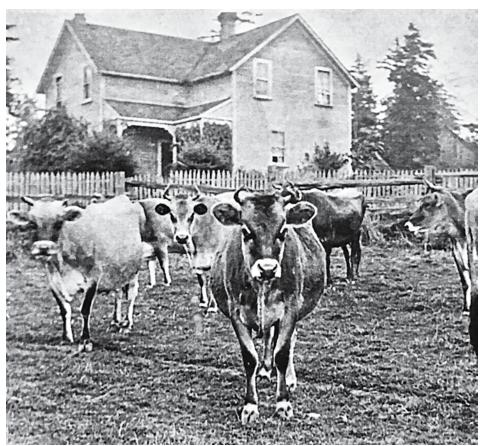
The Board of Directors will have two vacancies to be filled at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in April 2019.

Following the new policy adopted in 2018, there will be no nominations from the floor at the AGM.

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

If interested, please send your name and contact information to President Jane Perch at *pacific.cove@shaw.ca* after February 15.

If you have any questions prior to February 15, please contact Secretary, Ally Tammemagi at grammaally@gmail.com.



The Menzies house and herd of prize-winning Jersey cows. Victor's diary records that "Lilac of Pender" a two-year-old in 1909, produced 5674 pounds of milk and 314 pounds of fat, becoming the first Jersey in Canada to qualify in the Canadian Record of Performance." By 1919, she was still producing valuable offspring.

tographer, and faithful diarist Victor Menzies. His family settled on Pender in 1890, eventually farming almost 300 acres stretching south from today's Community Hall. We hope you recognize some of the old Pender names and gain an appreciation of what it took to make a go of farming back then. Let's hear from Victor:

"We were all so pleased to hear the good news of November 11 that the World War had ended, the Allied forces had won, and the Pender boys began to arrive back home. [Victor had been exempted from war service.]

Mr. Peter Stibbings came to look over the 50 acres I had over across the Government road from our farm and he decided to purchase it: price \$1000 part down and balance in one and two years. This piece father had deeded to me back on July 23, 1907.

Mr. E. Pollard arrived back to Pender with his bride February 5. And Archie Phelps received his Captain's papers February 25. Basil Phelps arrived back from in January and he began working for us on the farm March 25 at \$50 plus board.

In May we saw the first aeroplane fly over us high up.

After the spring work was finished, I went off for two weeks holidays, going as far as Portland and around to Spokane and back by Seattle and home - a good holiday.

July 19, we went to a big bonfire at the Pollards' beach - Empire holiday in honour of Peace. In August, Winnie Corbett and Will Mollison announced their engagement, and were married on the December 31, 1919. Peggy Hamilton and Fred C. Smith were also married around this time. Another quite happy and important wedding took place on December 23, 1919 in Winnipeg, Manitoba when my brother Alexander Morrison Menzies (Morris) married Irene Lucille Vermilyea. Morris continued his studies for doctor and Irene went teaching in a school in Winnipeg.

About the farm operations - it was in 1919 we purchased an ensilage cutter - price \$230 - just the machine for cutting up the corn and blowing it up into the silo. The silage made good feed for the cows. We usually grew a few acres of corn: the NorWest Dent or the Minnesota 13 Variety. When we had a surplus, we stripped off the ripened cobs and sold a lot of it for seed corn. We stored



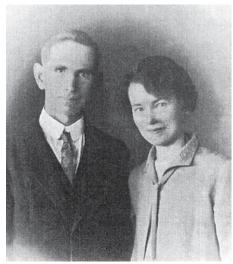
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Victor married teacher Vivienne Gelbart in 1923, one of five Pender couples to marry on the island that year and who would go on to celebrate their 50th anniversaries together in 1973.

the cobs on a wire netting strung across the ceiling of the cow stable. We sold one Jersey cow, Lilac's Patricia, to a Mr. Drummond of Samuel Island, price \$175. (The Menzies were known for breeding top Jersey cattle.) Eight ewe lambs went to Mr. Harrod, Salt Spring, price \$15 each. Feed prices were high and we bought a lot in 1919. We purchased 519 sacks feed costing \$1631. The cream and milk cheques for 1919 came to \$2595. We also paid \$673 for hired help on the farm, with their board estimated at \$585.

I made an agreement with father to lease the farm with all stock and machinery, as is, which included 13 cows, 4 yearheifers, 3 heifer calves, 2 bulls, and 2 bull calves -all purebred Jerseys - and 4 horses, 14 pigs 4 months old, 1 sow, 1 boar, 10 ewes, 1 ram, 50 hens. I agreed to lease it for 10 years, paying \$500 a year rent in 4 installments and to pay taxes on the property. My sister Ruth agreed to be cook and housekeeper. Father and Mother went down to Hope Bay and occupied the Howard Harris (Victor's brother-in-law) place, as they were moving over to Saturna where Howard took work in Mr. Jerry Payne's mill there."

Next month we take you back 5,000 years as we welcome guest speaker Professor Roy Carlson to the museum's annual general meeting on Sunday, February 17, 2019 at the Community Hall. Carlson led the archaeological dig at the canal from 1983-85. Now retired as professor emeritus, he will provide new insights into what that archaeology continues to tell us about our island's role in the development of Indigenous culture on the Pacific Northwest Coast.

Simone Marler

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

PIPRC



Happy New Year to all you good people here on our magnificent

Pender Islands. Our first meeting of 2019 will take place with a new commission, as some commissioner terms have expired and some new commissioners are joining. The eight volunteer PIPRC commissioners for 2019 will be John Chapman, Arnie Alksne, Susan Parr, Ray Pink, Derek Wolff, and the newest to join are Jan Kirkby, Tom Bell, and Hans Tammemagi. These are important positions because PIPRC manages our local parks with your tax dollars. Quite a responsibility. Elections





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will take place on January 18 for new officers: chair, vice chair and treasurer. We are so appreciative of all those who stepped forward as applicants.

We are also planning an Open House for early March, likely on a Friday at the Hall. Stay tuned for details. It is important that the commission receive feedback of all types for what it is doing, what it has done, and what it might do in the future. There will be displays and information provided at this open house and we hope great numbers of Pender residents will attend.

The commission is working with our Disc Golf Group on this internationally recognised course to replace the shelter that was recently removed by order of the CRD. The first step is to approve a Temporary Use Permit and the next and final step will be to apply for rezoning to allow a permanent shelter in this park. Both processes involve input from the park neighbours and/or public input. We hope, with the support of the North Pender Trustees, this replacement can proceed with minimal delay.

