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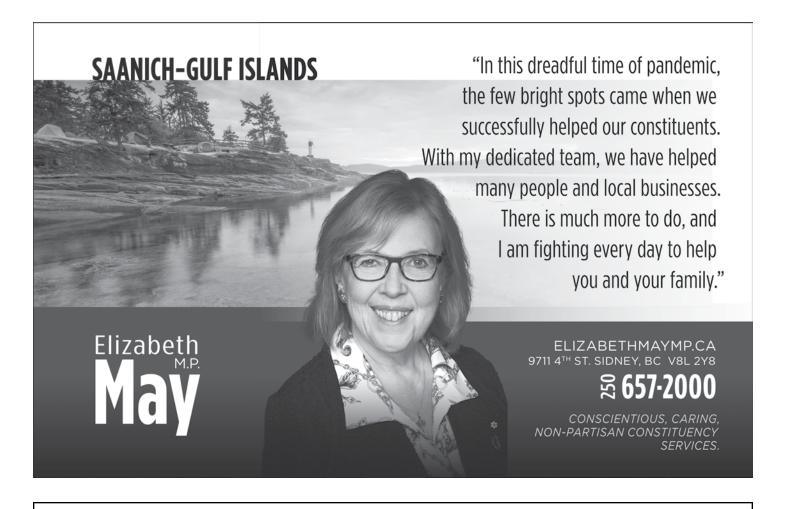
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Answer to last edition's question: In British Columbia, about how many people identify as having a problem with gambling¹? d) 100,000

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Our cover photo is brought to us by local mariner Doug Stanley. To read more about Doug and January freedom sailing, go to **page 39** of this issue or read it on our website www. penderpost.org.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

I just wanted to let you know that we're going to be tooting our own horn for a bit.

Beginning in April, you're going to get a history lesson every month from our archives - a grand word for a bunch of Rubbermaid totes stored in various sheds and basements around the island.

The Pender Post will celebrate its birthday in April and this year, it's a big one. This little publication, first put together at a kitchen table using a Gestetner, (Google that one, kids) is turning 50.

April's issue will be special and we thought some of you might like to be part of that, outside of your usual advertising and submissions.

If there is a demand (and in these times, we don't know if there will be) we will put together some extra advertising pages where you can pass along birthday wishes to us if you'd like. That, too, would help *The Pender Post* since we too have not been covering our expenses for the last 12 months.

Our plans for the April issue involve a lot of hoopla, tooting of our own horn, and celebrating all the people, from the first work crew right through to the



current band of troubadours, for the effort it has taken to keep a small island informed by its small publication.

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Vicki Dutton

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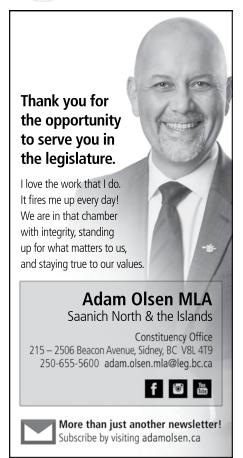
Porest protection success! The Pender Islands Conservancy is excited to announce that, in partnership with Raincoast Conservation Foundation, we have now raised all the funds needed to purchase and permanently protect S,DÁYES Flycatcher Forest on North Pender! A huge thank you to everyone who supported this campaign; we couldn't have done it without you!

Erin O'brien

From our MLA



I am a member of the Special Committee on Reforming the Police Act. Parts of the Act



have been amended over the years, but it has been decades since there were any major reviews of the entire legislation. With increasing pressure on the provincial government last summer to address systemic discrimination, bias, and racism in policing, Minister Mike Farnworth called for the review and gave the committee a sweeping mandate.

Through January, committee members have received informational briefings from several government ministries and agencies. In the coming weeks we will be expanding to wider stakeholder presentations from experts, community groups, and the public.

What is systemic discrimination, bias, and racism? In 2005, the BC Human Rights Tribunal adopted a definition and Kasari Govender, BC Human Rights Commissioner, shared it with the committee. It offers an important frame for our work.

"Discrimination means practices or attitudes that have, whether by design or impact, the effect of limiting an individual's or a group's right to the opportunities generally available because of attributed rather than actual characteristics. It is not a question of whether this discrimination is motivated by an intentional desire to obstruct someone's potential or whether it is the accidental by-product of innocently motivated practices or systems. If the barrier is affecting certain groups in a disproportionately negative way, it is a signal that the practices leading to this adverse impact may be discriminatory."

There has been no dispute from the dozen or so senior leaders that presented

to the committee over the past few weeks that there is a problem in their provincial ministries and agencies. The question is to what extent?

It is a question they all have trouble answering because the provincial government does not collect comprehensive data, specifically racebased information.

It is not a complete void, of course. We do collect better information about Indigenous people in British Columbia and that data helps us make vital policy decisions.

For example, because the Ministry of Health has some information about the disproportionate risk COVID-19 poses to Indigenous people, they were able to change their vaccine rollout strategy to reflect that. Noting the value of this information, it makes little sense that Minister Dix would push back against collecting disaggregated demographic data to better understand how the pandemic is affecting other diverse populations. Perhaps if we had that data the vaccine roll-out would look a lot more nuanced than it is today.

With better information we can make better choices. In the darkness of information vacuums, politicians can make decisions that align with their partisan needs, and then falsely claim their decision to be the best possible approach. In this context, it is no wonder our government systems are rife with discrimination, bias, and racism.

Commissioner Govender offered a handful of recommendations for the committee reviewing the police act including, "require all police forces in BC to collect, disclose, and analyze

race-based and other disaggregated demographic data across the full spectrum of police services."

If this government, or any future government, wants to have a shred of credibility they would move on this recommendation, not just for policing, but across the entire institution.

Adam Olsen

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Me matey's turning eighty!

Yes, 80 years ago on March 16 in Birmingham, a baby boy was born. And that baby grew and grew and now lives with me in a house on a hill. A great pandemic spread throughout the world making it hard for all the folk to celebrate. But celebrate we must.

So rain or shine, Gregory is making a pilgrimage across our rock in the Salish Sea. At 10 in the morning of March 16 he will begin his walk at Gowlland Point. The intention is to reach the mighty George Hill at 2 pm.

Anyone over or under eighty is invited to join him, keeping in mind social distancing...or if you see him walking by, don't hesitate to wish him a happy birthday.

Julia Nicholls

IN APPRECIATION

My move from Pender was not easy after nearly 50 years of living on a beautiful island. However, leaving all of my friends behind was something I hadn't reckoned on.

My sincere thanks to those who tried so hard to help me with kind words and some lovely gifts.

A special thanks to my "Pender Post Gang," my community church friends of many years, and the realtors for their kindness and understanding. We will all meet again soon. See you in Sidney.

Helen Allison

Saying Goodbye to Arcadia by the Sea

Peter and I wanted to say goodbye to all our friends on Pender and to let everyone know that we will be leaving the Island, as we have sold Arcadia by the Sea (formerly Pender Lodge), a property which we have owned since 1992. We have had some wonderful times on Pender operating our small resort and have really enjoyed being part of the community. We both sang in the choir for many years, Peter enjoyed acting in the Solstice Theatre, we played badminton, tennis, and table tennis, walked with the walking group, I enjoyed being part of the garden club

and the Women's Institute, and Peter was involved in the building of the Hall, ran for Islands Trust, served on the APC, was Treasurer of the Hall and the Farmers Institute, and got quite involved in the politics of the Island.

For the last four years we have been splitting our time between Pender and Victoria, leaving the running of Arcadia to our son who has now decided to leave the Island and move up to Haida Gwaii to be near his daughter.

The new owners of our property take over on April 5 and we are unsure of their plans but we wish them luck. What we do know, however, is that they want us to totally clean up the whole place which means everything must go. We are therefore selling everything, which means most of the furniture, household and garden equipment, tools etc. except a few items we intend to keep and what our son is taking with him to Haida Gwaii. You name it, we have it! This includes nearly everything in the house and three cottages. To view furniture email us at m.emmings@gmail.com and we will send you a link to photographs and a 3D video tour of the property or call us at 250-589-0993. All of the proceeds of the sale will be donated and be split equally between the Community Hall and the Medical Clinic.

Thanks to everyone on the Island who has helped us and been our friends over the years. We will miss our beautiful island property but know it is time to move on.

Tessa and Peter Emmings

REMEMBERING

Ursula Poepel October 23, 1937-March 18, 2020

Remembering Ursula one year later



Here I was, running my fingers through the hair of a magnificent stuffed muskox, when I heard a familiar sounding voice from someone very knowledgeably adding significant details to the museum curator's presentation. It was, indeed, Ursula! How did it come about that two Penderites came to meet in a tiny museum high up in the Arctic?

I had flown to Inuvik to visit my daughter, who was working with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans developing a marine protected area in the Beaufort Sea. I had also been given the opportunity to accompany her to



Tuktoyaktuk to help her with some youth programs that she had planned for there as co-ordinator of Oceans Day. During my daughter's working hours in Inuvik, I undertook a number of excursions and on this day, it was a trip to the museum.

On the other hand, Ursula's trip to Inuvik was much more adventurous! Ursula had driven her RAV4, alone, all the way from Pender Island up to Dawson City and across on the remote and rugged Dempster highway to Inuvik. She camped along the way, swam in pristine lakes barely free of ice, and enjoyed 24 hours of daylight as the sun circled the sky, never dipping below the horizon. Ursula knew the territory well as she had worked as a pharmacist in Inuvik for many years, so this for her was a homecoming of sorts. And always curious, Ursula made a visit to the museum.

Ursula and I didn't plan to meet again after our museum encounter as we didn't really know each other well. I knew of Ursula as I had been a weekend and summer resident of Pender Island since 1968 and had on a number of occasions needed to go to the pharmacy; however,



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I was not a permanent resident until the fall of 2002, so likely Ursula knew little of me.

The next day I planned a fishing trip up the Mackenzie delta with a local aboriginal fishing family that offered small group fishing tours. On arrival at the departure point - you guessed it - there was Ursula fully prepared to embark! It was the start of a delightful adventure for us both. The day was stunning with no clouds in the sky, only ravens and eagles. The scenery as we maneuvered through the many islands in the delta was spectacular, and breathing the pure, cool air, exhilarating. There was great excitement when reeling in Arctic Char but lots of time in between to chat with Ursula and share stories. Eventually we reached the fishing family's encampment on one of the delta's islands. Here we went ashore to indulge in some traditional tea and bannock before thanking our hosts for an unforgettable day and reboarding for the trip back to Inuvik.

March 12, 2020 was the last time that I saw Ursula, that being the evening of the concert with Rick Scott and Nico Rhodes after which everything shut down due to COVID-19. Ursula was thrilled with the performance and spent considerable time conversing, as usual, with the artists after the show. A few days later and she was gone. Ursula loved music but also loved and was enthusiastic about many things in her life, including the Arctic. I feel very fortunate for having experienced this love of the Arctic with Ursula in Inuvik 19 years ago.

Carole Elliott

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THE ARTS

Pender Island Celtic Music Society



How are band members keeping occupied these days, apart from practicing, of course? Answer: Coming

up with pipe band trivia. Did you know?

- In a pipe band, there are three types of drums: the bass, tenor, and snare. The snare drum is the heaviest, because it is made of material that is strong enough to support drum heads which are stretched tightly to produce the right sound.
- Pipe band snare drummers hold their sticks differently from pop music drummers, because the snare was originally worn hanging at an angle on the drummer's left side, to accommodate marching in battle. The left stick was held to enable playing at this angle. That's why the snare became known as the 'side drum.'
- Two drumsticks might produce different sounds. If sticks are not exactly the same weight, they will make differing tones when they hit the drum head.
- The bass drum keeps the band playing in unison, even though other drummers like to believe they are the essential timekeepers for the marching band.
- Pipers can't play soft and loud. The pipes play at only one volume.
- Pipe tunes are called 'tunes,' not songs.



- Scotland has four different bagpipe types. Only the well known Great Highland Bagpipe is mouth blown. All the others are blown by bellows squeezed by the arm.
- There are at least 13 different types of bagpipes native to the British Isles, while France has over 40 indigenous bagpipes.
- Almost every European country and some North African and Middle Eastern countries have one or more indigenous bagpipes.
- Some historians believe that the Roman Emperor Nero might have been a piper. Rather than play the fiddle, he may well have piped while Rome burned.
- The bagpipe, being a shepherd's instrument, has had some classical composers try to imitate its sound when writing music with a pastoral feel. For example, the solo *He Shall Feed His Flock* from Handel's *Messiah* includes a drone effect that can be clearly heard.
- The sweet-sounding Irish Uillean (Uillean means 'elbow') pipe probably evolved from an early oboe. It is bellows blown, has keys, and by blowing harder the piper can increase its note range.
- Film producers often favour the Irish pipe for background music, even when the storyline is Scottish. Examples are in the films *Braveheart* and *Rob Roy*.
- The Great Highland Bagpipe has its own classical music genre called Piobaireachd or Ceòl Mòr (big mu-

- sic). It is almost always played by a solo piper and predates the music we normally associate with pipe bands. That music is somewhat disparagingly called Ceòl beg' or 'little music' by pipers. Regardless, it is Ceòl Beg which has made the Great Highland Bagpipe so well known and loved by many.
- The Sgian-dubh (pronounced 'skeen-doo') is a small Scottish knife tucked into the sock of pipers and drummers. It was originally used for eating and preparing food as well as for protection. Highlanders could hang onto it for safety while depositing other weapons at the entrance to a house they were visiting.

Watch for more 'local' trivia in future issues of *The Pender Post*.

Marie Dion

Pender Island Quilters' Circle



Another month in our CO-VID-19 world has

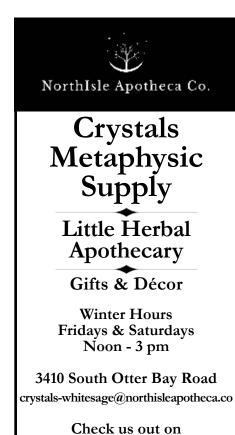
passed by. As quilters, we are doing our best to stay both isolated and connected: the contradiction of our times. We are very fortunate on Pender to have our community of quilters providing support and joy to one another.

We held another successful Zoom meeting on February 10 and had a record turnout of 13 exuberant members.

