

# Community Meetings

## RV Club Schedules Trips



*The Canadian Rockies were the RV Club's big destination in 2008.*

Photo by Peter Philips

Our Port Ludlow RV Club is off and running, anticipating another exciting year.

Destinations are Gig Harbor, Salt Creek County Park on the Strait of Juan de Fuca, Westport, WA, and Vancouver, B.C. The annual long trip will take

place in Oregon with stopping places in McMinnville, Cape Lookout State Park, Woahink Lake RV Resort in Florence, Prospect RV Park near Crater Lake and Scandia RV Park near Bend.

Everyone is welcome and all sizes of rigs are welcome, from tent-campers to van conversions to larger rigs. Join the group for lots of good times and a chance to make new friends and get re-acquainted with old ones, while enjoying our beautiful northwest.

For information about how to sign up for any of the trips, call John Walker at 437-5051 or Dan Clinkenbeard at 437-1020.

## Singles to Enjoy Parisian Bistro Dining

Singles, we will meet at 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, May 12**, in the Fireside Lounge at The Inn At Port Ludlow to enjoy another French Parisian-style dinner.

Instead of flying to Paris, you can save your money and join us for a delicious three-course meal for only \$19. You may choose the accompanying wine (two glasses) for only \$5 more. French style dining is a wonderful adventure and substitutions may be made if escargot is served again.

Please call our hostess Marg Ischer at 437-0917 by **Thursday, May 7** to make your reservation and let her know if you would like escargot—if it is on the menu that evening.

Invite your friends! Wear your nametag! Be prepared to have a great time and enjoy a wonderful meal!

## Artists' League Offers Sumi-e Demonstration

The ancient and flowing style of Sumi-e painting will be the focus of the May meeting of the Port Ludlow Artists' League, Wednesday, May 20, 1:00 p.m., at the Bay Club. Jeanette Best will demonstrate the minimalist style of Sumi-e, which distills principles of life and nature to a few brush strokes. The art of sumi painting dates back to 700 A.D., evolving from Chinese brush calligraphy. As an art form, calligraphy has existed since the Chinese invention of handmade paper in 105 A.D.

Jeanette will demonstrate the interaction of the brush, ink and water on the very absorbent rice paper. Chinese/Japanese water colors will also be demonstrated along with the triple loading of the brush. The audience will be encouraged to try the materials Jeanette has brought and demonstrated.

A member of the Puget Sound Sumi Association since 1997, Jeanette has studied sumi and coordinated workshops with sumi instructors for many years. She has traveled to China twice to experience the vistas so much a part of Oriental painting. Her paintings can be seen at the Port Townsend Gallery. She is currently Chairman of the Board of Northwind Arts Alliance and Director of Art Port Townsend.

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 at 437-7906, or at [plal9pres@gmail.com](mailto:plal9pres@gmail.com).

## Stamp and Paper Arts

The Port Ludlow Stamp and Paper Arts Group will meet next on **Wednesday, May 20**, 10:00 a.m., at the Bay Club.

This month one of our talented members will demonstrate an appealing technique to enliven our card production, suitable for stampers and cardmakers of all levels of experience.

Those interested in learning or teaching something to widen their/our artistic horizons may call Jeanne Mitchell at 437-7702 with questions and/or information.

## Garden Club Tour

Pack your lunch and tighten your seat belt! **Wednesday, May 13**, promises to be a special treat for Port Ludlow Garden Club members (PLGC). This is a trip not to be missed!

Chris Berg has agreed to share the beauty of his special garden and bonsai collection off Coyle Road, about thirty minutes from Port Ludlow. Chris's father, Warren, started the Warren Berg Garden fifty years ago. Warren, an airplane pilot, was fascinated with rhododendrons and began to collect seeds and cuttings from species of plants in China and Japan. His garden is world famous and people come from all over to see rare one-of-a-kind plants.

In 1995, Chris became interested in Japanese maples, conifers, and the art of bonsai. He has landscaped the original garden which now has over 300 bonsai plants.

Since parking space is limited, we will gather at the Bay Club at 10:00 a.m. to form car pools. We will drive to the Fire Station on South Point Road where we will meet Chris and follow him, caravan style, to his seaside exotic gardens. On the way, we will stop to see the landscaped gardens of John and Chris Burns.

Once we arrive at our destination, Chris will give us a tour. We will eat our lunch on the grounds or on the beach. After lunch, Chris will give a bonsai demonstration.

Wear comfortable shoes and dress warmly. Bring a lunch and beverage and be prepared for a special treat. You may bring a guest for a fee of \$5. Ladies, this is the one to share with your husbands. If you have questions, call Dee McConnell at 437-7648.

## First Wednesday Luncheon

Please join The First Wednesday Luncheon for "Spring into Summer—Bring the Outside In," by Dana Pointe Interiors. Dana Petrick will show us ideas for freshening up our homes after the long winter we have had this year. The Luncheon is at the Beach Club, **Wednesday, May 6** at 11:00 a.m. Please bring your new friends and neighbors and be sure to make your reservations. You may sign up at either the Bay or Beach Club by **Friday, May 1**, or you may contact Sandy Rooks at 437-0747 or [sandraroos@hotmail.com](mailto:sandraroos@hotmail.com) until **Monday, May 4**.