This month I wish to highlight Starvation Cove ocean access #27 on our trails map, which is "way down there," as some folk put it, in the community of Trincomali. The ocean access is right off of Trincoma Drive, a simple staircase, in low tide, right onto the beach. In high tide conditions, the beach is actually inaccessible due to the fact that the water comes right up onto the concrete stairway. The bushes and shrubs alongside the stairway make access rather difficult, next to impossible, without getting rather wet. Once on the beach, there is a rather good-sized beach off to the left of the stairway. Walking along the beach one can always find plenty of abandoned clam, crab, snail, ouster, and mussel shells. Often this can be a good place to spot seaglass. Walking off to the right of the stairway, at low tide one can investigate the mudflats where many shellfish will readily shoot sea water up your leg as you walk on the flats. Continuing along the shore you get to rocky outcrops that host all kinds of sea life, both on the rocks and in the tidal pools. This is a good place to see the Great Blue Heron hunting and fishing in the shallows. This often is a good

place to spot sizeable Red rock crabs as they scurry along in the shallows and tidal pools.

Numerous times, I have had the pleasure of watching otters fishing the reefs from this location. During the summer months you can expect to see beautiful sunset silhouettes as you look NW out into Bedwell Harbour. Here at Starvation Cove you are across the bay from Poets Cove Resort, the Canada Customs dock, and the Bedwell Harbour Aerodrome, which can often portray a rather busy seaway, with boats and seaplanes coming and going in close proximity. Be sure to check out this ocean access in the near future. It's one I frequent quite often. Just a reminder, please respect private property along these beaches, as landowners have the right above the high tide line. Also, if you are taking your four-legged friend or family member with you, be reminded that the CRD bylaws state your dog must be in your control at all times, and not a threat to others. Hope to meet you on the trails and ocean accesses - enjoy!

A reminder that our meetings are open to the public. Our next meeting will be January 18, 2019 at Plum Tree Court, at 9 am.

Arnie Alksne and John Chapman, Commissioners

Pender Island Public Library



Thank you to everyone who supported our Xmas

Book Sale in December -- it was a fun event and successful fundraiser. Many of you walked away with wonderful books as gifts, and all funds will go to supporting library activities. The library accepts donations of books year-round, focusing on newer, popular titles that are in good condition.

Come by the library in January to view a solo exhibit by local artist Douglas Sieberg, with his show of new paintings of iconic Pender buildings. Douglas' previous art shows have been well received and his paintings and prints of Pender Island are especially popular with locals. Have you thought of showing your art at the library? We are always look-

ing for local artists to fill our walls with colour and style. Drop by and pick up an application form for a solo or group exhibit – there's no cost and exhibits are for two months. We have wall space for hanging art and a display cabinet. Come show your masterpieces at the library!

The library's AGM is coming up in March, and we are seeking several new trustees for our board. If you are passionate about libraries or have in interest in guiding the future of your local library, come pick up a Trustee Application Information package at the library front desk, or visit the library website. Join our team of dedicated and friendly library trustees - terms are for two years, with 10 meetings/year and 5-6 hrs/month dedicated to trustee responsibilities. Now is your chance to get involved and support this important community service.

Book Review by Ene Haabniit on John Clarke: Explorer of the Coast Mountains

I was inspired to read local activist and author Lisa Baile's biography of her friend, fellow mountaineer and conservationist John Clarke (1945-2003), by her presentation at the Pender Library in December 2018. Her photos and stories of Coastal mountain peaks, cliffs, crevasses, and wildlife had us spellbound. Just as importantly, she talked about the people who go to the mountains and help us understand why they need to be protected. John Clarke was a leader in this work. A key question that I think this book addresses is: What makes a man or woman forsake almost everything to climb mountains, often in lonely or life-threatening circumstances? Read the book to find out! Whether you are planning your next outdoor adventure, enjoy biographies of fascinating people, or do most of your exploring from your fire-side chair, I think you will enjoy the story of John Clarke. I especially appreciated the many personal quotes from John's journals and the maps and photos in the book. If you enjoy John Clarke's story, there are lots more print, ebook, and audiobook titles in the mountaineering literature genre at the Pender Island Public Library. A few examples include the perennial bestseller *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer; Wade Davis's epic historical and cultural study about early Everest explorers, Into the Silence: The Great War, Mallory and the Conquest of Everest; and the amazing survival story set in the Peruvian Andes, Touching the Void by Joe Simpson. Happy adventuring in the wilds - or from your armchair! Carmen Oleskevich

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

PIRAHA



The PIRAHA board is grateful to the CRD, Sea Star Winery, Pender Island Farmers' Institute, Pender Island

Pharmacy, and an anonymous donor for their generous donations towards improvements to the driveway around the Hall. These monies enable PIRAHA to complete essential extra projects and still keep the rental fees low for all users. We are still looking for more donations to meet a CRD matching grant and we have sent out a letter to users and user groups asking if they can contribute to the project. Individual donations are also greatly appreciated, and we can issue a charitable tax receipt for amounts over \$25. We thank you for your support.

Gratitude Graffiti Board Saturday, January 5, 10 am - 1 pm

Tell the island and the world what you are grateful for in this interactive community art project. We will have the graffiti board up for all of January to add to and read.

Pajama Day Saturday, January 12, 10 am - 1 pm

We know how hard it is hard to get out of bed and get dressed in the cold dark winter. Today you have one less thing to think about. Come to the market in your pajamas and the Community Café will treat you to a hot drink of your choice.

Puzzle and Brainteaser Day Saturday, January 19, 10 am - 1 pm

Celebrate National Puzzle Day with a puzzle or a brainteaser. Puzzles will be available to work on; if you'd like to bring a puzzle to share or leave one for others please do, and if you'd like to try for a free drink from the cafe, we will have a few brain teasers to solve to see if you are deserving of the treat.

We ALL Be Bards Day Saturday, January 26, 10 am - 1 pm

As a tribute to Robbie Burns Day, we will be giving away a free drink to anyone who provides us with a written or spoken poem of your own devising!

BINGO Tuesday January 15 at 7 pm

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

Handy Skills Workshop Friday, January 18, 10:45 - 11:45 am

Learn how to use the basic tools for home repair with our famous repair cafe Mr. Fix-it himself, Peter!