Charlotte provided a beautifully sequenced tutorial for the Drunkard's Path pattern. She laid out the steps in photos with clear explanations. She demonstrated how to sew circle pieces,

the foundation of the pattern, and arrange the resulting squares in various arrays. While the pattern is a simple one, from two complementary pieces, the skill is in sewing the pieces with a smooth seam. The complexity is in how the squares are arranged in different configurations and with a variety of pleasing fabrics. Other participants chimed in with alternate techniques including fusible web and hand sewn applique. Cindy created a Drunkard's Path quilt 20 years ago where she did applique by hand sewing the quarter circle pieces on a background fabric. Martha showed her lovely red and cream circle pattern quilt. Heather shared her technique for making firm templates from paper with cardboard backing. She also has plastic templates purchased from Amazon that create several sizes of circle pieces. She explained her technique for sewing the two pieces together very slowly along the edge of a template. Susan Purney-Mark reminded us of the fusible web applique technique from the New York Beauty project.

Our quilters (including Karen and Sue) showed off fabric purchases with



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descriptions of the projects they envision to utilize these treasure troves. Martha has Kaffe Fassett fabrics in her stash that she has employed in circle squares (circles within squares, a geometric possibility!). She also demonstrated arrangements that can be made with four squares. Some of us have purchased fabric locally from Kelly Dine as well as from online sources. Laura and Martha share a passion for patterns and fabrics inspired by William Morris, an early 20th century designer. Michelle Hill (Australian) and Rosemary Makhan (Canadian) are two quilt pattern publishers who have created William Morris quilt patterns.

Ann has been busy sewing dresses with ties for her mother; these dresses are comfortable, pretty, and easy to don. We saw and heard about other projects in the making and completed: Donna's plans for a table runner in fabric to match her china, Sue's circle pattern table runner plans, Janet's flying geese in shades of nature, Jeannine's whimsical fairy quilt for her granddaughter, and Sue shared her unique fish quilt with 40 buttons on the border. Karen framed her lovely

flower vase square in soft pastel hues. Susan Dawson didn't have a project to share, uncharacteristic of her as she is a prolific quilter and sewer, but she chimed in with a generous offer to share templates.

While we greatly miss the in-person meetings at the Church Hall, there are several advantages to meeting by Zoom. We get to view our members' "maker spaces," our projects are nearby (we don't have to cart them to the meeting) and we are in the comfort of our own home. Our next Zoom meeting is on March 10 at 10 am.

Quilter's Philosophy: "Forget the rules.' Mix prints with other prints, prints with plaids, large prints and small prints. Select fabrics you love and trust your instincts." (L. Rydjord, American quilter) I love this phrase of encouragement. It can apply to many aspects of our daily lives. Often we constrain our actions with self-imposed rules and limit our possibilities. When we first learn the art of quilting we follow instructions assiduously. As we gain confidence we start to employ curiosity and experimentation. Impulsivity and

casting aside the plan, contrary to popular caution, can lead to amazing creations. Be an original thinker and designer. Go forth with confidence and create.

Laura Vilness

Pender Solstice Theatre Society





This year marks the 30th anniversary of Solstice Theatre Society. And over the

years, many Pender Islanders have been involved in our productions in various ways. We try to offer Pender a wide range of theatre experiences including broad comedy to pantos and drama.

However, this past year, many of our projects have lain dormant due to COVID-19. But we will be ready to jump back into action once we are all safe and the virus is behind us.

This year our big project is our biannual Christmas panto. Director Karen Parker has been her usual, busy, superorganized self and has cast Treasure Island with a host of island characters. We think you will enjoy this very funny play with outlandish music and costumes and swaggering, sword-swinging, cakebaking pirates.

Evan Llewellyn

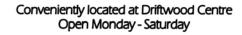
Ptarmigan Arts



Thank you to everyone who filled out our online survey about arts on the island. We're always interested to hear what

programs and events the community would like to see and we look forward to bringing in some new ideas this spring, including a new project called the Artists' Roundtable!







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Artists' Roundtable

We know that this has been a difficult year for artists with live events not happening, increased stress uncertainty, and the lack of community. We would like to provide a space for artists to connect, share ideas, and inspire each other, so for the next few months, I will be hosting an Artists' Roundtable for artists of all disciplines on the first Tuesday of each month from 7 - 8 pm . Musicians, visual artists, thespians, filmmakers, writers, and dancers are all welcome to join this free virtual gathering with no agenda other than to build community among our local artists. Send me an email lauren@ ptarmiganarts.org to express your interest and get the Zoom link, and I look forward to connecting with you all!

Singing for Joy

Mary Reher is facilitating another session of Singing for Fun, Singing for Joy beginning on March 4 on Zoom. Even though meeting online is nothing like singing together in person, these weekly singing sessions have brought much joy and community to all those involved. You don't have to be an accomplished singer to join, just have a love for song and a willingness to participate. This session will run for six weeks on Thursdays from 1:30 - 2:30 pm. The cost is \$45, and subsidies are available.

Ukulele Strum

We are continuing to jam together on Zoom on the first and third Wednesdays of the month until we can safely meet in person again. All ages and abilities are welcome to join. Register for free on our website to receive the Zoom link, and the chord charts for the songs we play. This month's strums are happening on March 3 and 17 from 4 - 5 pm.

Community Gatherings

For this month's Community Gatherings, we are continuing with the virtual format until we can safely meet together in person. Join us on our Facebook or YouTube page on Fridays to hear live performances from local musicians. This month we'll hear from Taeven Lopatecki on March 5, the Saturnaliens (our first Saturna performers!) on March 12, Liam MacKenzie on March 19, and me, Lauren Mann, on March 26.

The Gallery at Ptarmigan Arts

The year has been off to a great start with lots of interesting pieces gracing the walls of the Gallery, and this month is no exception with three different shows on the walls. The 10x10 show curated by Susan Purney Mark continues until March 7, and on March 9 we will open a new show called The Artists' Voice, featuring the works of Kathleen Theriault, Stan Oglov, Nancy Silo, and Colin Hamilton. On March 30, Debbie Katz, Eha Ono, and Mary Lottridge will take over The Gallery with a show of their works called Verge. There's always something new to see! Come visit us Tuesdays through Sundays from 11 am - 2 pm.

For information on any of the above programs and The Gallery, visit our website www.ptarmiganarts.org.

Lauren Mann

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PHASE 2 - February-March 2021: population aged 80+, medical staff, elders in tight communities.

PHASE 3 - April-June 2021:

population 75 years+, then progressively by five year increments (70+, 65+, etc), population younger but more vulnerable (chemotherapy due to cancer, COPD/severe asthma, immunosuppressive therapy, etc.)

PHASE 4 - July-Sept 2021: population 59 yrs old and less.

WHERE am I going to be able to get the vaccine?

Immunization clinics are being organized in BC in school gymnasiums and community halls. They are NOT happening in community pharmacies at the moment.

How to get immunized?

- 1. You must pre-register online or by phone with the local health authority (NOT through the pharmacy) 2 to 4 weeks before you are eligible. Pre-registration will open sometime in March 2021 (follow their website www.islandhealth.ca for updates).
- 2. Then, they will call you to book an appointment.
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

Community Paramedic

BCEHS Navigating life after a stroke, aneurysm, or any other brain injury is challenging. Communicating with other people when you have a cognitive impairment, even more so. The Pender Island Stroke Support Group has created a pamphlet with some tips to help. If you'd like a copy, please let me know (see contact information below).

Here are a few excerpts from the pamphlet that you might find helpful:

- I know I will repeat myself, that's ok, there's no need to remind me.
- I lose my train of thought easily, so please don't interrupt me.
- Turn off the TV or radio; it's difficult to concentrate when there is too much background noise.
- Get my attention by meeting my gaze, or saying my name before you start asking questions.

- Be aware of how quickly you're talking, and slow down your speech
- Ask one question at a time and give me time to respond to you.
- Be specific with the words you use; many sentences can have multiple interpretations.
- Some days are better than others; please be patient.

Community Events for March

Friday Health Forum, Virtual* Every Friday (except March 19) 3 - 4 pm

The Friday Health Forum is open to everyone, and people are welcome to participate for the full hour or to simply call in for a short conversation.

First Aid Friday, Virtual Event* Friday, March 12 9:30 - 10 am

On the second Friday of every month I host a virtual first aid discussion.

Drive-Up Blood Pressure Clinic Thursday or Friday

By appointment only, with strict safety rules in place. Use the contact

information below, or via cell 250-221-0754.

*Virtual Events can be accessed either online (via a computer or cell phone) or via telephone (toll free from a landline). Please contact us via telephone or email (listed below) to receive the access information for our virtual events.

If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact us at *CP.PenderIsland@bcehs.ca* or via landline at 629-6344.

Alyssa Woollcombe

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. Thank you to our member families who have been very patient over this past year. Check out our website to learn more about the Epicentre piepicentre. weebly.com.

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Forest School

Forest School is an entirely outdoor program starting in March and is open for registration. The program is for kids 8-12 years of age and is meant to teach kids about outdoor survival, nature, games, foraging, and more. It will run Fridays from 10 am - 2 pm starting



March 5 and running 12 weeks (right through spring break). The cost is \$325 for Epicentre members and \$350 for non-members for the 12-week spring semester. For more information please contact Megan at *PenderEpi@hotmail. com*.

Thank you



To thank the Epicentre members for supporting the centre over the past year, we put together Valentines Day Card making kits for the kids. Seventeen kids picked up their craft bags and made lovely cards for their loved ones. Shown is Sawyer making some awesome Valentines for friends. Thank you to Kate and Ken who donated most of the Valentine's supplies and to Karen who put them all together.

We are hoping to put together some Science and/or Sewing kit bags for the kids to do at home until after school programs can be offered again at the Epicentre. Watch for an email from Karen.

Playground

The playground is still open with the following guidelines:

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

Thank you and take care,

Tina Christensen

Ferry Advisory Committee

Ferry Facts

Join the Conversation About BC Ferries' Schedule Enhancements

Visit www.bcferriesprojects.ca/sgi

BC Ferries is getting ready to introduce a new Salish class ferry to the Southern Gulf Islands route in 2022. This new ferry is larger than the ferry it is replacing (the Mayne Queen) and will provide more capacity simply by introducing it into the schedule that's in place for the Islands today. But BC Ferries would like to explore the potential to enhance the schedule even further, and is engaging with Island communities to help shape and evaluate these possibilities.

As a starting point, BC Ferries is asking Island communities to help establish a list of criteria that can be used to evaluate schedule options later in the process. These evaluation criteria are meant to reflect both operational requirements and community needs. The draft evaluation criteria so far include:

- Frequency of sailings to/from major ports
- Sailing durations to/from major ports
- Preferred departure times to/from major ports
- Capacity available to/from major ports
- On-time performance
- · Transfers required

BC Ferries is looking to better understand the relative importance of each criteria, how Island travel needs are changing in relation to the criteria, and how customers would prioritize the use of the additional capacity offered by the new vessel. They are also interested in hearing about Island-specific requirements and any evaluation criteria communities feel are missing from the list. "The Southern Gulf Islands are growing and changing, and working towards pandemic recovery," said Mark





Collins, BC Ferries' President and CEO. "We want to better understand how things are changing for island communities and we want to support their growth and recovery."

BC Ferries' goal is to provide better service to each Island. "The Southern Gulf Islands routes are complex and interconnected, and changes to one schedule can mean a change to all schedules," adds Collins. "Customers rely on the ferry for a variety of travel needs, and these needs fluctuate and change by season. It's important we carefully consider all needs for all islands and all seasons when looking to enhance schedules."

Because of the current health restrictions in place regarding public gatherings and non-essential travel, this first phase of engagement will be virtual in nature. You can visit www.bcferriesprojects.ca/ sgi for more information on the project and to participate in the engagement online. For those who don't have reliable internet access, or prefer hard copies, paper copies of the engagement survey are available at the BC Ferries terminal ticket booth and on board from

the Chief Steward's office.

Project Timeline

Phase One

- Develop Criteria: January - March
- BCF Develops Schedule Options: April - May

Phase Two

- Schedule Evaluations: June - early July
- Refine and Finalize Schedules: Mid July - August

FAC Facebook Page

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

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

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

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

Roy Moore

Islands Trust

North Pender Local Trust Committee



s we pass through the Awinter of 2021 and into the spring equinox

of March, I want to continue sending good thoughts and light to our shared community on Pender Island. The world is adapting to the demand for vaccines and as an island we patiently support the scientific research leading this. The rapid development of effective and safe vaccines in under a year is something of a scientific miracle. Our continued efforts dealing with the COVID-19 restrictions on Island have impacted our lives in many ways. In addition, there is increasing attention and action on part of the community organizations, governments, and citizens to mitigate and adapt to climate change. We also continue the long-standing efforts here to engage in meaningful and sustained reconciliation with the First Nations. I want to thank all who bring hope to our lives and push us to be better.

Land Use Bylaw Review

As we move towards a better understanding of how to implement the vision of our Official Community Plan in our bylaws, I continue to ask for input by email that is constructive and shares with the Local Trust Committee your

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thoughts on any of the topics covered. See this site for reports, overall project information, and how best to submit comments: http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/npender/ocp-implementation-project. Thanks to all who are engaging in the Land Use Bylaw review project.

Trust Council Delegations and Town Hall

Please participate in the Trust Council community meeting in order to learn from and listen to each other between the islands. The meeting will be held virtually on March 9 at 7 pm and is open to anyone across the Trust Area.

Phone-in Toll Free

- 833-958-1164 or 833-955-1088
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Please see the North Pender meeting page for further information: www. islandstrust.bc.ca/islands/local-trust-areas/north-pender/meeting-calendar-agendas-minutes/. Thanks to all of you who will lean in to productively contribute to the Trust Area work from our community.

Note

Please see the Islands Trust ad on the Islands 2050: Virtual Open House, March 3, 7 - 9 pm and the Notice of 2021 Islands Trust Council Public Meeting Dates on page 29.

Climate Speaker Series

Also the Trust has been hosting a Climate Speaker Series of webinars across the fall, and this will continue into the spring. For more information please see www.islandstrust.bc.ca/trust-council/projects/stewardship-education-program/

This site also has the videos from past webinars on rainwater harvesting and ecosystem-based adaptation.

Final Thoughts

I again would like to thank all community members who continue to take precautions around COVID-19,

following the recommendations of BC Health *http://covid-19.bccdc.ca/*. I greatly appreciate our collective efforts to protect each other as a community.

Lastly, I want to give a particular shout out to the Pender Conservancy work. They have established a Hope Bay storefront - please go check it out and support them. Thanks to them for their fundraising effort for the S,DÁYES Flycatcher Forest www.raincoast.org/press/2020/pender-island-sdayes-flycatcher-forest/ and to all those who contributed to make this possible.

APC

See the Islands Trust ad seeking for volunteer Advisory Planning Commission appointments on page 33.

Stay well and safe Pender.

