

Community Meetings

Artists' League Demos Brush Technique

“There is something about picking up a brush and turning a plain surface into something beautiful that really gives me a huge sense of gratification,” says Bob Jamison, who will be the guest artist at the **April** meeting of the Port Ludlow Artists' League. The meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m., **Wednesday, April 15**, at the Bay Club.

Bob works in mixed media using brush, palette knife and airbrush to obtain the desired effect. He likes to paint on location, after which he often produces Giclée canvas prints of his work in his studio. He will be demonstrating his technique at the **April** meeting and plans to have a finished canvas by the end of the meeting.

Bob has been painting since he was in the third grade and often painted with his mother. This led to a college degree in fine arts and the opening of the first arts program at Eastern Idaho Technical College. He also taught night classes at Idaho State University and workshops at many local art galleries. Today Bob paints murals, landscapes, portraits, garden art, seascapes, florals, bathroom art and pet portraits.

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

Dine at The Belmont with the Singles

Singles will dine at the Belmont Restaurant in Port Townsend on **Sunday, April 19**, at 5:00 p.m. The Belmont offers many delicious items such as fresh halibut, rack of lamb and the very popular crab sandwich. We always have a wonderful time at the Belmont as we get the whole upper balcony so that we can talk and laugh as much as we want.

Invite your friends and be sure to wear your nametag. We will meet at the upper Bridge Deck parking lot at 4:20 p.m.

Call Peggy Schafran at 437-9935 by **Tuesday, April 14** to make your reservation. Let her know if you wish to drive or to be a passenger in the carpool. Please offer your driver \$2 to help defray cost of gas.

Dine and Discover Events

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.

On **Monday, May 4**, at the Bay Club, famed Hollywood producer Robert L. Rosen will take us on a journey through his 45 years of achievements in words and clips from films and TV productions. He will offer a behind-the-scenes look at film making through humorous stories, anecdotes and a wee bit of gossip.

A small sampling of his many productions include familiar names such as: *Mutiny on the Bounty*, *High Society*, *Jailhouse Rock*, *Rio Lobo*, *Gilligan's Island*, *Gunsmoke*, *Hawaii 5-0*, with actors including Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, John Wayne, Jack Lemmon and many more. Call the Bay Club to sign up.

For both events, bring a potluck dish to serve at least 10 persons, and bring 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 others on the waiting list can be accommodated.

Stamp and Paper Arts Group

The group's next meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on **Wednesday, April 15**, at the Beach Club. This month we shall experiment with background stamps of various types, combining designs in differing ink shades; “Shadows and Swirls” gives a hint at our focus.

We welcome all who might be interested in making greeting cards and art pieces using rubber stamps and paper in all its many forms. Our gatherings generally last from one and a half to two hours, and one comes away having learned some new facets of the art.

Please call Jeanne Mitchell at 437-7702 with queries.

First Wednesday Luncheon

Please join us for “This Spring, Less is More,” a unique wardrobe concept for our always popular First Wednesday Luncheon Fashion Show on **Wednesday, April 1**, 11:00 a.m. at the Bay Club. The focus will be on combining separates in different ways for a variety of looks while minimizing the number of pieces needed for those looks. This approach is timely for both upcoming travel plans and our economic slowdown. It will feature fun, new spring fashions from both Christopher & Banks and CJ Banks at Kitsap Mall in Silverdale.

Due to the popularity of past fashion shows, we are asking you to carpool and to make sure to reserve your place in the event we have a “sell-out.” You may sign up at either the Bay or Beach Club by Friday, March 27, or contact Sandy Rooks at 437-0747 or sandrarooks@hotmail.com until Monday, March 30, as long as there is room available.

The Cup-o-Soup was so popular last month that the Tri-Area Food Bank has again requested it as well as crackers for their monthly donations. In addition, donations of cash or check made payable to the Tri-Area Food Bank are especially welcome.