Film: Kayak to Klemtu Saturday, January 19, 7:30 pm

By special dispensation, we have acquired the elusive, subversive, inestimable film "Kayak to Klemtu." 14-year-old Ella journeys to fulfill her dying Uncle's wish: to kayak to the remote island of Klemtu and testify to protect their ancestral land from an oil pipeline that would bring oil tanker traffic to the waters around her hometown in British Columbia.

Finger Painting for all ages with Madeleine, Friday, January 25 at 10:45 - 11:45 am

Come to the Community Hall on January 25 for finger-painting. Supplies will be provided, including latex gloves for adults who think using their fingers is icky. Bring an apron or old shirt if you're worried about getting your clothes dirty.

Wellness Wednesdays

Focus on your health, happiness, and fun every Wednesday at the Community Hall. In the morning, join the Walking Group from 10 am - 12 pm and then enjoy Carpet Bowling in the afternoon from 1:30 - 3:30 pm. Tea and treats are usually available at both activities.

Volunteers Needed

The Community Hall is always looking for volunteer BINGO callers, film projectionists, intern mentors, maintenance and landscaping helpers, event assistance, and activity leaders and hosts. If you are interested in volunteering with our dynamic community-building focused centre, please call 629-3669 or email bookings@penderislands.org.

Andrea Mills and Dianne Allison

Pender Island Recycling Society



We wish everyone all the best in the coming year! This year marks 30 official years of operation for the Pender Island Re-

cycling Depot, your community owned and operated recycling centre. Thank you Penderites for your incredible sup-



port and generosity. Your membership dollars, your refundable bottle donations, your use of the depot's backhaul service, and your support of the Nu-To-Yu raffle all made significant contributions to our operating cost in 2018.

Did you know we've started accepting non-packaging plastic again? Merlin Plastics in Vancouver is willing to accept it from us and our incredible founder, Andy Nowak, is willing to transport this plastic across the mighty sea to bring it there. Thank you, Andy, for keeping the plastic out of the landfill! There is considerable cost involved in storing, handling, baling, and transporting the nonpackaging plastic, so larger items such as lawn chairs will be charged \$2 per item. Items must be clean, free of paint and metal, and cannot be made of plexiglass. Please check with staff before dropping anything off. And note that you can support this worthy initiative anytime you like by making a donation in the bucket marked "non-packaging plastic," which is hanging in the smaller entrance to the main barn.

Have you got the seed catalogue out yet? Are you looking ahead to spring? Now is the perfect time to book your backhaul. Every week we take recyclables to the Saanich peninsula and bring back soil, mulch, sand, or gravel for local Penderites. Call the depot at 629-6962 for more information or ask a staff member about this service the next time you're at the depot.

A few housekeeping items this month: please rinse your containers well before recycling to help us keep the rodent population down. Cardboard needs to be dry to maintain optimal fibre quality and we have very little space to dry it at the depot. The new category of plastics added this year - Other Flexible Plastic Packaging - continues to be a source of confusion. This new category includes plastic bubble wrap, crinkly candy bar wrappers, plastic/foil potato chip bags, mesh onion and avocado bags, zippered stand up pouches (only those without a paper lining), and cling film. Please ask staff for help if you need it. We cannot accept printer cartridges; please take them to Monks in Sidney, or to Staples at Uptown mall. We also cannot accept used oil containers. Check out the BC Used Oil Management Association website for options for recycling used oil containers: http://bcusedoil.com/. Empty/partially full oil containers can be brought to Quality Brake and Muffler in Sidney (call ahead to confirm if you plan to bring several at once) or to Hartland.

You can check our website at penderislandrecycling.com for detailed explanations of what we accept and how to prepare it. The CRD is also an excellent source of recycling information. https://www.crd.bc.ca/service/ waste-recycling/reduce-reuse-recycle/ myrecyclopedia and enter your query in their search window. You can enter any item you want more recycling information about and it will tell you where you can recycle it. We often get asked, for example, what people can do with textiles that are no longer usable and not acceptable at the Nu-To-Yu. There is an option for that! Enter textiles in the search window and select non-reusable from the drop-down menu. You will be presented with a list of stores and organizations that will take them from you. Want to know more...myrecyclopedia is waiting for you!

Happy New Year everyone, we look forward to seeing you at the depot soon!

Niki Roberts

Pender Ocean Defenders

Save Our Whales

Our own Salish Sea Stars are four of the thousands of young people around the world campaigning for a healthier world for all species. They have been accepted into the Youth Oceans Conference in California. Congratulations!

Another amazing young activist, Greta Thunberg of Sweden, addressed the COP 24 Climate Conference in Katowice, Poland this week, castigating world leaders for their lack of action in dealing with climate change. Thunberg told her audience, "Our civilization is being sacrificed to the opportunity for a very small number of people to continue making enormous amounts of money. You are not mature enough to tell it like it is. Even that burden you leave to your children." Google "Greta Thunberg" to

hear her inspiring words.

Your letters are needed - and useful!

My letter to the PM and copied to our MLA Adam Olsen received a warm and positive response from Adam. He is working hard to conserve wild salmon, the principal food of the orcas. His work has led to the creation of a Wild Salmon Advisory Council and Secretariat, which was set up to address such issues as open net salmon farming. Adam ends by saying, "I will need your help to continue to apply pressure to the provincial government to keep up the momentum."

In other words, let's keep those letters flowing!

Groups from all over the Salish Sea sent more than 66,400 faxes calling on the National Energy Board (NEB) to respect Indigenous Rights and Title and to take real action to save the endangered Southern Resident Killer Whales. The NEB would only accept comments by fax (or using an 8-page online portal and then mailing a hard copy!). A special internet tool was developed and the NEB was flooded with faxes protesting the limited opportunity for public engagement. The NEB report is slated to become public February 22.

There is a petition supporting the Rights of Nature in the Save Our Whales folder at the real estate office. You can drop in and sign it to support this initiative.

Gregory Nicholls

Pender Organic Community Garden Society



When I retired from teaching a year and a half ago, I asked myself, What do I want to do now? Do I have any leftover goals to

strive for? What came bubbling up was a lifelong dream of someday becoming an Earth Mama! You know, someone who bakes bread and makes soap from scratch.

You know what I did? I got a plot at the community garden. That was step one. In March I arrived to get my plot ready, and loved listening to my favourite music with one ear and the springtime birds and the lambs with the other. The kale

was already up - a gift from the previous owner - and an oregano plant was already going wild.