Deb Morrison, dmorrison@islandstrust.bc.ca

Moving Around Pender



Valley Home Farm trail users will be happy to hear we are planning to improve the north end of the trail (beside the model airfield)

to reduce the water on the trail. This will probably happen early this spring. As reported last month, MAP held a trail building workshop virtually in January. The practical hands-on portion will be focussed on some improvements on the George Hill East trail to add a switchback and reduce the steepness as the trail approaches the ridge. We are hoping this project to be underway this spring as well.

MAP commissioned a high level design report for the proposed trail from the ballpark to the school last fall, and the latest news is that we should be receiving it soon. Next steps will be to flesh out the budget based on the preliminary design and then schedule a community information meeting where we can share our ideas.

COVID-19 precautions have restricted us in many ways, one of which has been our bi-annual community liaison meetings with Parks Canada. This meeting will now be conducted virtually March 16 and give us a chance to discuss some of our common trail projects.

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Pender Earth and MAP are collaborating with the Galiano Conservancy Society to do a transportation footprint for the islands. The online survey will take only minutes to complete and if you identify yourself (not required) you will be entered in a random draw for a \$100 Tru Value Foods Gift card. Data from this survey can be used to advocate for public and active transportation options on Pender. Please take a few minutes and contribute to this community project. Just click on this link to complete https://rb.gy/6zb4nf. Draw will be open until the end of March.

Our meetings will likely remain on Zoom for the foreseeable future, typically on the first Saturday of the month. Check our event calendar on movingaroundpender.ca. Anyone interested in attending can contact chair@movingaroundpender.ca for an invitation.

Niall Parker

Pender Island Child Care Society

Dragonfly Child Care & Family Resource Centre

Spring Break



Dragonfly C h i l d

Family Resource Centre will be closed for Spring Break. Our last day of child care will be March 12 and the first day back will be March 30. We will also be closed on April 2.

Circle of Security Parenting Course

Join trained facilitators, Geneva Jacobs and Sarah Conley, over Zoom every Thursday evening beginning on April 1 at 6 - 6:45 pm for 8 weeks. This course provides opportunities for parents to learn how to understand their child's emotional world by learning to read their emotional needs, support their ability to successfully manage emotions, enhance the development of their child's self-esteem, and honour parents' innate wisdom and desire for their child to be secure. The cost is \$40. Please call Sarah

for more information or to register for the course. Thanks to the Victoria Foundation for supporting this program.

Story Basket

Reading aloud to our children every day creates strong parent-child bonds, healthy brain development, improved language and listening skills, and a lifelong love of reading. If you would like to borrow a book bag or a felt story, please call Sarah and arrange a pick up time. Thanks to the *Times Colonist Literacy Society* for their support of this program.

Parents and Babes RSVP Postponed

Self-care and resource kits available at the front entrance every Monday morning!

When Parents and Babes RSVP is back running it will be held every Monday morning from 9 - 11:30 am at Dragonfly. Please call or email Sarah if you would like to participate in this free program for parents, caregivers, and their children. Dragonfly's occupancy allows four families to join us either inside or outside in our fully fenced play yard. Enjoy adult and children interactions, age appropriate toys, individual snack time, and the book lending library. If your family is unable to participate please help yourself to the free self-care and resource kits available at the front entrance. Thanks to Victoria Foundation and the Pender Island Child Care Society, this program is free.

Healthy Opportunities for Preschoolers (HOP) Postponed

Ask Sarah if you would like to borrow some of our fun equipment that supports your child's developing gross motors skills.

When HOP is back running it will be held every Wednesday morning in the school's outside rink from 9 - 10 am and 10 - 11 am in the school forest. Come on out and join our trained facilitator as they set up new activities each week; from hockey passing to badminton, hula hoops to balancing, and stilt walking to bean bag toss, this program will be sure to tire out your youngster! HOP is designed for parents/caregivers to engage in physical activities and learn



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

Dad n' Me Pancake Breakfast **RSVP Postponed**

Dad n' Me resource kits are available at the front entrance each month!)

When Dad n' Me is back running it is a free program held once a month for Dads, Uncles, Grandpas or friends and their kids. We have limited occupancy for this program so please call or email Sarah if you would like to join us. If your family is unable to participate at this time, please help yourself to a Dad n' Me resource kit available at the front entrance. Thanks to the Ministry of Children and Families, this program is free.

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

Sarah Conlev

Pender Island **Community Service Society**

"Always be on the lookout for the presence of wonder." E. B. White



o you have a sense of wonder? Is it there when you

walk into Nu-To-Yu? No, not the, "Who buys this stuff?" but rather, "Who ever thought to invent that and how does it work?" or "My grandfather had one of those in his shop..." It is said we all have a shelf life; at the Nu-To-Yu the shelf life of an item is almost infinite if you can reuse it, repurpose it, or build on a past memory with it. Please come in and have a wonder.

March store news: Winter jackets are 50% off on Friday, March 5 and 12. CDs are always available to repurpose as twirling silver discs to deter the flickers from nesting or to deter pecking once the tree sap starts to flow. Craft items are available for children and adults whose imaginations are in need of a nudge. Macramé, yarn, beads, craft paint for Easter activities. Plates to be shattered

and repurposed as a mosaic bird bath, or a patio stone in a walkway. Sometimes you have to let a good book find you: look in our book section. Books on deck building, patio designs, gardening, as well as fiction are all available for 50 cents. Shop early for Easter decorations starting March 5. The early bunny gets the best selection.

In August we will be accepting Halloween donations

The number of patrons to be in the store at one time remains at six, facial masks are still mandatory, and we ask vou to limit vour time to fifteen minutes upstairs when there is a line up outside the store. Easiest way to do this is to set the timer on your phone. As of February 12, patrons are also asked to sign in with their name and phone number so effective and timely contact tracing may be done if needed. Yes, there will come a time when socializing in the store will once again be one of the reasons you shop at Nu-To-Yu. There will come a time when you once again crowd into the store and line up to get out, not in! Unfortunately, that time is not now. Frankly, we are simply happy the store

can stay open and thank the community for following our Public Health and WorkSafe BC guidelines.

Nu-To-Yu's suggestion box is just inside the first door on the upper level of the store. The most common request is a return to our Saturday openings. We hear you; would you like to volunteer for a three-hour shift? Our opening hours are limited solely by the lack of volunteers to work on the Saturday. Please help us out.

There are a couple of assistant managers at Nu-To-Yu. Upstairs Nancy (as she is known) has been volunteering for the better part of a decade now. She is kind, she is smart, and she is important in the day to day management of the store. A Jill of all trades, she is at the store twice a week sorting clothes, shoes, linens, knick knacks, and books. If you hear a shout, "coming down," you are hearing Upstairs Nancy after she loads the dumbwaiter. Thank you, Nancy.

To all those who contribute money to our donation jar at the front counter: a virtual hug and a thank you for remembering we need to get our larger building built. Thanks also goes out to M. Joanne Enns for her larger donation this past month.





Thank you, Joanne. A thank you also to the Pender Island Legion for the case of hand sanitizer to be used by patrons before entering the store.

New to Pender? Wish to meet your neighbour? Nu-To-Yu is currently open Fridays from 10 am - 4 pm. There is often a line up first thing in the morning; afternoons are better for a quick slip in. If waiting in line, choose to introduce yourself to the person behind or in front. Listen to tales about life on Pender Island...some of which you will wish to double check for authenticity.

If you have donations to drop off, check our website at www.nu-to-yu. com for items that can be accepted on Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 9 - 12 am. By donating early on these days, timely sorting can be completed prior to Friday's sale day. Please abide by our times. Over the last few weeks unsuitable items continued to be dropped off outside these times; the barrier tape and the signs that prohibit the same were purposely ignored. Really? Most of the volunteers are older, greyer, and if we did not laugh so much you would be able to hear our joints snap, crackle, and pop. Arriving and seeing water logged and/ or unsuitable donations is not good for our coronaries. Please stop the out-ofhours drop offs and redirect your energy elsewhere. Your garbage takes money away from the community. It might be an organization that helps you.

Questions? Call the store Tuesday or Thursday mornings at 629- 2070. The Nu-To-Yu is a wonder-full place. Come visit us. We would love to see you from the eyes up.

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Pender Islands Conservancy

Advance notice for the Earth Day Beach and Roadside Clean-up



We will be holding the annual Beach Clean-up on Saturday, April 17. Feel free to start

cleaning your preferred beach, pathway, roadside, or shoreline anytime and bring your collected debris down to the Medicine Beach Centre on April 17, where volunteers will be ready to help you load it into the collection bins. With everyone's safety in mind, COVID-19 protocols will be in place. Coffee and treats will be provided.

Elizabeth Miles

Conservancy Nature Centre

Coming up for the spring, we will have new displays dedicated to bird migration and nesting. Come check out our migration wall map, animated maps showing seasonal bird movements based on citizen science data, and much more! There will be kids' activity packages to take home so families can learn more about bird biology and conservation together in their backyards, and on the many trails, beaches, and forests we are so lucky to have access to here on Pender Island. We are also excited to announce that we will be carrying Pender Moments products in our gift shop. Locally made soaps, lotions and bath salts using natural ingredients: great gifts for yourself or others.

S,DÁYES Flycatcher Forest land protection campaign update

You did it, Pender! We are thrilled to announce that together with Raincoast Conservation Foundation, we have now raised the funds required to purchase and permanently protect S,DÁYES Flycatcher Forest on North Pender Island! We launched this forest protection campaign in November, with the goal of raising \$395,000 by April 2021. Now, due to the incredible generosity of so many in the Pender community, coastal BC and beyond, we have reached that goal just halfway through our 6 month campaign! And we couldn't have done it without you! One of the first things we will be doing on this property is invasive species removals later in the spring; if you are interested in helping out with this work (pulling/ cutting Scotch broom and Daphne plants or hauling to disposal areas), please get in touch with Erin O'Brien at biologist@penderconservancy.org to have your name added to our volunteer contact list.

Erin O'Brien

Natural history notes: The Naming of the Shrew



Some wild creatures are large and so are easily seen and heard, while others fly high and can be seen and heard in the sky above. One mammal, however, is rarely heard and seldom seen. This small creature lives its life scurrying among the grasses and duff on the forest floors of Pender Island and is called the Vagrant Shrew (Sorex vagrans).

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While there are other shrews native to the west coast, only Vagrant Shrews have been found on Pender. This is confirmed by the Royal BC Museum collection for Pender Island which includes 58 shrew specimens, all of which are Vagrant Shrews. These small (100 mm long, including a 40 mm tail) pointy-nosed mammals are commonly found in damp areas of open coniferous forests. They weigh between 4 and 8 grams with the males being at the upper end of that range. Vagrant shrews are generally red brown in color in summer, and after the fall moult are dark brown with a lighter belly. Those found on Pender can be much darker, being almost black on the upper parts of the body in winter.

Shrews are not mute and sometimes use echolocation to orient themselves in unfamiliar locations, although they probably do not use it to locate prey. They sense their environment by making a high-pitched twittering noise that bounces off their surroundings. In addition, clicking noises are part of the courtship process. Vagrant Shrews feed mainly on earthworms, spiders, insects, and other small invertebrates, but also eat some plant material. They have a very high metabolic rate, and it is reported that they eat 160% of their body weight per day. They tend to be somewhat nocturnal but may feed during the day as well, and they are active throughout the year with no hibernation period.

Vagrant shrews primarily breed between April and June, although births may occur as early as February, or as late as September. Vagrant Shrews construct small shallow cup-shaped nursery nests from vegetation and animal hair. Gestation lasts twenty days, and results in the birth of a litter of two to eight blind and hairless young. A female may give birth to up to three litters each year. The average life expectancy of a Vagrant Shrew is typically a little over six months, but some survive for more than seventeen months.

Material for this article was excerpted from Wikipedia and A Field Guide to the Mammals of North America by Burt and Grossenheider.

Bob Vergette

Pender Island Fire Protection Society

The Board of Directors of the Pender Island Fire Protection Society (PIFPS) is pleased to announce the date of the 2020 Annual General Meeting, covering Society operations for the year 2019, which was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will take place on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7 pm.

Two positions on the Board of Directors are up for election. Interested parties, including those who previously put their names forward, should contact Board President Maggie Macdonald at maggiemacdonald@shaw.ca by April 15. Candidates will be asked to attend an Orientation Session outlining the roles and responsibilities of the PIFPS Board of Directors. Nominations from the floor on the night of the meeting will not be accepted, per the Society's Constitution and Bylaws. You must be a member of the Pender Island Fire Protection Society in good standing to vote.

At this time, due to continuing concerns regarding COVID-19, we are planning to hold the AGM online via Zoom. If, in early May, the Board determines (through guidelines set by the Provincial Health Authority) that it will be safe to hold the meeting in person, we will notify all Society members of the location.

The Board plans to hold the AGM for 2021, covering Society operations for the year 2020, later this year.

Thank you for your interest in, and support of, Pender Island Fire Rescue. See the Notice of AGM on **this page**.

Theresa Carle-Sanders, Secretary

Pender Island Fire Rescue



In January 2021, PIFR attended 22 calls.

Most people on our beautiful Island understand

that burning garbage is 'rude and disgusting,' but not everyone understands that it is also against the law. In simple terms, we are permitted to burn small, clean, seasoned woody materials in small piles in safe locations.

We are not permitted to burn tires, plastic, drywall, paint, painted materials,

Pender Islands Fire Protection Society Notice of Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 7:00pm
(Location to be Determined)

TWO positions on the Board of Directors are up for election. Please see this month's PIFPS article for more information.



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treated lumber, asphalt, rubber, fuel, solvents, metals, lubricants, tar paper, railway ties, demolition waste, garbage, biomedical waste, or manure.

Makes sense, right? However...

We regularly receive complaints from residents saying they smell burning plastic. Often the report comes to us long after the burning offense has taken place, or it comes to us with no particular address, which leaves us no avenue to enforce burning regulations.

If we do receive a report of a burning offense in progress, with an address, we will send a Fire Officer to enforce the burning regulations. Pender Island Fire Rescue has a Fire Officer on duty 24 hours a day, 7 days a week who can be paged out via CRD Central Dispatch's non-emergency line 250-478-7770 or, in the case of an emergency, via 9-1-1 if there is an imminent threat to life and safety.

If you have questions and concerns about this or any issue, please feel free call me directly at 629-3321.

Please continue to be safe and kind.

Mike Dine, Fire Chief

Pender Island Health Care Society

PIHCS

Update on health centre tax roll referendum



In early January, the PIHCS submitted a draft request to the Capital Regional District (CRD)

to approve a referendum in the fall of this year. If approved, the referendum will ask Pender Island property owners to vote on the addition of about \$90 to an average property tax bill. Tax roll funding will help cover the annual operating costs of the health centre, so that donations and other income can be reserved to fund much-needed capital projects and future renewal.