We would like to give a special thank you to Asai Bento in Port Townsend for its generous gift certificate. Remember that all proceeds from the raffle, after minimal expenses, go to support the Tri-Area Food Bank.

Our **May** program will feature Dana Pointe Interiors. The date is **Wednesday, May 6**, at the Beach Club.

Amateur Radio Club

Amateur radio operators not only participate in local activities augmenting local public safety communications but also in national long distance communications. Many hams provide ancillary health and welfare communications by passing messages back and forth on behalf of friends and family when traditional long distance is overloaded or fails during and after times of disaster.

On **Saturday and Sunday, June 27 and 28**, local hams will test their ability to operate in emergency conditions without the comfort and aid of commercial power and home stations. Field Day, as this exercise is called, challenges amateurs to assemble and erect antennas in primitive settings. They supply their own solar, wind

or generator power, find or supply their own shelters and operate continuously around the clock for 24 hours. Amateurs attempt to contact and exchange information with other amateurs around the world. A point score is awarded based on the number of exchanges, the amount of transmit power, location, the number of participating transmitters, etc. Scores are collected and in the end, national recognition is awarded to the top scoring amateur radio groups. This year Jefferson County hams will be using Old Fort Townsend and Pope Marine Park in Port Townsend.

The Port Ludlow Amateur Radio Club (PLARC) sponsors a weekly no-host luncheon at Pedro's Fiesta Jalisco on **Wednesdays** at 11:00 a.m. 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

Technology and Entertainment!

The Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC) will put on an exciting presentation on portable devices that entertain us: MP3 Player, Wii, iPod, Xbox, PlayStation, DVD Player, Cell Phone, Bluetooth, wired links in our cars . . . and more. Many of these devices will be demonstrated and discussed. This presentation is open to everyone in our community. Stop by to have fun and even learn a little more about the ever-changing world of technology on **Monday, April 13**, at the Bay Club. The excitement starts at 6:00 p.m. Other dates include:

- Mac SIG is **Thursday, April 2**, 6:00–7:30 p.m.
- Office SIG meets **Monday, April 6**, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Pro Show Gold SIG is **Thursday, April 16**, 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- Special Topics SIG is **Monday, April 20**, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Mac SIG meets **Monday, April 20**, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- Photography SIG meets **Monday, April 27**, 10:30 a.m.–noon.

Workshops are held every **Saturday** morning 11:00 a.m.–noon. All SIGs and workshops meet at the Bay Club and are for members only.

For information about joining 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 up-to-date Club news.

Duplicate Bridge Winners for February

by Ian Feltham

February 2: Darrell Fett/Bruce Schmitz, first; Dick Ostlund/Ted Wurtz, second; Ralph Phillips/Lois Ruggles third.

February 9: Ralph Phillips/Lois Ruggles, first; Eleanor Roden/Barbara Sexauer, second; Marilyn Elgin/Marilyn Linrothe, third.

February 16: North/South – Tom Stone/Ted Wurtz, first; Doris/Ian Feltham, second; Eleanor Roden/Barbara Sexauer, third. **East/West** – Darrell Fett/Bruce Schmitz, first; Robert MacNeal/Shirley Porter, second; Dan/Soozie Darrow, third.

February 23: North/South – David Hendrie/Ralph Stroy, first; Marilyn Linrothe/Marvin Segar, second; Darrell Fett/Bruce Schmitz, third.

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

Garden Club's Spring Plant Exchange and Salad Luncheon

Wednesday, April 8, the Bay Club doors will open at 11:00 a.m. for The Port Ludlow Garden Club (PLGC) Spring Plant Exchange and Salad Luncheon. Take your plants and seeds well labeled with a name and habitat, your salad to share, and your plate and utensils. The Garden Club hostesses will provide bread, butter, coffee, tea, water and dessert.

There will be a short business meeting followed by the salad buffet, with plenty of time to talk to others and find out what they brought to the exchange. This is one event where PLGC encourages non-members, and anyone who wants plants, to attend. These plants are great because they are already acclimated to our environment. It is also an opportunity to question local gardeners about what grows well here.