When it came time to plant, I tried to remember what Arthur Kikuchi, the gardening guru at Pender Island Elementary School, had taught me over nine years. In went the broad beans and the peas, who like an early start. I planted secondhand asparagus and strawberries, and flower seeds for the pollinators. Next came potatoes. I put the carrots and parsnips in too early, but the turnip and beets grew well. Leeks and onions galore.

Quinoa! What a beautiful plant! (Of course, I waited one week too long before harvesting and lost some to the first rains of autumn. Oh well, gardening is definitely all about living and learning.) My "salad walk" (lettuces, arugula and chard) grew very well, and I simply picked a few leaves off each plant each time I headed home.

Once the spring weather was starting to feel summery, I put in tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers and eggplant. Sadly, the sheep found the one hole in the fence and pulled the eggplants out, roots and all, before deciding they didn't like them. But we sure had a feast of tomatoes. I made roasted tomatillo salsa completely from the garden - except for the lime juice and vinegar. (Guess what I'm putting in a sunny window next spring?)

My artichoke plant (from seed in the spring) offered up one little artichoke. Luckily, my hubby doesn't like them. I ate my last peas in early November, but I think that was a bit of miraculous fluke.

My pride and joy, however, was my Three Sisters garden, a companion planting technique that originated with Native North Americans. I had a plot with four mounds, each planted with corn, beans and squash, in a circle. The squash and corn appreciate the beans, which fix nitrogen in the soil. The climbing beans use the corn as a trellis of sorts. The squash leaves provide shade to keep the soil from drying out - a living mulch. Their somewhat prickly leaves deter pests. Eating fresh corn from my own garden and making corn chowder using potatoes I grew myself: wonderful. And it's finally time to start eating the dried beans and winter

squash.

Now that my garlic is tucked into the garden for the winter, it's time to dream about resuming my quest to become an Earth Mama again in 2019.

Julie Johnston

Plumper Sound **Protection Association**

Wow, 2019 is upon us presenting all its challenges, both wonderful and alarming. It can be a bit overwhelming to even begin to decide what we want to get involved in with all the organizations, clubs, focus groups, and events that fill our lives here on Pender Island. However we islanders must not ignore threats to our very way of life here and, most importantly, need to yell very loudly to protect this place for our children and the generations to follow.

We are facing one of those threats right now. Our island waters have become parking spots for great big freighters. What's wrong with that, you ask? Well, a lot actually. Here are just a few of the effects we are now experiencing.

There has been a significant increase in noise, light, and air pollution; damage to the local marine ecosystems; a threat to local economies; and most worrisome, an increased risk of catastrophic bunkerfuel spills.

Our Southern Resident Killer Whales are being adversely affected by the extra acoustic disturbance created by these freighters as they transit back and forth to their anchorages here.

Our group, the Plumper Sound Protection Association, originally consisted of a few neighbours that were watching closely as our local waters started to fill up with large freighters that stayed and stayed. Since 2008, the use of these anchorages has increased dramatically with larger ships staying longer and longer. Small but very vocal in our complaints we, along with fellow islander groups stretching from Gabriola's south coast to here in Plumper Sound, managed to get the federal government to include a study of freighter anchorages in the Southern Gulf Islands as part of Transport Canada's Oceans Protection Plan development. To get a "seat at the table" we needed to form an association, hence the PSPA.

We are at a critical juncture as the federal government is actively working on amendments to the Canada Marine Act and The Canada Shipping Act that could be introduced in the 2019 winter session of Parliament.. These amendments will have direct implications for the future of shipping activity including anchorages, and for the authority that Transport Canada will have over shipping activities in Canadian waters.

There is a lot more information that we could give you. So, if you are interested in this threat and want to become more informed, we are planning an information meeting in late March. In the meantime, if you are directly affected by these freighters here are some things you can do.

For noise and light concerns related to vessels using Southern B.C. anchorages, please contact the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority Operations Center and provide details by completing the online form or go to https://www.portvancouver.com/southern-b-c-anchorage-noiseand-light-concerns/ If you have additional comments or suggestions about anchorages, write to the Pacific Region team at TC.PacificAnchorages-Ancragesdupacifique.TC@tc.gc.ca, or join the national conversation at the Oceans Protection Plan Let's Talk Website at https://letstalktransportation.ca/OPP.

Thanks for reading this!

Bruce McConchie on behalf of the Plumper Sound Protection Association

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch #239



hope you had a

very merry and safe Christmas (hope Santa was good) and wish you the happiest and healthiest year to come - 2019, Year of the Pig. Interestingly, January was named after the two-headed Roman god Janus, looking back at the old year and ahead to the new at the same time. Well Janus, old boy, let's look forward to a year of good health, world peace, and goodwill worldwide.



Euchre is alive and well and all are welcome on Thursdays at 4 pm and stay for the fabulous Meat Draw to follow. We need to advertise Euchre and the games night - Photo by Simone Marler

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus! And we've certainly acted like Santa this month, giving \$500 each to the Pender Island Public Cemetery, Girl Guides, Food Bank, and the Santa Sac to make their Christmas a little brighter.

Many thanks to all those dedicated volunteers who stood out in the inclement weather distributing poppies for a grant total of \$3300 this year. Way to go, everyone!

Thank you to Jamie Bradley for having his 50th birthday bash at the Legion complete with an AC/DC tribute band. It was a party for the ages.

And in order to continue all this dogooding, a membership drive will continue through the month of January. A one-year free membership will go to the individual who recruits the most new members. So, get out there and round up all those non-members and enjoy one year free membership.

We are presently actively looking to hire a part-time manager for the Legion. This is a paid position and the successful individual will work very closely with our new president, to be elected on January 19. Please refer to the ad on page 19 for more information.

Our year's back in full swing with a full day of fun and scrapbooking with friends old and new on January 19 from 12 pm - 5 pm for a mere \$10, no lunch. Join us the next day from 9 am - 5 pm

with a fabulous lunch included for \$20.

What better way to spend a cold, stormy winter Wednesday night than playing pool, darts, shuffleboard, cards, and board games at the Legion. Yes, darts is alive and well starting at 7 pm and we are looking for all you dart enthusiasts out there. All the action starts January 9 at 4 pm, so let's support your Legion so we can stay open Wednesdays. On Thursdays at 5:30 pm and Saturdays at 5 pm, we host the fabulous meat draws with a special Tru Value Foods \$50 Gift Certificate being drawn on Thursdays and all monies going to support worthy local projects.