The CRD asked the PIHCS to provide additional financial information for detailed review. One concern is that the CRD may not have sufficient staff to manage another referendum in 2021 because they already have seven referendums across the region this year. We expect to hear more sometime this month

We continue to pursue other funding sources

Fundraising Committee volunteers worked tirelessly to assemble detailed information for a late-January application for the BC Investing in Canada Infrastructure Program. If approved, this \$163,000 grant will pay to replace our aging and inadequate HVAC system and standby generator. The need for upgrades became very clear during 2020 as clinic practitioners needed better ventilation and cooling (important when working in full PPE) to ensure the safety of workers and patients under pandemic conditions.

This complex application took some 20 hours of staff time and 3-4 times that for volunteer board members. Indeed, it required almost as much work as the CRD tax roll application because it involved quotations from busy contractors and letters of support from the community.

If you've ever had to apply for these types of programs, you'll know how difficult it can be! One major hurdle, for example, is that funding applications have to be submitted electronically, which means significant work upfront to get approved access to the BC government's information system. We made the deadline with a day to spare. With a positive response, the HVAC and generator work will need to be completed this year.

The value of local health services

Why do PIHCS volunteers and part-time paid staff work so hard? Because they're making a real difference! Canadian-based research indicates that health centres in communities achieve better overall outcomes than other models of primary care.

The comprehensive nature of the services at our health centre, for example, lends itself to better access to health services, chronic disease management, and health promotion because clinicians generally have time for longer consultations and interprofessional collaboration. Those are big words, and while we didn't come up with the phrase that "every door is the right door", it reflects how our health centre serves the needs of the Pender community.

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Howard Cummer

When the PIHCS developed its fiveyear Strategic Plan in 2020, they heard that the integrated nature of our health centre is treasured not only by the community, but also by our health care providers. While our services and programs operate largely independently, practitioners interviewed during the planning process "acknowledged the incredible value provided by housing so many offerings under one roof."

The Mission and Vision of the **Pender Island Health Care** Society say it well

Freight Service

To facilitate access to primary health care and complementary services to support the health and wellbeing of the Pender Islands community.

His son-in-law

snapped this photo iust before Howard blacked out.

Vision

We strive for quality, accessible healthcare, and wellness support for the Pender Island community. That's what motivates our health care providers, staff, and volunteers as they look to the future. We hope you agree.

The PIHCS Board, penderislandhealth.ca





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Pender Island Lions Club



Due to current BC Health protocols, we were unable to hold our February meeting as planned and will not be

holding our next meeting on March 3 as planned. Thank you to all who have expressed interest in becoming a Lion and keeping the club a viable chapter here on Pender Island. Regulations depending, we hope to hold the April meeting at the Legion with masks and social distancing.

Thank you to all who advertised in the Pender Island Telephone Book, which is the largest fundraiser for the Lions Club. Special thanks to Michel Pelletier and Dave Dryer for the hours of work it takes to compile, proof, invoice, print, and distribute the ads and books. Again, we apologize for any errors - we hope to be perfect next year! A reminder that extra copies are available at Pender Island Pharmacy for \$10.

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www.joyalenbouviers.com/ BBPenderIsland/BBPender.html Foods, Nu-To-Yu, and the medical clinic. The Lions Club cleans and repairs them and distributes them to countries where needed around the world. Internationally, Lions Club causes are Diabetes, Hunger, Vision, Environment, Childhood Cancer, Youth, and Disaster Relief. Over the last year, over \$5,000,000US has been donated around the world for COVID-19 relief, including \$80,000US in Canada. For more information, visit *lionsclubs.org*. Stay safe and healthy and Happy Spring!

Together We Serve.

Terry Shepherd, Secretary

Pender Island Museum Society



Crossing the singlelane bridge over the canal and stopping at Mortimer Spit are part of everyday island life and a novelty for tourists. But what did this area, historically known as the "Portage," look like just before and during the 1902-03 canal project? (North and South Pender were not reconnected until the bridge was opened in 1955.) We go back 50 years to a 1971 story handwritten by then 86-year-old Victor Menzies.

"Pender Island has been blessed by having two good, well-sheltered harbours, Browning and Bedwell. And the narrow strip of land that lay between these two harbours was where the Portage was situated. I should think it was about 100 yards across, more or less. Anyway, as it was a long way around the South end of the island by water, folks travelling by boat would use this portage to get from one harbour to the other and beyond. It was a narrow



One of the dredges used to build the canal, parked in Shark Cove in 1902/03



Mortimer Spit as it looked on a smoky day in the 1960s. Many people think the spit was created when the canal was dredged, but it was always a natural feature. Named for John Mortimer who established a monument works business in Victoria in 1877, his early granite quarry was right near the spit.

trail, mostly level, and with poles laid as skids it was not too heavy a job to slide the boats across. The most difficult was getting the boats up the banks on either side. There is a nice little cove off the Bedwell Harbour end of the Portage, also the same at the Browning Harbour end [Shark Cove]. Small boats were not so heavy, but some of the larger ones required a few men to manage the job. This Portage was used as such up to 1902 when a canal was dredged through that neck of land a little way to the South Pender side of the Portage.

"I can remember working there at the time the King Edward dredge began dredging the canal in January of 1902. We had to cut down the timber, burn it, and clear off all the brush. I think it was my first job to work away from home. I was 17 years of age. Although the King Edward dredge began the work, it was the Mudlark dredge that finished the job.

"...We had picnics out there. The Hamiltons and Bracketts had good rowboats and so very kindly loaned them out. As it was high cliff on the South Pender side and no road then, I do remember hearing my Uncle John MacDonald taking one of his cows over to Spalding's place on S. Pender, and he had to swim with the cow across to the sandspit and then along through the bush on the north side of Mount Norman. I think that happened back about 1894 or 95..." [The Menzies family came to N. Pender in 1893 and established Valley Home Farm.]

Victor Menzies' memories were echoed by 92-year-old Clifford Brackett in 1984 when student archaeologist, Heather Moon, interviewed him as part of the 1984-86 archaeological excavations at the canal site. (Cliff had lived most of his life on Pender and died in 1998 at age 105.)

Q: What can you tell me about the area around the canal before it had been dredged?

A: Well, it was just a great big mudflat; it extended all the way across. The tide didn't extend into it at all; it was just a freshwater swamp...we always had to drag our boats across. Used skids then.

Q: Tell me...where exactly was the skid road?

A: The [skid] road was back a bit, where the marker [the historic cairn] is. The spit though, it's changed some.

Q: Do you mean Mortimer Spit?

A: Yes, years ago it was much bigger, wider, you know, and not so long, not so swampy. Some loggers dumped logs in there and what with the boat traffic through the canal, it changed the spit altogether.

Q: Do you remember where they dumped the dredge material?

A: Well, they dumped a lot of it in Browning and Bedwell harbours...all that dirt went in front of that beach in the bay around the corner (Bedwell side), on the rocky point. They put everything in scows and dumped it. When they used the suction dredge [the Mudlark] they just blew everything onto the beach through big 12 and 14-inch pipes. We were fascinated as children. [Cliff was 10-11 years old at the time.] We rowed out and watched the dredges working...there was a soft place and the Mudlark started in from the Browning Harbour side, got part way alright and then struck a rock. The rock is there yet and they had to diverge. The canal isn't absolutely straight, if you'll notice, it has a little jog. But it was almost all soft stuff, mud and clam shell and heaven knows what."

White settlers were aware of the "heaven knows what" at the site. South Pender's Herbert Spalding, for example, had put together an important collection of archaeological finds that helped spur the systematic excavation of the site over three summers from 1984-86. This project revealed the presence of an Indigenous community dating back thousands of years and unearthed some of the most significant early archaeological finds in BC.

Simone Marler (who lives across from Mortimer Spit)

Pender Island Reconciliation Circle

Istruggled to fit in reports from our last two meetings, but here goes.

In January we met and shared thoughts on both the provincial and national government bills to adopt UNDRIP (United Nations Declaration on the



Rights of Indigenous Peoples). The BC government passed Bill 41 in October of 2019, confirming the government's commitment to bring laws and policies into harmony with UNDRIP. The purposes of this Act are: to affirm the application of UNDRIP to the laws of British Columbia; to contribute to the implementation of the Declaration; and to support the affirmation of, and develop relationships with, Indigenous governing bodies. The law was passed just over a year ago, but recent events with respect to indigenous land rights and sovereignty demonstrate there is still much work to be done. Passing the law is only the first step in developing the process to describe and enact compliance with the need for prior and informed consent and reaching mutually accepted agreements.

The federal bill, C262 has yet to be adopted. Both the Truth and Reconciliation Commission and the National Inquiry into Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls called on the federal government to implement the Declaration as the framework for reconciliation.

According to the Government of Canada website, when passed, the legislation will provide a roadmap for the Government and Indigenous peoples to work together to fully implement the Declaration. It is a key building block in fully recognizing, respecting, protecting, and fulfilling the rights of Indigenous peoples.

In February, we met to learn from each other's reactions to the webinar: Racism and Privilege in the Everyday. Feedback was generally very positive: well thought out; well presented; enriching;

worth seeing again. The presentation described the ways racism evolves at first the individual and then the systemic level. Racialization happens to everyone; we are embedded in it.

Racism on a structural level informs our institutions and is then perpetuated by the system. Consider the inequalities created by the Indian act over policing, apprehension of children, and some media reports.

Restated from the presentation "We as individuals have a responsibility to understand where our beliefs come from, become aware of our surroundings, and make choices about how and why we will struggle against them."

Some of you will have been surprised to see red dresses hung up in the middle of February and not the usual October. This was done in solidarity with the Women's Memorial March in Vancouver on February 14. The Memorial March brings people together to grieve the loss of beloved sisters, to remember the women who are still missing, and to dedicate ourselves to justice. Sadly this is the 30th anniversary of this march; when will it change?

Next month will be another "listen at home" event. This time we will be hearing "Racism, Reconciliation, and Indigenous Cultural Safety." A Shelagh Rogers interview with Senator Murray Sinclair.

It is available on the website of the National Indigenous Cultural Safety Learning Series.

www.icscollaborative.com/webinars/ racism-reconciliation-and-indigenouscultural-safety We will be using our "virtual" meeting place in March. If you are on the Reconciliation email list you will be asked to "sign up" if you plan to attend and you will then receive the Zoom link. If you are not on the list and would like to be a part of our gathering, then please send your contact information to me at susanparr@shaw.ca.

I hope you will join us March 17, from 4 - 6 pm, from the comfort of your own home. Take good care,

Susan Parr

Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission

PIPRC



Student places fairy door at Enchanted Forest.

The last PIPRC meeting was held on February 12 via

Zoom technology and chaired by Ben McConchie. The following motions or actions were approved.

- Taeven Lopatecki gave a presentation about a number of artistic tiles the Pender Ocean Defenders would like to install at various points along the Whale Trail. Tim Frick will coordinate with her to form a detailed plan.
- PIPRC will provide PICA assistance in replacing the deteriorating interpretive signs along the Found Road Trail.



- A motion was passed to proceed with developing a PIPRC Master Plan; Shannon Brayford will be responsible for its documentation.
- Jim Peacock of the Community Justice program helped discuss the dog park issue. He stressed that his group was not seeking to mediate but rather was working to generate open discussion. A sub-committee was established to explore options for a new site for a dog park, either on or off CRD property. Ben McConchie will be the chair.
- The outhouse at Shingle Bay will be closed until the structural damage of the tank is repaired.
- A sub-committee for Volunteers was established headed by Ilse Phillips.
 She will report to the next meeting on the direction for the new committee.
- A motion was passed to find possible opportunities to increase the amenities at Thieves Bay and Shingle Bay parks so they will be used more frequently. It was recognized that the drainage at Shingle Bay park will need to be addressed.
- Discussions were held on the future Ainslie Point to Beaumont trail, the Alice Church Road trail (Einer's Hill bypass) and to ensure that, where possible, our parks and trails are accessible to all Penderites and visitors.

Please note

The Recreation Funding application process will now be open May 1, with a final deadline of June 15. More information will be available on our website closer to the time www.crd.

bc.ca/parks-recreation-culture/parks-trails/pipr.

Please report any problems with our trails and facilities and/or provide your input to how the Commission should proceed by contacting a commissioner, sending an email to *penderparks@crd.bc.ca*, or by attending one of our monthly meetings, which are open to the public. The next meeting on March 12 will be held by Zoom.

Hopefully COVID-19 will subside soon and the commission can resume business as usual.

Hans Tammemagi

Pender Island Public Library

Library AGM

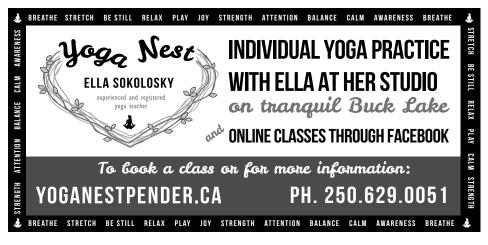


We will be holding our AGM online only, on Monday March 1

at 10 am. Visit the library website, under Events, to obtain a Zoom link for the meeting, or call the library HelpDesk. There will be a reduced meeting to accommodate the online format.

New Seed Library

We are pleased to partner with the Pender Island Food Co-op for the launch of their new seed library - an opportunity for locals to obtain free seeds, learn about seed saving, or donate extra seeds, all with the goal of making our community more self-reliant. Drop by the library to learn more about the new Seed Library, and at the same time check-out books and magazines on growing your own food.



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Anglican Church of Canada

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March 7	10:00 am	Zoom	Morning Prayer
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March 14 10:00 am Zoom Liturgy of the Islands and Inlets

March 21 10:00 am Zoom Circle Service

March 28 10:00 am Zoom Palm Sunday with Passion Readings

Due to the uncertainty of continuing COVID-19 restrictions, no in person gatherings have been planned for March. Anyone wishing to join the above events is most welcome. Please contact our administrator at the parish email address below in order to receive links and/or updates.

Ellen Willingham, 629-6700

Bookings for the Parish Hall: rentals@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

Church Office: 629-3634

Parish E-mail: admin@pendersaturnaanglican.ca

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

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

- The Pender Island Community Church has currently suspended its services due to the COVID-19 closures. Please check out our website for further up-dates
- If you have any questions or requests, please contact Judy Neil, 629-6168

St. Teresa's Chapel - Roman Catholic Services

4705 Buccaneers Road

- The current BC ban on public gatherings, including religious gatherings and worship services, is in effect until further notice based on direction from the Provincial Health Officer. Whenever restrictions for church gatherings are lifted, please contact *stte-resachapel@gmail.com* or phone 629-6029 for updated information. Meanwhile, stay safe at home, participate in live-streamed Masses, and pray for the health and safety of others.
- During the Lenten season, we have the opportunity to explore Pope Frances' Encyclical, "Fratelli Tutti" and to envision how to live in social friendship in our diocese and the world. These webinars will take place each Thursday evening during Lent at 7:30 pm. Register through the Diocesan website www.rcdvictoria.org.