The exchange works as follows: Anyone who has brought a plant will have a few minutes to select one or two plants. The exchange is then opened for everyone to take as much as they can carry of everything. Any "orphan" plants left at the end of the day will be donated to Habitat for Humanity. If you have questions call Judy McLeod, 437-9276, or Elaine Starz-Brown, 437-9736.

April Hikes

Friday, April 3: Hansville Trails

This is an easy walk of 5 or 6 miles on the network of trails being developed in north Kitsap County. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange car pools 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. Plan our summer hikes and then enjoy dinner at the Bay Club. We will start at 5:00 p.m. Watch your e-mails for further information. If you have any questions, please call Dick Ullmann at 437-5010.

Friday, April 17: Lower Big Quilcene

A great spring outing that is an easy but long hike of 9.8 miles with a 700-foot elevation gain. Enjoy the trail along the tumbling Quilcene River through second growth forest and reforested clear cuts. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange car pools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, contact Bill Lane at 437-2044 or Don and Lynn Folson at 437-9251.

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.

Lunch at Josef's with the CEA

Enjoy a trip to Silverdale for lunch and shopping before the bridge closes. Join the Community Enrichment Alliance (CEA) for a delicious lunch at Josef's Waterfront Grill in the Silverdale Beach Hotel located at 3073 Northwest Bucklin Hill Road on **Thursday, April 23** at noon.



We will order our lunches in advance. Our choices are:

- Halibut fish & chips, \$12
- Joe's East Coast Panini Pastrami, \$10
- Deli Sandwich (turkey, ham or roast beef) and a cup of soup, \$9
- Western Cobb salad, \$12

Prepayment is not necessary, but reservations must be made no later than **Friday, April 17**, 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, please call Dee McConnell at 437-7648.

Port Ludlow Birding Group

by Stephen Cunliffe, Contributing Editor

Our March outing was in clear cold weather. It was just 29 degrees when we left Port Ludlow, and just 29 degrees when we arrived an hour later in Sequim! But the light was excellent, and the tides just right for looking at shorebirds and waterfowl. Highlights of the day were some early arrival Violet-green Swallows skimming over a frozen pond in fruitless pursuit of insects. We kept our fingers crossed that they would benefit from the warmer weather forecast for the following day. And our last sighting was of a splendid Peregrine Falcon, perched high above us and just as interested in the nearby ducks as we were, albeit with a different motive.

Our next outing will depart from the Harbormaster parking lot at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of **Tuesday, April 14**. With the changing season, we will turn our attention more to songbirds, which should be singing their heads off, dressed in their bright new breeding plumage. If you would like to come along, please contact Stephen Cunliffe, sjaycee@gmail.com.

Two days later, Admiralty Audubon will present a lecture by John Lockwood, who in 2006 took a six-month journey with his daughter across South America, from Santiago, Chile to Southern Brazil. Between them they took 19,000 photos, from which they have selected a presentation of birds in six different countries and multiple ecosystems, 7.00 p.m., **Thursday April 16**, at the Port Townsend Community Center.

Book Club April Selection

The House of the Spirits, the fabulous debut novel of revered writer, Isabel Allende, will be the topic of discussion for the Port Ludlow Book Club on **Tuesday, April 14**, 6:30 p.m. at the Bay Club. This epic tale, hailed around the world, tells the story of four generations of the Trueba family, focusing on its women and its overbearing patriarch.

The story is full of relationships, aspirations, triumphs, mind reading and love affairs. There is also political and social drama woven throughout the book. Although the country in which this story takes place is never named, the events correspond to social and political events that occurred in Chile through the 1960s.

This book is not only a great achievement, but also one that demands to be read. Savor this wonderful read and join us for a riveting discussion.

Questions? Call Martha Dawson, 437-4167. All are welcome.



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