January also sees the return of the Gooding Cater Co. and their unmistakable Friday night dinners. Staying in the theme, January 4 you'll enjoy Festive Slow Roasted Pork. Always a favourite, on January 11 will be Sweet and Sour Chicken. January 18, yummy stick-to-the-ribs Slow Roasted Beef, and the hazy, lazy, crazy days of winter will serve up good old fashioned Burger Night on January 25.

A reminder that our very important general meeting will be on January 19 with our elections. At this point we are still looking for a president, vice-president, and treasurer. If these positions are not filled, the Legion will lose its charter and the doors will be closed. The consequences will be: no more Friday night dinners, no more meat draws, no more

games nights, no more bursaries, no more donations to the community, and no more Emergency Reception Centre. Those are the facts folks; step up or lose our precious Legion.

Tania Schissler

SGI Community Resource Centre



Happy New Year from the staff and board members of the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource

Centre! Last year was the biggest year of growth so far for us, and 2019 is looking even more exciting. Here are just some of the things to look out for in the coming months.

Career Services/WorkBC

A huge thank you to the Pender Island Lions Club who donated \$3,000 to help us train staff for our Career Services program. We are thrilled to welcome Priscilla Maki as career counsellor/case manager. Like all CRC services, all WorkBC services will be available to Pender residents as well as those on Galiano, Mayne, and Saturna. Look for workshops in career and job training, and opportunities for employers to learn about grants for hiring and training staff.

Volunteer Centre

In the new year we will continue to develop our volunteer centre. We will be gathering information from non-profit organizations on Pender and creating their profiles. During this process we will be looking for feedback on what support the volunteer centre can offer our volunteers. We are planning a volunteer registry, guidance on how to choose where to volunteer, and workshops and training on various topics: for example, what it means to be on a board, directors' liability, and board governance. If you would like to ensure your group is on the list, please contact us as directed below. Meanwhile, watch for events leading up to National Volunteer Week April 7 to 13.

SGI Community Justice Program

There are many ways to get involved in our Community Justice Program. We are looking for volunteer facilitators, steering committee members, mentors for youth and general community support. We will be offering initial training in early February for anyone interested in Restorative Justice. This training is strongly suggested, not just for future facilitators, but also for steering committee members, and those people who want to support the program. We will add advanced training for facilitators soon after. Please contact us if you would like more information on this opportunity.

Contact Us!

There are many ways to connect with your Community Resource Centre on Pender. Browse our website at www.sgi-communityresources.ca, or follow the SGI Community Resource Centre Society on Facebook. Email us at sgicrc@shaw.ca, phone us at 250-999-6363 or, best of all, drop in and visit Melody and Tania at the Community Resource Centre next to Petals and Paws at the Driftwood.

Jim Peacock

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Canadian Power and Sail

Pender Island Squadron



The wind came from all directions - pretty much sums up the weather just now.

Would you know how to read a weather map, handle a boat in strong winds, or simply decide on when to depart the safety of the dock? During these dark days of winter is the perfect time to consider enhancing your seagoing skills. Call John Reader at the number below to see what courses are on offer locally, or go to the CPS web site https://www.cps-ecp.ca and consider taking an online course. Should you need a mentor while taking an online course, our squadron can provide one.

The Pender Island Squadron will be offering the VHS ROC(M) course March 16 and 23. Students will learn the international phonetic alphabet, correct calling and response procedures, how to respond to a mayday, how to call a mayday, and protocols for communicating over the radio. Students will also

have the opportunity to practice these skills on our VHF simulator. Call Andrew Lane at 629-6379, or John Reader at 629-6561 to register.

Hope you all enjoyed the holidays.

Have fun and stay safe on the water.

David Kirsop, Commander

Pender Island Field Naturalists

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Male Hooded Merganser Photo by Brian Richmond



On January 3, 2019 please join us for a very special event,

the Christmas Bird Count for Kids. It is co-sponsored with the Pender Island Conservancy Association, is a free family event, and helps promote birding to a new generation. It will be held on North Pender this year; any children who want to attend and also any experienced birders who can act as mentors for the kids should contact *penderislandcbc4kids@gmail.com* to register. See more on this great event elsewhere in this issue of *The Pender Post*.

Join Robin Thistle-Walker at Shingle Bay for our first 3rd Wednesday Nature Walk of 2019. Many of you may have met Robin on his daily walks in the Magic Lake area. A self-described generalist, he records everything he sees in his well-worn notebooks. Robin shares his deep nature knowledge as we explore this area of cedars, cliffs, and shores. Please meet at St. Peter's Anglican Church at 9:15 am to carpool to Shingle Bay, or go directly to the beach access off Galleon Way.

Periodically this column will include a section on wildlife seen on Pender Island. In this case the bird selected is the hooded merganser, a species of small diving duck and the smallest of the three merganser species found in our area. The bird is striking in appearance; both sexes have crests that they can raise or lower, and the breeding plumage of the male is handsomely patterned as shown in the photo. Hooded mergansers are resident on the West Coast all year long but are normally seen on Pender Island in winter, where they can be found on small bodies of freshwater and estuaries like Hope Bay.

The hooded merganser is a diving predator that largely hunts by sight while underwater. Most studies report that its diet varies according to circumstances, usually being dominated by fish. In addition, it feeds on aquatic insects and other aquatic invertebrates such as crabs and crayfish. Males and females form monogamous pairs and they remain together until the female has selected a nesting cavity and completed laying her clutch. After that, the male leaves the female to incubate and care for the brood. Females will actively seek out cavities in dead trees or artificial nest boxes such as those provided for nesting Wood Ducks. They prefer cavities 4-15 feet off the ground. Breeding occurs anytime between the end of February and the end of June, depending on the region. The female will lay a clutch of seven to 15 eggs but only begins incubation when the last egg has been laid, thereby permitting synchronous hatching. All hatchlings are consequently of the same size, which facilitates efficient parental care. During incubation, the female may lose anywhere from 8% to 16% of her body weight. Like most waterfowl, hooded merganser hatchlings usually leave the nest within 24 hours after they hatch; this is about long enough to accommodate synchronous hatching. Once they leave the nest, the young are capable of diving and foraging, but remain with the female for warmth and protection.