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

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

March 19 7:00 pm Feast of Splendor (Baha), via Zoom.

March 20 Naw-Ruz, Beginning of the Baha'I calendar year

- Study circles every Monday at 4 pm, Ruhi Book 8, Wednesdays at 7 pm, Book 1.
- The names of the Baha'i feasts are based on the Baha'i Calendar, which has 19 months, each named for an attribute of God.
- We have established a weekly devotional zoom meeting every Thursday evening. For an invitation, please email *bevpeden-pender@gmail.com* for me to send you the zoom link, or call 250-412-2524 or visit *bahaissi.org* for more information.
- From the writings of the Bahá'í Faith: "I loved thy creation, hence I created thee. Wherefore, do thou love Me, that I may name thy name and fill thy soul with the spirit of life." *The Hidden Words* by Baha'u'llah

The Church at Hope Bay

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

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

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

March Calendar

		As per or	ders from the Provincial Health Officer, events may be cancelled at short notice	2
1	Mon	9:00 am	Resource Kits (also on the 8, 29), Dragonfly Centre's front entrance	16
		10:00 am	Library AGM via Zoom, see website for more info	
2	Tue	10:00 am	The library building is open on Tuesday, Friday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	25
		7:00 pm	Artist Roundtable to 8 pm. For artists of all disciplines. Contact Ptarmigan to register for free	11
3	Wed	9:00 am	HOP Lending Program (call to arrange a pick up time), Dragonfly Centre	16
		9:00 am	Story Basket (call to arrange a pick up time), Dragonfly Centre	16
		10:00 am	Weekly walking group every Wednesday until noon, Community Hall Path*	
		1:30 pm	Zoom in: Knit and Natter to 2:10 pm, Community Hall*	
		4:00 pm	Tibetan QiGong every Wednesday to 5:30 pm, Community Hall*	
		4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5 pm, register with Ptarmigan, all ages and abilities welcome, via Zoom*	
		7:00 pm	Islands 2050: Virtual Open House to 9 pm	
4	Thu	10:00 am	Recycling Depot, winter hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	
		10:30 am	SGI Non-profit Leader Network, Zoom Meeting	
_	T:	1:30 pm	Singing for Joy with Mary Reher to 2:30 pm, \$45 for 6 weeks, Register <i>ptarmiganarts.org</i>	
5	Fri	10:00 am	Epicentre hosts Forest School to 2 pm, Epicentre	
		10:00 am 10:00 am	Recycling Depot, winter hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to 3 pm	39
		10:00 am	Nu-To-Yu open every Friday until 4 pm*	17
		10:30 am	South Pender Local Trust Committee regular business meeting, via Zoom	1 /
		10:30 am	Community Gathering, music by Taeven Lopatecki	11 31
		3:00 pm	Friday Health Forum to 4 pm, (also March 12 and 26) see Community Paramedic Article*	
		4:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Take-Out to 5 pm, Roast Pork Loin	
6	Sat	10:00 am	Recycling Depot, winter hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday to 3 pm*	
		10:00 am	Winter Market to 1 pm, Community Hall*	
		1:00 pm	MAP regular meeting, via Zoom	
9	Tue	11:00 am	New show <i>The Artists Voice</i> opens at the Ptarmigan Gallery, Tuesday-Sunday, 11 am-2 pm	
10	Wed	10:00 am	Quilters Circle' meet to 12 pm, via Zoom	10
11	Thu	1:00 pm	Garden Club meets with Erin O'Brien on Invasive Plants and their effects, via Zoom	37
12	Fri	9:30 am	First Aid Friday to 10 am, see Community Paramedic article for details	12
		9:30 am	Parks and Recreation Monthly meeting, via Zoom	24
		11:30 am	Community Gathering, music by Saturnaliens	
		2:00 pm	Pender Island Earth Education Program, also March 26, Community Hall*	30
	Sun	2:00 am	Daylight Savings Time	
	Mon		Legion's Free Income Tax Clinic	
17	Wed	4:00 pm	Ukulele Strum to 5 pm, register with Ptarmigan, all ages and abilities welcome, via Zoom	
1.0	TTI.	4:00 pm	Pender Island Reconciliation Circle to 6 pm, virtual meeting place	24
	Thu	10:00 am	Pender Post Directors meeting, via Zoom Community Cothering, music by Lion MacKennie	11 21
19	Fri	11:30 am	Community Gathering, music by Liam MacKenzie	
		3:00 pm 4:00 pm	Legion Friday Night Take-Out to 5 pm, Beef Guinness Stew	
25	Thu	9:00 pm	North Pender Local Trust Committee regular business meeting, via Zoom	
	Fri	11:30 am	Community Gathering, music by Lauren Mann	
20	111	3:00 pm	Youth Book Club, Community Hall	
27	Sat	oloo piii	GIFC will showcase the home of the Pender Seed Library at the Library, via Zoom	
	Tue	11:00 am	New show <i>Verge</i> opens at the Ptarmigan Gallery at Hope Bay, Tuesday-Sunday, 11 am-2 pm	
	100	7:00 pm	Pender Island Otters Swim Club AGM, via Zoom	
31	Wed	7:00 pm	SGI Community Justice Program, via Zoom	
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	ADV	ANCE NOT	ICES FOR APRIL	
1	Mon	6:00 pm	Circle of Security Parenting Course to 6:45 pm for 8 weeks	16
2	Tue	7:00 pm	Artist Roundtable to 8 pm. For artists of all disciplines. Contact Ptarmigan to register for free	
17	Sat	_	Annual Beach Clean-up, Medicine Beach Centre	18
28			*indicates an event or activity which is scheduled weekly or for more than one day	
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Special Event!

Islands 2050: Virtual Open House — March 3, 7-9 p.m.



Islands Trust wants to hear your views about updating the Policy Statement. Register at: islandstrust.bc.ca/islands2050

Islands Trust Council

Notice of 2021 Islands Trust Council Public Meeting Dates

March 9-11

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June 8-10

Online/by phone

Sept 21-23

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Book Donations

The library does accept book donations of newer items only. How new? Items must be published within the last 10 yrs. and be in great condition. No textbooks or magazines, please, and one bag maximum per person.

New items in the Library Youth books

Catch Soccer Beat (Jake Maddox), Catstronauts Digital Disaster (Drew Brockington), Dog Man Grime and Punishment (Dav Pilkey), Big Nate: The Gerbil Ate My Homework (Lincoln Peirce)

Adult Fiction

Confessions On The 7:45 (Lisa Unger), Seven Stones To Stand Or Fall (Diana Gabaldon)

Adult Mystery

Chaos (Iris Johansen), Missing and Endangered (J.A. Jance), Fortune (Ian Hamilton), All The Colors Of Night (Jayne Ann Krentz)

Adult Non-fiction

On Pandemics (Walter-Toews, David), It's Okay, Senora (Siebert, Dorothy)

We would like to thank the Pender Island Legion for their generous donation of hand sanitizer - since everyone coming into the library is asked to sanitize their hands and wear a mask, the extra supplies really help!

Carmen Oleskevich, Library Director

Pender Island Recreation and Agricultural Hall Association

PIRAHA



Awill take place in late April or early May (exact date yet to be determined) at

the Community Hall. A secure shredding company from Victoria, Best Shredding, will bring a truck to Pender Island for one day so community members (and businesses) will be able to have secure shredding done on Island! Donations per "banker's box" of shredding will be accepted (suggested minimum \$15) with all net proceeds going to help support the Community Hall. Save your papers for shredding, save the air from burning paper and help our Hall! More details to come next month. Covid precautions will be in place. We would like to thank David Nicholi, Prevention and Community Engagement Service Provider for BC Gaming for organizing this event. See ads on pages 3 and 4.

Youth Programs Leadership for the Earth Program Friday March 12 and 26, 2 pm

Leadership for the Earth Program launched in early 2021. We host biweekly in-person, at-a-distance, outdoor and environmental leadership activities for youth, including outdoor living skills, environmental awareness, and food and farming skills. We also

offer virtual and remote resources through a monthly newsletter. Please email Ellie at *picommunityhall@gmail.* com for more information and to sign up!

Youth Book Club Friday, March 26, 3 pm

The Youth Book Club is a free monthly book club for teens ages 13-19 years of age. Our goal is to create a space for book-loving teens to gather, read and discuss new books, and socialize. We have been meeting over Zoom and are completing our second book, and anyone who wishes to join is very welcome! Our next meeting will be on March 26 from 3 - 4 pm, online via Zoom unless regulations change. If you are interested in participating, please email penderhall@hotmail.com.

Online Activity Leaders Wanted

Become an online activity leader. Plan, organize, and lead a weekly 1.5 hour online activity for four or more weeks. Receive \$25 per session for the preparation and leadership time.

Receive free one-on-one and group training to help you prepare for your activities. Receive other opportunities to learn and work with your peers. Applicants must be between 17 and 29 years old, have experience leading activities for either children or older adults, or with skills which translate well into the virtual realm (eg. French sewing...) experience language. planning and organizing activities or workshops, be able to commit to organize and run a minimum of 4 1.5 hour activities, be able to commit to 2 hours of mandatory group training, and present a clear criminal record check.



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Send your resume and an activity proposal to Andrea at bookings@penderislands.org.

Across the Ages

Across the Ages is a program to foster intergenerational connection on the Southern Gulf Islands, run as a collaboration between the SGI Community Resource Centre and Pender Community Hall. We are recruiting youth community members (19 and under) and senior community members (55+) across Southern Gulf Island communities to participate in a virtual storytelling program. Email Ellie at picommunityhall@gmail.com if you would like to sign up.

Adult Programs and the Community Hall

Walking Group Wednesdays 10 - 11:30 am

Focus on your health, happiness, and fun every Wednesday at the Community Hall. The Walking Group is a drop-in activity, where you can stop in and join others in a pleasant walk along the Home Valley farm trail (masks encouraged).

Tibetan QiGong Wednesdays, 4 - 5:30 pm

Gather and absorb chi (life energy) into your body with these gentle movements to increase circulation and flexibility while quieting the mind. Most exercises are done standing. Call Ken 629-3104. Drop in cost is \$2 (masks required).

Winter Market Saturdays, 10 am - 1 pm

Come out on Saturdays to the Winter Market to browse local food and produce. Handmade goods will be available inside the Hall once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted (masks and hand sanitizer will be required at entry).

Community Gathering Picnic

When we are able to gather again we will be inside, with distanced sitting areas, door open for ventilation (dress warmly), contact tracing at entry. Tea and coffee will be available by donation. Masks required when not eating or drinking. If you can't join in person, we livestream on the Pender Community Hall Facebook page.

Zoom in, Knit and Natter Wednesdays, 1:30 - 2:10 pm

To find the activity link go to the Pender Community Hall Facebook page and find the poster or go to the Community Hall website, copy the link on the calendar, and use it to get to the activity.

Andrea Mills and Dianne Allison

Pender Organic Community Garden Society



The heavy snowfall in February allowed me to procrastinate a bit more in getting at my plans to make my "best ever" garden this

year. I have probably fallen well behind my fellow community plot gardeners who, no doubt, have been studiously preparing for the growing season ahead.

Speaking of procrastination, the kale and chard I nursed through our mild winter quickly succumbed to Mother Nature's frigid fury as I didn't get out and bury the poor things under a pile of mulch as I was advised to do.

There were some benefits to looking at their withered remains though. It did remind me that no matter how well one plans, gardening is still an exercise in timing.

This spring I do plan to watch my fellow "ever-hopefuls" up at the community garden in hopes of learning some specialized growing tricks. Perhaps this year I might just outwit the forces of nature and get my plants to outgrow the weeds for a change.

The seed catalogues and the thick reference books will definitely be brought down off the shelf soon.

Happy planning and good luck gardeners!

Bruce McConchie, Plot #20 I think

PenderPOD

News Flash



Anew calf in L Pod L125, born to L86 "Surprise" was seen on February 17

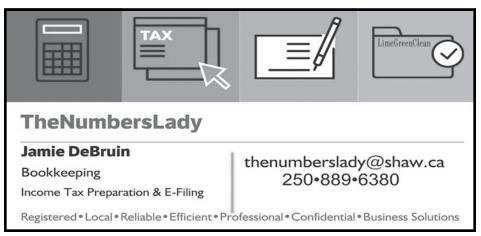
in Swanson Channel near Thieves Bay! We hope it's a female.

Citizen Science: Pender Sighting Network

Members of Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission, Podsters and Podlings.

Early in February I got a call from a friend on North Pender. "There are Orcas heading east in Boundary Pass, toward South Pender." She was one of a newly formed group of volunteers watching for whales from shore and alerting each other through an online app. I was doubly excited as this was the first test of our reporting system, the Pender Sighting Network (PSN). The group includes nine sighters along Swanson Channel - seven of them overlooking the Interim Sanctuary Zone (ISZ) - and three on Boundary Pass near Brooks and Gowlland Points.

The system also allowed us to alert our connection on Saturna who is a member of the Saturna Cetacean Sighting Network. That group has been watching for whales - Southern Residents, Bigg's (Transients), Humpbacks, Minke, Porpoises, and Dolphins for the last year and reporting their sightings to the BC Cetacean Sighting Network. Both Saturna and Pender networks have their



own "portal" for reporting to the BCCSN which means that the statistics gathered are separated out from the hundreds of others that are reported every year. So, we can track which whales are in our waters and when. Many of them are here frequently, year round.

We spotted nine Orcas which came close to Brooks Point, and got some photos. The Saturna group got photos which were used to identify two members of the group. They were Hy-Shqa J 37, matriarch of her family group and Oreo J22, from another family. This was the first time we have seen J Pod in this area for over two years!

The ISZs along Saturna and Pender are critical foraging areas for the endangered Southern Resident Orcas (SRKW). Currently they are in effect from June 1 - November 30, which means that no boats are permitted to enter the zone, whether or not the Orcas are present. There is a 20 metre corridor along the shore for non motorized vessels to exit the area when whales appear. For a map, dimensions, and regulations governing the sanctuary, search for "gulf islands interim sanctuary zones" online.

We have seen that the Southern Resident Orcas are returning to the Salish Sea later in the year than they have historically. Pender Ocean Defenders believe that the sanctuaries should be year round and permanent, so that the whales can rely on a safe place to forage without disturbance. The ISZ is regulated by the Ministry of Transport, and monitored by Fisheries and Oceans, Parks Canada, and the Coast Guard. In spite of many infractions, no fines have yet been imposed. We ask that fishers and recreational boaters, as well as whale watching vessels, respect the sanctuaries so that the whales can find the few fish available in their critical habitat.