We would like to thank all the fashion show attendees in April for their very generous donations. We raised just under \$1,000 for the Food Bank. The Tri-Area Food Bank requested donation for **May** is cereal and/or crackers. Donations of cash or check made payable to the Tri-Area

Food Bank are welcome, as are all hygiene and paper products. Donations may also be left at either Club. They are picked up and delivered to the Food Bank regularly.

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

Our final luncheon **Wednesday, June 3** at the Bay Club. features the Port Ludlow Fire Department. They will update us on emergency preparedness and the new Cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

## March Duplicate Bridge Winners

by Ian Feltham

**March 2:** David Hendrie/Ralph Stroy, first; Marilyn Elgin/Ralph Phillips, second; Sandra Flaherty/Marge Wille, third.

**March 9:** Marilyn Elgin/Marvin Segar, first; David Hendrie/Ralph Stroy, second; Darrell Fett/Bruce Schmitz, third.

**March 16:** Tom Stone/Ted Wurtz, first; Pat Barlow/Marilyn Linrothe, second; Carol Land/Shirley Porter, third.

**March 23:** Dan and Soozie Darrow, first; Nancy McGillis/Cindy Olberding, second; Darrell Fett/Bruce Schmitz, third.

**March 30:** Sandra Flaherty/Marge Wille, first; Tom Stone/Ted Wurtz, second; Ralph Phillips/Lois Ruggles, 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.

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## May Hikes

### Friday, May 1: Maple Valley Trail/Dosewallips State Park

This is an easy walk of 5 or 6 miles on a network of trails in the State Park. Bring a lunch to enjoy by the river after the hike. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, contact Julia Blakeney Smith at 437-0638 or Bill Lane at 437-2044.

### Friday, May 15: Discovery Bay

On this easy hike we will explore and learn about some little-known trails in the Discovery Bay area. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, contact Mike Porter at 437-4101.

### Friday, May 29: Mt. Zion

This is a beautiful and moderate hike of approximately six miles with a modest elevation gain. At the top of the mountain there are glorious views of surrounding peaks, the water and the Cascades. Meet at the Bridge Deck at 8:30 a.m. to arrange carpools and get directions to the trailhead. For information, contact Bob or Jan Quick at 437-8126.

### 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.

## Computer Club News

### Second Annual "Freebie" Night

The computer is a marvelous invention. Every day we find new ways and tools with which to use it. Much of this software is free. The Port Ludlow Computer Club (PLCC) will spend an evening exploring how to find this free treasure trove of software and provide the Club's Top 10 Picks. This presentation is open to everyone in our community. Please join us on **Monday, May 11**, at the Bay Club. The excitement starts at 6:00 p.m. with the program beginning at 6:30 p.m.

If you are a Club member and would like to weigh in and vote on your favorite "free" software, log in to *PortLudlowToday.com* and go to the Computer Club. You will find an icon called "Survey-Best Free Software." It will only take you a few moments to vote, so let's hear from you. We will announce the winners of the survey during the meeting. See you there!

- Windows Live SIG meets **Monday, May 4**, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Mac SIG is **Thursday, May 7**, 6:00–7:30 p.m.

- Special Topics SIG is **Monday, May 18**, 10:30 a.m.–noon
- Mac SIG meets **Monday, May 18**, 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- Pro Show Gold SIG will meet **Thursday, May 21**, 1:00–3:00 p.m.
- Photography SIG meets **Monday, May 25**, 10:30 a.m.–noon.

Workshops are held every **Saturday** morning 10:30 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](mailto:zither@cablespeed.com). Check the website at [www.pl-cc.com](http://www.pl-cc.com) for up-to-date Club news.

## Port Ludlow Book Club for May

*The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter* created a literary sensation when first published in 1940. This debut novel by Carson McCullers skyrocketed to the top of the bestseller list that same year, and now enjoys a spot on Time Magazine's 100 Best English-language novels from 1923 to the present. On **Tuesday, May 12**, 6:30 p.m., at the Bay Club, join the Book Club to discuss this compassionate and endearing novel. This is a story that evolves in a small southern town, focusing on a group of rejected, forgotten, mistreated and oppressed individuals. At the center is John Singer, a deaf-mute who becomes a confidant for the group of misfits and its heroine, Mick Kelly, an adolescent girl wise beyond her years, searching for her place in a small Georgia town that has little to offer such a developed mind and spirit.

This book is true literature. Read it for the first time or revisit this tale of moral isolation and racial tensions which peeks into its characters' deepest thoughts and actions. You will not be disappointed.

The book selection for June is *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows. Everyone is welcome. Questions? Call Martha Dawson at 437-4167.

## Buy "Forever Stamps" Now and Save

The price of a first-class stamp will go up by 2 cents to 44 cents on **Monday, May 11**, and several other rates also will go up. First class, two-ounce letters will cost 61 cents; three ounces, 78 cents. Postcards will increase just one cent to 28 cents.

If you purchase "forever stamps" now before **Monday, May 11** at 42 cents each, they can be used without additional postage even after that date.

## Dine and Discover Season Finale

On **Monday, May 4**, at the Bay Club, the final Dine and Discover event for the season will feature famed Hollywood producer Robert L. Rosen, who will take us on a journey through his 45 years of achievements in words and film 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 Five-0*, with actors including Elvis Presley, Frank Sinatra, John Wayne, Jack Lemmon and many more. Call the Bay Club to sign up.

Bring a potluck dish to serve at least 10 persons, 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 Bay Club so that others on the waiting list can be accommodated.

This will conclude the Dine and Discover presentations for this season. The programs will resume shortly before Labor Day.

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