A heads up for February 8: mark your calendars for a narrated video, *Kenya Safari: The Lure of Africa*. For more details check out the activities page of our website, *pendernaturalists.ca*.

Bob Vergette

Pender Island Garden Club



December **⊣**he wreath session was attended by approximately 25 people. Margaret Alpen

led the workshop and explained how to stuff the wire wreath form with greenery rather than moss. It was an effective method and we didn't have to harvest moss. Everyone had a great time using all kinds of various greenery and ribbons that she brought for us to use. Margaret also taught us a few florist tricks with making bows and attaching other items. Everyone enjoyed the session and it was suggested that we continue to alternate making Christmas wreaths one year and Christmas centrepieces the next. This knowledge can then be used for yearround wreaths and centrepieces.

On January 10, at our next meeting, we have Mark Benson, a well-educated organic farmer who now works as a finishing carpenter on Pender Island. He specializes in green building methods and has experimented with many various forms of growing food, both commercially and personally. Last time he spoke for us he covered the topic of soil and had everyone questioning what we thought we already knew about soil. At the end of the meeting even those members who have been gardening organically for years left with new ideas and concepts about what goes on in our soil. In this session, Mark will be speaking on the topic of "Water." It's sure to be another meeting where we are challenged to reconsider what we think we know about this precious Gulf Island resource. Mark always leaves us with thought-provoking ideas and this meeting will be just as interesting.

Non-members are welcome to attend but there is a \$5 drop-in fee and please, everyone remember to bring your own cups for tea and coffee along with the goodies served. See you on January 10.

Leeanne Mueller and Val Butcher



Pender Island **Junior Sailing Association**

PIJSA



The Junior Sailing As-**I** sociation purchased six Pirate class sailboats in November to replace four Flying Junior sailboats. These new-to-us boats will

allow for larger enrolments in our Level 1 & 2 CANSail courses in the summer. The current plan is to have up to five boats on the water and one boat in reserve to deal with the inevitable equipment repairs during the courses, and thus allow full days of sailing. These boats came with just numbers, 1-6, and the board members were polled to pick six names from a long list of birds associated with water. The following will be the names of the boats: Raven, Osprey, Eagle, Heron, Kingfisher, and Gull.

PIJSA will have its AGM on January 20 at 1 pm at the Community Hall Lounge, and invites anyone interested to attend. Nominations for next year's directors are in place, so there should be no recruiting from the floor. As mentioned in our last article, long-time directors Tom Rolfe, Tom Bon, and Lani Harris will be stepping down. These three directors have contributed countless hours to Junior Sailing and the community owes them a vote of thanks. Rob Gordan, who had promised us a one-year term before going off sailing, is also stepping down. The following have agreed to be new directors: Brent Marsden, Lawrence Haave, and Wayne Edwards. See ad on page 37. Planning for next summer's courses will begin at the January board meeting that follows the AGM. At present, PIJSA intends to offer four weeks of courses, probably similar to last year's dates, with two groups each week CAN-Sail 1 & 2 and CANSail 3 & 4. Expect to see notices in The Pender Post or on the web site, penderislandjuniorsailing. com, about the dates and fees by March. Early registration for returning students and their relatives will be April 1; other registration will be May 1.

PIJSA enters 2019 with a clearer financial picture than a year ago, thus giving the board confidence to proceed with the boat purchase. The CRD, through David Howe, has already provided funds for the 2019 insurance bill. Port Browning Pub and Marina organized the 2nd Annual Hackers Golf Tournament with a silent auction and dinner for which PI-JSA was the beneficiary, and enrolment in our courses in 2018 was greater than was expected. Also, there were no collisions with moored boats! PIJSA has had continuing, and much appreciated, support from Nu-To-Yu, Tru Value Foods Spirit Board, CRD Parks and Recreation, Pender Island Yacht Club, and Magic Lake Property Owners Society.

Anyone interested in purchasing a used Flying Junior sailboat should contact Bruce Waygood, 250-818-8555 or kbwaygood@shaw.ca.

Bruce Waygood, Commodore

Pender Island Otters Swim Club



New Tappy Π year to everytters one! Here we go

Swim Club for another fourmonth swim season at Panorama Pool. Yes, it seems hard to think about, but it is registration time again for folks to renew their membership, or new folks to give us a try. Hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, and now would be a great time to make a commitment to get some more exercise into your week. We welcome new swimmers, both children and adults, and try to make the programs as accessible as possible through our reasonable rates. Our winter/spring sessions start on January 11 at Panorama Pool, and goes through until the end of April. If you joined in either May or September 2018, you do not have to pay insurance again. While we will have a 'welcome table' at the pool deck, we encourage renewing members and new members to sign up online through our webpage at www.penderislandotters. webs.com and follow the prompts. For any additional information, do feel free to contact us at our email address of penderottersswimclub@gmail.com phone me, Helen Lemon-Moore (president) at 629-2020. Hope to see lots of returning swimmers and new faces at the pool.

Helen Lemon-Moore

	Average temperatures			Extreme Ten	Precipitation			
	Max	Min	Ave	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	10.5	5.9	8.2	16.5 on 2 nd	2.0 on 18th, 19th, 20th	146.	40.0	146.4
Normal	9.9	4.8	7.3	18.5 in 2016	-8.5 in 2006	136.0	3.0	139.0

November is, on average, our wettest month. The record precipitation for November or any other month was 338 mm in 2006 and that included 57 cm of snow. The lowest precipitation was in 1993 when we had only 65 mm including 6 cm of snow. 1 cm of snow melts down to 1 mm of water for statistical purposes. This November it rained every day for the first few days but then it eased off and the temperatures were mild. On November 18, the temperature dropped to 2°C which was the coldest since March. For two weeks in the middle of the month we had only one day of heavy rain and until the last few days of the month it looked as if we would not reach the average precipitation for November. In the last ten days of the month we had some of the heaviest rain I have ever seen on Pender, including more than 25 mm in one 24-hour period. This was enough to put us over the November average, but only just, and there was no snow.