The PSN sighters look forward to an active year ahead.

Monica Petrie

Orca Tile Project

All of the orca tile kits are now out in the community, and we have appreciated seeing the returned works of art and hearing the whales' stories. Please remember to drop off your tile at the



Displaying some of the Orca Tiles at Thieves Bay

Community Resource Centre office at the Driftwood if you haven't already! We are excited to be working on the next steps of making the tiles visible to the community. Visit *penderpod.ca* to see the tiles and read the stories.

Taeven Lopatecki, Pender Podling

Pender Seed Library

The Seed Library is Launched! **I** Thank you to everyone who came to check out seeds and donate seeds and who attended our launch events. Spring is coming and we can all get growing and producing food and saving local seeds. Yay! The Seed Library started out as a little seed planted a number of years ago by Eroca Dancer and this year it began to germinate thanks to the enthusiasm of Carmen at the Library and Roz at the Gulf Islands Food Co-op. Of course, it takes a community to make something like this happen and we have such a generous community of givers and doers! Thank you to the Southern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre (SGI CRC) for partnering with us and providing funding which was used to purchase seeds from West Coast Seeds. VanCity also provided funding which allowed for me to receive some payment as a coordinator and to purchase necessary things. More seeds were donated by Buckerfields and more from Southridge Country Store who gave us some really nice seeds

and have promised more! Petals and Paws continued support with donated seeds and bags of potting soil. We are especially grateful to these tiny island businesses whose gifts count for a lot. It was a pleasure working with Carmen and Colette at the Library. Anything I asked for, it was done! Shelving, posters, paper supplies, printing. Thank you to these two wonderful women and we look forward to continuing our partnership as the Seed Library. Thank you to the others at the Gulf Island Food Co-op (GIFC): Roz and Nancy for countless hours of "making things happen;" to Eroca for her presentation and hand-out; to Theresa, Micha, Roz, and Lisa, our first work party volunteers, helping to package seeds; and thank you to Cedar for the fun video promotion. Find it at the GIFC website.

The Seed Library is now open for borrowing seeds. Pender Seed Library is located inside the Public Library at the back of the Children's area and everyone is welcome to borrow seeds. Fill out a membership form and get some information about seed saving. As of writing this, we have not yet decided the best way to present this information. Perhaps by video taken at the Zoom launch. Seed saving is a big and exciting subject and the Library has several books dedicated to it and also a big section on growing gardens, as well as some plans for a speaker series on this

subject. In the following months, we will highlight seed saving for individual vegetables, here in *The Pender Post*.

Karin Campbell, penderseedlibrary@gmail.com.

Plumper Sound Protection Association

We felt it was time for an update on the issue of large bulk carrier freighters anchoring in Plumper Sound (the body of water surrounded by Mayne, Saturna, and Pender Islands).

It was a year ago this month that we woke up to the scene of two large bulk carrier freighters colliding, their anchors tangling and tugboats working to separate them. We were lucky to escape without a major grounding and/or the horror of an oil spill. The Maritime Transportation Safety Board report on this accident was just released and it is troubling to read. You can read the full report by "googling" Maritime Transportation Safety Investigation Report M20P0092.

Our small but energetic Plumper Sound Protection Association is still trying to convince the federal government that these Southern Gulf Island waters are not suitable for these large commercial vessels anchoring.

We keep asking Transport Canada this question with no satisfactory answers: "Based on the numerous instances of anchor dragging in the past 10 years (over 17 in Plumper Sound alone according to Pacific Pilotage Association data), the increase in significant weather occurrences on the BC Coast, and in light of last year's incident involving the collision of two vessels, does Transport Canada not agree that the narrow, reef strewn waterways of the Southern Gulf Islands are not suitable for anchoring of large bulk carrier freighters?"

In addition, besides the annoying excess lighting and noise (impacting both residents and wildlife) and scarring the seabed with their anchor chains, these vessels produce a large amount of greenhouse gases daily from their onboard diesel generators.

The problem keeps getting worse as more vessels than ever are arriving at these anchorages. Transport Canada's Oceans Protection Plan was supposed to address this issue among others, but from the information that we have received so far, not much has been accomplished in that respect over the past $3\frac{1}{2}$ years.

We are currently seeking answers to these other questions:

- Why is our provincial government not including the measurement of the GHG emissions from these anchored vessels in their environmental reporting?
- Why is our provincial government not charging a carbon tax on these vessels as they do to all of us?
- Why isn't the federal government monitoring these emissions as part of its Paris Climate Action report?
- How is our health being affected by these emissions?

Our group is also working with our fellow coastal communities on Saltspring, Cowichan Bay, Thetis, Ladysmith, and Gabriola. Check out our website for more information https://nofreighteranchorages.ca/, and learn

how you can make your voice heard.

Bruce McConchie, Jeff Tarris,
and Michel Lecour

Royal Canadian Legion

Branch 239



Can it be? Winter is almost over. Per-

haps one more cold snap, and then we can look forward to the promise of spring. It's kind of nice that one of the nastiest months of the year is also one of the shortest! Well thought out, calendar makers!

It will soon be daylight savings time and before you know it we will be out on the Legion patio enjoying a good meal and a cool libation. Well, at least you will be on the patio while I am back in the kitchen cooking meals or flipping burgers on the Barby. But there's simply nowhere else I'd rather be on a Friday night than serving the good people of Pender Island, and you can take that to the bank. Oh, yeah, we don't have one of those anymore. How's that working out for you? As for me, I always feel that anything that manages to hold



NORTH PENDER ISLAND LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

Visit our web site at: http://www.islandstrust.bc.ca/npender/np-news/ E-mail: southinfo@islandstrust.bc.ca

ADVISORY PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The **North Pender Island** Local Trust Committee (LTC) is accepting three expression of interests for volunteer Advisory Planning Commission positions.

We are seeking eligible voters that have the interest and ability to advise the LTC on a wide range of important land use and community planning, development and sustainability matters.

Successful applicants will be appointed by the **North Pender Island Local Trust Committee** and are expected to meet one evening per month. The term for this position is approximately 2 years.

If you are interested in helping us plan our community's future, please submit a letter of interest and your resume before **4:30 pm Friday - March 19, 2021.**

Submit your interest to:

Maple Hung

Islands Trust, Phone: 250.405.5163 Suite 200 - 1627 Fort Street Fax: 250.405.5151

Victoria, B.C. V8R 1H8 Email: mhung@islandstrust.bc.ca

back the ever-encompassing grip of modern civilization (such as banks and computers) is okay with me. Of course I'm only speaking on behalf of all those other dinosaurs and curmudgeon-like folk out there!

I would like to acknowledge the dedication of our regular Friday night dinner crew of volunteers who have given up their Friday nights over the last couple of months to serve you and keep the Legion functioning. A big thank you to Pamella Smith, Charles Baker, Dianne Cuthbert, and Jean Deschenes for hanging in there during some rather hectic dinners, when it often looked like the chef might not quite make it to the finish line without a little oxygen. Thanks also to super sub Ken Pelley for doing all those little things behind the scene. As we go to print this month, we are on the eve of our first great Chili Cook-off competition, with six of our fine Pender Island eating establishments competing to see who makes the best Chili on the island. We will announce the winner in next months' issue of The Pender Post. If you took part in this, don't forget to vote, if you haven't done so already. If you can't stand the suspense, you can check results on the Legion website. If you would like to get on the Friday night dinner email list, please send us an email to branch239. rcl@gmail.com.

Our dinner lineup is not fully set for March, but we are thinking of doing Roast Pork Loin dinner on March 5 (it went over pretty well back in January). On March 19, Gail Forsyth (our newest Executive member) is stepping up to the plate to do a Traditional Irish Beef Guinness Stew with Flakey Soda Biscuits, and Irish Lemon Pudding, thus extending St. Patrick's Day for another 48 hours. Bonus! Take-out times are between 4 and 5 pm. Yes, I know I seem to be talking a lot about dinners this month, but let's face it, that's pretty well all we got going at the Legion these days. Like everyone else we are looking forward to that day, hopefully not too far away, that we can be more than a takeout dinner place.

One thing that unfortunately continues unabated is the Last Post for some long time Legion members. Since we

last talked, we have sadly lost Duncan Patterson and Roy Timmermans. Duncan was a proud veteran, former member of the Pender Highlanders Pipe Band and part of the Friday night dinner family. The last few years, though painful ones, were certainly made more enjoyable by his having Sophia in his life looking after him. I remember Roy from not only the Legion but his many years on South Pender as a friend and client. As he and Jo aged, I looked after their property for several years, doing the things they could no longer do. We had many good visits and I got to see firsthand what a loving and special couple they were. Their departure marks yet another sad chapter in the decline of the living landscape of South Pender.

On a cheerier note, but also tinged with sadness, we at the Legion bid a fond farewell to Helen Allison, who after a nearly 68 year association with Pender Island (nearly 50 years full time), has left us to start her final adventure across the water in Sidney. I have known her since the mid 80s and her departure was covered very well by others last month, but I just wanted her to know that it has been an honour to have her presence bestowed upon us at so many Legion functions over the years. Bob, Helen's husband, left us far too soon, but I can still picture Bob and Helen making beautiful music together around the old Legion piano - well, at least it was loud and raucous and filled with fun and laughter, something we could all use now. The unofficial Queen of Pender will be missed, but we know there's plenty of life in the old girl yet and we will be cheering her on as she makes her climb to that elusive 100 year club - a piece of cake for our Helen.

Helen, I'm sure, would want me to remind you about renewing your 2021 Legion Membership. Just \$55 will help us continue to serve our community and to honour the memory of veterans such as Bob Allison.

We also appreciate and send huge thanks to all the local contractors that serviced the Legion in 2020 with reasonable rates and some donated time.

Braedon Bigham, Big Dig Em Excavating and Trucking; Michael Bradley, Bradley Tree Service; Cleaners: Jennifer Smith, Rachel Taylor, and Rebecca Cox; James Constable, Gutter Done; Driftwood Creative Construction; Bob Funk, BCF Constructors and Island Glass Tek; Gary Goodman, Jack of all Trades; Ryan Gray, Electrician; Shane Greenall, Pender Island Concrete; Brent Kirby, Kirby Electric; Pender Island Waste Management; SGI Community Resource Centre; and Alan Whittingham, Gentech Power Solutions.

This year, starting March 15, our Legion volunteers are providing a free income tax preparation clinic for eligible people with modest income and a simple tax situation. See our information display ad on **page 53**.

To benefit our Veterans, please consider supporting:

- Operation Leave the Streets Behind

 a Legion program to provide assistance to homeless Veterans. www. legion.ca/support-for-veterans/ homeless-veterans
- Broadmead Care Veterans Health Centre - requesting donations to help purchase a used van for Veterans transport. Current van will not last much longer.

www.broadmeadcare.com/adult-day-programs/veterans-programs-and-services/.

Thanks,

John Pender

Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council

Gulf Island Artists: Time to Shine



Island life has a particular rhythm that appeals to creative individuals in all parts of the world. There's

something about being surrounded by water on a self-contained dot of land that is nurturing to the creative spirit. It's difficult to quantify but definitely worth acknowledging and celebrating.

The island communities of Galiano, Mayne, Pender, and Saturna are considered by many to be the jewels of the Salish Sea. While each is unique, like islands everywhere there's a consistently high level of creativity among the people who call them home. Equally unique are the challenges faced by the Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council in serving the individual artistic communities of these islands.

Last year the first Arts on the Islands Regional Exhibition was organized by members of the Mayne branch of the Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council. Envisioned as a coming-together of artists from all the islands for an exhibition in the Mayne Agricultural Hall, the onset of COVID-19 meant a re-jigging of plans. The event was transformed into a wholly-online exhibition accompanied by a full-colour printed catalogue.

Sixty-two artists from all four island communities showcased their work. The exhibition helped create links between artists, raised their profiles, generated sales, and was hailed as an overall success by artists and art appreciators alike. Building on that momentum, the Second Annual Arts on the Islands Regional Exhibition will be taking place this year. Given the uncertainty of the ongoing pandemic, the event will once again consist of an online show and printed catalogue, with expectations that a face-to-face event can happen safely in 2022.

Do you draw or paint? Do you create with clay, stone, wood or textiles? Maybe you like to combine elements to create mixed-media art. Or perhaps your focus is on multimedia video or soundscapes. Whether you live part-time or full time in one of the island communities of Galliano, Pender, Mayne, or Saturna and whether you're an established or emerging artist, you are invited to participate in this year's Arts on the Islands Regional Exhibition.

Like last year, artists can submit up to three pieces for the online show which is being hosted on the virtual platform of the Federation of Canadian Artists. A panel of jurors will review the work and select one from each artist for the printed catalogue that will also include an artist's statement and brief biography. Awards will be presented for Excellence and Juror's Choice, and a People's Choice award winner will be determined by votes cast by exhibition viewers.

For full details and to view last year's exhibition, visit www.artsontheislands. org. It's worth noting there's no fee to participate but artists must be members of the Southern Gulf Islands Arts Council (\$20 per year). The deadline for entries is May 21, 2021 and the online launch of the exhibition will be on July 1.

Written word and performance artists should watch this space for a further call on how you too can participate in Arts on the Islands 2021.

See half page ad *Open Call to Artists* in the Southern Gulf Islands on page 29.

Deborah Strong

Sothern Gulf Islands Community Resource Centre



The days are getting longer, the grass is getting greener, and the CRC has plenty of exciting projects on the

go for Spring! The CRC is pleased to support programs that foster community connections and we hope one or more of these programs will spark your interest.

CRC Youth Programs

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Leadership for the Earth launched in January 2021. We host biweekly in-person at-a-distance outdoor and environmental leadership activities for Pender youth, including outdoor living skills, environmental awareness, and food and farming skills. We also offer virtual and remote resources through a monthly newsletter. Please email Ellie at *picommunityhall@gmail.com* for more information and to sign up!

Gulf INLET

Gulf INLET is developing Sustainability Guidelines posters for each island, which are being piloted on Mayne Island. The guidelines will include information that is useful for both visitors and residents to know, including water conservation, recycling, intertidal zones, and more.

The monthly meetup of the SGI Non-profit Leaders Network is a place for SGI Non-profit Leaders to have a place to discuss issues and trends, and connect with each other. With no agenda, topics are diverse, meaningful, and very valuable for those in attendance. The next meeting will be held March 4 at 10:30 am. For more information or to register, email sgivolunteercentre@gmail.com.

SGI Community Justice

The SGI Community Justice Program seems to grow a little more every month, and February was no different. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to hosting the third of our virtual Community Conversations on February 24. The topic this time is "What makes a supportive and inclusive community." We see this and our previous two topics ("How do we strengthen our Pender community through healthy conversations?" and "What makes a good neighbour") as vital to maintaining the idea of community during a time of distancing and isolation.

