

Community Meetings

First Wednesday Luncheon

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

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

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

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

Dine and Discover

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

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

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

January Duplicate Bridge Winners

by Ian Feltham

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

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

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

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

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

Port Ludlow Hikes

Friday, March 6: Clear Creek Trail

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

Friday, March 20: Duckabush

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

Friday, April 3: Hansville Trails

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

Wednesday, April 8: Spring Planning Meeting

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

Every Wednesday: Timberton Loop

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

Port Ludlow Birding Group

by Stephen Cunliffe, Contributing Editor

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

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

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

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

Garden Club March Speaker

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

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

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

Help Keep Recycling Area Tidy!

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

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

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

Brilliant Watercolors from Featured Artist

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

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

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

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

CEA to Lunch at Famous Dave's

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



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

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

Port Ludlow Stamp and Paper Arts Club

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

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

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

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

Bluebill Spring Social

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

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

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

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

Singles to Dine Italian Family Style

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

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

Amateur Radio Club

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

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

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

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

Computer Club News Wireless Communication Devices

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

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

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



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