So now we are in January, the festivities and hype of Christmas are behind us and I hope you all had a joyous time. I must say that my attitude to Christmas has changed over the years, ever since the American phrase "Happy Holidays" was introduced and has become acceptable all over the world. What the phrase means is that, whatever religion you support, it is still the time of year to spend as much money as possible on gifts and celebrations. Happy Holidays has prompted such other titles as Festive cake and Festive trees and Holiday cards. Personally I still enjoy Christmas cake and Christmas pudding and I always have a Christmas tree (usually two) and I don't take down my Christmas lights and decorations until the twelfth day of Christmas. I am not a religious person but I think Christmas is a time of year to promote peace and goodwill among all people. Now I'll get off my soap box and get back to the weather. I don't know yet whether we

had a white Christmas in 2018 because it was after the deadline for *The Pender Post* submissions. Perhaps it was white with frost and there was no snow. One of the great things about Pender Island weather is that it is variable and unpredictable, but it is mild. I have had white Christmases in Montana and Michigan and even in England and I have experienced blazing hot Christmases in Australia, and everything in between, but it has always been possible to celebrate Christmas.

December is statistically our coldest month and our snowiest month. January comes next, slightly warmer than December. Total precipitation is almost the same in November, December, and January. Snowfall in January is slightly less than December. Of course these are historic averages and not predictions. The coldest day we have had was in February 1989. The wettest day was in November 2006 and the month with most snow was December 1996. I will give my summary of weather over the year and over the last 33 years in the February 2019 issue of *The Pender* Post. We'll see if there are any trends brought about by global warming.

My favourite event in January is Robbie Burns Night. Robbie Burns is one of only two people for whom we toast the *Immortal Memory*, the other one of course is *Horatio Nelson*. I am very fond of Haggis and the bagpipes. The only fault I could find in my late lamented pet, Martha, was that she could not stand bagpipe music, but I forgave that and she loved haggis.

I wish all my readers a happy and healthy New Year and all you hope for in 2019.

 $Malcolm\ Armstrong$

PENDER POST PAST

January 1989



There was a big Cold Turkey raffle and bonfire at Driftwood as January 18 had been declared Cold Turkey Butt Out Day. People were being encouraged to quit smoking by going Cold Turkey. Not sure what raffle prizes were but so soon after Christmas I am guessing a turkey was not one.

There had been some concern about a ship unloading a white material onto a barge in Plumper Sound. Peter Hunter, the Emergency Program Coordinator, provided the following information. The white powder was gypsum from Mexico that had to be loaded onto a barge as the freighter could not make it up the Fraser River to the manufacturing plant. For over 40 years this had been done at the docks in Bamberton, but as these docks were no longer in use, the process was moved to Plumper Sound. While at Bamberton an accidental spill of over 4,000 tons occurred but to date, 1989, has shown no impact on the environment. He assured readers it was legal and those involved would take every opportunity to minimize dust blowing in the wind. This process is still carried out today with varied reports on the success of minimizing the dust.

With Saturna Island still not reported, the Annual bird count included over 1,000 Robins and several hundred Varied Thrush among Banded Doves and a rare pair of Trumpeter Swans.

In December the annual Santa Ship had docked at Port Washington to the delight of the island children and our thanks to the Lions Club for keeping this tradition alive today.

Val Butcher

LATE SUBMISSION

Magic Lake Property Owners' Society MLPOS

Hello and Happy New Year to everyone. At our December 10, 2018 meeting, we were pleased to hear a request for a donation to Pender Island Junior Sailing, whom we helped out last year. We were able to help out again this year. Junior Sailing teaches sailing to all ages, not just young folks. The sailors do not have to be residents of Pender Island.

Magic Lake Property Owners' Society has a modest amount of money (\$1000) available to community organizations. We are happy to report that the whole amount of money for 2018 has been allocated.

If you are new to the Magic Lake area, or even if you are not new to the area, and own property in Magic Lake Estates, consider joining MLPOS. MLPOS not only owns and manages Thieves Bay Marina, the tennis courts and playground, and Mouat Park, we provide an advocacy role for residents of the area, as well as liaison with government and various committees such as the Islands Trust, Capital Regional District, Pender Island Fire Rescue, and the Magic Lake Water and Sewer Committee.

MLPOS usually meets on the second Monday of every month at 4 pm at the school. The next meeting will be on January 8, 2019. All meetings are open to members of Magic Lake Property Owners' Society and their guests.

Kathy Gilbert

OF GENERAL INTEREST

Sailing on Sooner

My name is Spencer Gordon and I am 10 years old, I go to Pender Islands Elementary School. I want to share with you the sailing adventure on our family's sailboat named "Sooner." Our sailing adventure will take us from Pender Island to San Diego, then a winter will be spent in Mexico exploring the many anchorages and beaches that

make Baja Mexico, the Sea of Cortez and the West Coast popular for sailors and tourists. We will then sail to Hawaii, returning to Pender Island in June 2019. I hope that you will be interested in reading about my sailing adventure.

Chapter 2

We left San Diego on December 8 to a calm morning, sailing out of San Diego Bay. I sat up at the bow on the pulpit, enjoying the view of the water and the city. There are so many boats of all sizes sailing in the Bay. There was a huge U.S. war ship that left the Bay ahead of us, and lots of fighter planes that were flying overhead, that looked like they were practicing.

We sailed 60 miles south to Ensenada, which is an official port of entry into Mexico. There is a local office in the centre of town that had Customs, Immigration, the Port Captain, and Officials that gave us a Temporary Import Permit for our sailboat. Temoc, who was in charge of the marina we stayed at, helped us through the paper process, which to me was a lot of sitting in worn out chairs while we waited our turn, along with many other boaters who were clearing into or out of Mexico. We went to a Mexican bakery and piled our trav full of baked items fresh out of the oven. We could hear the baker singing in the back as he rolled out dough. With our clearance into Mexico done, we left Ensenada and headed back out to sea.

We have a wind vane that helps steer the boat under sail. When we are on a tack, which is a heading, we can set the wind vane and it helps steer the boat in the direction that we want to go. We still have to keep watch, in the cockpit, for traffic and to make sure that no weather or wind change will steer us off course. I like to help my dad sail the boat, and feel proud when he asks me to take the helm while he adjusts the sail or sets the wind vane.

The swells on the ocean look like the sea is breathing. On top of the swells there can be little waves that peak and look like water volcanoes or fireworks going off. When the sunshine hits the water, it reminds me of thousands of sparkles. The ocean is always moving and changing. The colour of the ocean looks like a rich dark blue, like the colour of a pretty

sapphire.