It has been one year since COVID-19 forced us into retreat, reorganization, and reflection. Please join us for our next virtual Community Conversation at 7 pm, Wednesday, March 31 "Reflections on a year of pandemic." This will be an opportunity to look at where we've been this last year, and what we are taking with us into the future. We look forward to sharing stories and thoughts from Pender, Galiano, Saturna, and Mayne Islanders. To reserve your "seat" in the virtual circle, please contact us at sgicjp@shaw.ca.

As well as the Community Conversations, we are continuing our Restorative Justice work. Our goal is to provide an alternative to the courts by bringing parties together to work on a solution that supports both those affected by harm and those responsible. For more information about the Restorative

Justice process, please see our webpage www.sgicommunityresources.ca/cjp/.

We have been working with the Pender Island Parks and Recreation Commission to give those community members who are interested in the future of a Pender Dog Park opportunities to share their thoughts. We are honoured to be part of this important process.

The Southern Gulf Islands Community Justice Program is grateful for the support of the Ministry of Public Safety and Solicitor General, the BC Problem and Responsible Gambling Program, Tru Value (Spirit Board #34) and the SGI Community Resource Centre. For further information about our program, please contact us at sgicjp@shaw.ca. See ad on page 54.

Employment Services

Come visit our Employment Advisors in March if you are looking for work or other employment resources. We are in the office on Monday and Wednesdays from 10 am - 4 pm. We have several employment readiness courses available, and will be offering a SuperHost course later in the Spring. SuperHost is a practical introduction to customer service best practices and will be a great opportunity for front line staff coming into the spring season.

Island Kindness

Throughout the pandemic, the CRC's Island Kindness Program has been providing our Island's residents who are in mandatory quarantine, vulnerable seniors/individuals, and those with mobility challenges with a food delivery program in partnership with Tru Value Foods. Volunteer shoppers and drivers provide this grocery service on Thursday afternoons. Orders can be submitted through *orderonpender@gmail.com*, or calling the Helpline at 629-3665.

The CRC is providing Emergency Relief to applicants who have financial challenges related to the pandemic. Approved applicants will receive Tru Value Foods gift cards in denominations ranging from \$50-\$200, or microgrants up to \$500. Please pick up an application form at the CRC Office in the Driftwood or from the Community Box at Dockside Realty in the Driftwood (in the Community Resource Centre file

folder).

In February, CRC volunteers assembled fun, free Isolation Kits to offer some distraction to seniors and young children during Covid isolation. Activity books, craft supplies, journals, chocolates, and donated jigsaw puzzles provided some entertainment during the chilly, snowy month. Some Kits are still available, so please contact the CRC at 629-3665 if you know someone who could benefit from some tangible entertainment.

The Pender Island CRC Office has tablets available for Island Savings online banking transactions. Using the installed app, local residents can deposit cheques, pay bills, and transfer funds using their Island Savings account. Our tablets are also available for PANS signup and for WorkBC research.

The Pender Island CRC Office has Legion face masks for sale. Size small and large available at \$10 each. Cash, e-transfer to *sgicrc@shaw.ca* or cheque made out to Royal Canadian Legion Branch 239 accepted. The Pender Island Legion has also provided free hand sanitizer for other organizations, available for pick up at the CRC office. The CRC Office is open on Monday/ Wednesday/Friday from 10 am - 4 pm.

See Savvy Seniors ad on **page 54**.

Melody Pender

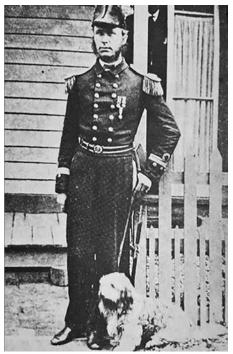
South Pender Historical Society

The Pender Connection



Pender, you don't say! Is the Island named after you? To which there is no

answer. Or how about "Do you own the Island?" My unspoken retort would sound like "if I owned the bloody island I probably wouldn't be living here!" Or I would graciously explain about my grandfather, William Usticke Pender, and how he came here in the early 1900s to check out this Island of the same name and settled here. Or I would explain that the Island is named after Lieutenant Daniel Pender R.N., who surveyed these Islands with Captain Richards in the middle 1800s but never laid foot on Pender Island. And I'd sadly confess



Lieutenant Daniel Pender R.N. that it has never been proven that he is related to our family in any way.

After the death of my grandfather and the birth of my children, I found this great desire to learn everything about my roots. I knew that William had come from Cornwall, where he was born on the estate of Budock Vean, which had been in the family from 1716 to 1926. There had to be evidence somewhere that Daniel Pender was indeed a long lost relative. Or else why would William have actually come here in the first place?

I threw myself into a genealogy night course at Malaspina College and began to gather information. This was back in the early 1980s and Google and ancestry.com were not on the radar. I wrote letters to elder family members, my aunt Jiggs Christy, who went to Cornwall, and even my parents, who acquired pertinent information from churches they visited in England. They all sent me printed documents that they had and I earnestly began my family tree. I came across some stumbling blocks quite soon on because the information was so Broad. Not broad in the expanse of detail but that the Pender name ended with William's mother, Katherine Pender, the only daughter of William Rous Tresilian Pender who married Herman Usticke Broad, thus ending the Pender line.

To keep the Penders at Budock Vean, it was decided after the death of Katie's father in 1898, that Herman would change his name to Pender - otherwise I would have been Barbara Broad. Not a handle I would embrace!

An interesting fact here, that amused the family greatly, is that William's brother, Pender Edward, became Pender Pender. Mom always spoke highly of Uncle Pen!

Life changed for me in the middle 80s and I had to file away my new found hobby. While sharing a house with my brother John in Crofton, BC, the basement flooded and all my paperwork was destroyed. My genealogical prowess was destroyed in one day! I never lived this one down with the family: they jokingly taunted me over the years but each time they spoke my resolve to continue some way, somehow, was strengthened.

I began to gather again using the Internet and formulated a pretty impressive family tree dating back to Oliver Pender in the 1500s. I connected with relatives still living in England and told them about my findings and if there was anything they could add, especially how Daniel Pender could have been connected. A daughter of Evelyn Pender's, my grandfather's sister, Susan Hood, even sent me a wonderful handcrafted parchment family tree of the Buryan and Budock Vean Penders leading down to my grandfather's time.

Then finally, my cousin Charles Pender, bless his soul, paid one of the *ancestry.* com people to delve wholeheartedly into the search for our Daniel Pender, founder of the Islands we live on. We found him finally. Thus Lt. Daniel Pender was a third cousin of our direct ancestor, William R.T. Pender, and since I am four generations down from him that makes myself (and my brother John) third cousins four times removed.

I am currently working on adding this information to the lovely parchment family tree, completing the circle of life. Now I know why Willie came to Pender Island in the first place...to check out this island that his second cousin was named after and eventually to marry Betty, the daughter of Arthur Spalding, to raise a family (Arthur, Ann, and Jiggs) and to help build the Church of the Good

Shepherd on South Pender Island that we revere today. It's my favorite place and where many of my family hold plaques in the memorial garden.

"Oh, Danny boy, the pipes, the pipes are calling..." my father would sing!

Barbara Pender

And now a note from our SPHS President

Thanks so much to Barb for that delightful story.

I hope this finds each of you and your families surviving these strange COVID-19 times. I'm proud to say the South Pender Historical Society now has 101 lifetime members on both sides of the bridge! If you would like to join us, it's just \$10 - forever! Please send payment to *southpenderhs@gmail.com* and be sure to email how you would like your name on the card. We still have some bonus Brooks Point posters, and I will make a plan to deliver.

Also, don't forget that Talisman Books & Gallery has copies of Frank Trice's interesting and delightful booklet, *Good Shepherd Stories Volume 1: Dream to Reality* - only \$7 each. Every household needs one of these!

Sandra Johnson

RECREATION AND LEISURE

Canadian Power and Sail Pender Island Squadron



We are underway with online learning, having begun our Boating 2 & 3

Combined course. Teaching this course online is a first for our squadron and is proceeding well. Hopefully we will be offering more courses online this fall now that we are becoming familiar with this platform. Advantages of taking online instruction are: learning at your own pace; videos that help illustrate various lessons; realistic presentations of various aids to navigation as they appear on the water; and useful links to other sources of information.

For those interested in taking the Maritime Radio course and obtaining their Restricted Operators Certificate, online registration is scheduled to begin early April 1. This will be an online self-study course scheduled to start April 12. We will offer three online seminar sessions for those who wish to participate, although this is optional and not a mandatory component of the program. You can register using the Courses and Seminars tab at the website *cps-ecp.ca*.

Canadian Power and Sail Squadrons has hired a person to reach out to current and former members. The goal is to help everyone get back online with the new digital system. This is a national program; every member and past-member who has been unable to access their membership record will be contacted. If you have not renewed, or have been unable to renew your membership, someone will be calling you to offer assistance. This includes those who are listed as lifetime members, too.

Beach clean-up is scheduled for April 17 this year. As per previous years our squadron has volunteered to collect debris from Shingle Bay and Panda Bay.

Thanks for reading and stay safe on the water

David Kirsop, Commander

Pender Island Garden Club



Thank you so Barry, for your informative presentation about

bees. I had no idea they were so short lived and had to work so hard for a very little amount of nectar. We had some problems with getting Zoom working without us all sounding like chipmunks, but it was worth the wait to hear and see the presentation.

As is the new normal we are having trouble planning and sticking to a schedule of speakers for the season and our Plant Sale has become a moving target that we just cannot pin down. On March 11 join us via Zoom at 1 pm as Erin O'Brien from the Pender Island Nature Conservancy Society talks to us on Invasive Species and their effect on native plants and animals. Many of our invasive species were introduced as decorative garden plants by people who

did not realize their potential to escape and take over the landscape.

As you are dividing plants this Spring please pot up any spares and keep them for our plant sale which is now tentatively scheduled for June. This plant sale not only gives buyers a chance to buy plants proven to be hardy to Pender, but helps fund our speakers and workshops.

We are also tentatively scheduling a workshop on hanging baskets for our May meeting and once again this is subject to COVID-19 restrictions.

On a different subject, April marks the 50th Anniversary of The Pender Post, so look for a very special issue for the month of April. For a tiny community newsletter, 50 years and still going strong is quite an accomplishment.

See you on Zoom on March 11 at 1 pm. Val Butcher

Pender Island Junior Sailing Association



Enough people have let us know that they are interested in sailing courses this summer that it looks like PIJSA will be offering

three weeks of Level 1 & 2 beginners courses, tentatively the last two weeks of July and the first week of August, and one session of Level 3 & 4, the second week of August. Because of the current situation, we will be delaying registration until May 1 or June 1. All of this will depend upon current restrictions being lifted. In previous years, PIJSA has offered as many as four weeks of Level 1 & 2 and three weeks of Level 3 & 4 courses, so if there is more demand it is hoped that it can be accommodated.

If you have children, grand-children, other relatives, friends, or yourself who might be interested in a beginner's sailing course (Level 1 & 2; minimum age 9 years of age) or the more advanced course (Level 3 & 4; completed Level 2, minimum age 12 years of age) please contact us at infopijsa@shaw.ca to let us know who is interested, appropriate contact information, the level of course, and preferred week(s) and if they have friends with whom they may wish to sail. (i.e. bubble information). Not only is this information important for our planning, it also allows us to secure instructors by being able to say that there is interest.

Bruce Waygood, Commodore

Pender Island Otters Swim Club



Tow time flies, $\mathbf{1}$ but it is time tters again to announce Swim Club the date of the

Annual General meeting of the Pender Island Otters Swim Club. This has been a very strange year, and hardly what we were expecting when we were preparing for the AGM last year at this time. But we are still going, and swimming, and do need to meet our Society expectations, so we are going to hold our AGM via Zoom on Tuesday, March 30 at 7 pm. While we are still not able to hold in-person meetings, at least we can get together this way to connect, summarize the year, and plan for the future. And of course to elect a board to see us through another year. I would like to thank our dedicated coaches for all their time, effort, and positive attitudes during this trying year for any sport. We were lucky that Panorama Pool adopted safe protocols to allow us to continue offering our programs to those wanting to swim with us this year. Many thanks go out to Sean Hunter, Ryan Howe, and Cassidy Fraser for their commitment to ensuring a high standard of teaching, while practicing safe protocols. For further information about our programs, please visit our website at www.penderislandotters. webs.com, or contact us at our email penderottersswimclub@gmail.com. Anyone interested in serving on our board, please contact president Helen Lemon-Moore at our email address.

Helen Lemon-Moore, President

Pender Island Yacht Club



Three races have **I** been completed since the last report. No race was held

the weekend of February 13 due to

the snow and freezing temperatures. Although ten boats are part of the racing fleet, the races have attracted only 5-6 boats for each race. Because boats are single-handed (or crewed by household members) which makes strong winds a problem, and because none of the boats like racing in very light winds, races are now held on the best of Friday, Saturday, or Sunday, based upon forecasted weather, which as we all know is variable. This flexibility is possible because COVID-19 has limited the activities of everyone, so most boats that intend to race are available any of those days. As a number of Captains have remarked, "it gives us something to do," so if you have a yacht, why not join us. Email me at kbwaygood@shaw. ca or call 250-818-8555.

All races begin and end in Shingle Bay. Bryan Anderson in Imagine won the January 23 race, which involved going past the Channel Islands to the Batt Rock buoy (about half way to Ganges), and back. The race had the Channel Islands to port (left!). Wally Foster in Whiteshell won the January 30 race, which was around Portland Island, keeping it to port. Bryan Anderson also won the February 6 race, which was around Russell Island, keeping it to port. Usually any race around Russell Island involves little wind on the "backside" of Russell Island, but on this day, some of the boats encountered whitecaps!

Often racing seasons are dominated by one or two boats, but this winter season (ending March 6) has four boats with accumulated points between 23.9 and 26.8, so the next three races will likely be competitive.

Bruce Waygood. Race Captain

PENDER POST PAST



March, 1991

Arather interesting event was announced in that there would be a special Highway's crew on Pender later in the year to climb the bluffs on Mackinnon Road to remove large

fragmented rocks that could come down, blocking access to the Ferry terminal. It was reported some rocks were the size of an automobile. Will keep you posted on this one; wish I had been there to see it. Pender Island residents were anxiously waiting for the installation of a line to bring cable TV to the island. Of course, St Patrick's Day was celebrated with a dance at the Legion. The Pender Island Farmers' Institute had Bob and Verna Duncan give a talk on Choice, Care, and Propagation of fruit trees. I found this interesting as my own fruit trees, bought in 2005, are mostly bought from Bob and Verna. The Garden Club has also had Bob give us a talk on fruit trees. The Club has also facilitated order forms for members to allow members to order fruit trees from their business. I suspect there are many fruit trees on Pender who trace their beginnings to the Duncans.