Making our way further south along the Baja, I woke up one morning to find tiny squid scattered around the deck of Sooner. I examined these tiny creatures, that were white in colour, their tentacles were small and often stuck to the deck. I wonder what was chasing them to jump out of the water, in hopes to clear the path of the predator, only to find themselves on the deck of a sailboat. That was probably not what they had planned as they were jumping free from whatever was chasing them.

After a 2 day sail we arrived at Bahia Tortugas, anchoring in Turtle Bay, and which the half way point on the Baja. We went to shore pulling our dingy up onto the beach. We walked down the dirt roads in search of the person responsible for fuel, to find an internet café and the local grocery store to get some supplies. Dogs freely roamed the streets, and a few vehicles passed us along the way. The wind gusts created little tornados of dust that swirled around and would get into your eyes and mouth.

We met a local man, named Pero, who took it upon himself to show us around and who tried to communicate with us in his broken English and us with our broken Spanish. I am going to take Spanish lessons in La Paz. We went to a local restaurant called Maria's that was on the water. The restaurant was closed, but when Pero knocked on the door, they opened up the restaurant and we took a seat on the deck. We were the only people there and Maria made what we ordered. The inside walls of her restaurant were filled with the names of boats and their crews that had previously passed through. I signed the wall with our boat name, finding a space that was not taken. We read that there was a baseball field in the town and we looked for it to practice and throw the ball, but we had no luck finding it.

We left Turtle Bay with sunshine and light winds. We sailed off the hook with our heading of 135 degrees south. The off-shore winds calmed the seas, and at times looked flat like glass. There is always life at sea, whether it is sea lions, birds, whales, dolphins, sea life, that make a passage interesting. I like to the watch the birds at sea, skim-



SV Sooner

ming along the surface, so close that it looks like their wings are touching the water. As we sailed down the coast, we passed through what seemed like hundreds of dolphins that swam in front of the boat, and they were jumping out of the water. I found it wonderful to watch. They played around the boat for a long time and I was sad to see them go. Two Humpback whales passed us and flashed their tales.

I really like taking my book up to the bow of the boat to read when there are calm seas. We have a rule on Sooner that I have to wear my life jacket when on deck. At sea, I learned very quickly that you have to close a cupboard once you open it - otherwise one wave can knock out all the contents!

We arrived at Bahia Santa Maria early in the morning, after 2 days at sea, dropping the hook in 35 feet of water. This bay is lined by a twelve-mile beach and sand dunes. We spent the day walking on the beach that was scattered with different types of seashells and sand dollars. There were so many seashells, all shapes, sizes and different colors, that it was hard to choose only a few. We walked on the sand dunes, the sand was so soft our feet would sink in and it felt. like powder. With the warmer weather finally here, we swam off the sailboat, and my dad scraped some growth that started to grow on the bottom.

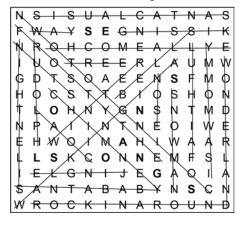
Our last night at sea, the dolphins came again, but this time they were doing acrobatics out of the water all around the sailboat. We were running downwind, with the seas following behind us averaging 6 knots. The sunset was very pretty, with lots of different colours of red.

Sailing over 1800 nm, we arrived in San Jose Del Cabo, close to Cabo San Lucas. We will spend Christmas in La Paz, and will sail around the Sea of Cortez, exploring the anchorages and snorkeling for the month of January.

I will share more of my sailing adventure in the next Pender Post. Check out my YouTube channel "Sailing on Sooner" for videos. Like it; Like it a lot.

Spencer Gordon

Solution to last month's puzzle Seasonal Songs





JANUARY 2019 WORD SEARCH PUZZLE BY CORINNE MCAULEY - SOLUTION TO DECEMBER ABOVE

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

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R	Ν	Ε	S	L	M	Ν	С	Ο	Α	Т	Н	Α	Boots	Home	Wood Stove
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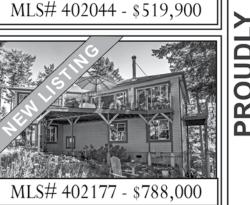
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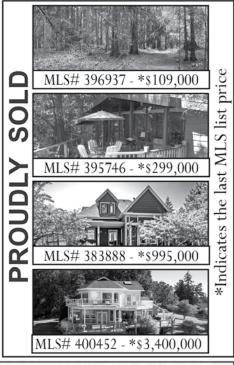
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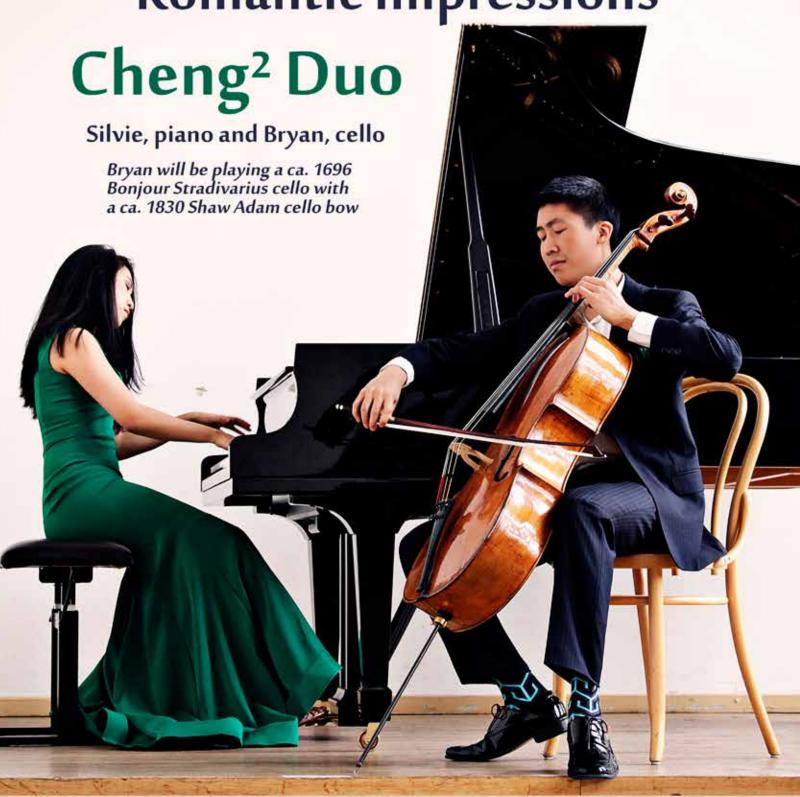
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