Well so much for 1991 and thirty years ago; let's move ahead to 2021. April marks the 50th anniversary of *The Pender Post* and you will see a big difference in the April *Pender Post Past* as it will be renamed and moved to a front section for the April issue. That a small, self supporting, no-grantmoney-here, community newsletter has managed to survive 50 years and is still going strong is nothing short of amazing and a testimony to the hard work of the Board and the support of the community. Watch for the April issue of *The Pender Post* - it will be amaaaazing.

Val Butcher

COVER STORY

Acolourful, billowing spinnaker on a sunny, high-blue day is always a thing of beauty, and like a breath of fresh air. Maybe the only sight better is seeing a pack of competitive racing sailboats, all with spinnakers flying. Our cover photo was taken in January this year, while the pandemic continues to dictate how we live, and captures a feeling of freedom, worthy of celebration.

The cover photo was taken by local photographer/sailor Doug Stanley. One avid sailor from our Research Department assured the non-sailors among us that taking a great photo of



a spinnaker while you are sailing is no small accomplishment. For those not familiar with sails and sailing, spinnakers are comparatively large, light sails used in place of the smaller jib, in situations where the boat is heading down wind. Being able to take down the jib and replace it with a spinnaker in mid-race to take advantage of a downward wind is always a bit of a fire drill. To complete the task in mid-race without losing ground or deck personnel is reason for celebration. Stanley was quick to confirm our researcher's assessment of the difficulty of the dual combo of sail change and camera wielding.

As admirable as that accomplishment is, I am more impressed with the degree to which our cover photo mirrors the way most of us have lived for the past 12 months. In sailing, the winds call the shots, and it is the task of the helmsperson to react and choose the options most likely to take advantage of every change presented by the weather or a clever competitor.

In BC, with our current COVID-dominated lives, our helmsman is Dr. Bonnie Henry and when she and her team say wash your hands or self-isolate, we do it. The principal is the same except our boat is quite a bit bigger than Doug's!

Go Doug go...and thanks for the breath of fresh air!

Mike Wiley

LATE SUBMISSION

Pender Island Recycling Society



It's been one year since the pandemic changed the way we recycle at the depot. The modified procedures mean 10-

15 minute wait times for recyclers, but these changes keep you and our staff safe, and we thank you for your kindness, patience, and support during this challenging time.

Thank you to our many community supporters for renewing your annual membership. These memberships are voluntary but very much appreciated. January and February are always our busiest times for renewals but you can renew at any time of the year, either online at our website or in person at the depot. We now accept card payments too.

It would be unfortunate to load up your recyclables and drive on down to the depot only to find it closed so be sure to check that we are open if you notice unusual weather or high winds! This usually happens only once or twice a year. If we need to close, the closure will be posted in three places: the depot Facebook page (Pender Island Recycling); our website www. penderislandrecycling.com; and the depot answering machine is 629-6962.

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

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

Happy Spring!
Niki Roberts

	Average Temperatures			Extreme Tem	peratures	Precipitation		
	Max	Min	Mean	High	Low	Rain	Snow	Total
Magic Lake	7.8	4.2	6.0	13.0 on 15 th	-0.5 on 23 rd	136.7	0.0	136.7
Normal	7.4	2.7	5.0	19.0 in 1988	-8.0 in 1996	127.6	8.1	135.7

tatistically, January is our third Ocoldest month, slightly warmer than February and December. In the last 34 years there have been only three Januaries when the temperature did not drop below freezing. January 2021 was slightly warmer than usual, especially the nightly minimums and there was only one occasion when the temperature dropped below zero. We had a mixed bag of weather including the inevitable winter wind storm and the associated power outages. We also had some pleasant sunny days. Most of our rain fell in the first twelve days of the month and then the rain eased off and our total precipitation was very close to average. I have shown zero snow in January but actually for a few minutes on one day there was a light shower of ice pellets which are classified as snow; it did not last and I would have missed it if I had not happened to look out at the right time. It is possible that there was snow on some parts of Pender Island: when it snows it is not always extensive and even rain showers often affect only a small area of the island. Our extreme high temperature of 13 was normal for January. By the end of the month there were encouraging signs of approaching spring with asparagus well established, other bulbs coming up, and buds showing on the fruit trees.

March is a turning point in our weather Is it the end of and our seasons. winter? Not quite. Our average total precipitation in March is 81 mm and that is slightly more than it is in February. Only 1992 and 2019 have had a "dry" March with 25 and 13 mm of rain respectively. Snow is unusual in March but not totally unknown; we had 13 cm in 2008 and 9 cm in 2009 and lighter falls in a few other years. We almost always have minimum temperatures of zero or less in March; it is a time when gardeners are keen to get started but we do not want to have our new plants spoiled by a frost and have to buy and

plant new ones, so we must be patient. A greenhouse is very handy at this time of year or we can start our plants in the house. March is the time when we welcome back some of our migrating birds. Violet green swallows return about March 21 and barn swallows a bit later if there are any. Since their nesting areas at the Driftwood centre were spiked off I have not seen a barn swallow. Turkey vultures and ospreys also return in March.

Remember to put your clocks forward one hour on Sunday, March 14. The Spring Equinox (also known as the Vernal Equinox) occurs on March 20. This is when the sun crosses the equator on its way north and it is the day when we have equal day and night (approximately).

Malcolm Armstrong

OF GENERAL INTEREST

2026 IWBF Wheelchair Basketball World Championships

As the world marks International Day of Persons with Disabilities, Senator Chantal Petitclerc and Wheelchair Basketball Canada are beyond elated to announce the International Wheelchair Basketball Federation (IWBF) Wheelchair Basketball World Championships are coming to Ottawa in 2026.

Ottawa 2026 will be the largest team sport event for high-performance athletes with a disability in the world. The elite wheelchair basketball competition will be a spectacle of eye-opening athleticism, tenacity and perseverance starring the top athletes in the game. Twenty-eight teams — 16 on the men's side and 12 on the women's side — representing roughly 20 nations will compete for the world

championship crowns.

"As a proud Canadian and decorated Paralympic champion, I am delighted to serve as the Honorary Chair for Ottawa 2026 and bolster Canada's reputation as a leading sporting nation by hosting the greatest world championships of all-time," said Petitclerc. "The organizing committee looks forward to delivering an unforgettable, emotionally-charged experience for athletes, stakeholders and spectators while spearheading the evolution of the game in Canada and around the world."

"Beyond the field of play, this event is about so much more than sport. In these challenging times, Ottawa 2026 represents a momentous occasion to unite the world, celebrate the resilience of the human spirit, and champion inclusion. Our vision is to host a transformational event that empowers social change by moving people to feel, think and act differently towards wheelchair basketball and people with disabilities. As we celebrate International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we believe Ottawa 2026 will move millions towards a more inclusive world through the incredible power of sport."

Team Canada has been an absolute force in men's and women's wheelchair basketball, combining for 15 world championship medals at the senior and junior levels, including eight gold.

"I have personally experienced the thrill of representing Canada and winning a gold medal on home soil," said three-time Paralympian and world champion Cindy Ouellet. "As an athlete, there is no greater honour than competing at home in front of your family, friends and fellow Canadians. I am excited to see the people of Ottawa-Gatineau and the country rally behind this event. The athletic performances are sure to captivate audiences worldwide while defying traditional definitions of ability."

Medicine Beach Centre is under new ownership March 1, 2021

Who we are: Ida Templeton and Bryan Girard

After 25 years in financial services as Certified financial planners, Ida and Bryan diversified 6 years ago into building and running 3 liquor stores in Vancouver. Ida retired 4 years ago as a Regional Director for Investors Group and Bryan still maintains a client base in Vancouver. Ida dedicates her time now to 2 active kids - Aidan and Rhys, supporting the stores, volunteering for Meals on Wheels, for the homeless in Vancouver and fund raising for the kids' schools. Bryan splits his time between helping clients and supporting the back office financials of all three stores plus fishing and crabbing on Pender with the kids every chance he gets. We have been lucky enough for the past few years to split our time between Pender and Vancouver and lived here full time most of last year. No one however could be more grateful for precious Pender time than our 6 year old beagle Heisenberg.

Our plan at Medicine Beach is to expand and improve the liquor store, support the local tenants and make it a great destination shopping area that residents will benefit from and be proud of. We will continue to fix up the building and surrounding area this year. Once the store is expanded, we are hoping to lease out the other half of the building to a quality grocer to service residents and showcase Pender's great local producers and artisanal products.

Coming to Pender Island has been such a gift for our family that improving Medicine Beach and giving back to the community in the process was an easy decision albeit a big undertaking. We look forward to using local talent in refurbishing the building as well as making the area "land and water friendly" and of course local friendly!

A big thank you to Lou Henshaw for trusting us to take over Medicine Beach and to Gary for his tireless help and work on



the property. We appreciate the great staff and tenants, Alison and Robert as well as the community's patience as we transition to Medicine Beach 2021. Any suggestions or questions please text Ida at 604-376-3656 or reach out to the management team of Danny and Michelle. We want to hear from you.

Thank you Pender - we are grateful for the island and this opportunity! Ida Templeton and Bryan Girard

"Opportunities to host the world at an event of this magnitude are rare," said three-time Paralympic gold medallist and world champion Patrick Anderson. "Ottawa 2026 will shine a light on the game's top athletes and give us a global platform to achieve greatness. We cannot wait to share our stories and our passion for the game to help grow the sport in Canada and around the world."

The IWBF Wheelchair Basketball World Championships take place every four years. Zonal qualification tournaments will take place in each of the four IWBF Zones (America, Africa, Europe and Asia Oceania) to decide which countries will join Team Canada in Ottawa.

"I'd like to congratulate Wheelchair Basketball Canada on being awarded the rights to host the 2026 IWBF Wheelchair Basketball World Championships in the City of Ottawa," said IWBF President Ulf Mehrens. "Wheelchair Basketball Canada has a proven track record of delivering exceptional world-class events. We are excited to work with them again to take the international game of wheelchair basketball to Ottawa, to not

only showcase the dynamic, fast-paced and competitive sport that is wheelchair basketball, but also to use the event to champion social change and inclusion, whether that be with a focus on health, society, or disability."

The event is projected to unfold at Lansdowne Park inside TD Place Arena and the Aberdeen Pavilion, with additional venues at Carleton University and the University of Ottawa. The tentative dates are scheduled from August 26 to September 5, 2026. The competition will feature 94 games over 11 days.

"I am very excited that Ottawa will host the IWBF Wheelchair Basketball World Championships in 2026, bringing the best talent from around the world to the nation's capital," said Ottawa Mayor Jim Watson. "This announcement is significant as I am proudly proclaiming today as International Day of Persons with Disabilities in the City of Ottawa. This exciting event will be an outstanding opportunity to showcase the athleticism and determination of the men and women competing in

the championships. I look forward to continuing the promotion of inclusivity in our community through sports."

"Our thanks to the IWBF for entrusting Canada with the honour of hosting the world championships," said Wheelchair Basketball Canada President Steve Bach. "Backed by our rich history of hosting excellence and the support of our funding, sport, corporate and community partners, including the Government of Canada, the Government of Ontario, and the City of Ottawa, we will host an unparalleled, world-class event while creating meaningful legacies. There is much work to do in the years ahead and we are eager to undertake this journey with all of you."

CBC Sports and Radio-Canada will bring stories to Canadians as the official streaming partners of Ottawa 2026 IWBF Wheelchair Basketball World Championships.

Ottawa 2026 marks the first time that Canada will host the world championship for senior men and women together.

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Numbers Puzzle MCA #4 by Malcolm Armstrong

Rules and Tips

These puzzles vary in degree of difficulty and the more you do, the easier they get (maybe). This Puzzle #4 (March 2021) is definitely easier than #3. In this puzzle, 29 of the squares are occupied and to solve the puzzle you have fill in the remaining 52 squares with no more than one of each number, 1 to 9 in each horizontal row, each vertical column and each block of nine squares. There is more than one correct solution but you will know if you have got it right by checking that you complied with the rules.

Malcolm Armstrong



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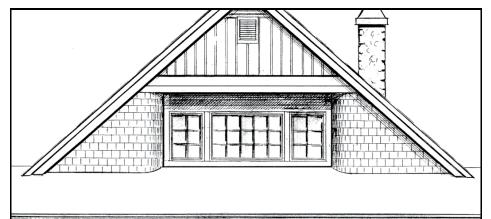


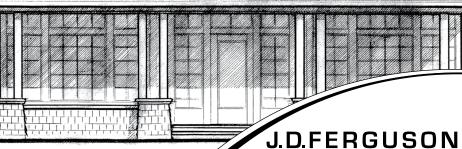
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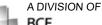
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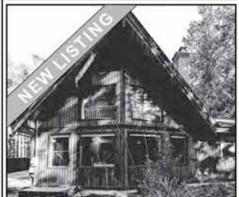
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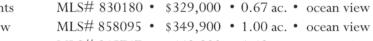
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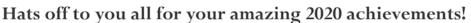
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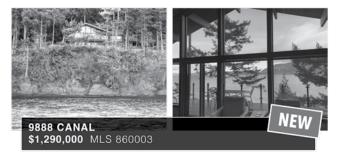


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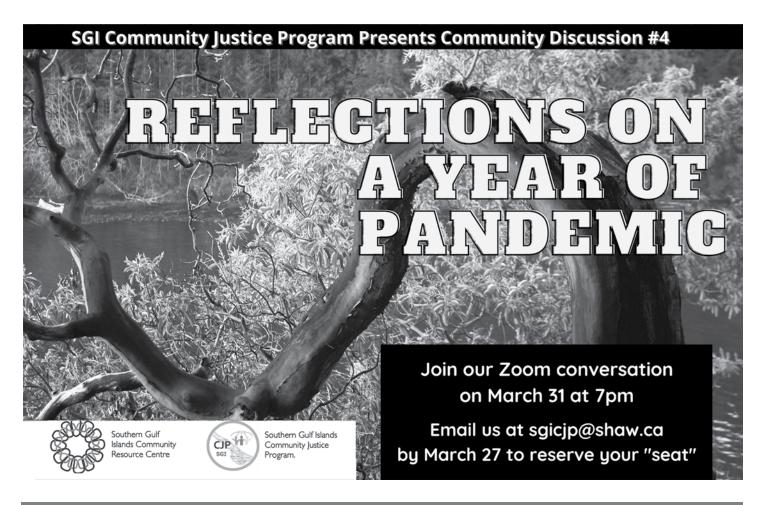
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