

Arts and Entertainment

This section features news on Port Ludlow arts and entertainment events as well as a performing arts calendar for Jefferson, Clallam and Kitsap Counties. Submit news and calendar items to Beverly Rothenborg, editor, at bevrothenborg@waypoint.com by the 10th of the preceding month.

Peninsula Pleasures!

by Bev Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

As I write this early in April, daffodils are in full bloom, the early rhodies have started to show their colors and I've brought branches of fragrant plum blossoms and forsythia into the house. The Olympics are still capped with snow and are so beautiful looming in the distance behind the green farms and grazing animals along Beaver Valley Road that I have difficulty keeping my eyes on the road!

Well, the date has finally arrived for the Bridge closure! After hearing about it for three years or so and putting it out of mind, I can no longer do so. Am I worried? Not at all! **May** is a beautiful month, and there are so many things to do close to home. My Performing Arts Calendar may look sparse since I only included events on the Peninsula, but don't be dismayed.

All the farmers' markets will be displaying their wares beginning in **May**—Port Ludlow, Chimacum and Port Townsend. (Have you discovered Debbie Meyer Green Bags? They are sold at QFC and really do keep all of that produce fresh.) There are arts and crafts fairs to attend—one at our own Community Church.

Gwendolyn Moore is continuing her Coffee Concerts every **Monday and Tuesday** for the foreseeable future. Call 385-3626 for reservations. The Rawsons will be performing music by a lesser-known Frenchman. There's chamber music and/or an underground tour (ask Hilda and Michael Cahn who took a group) in Port Angeles. You could fit in both on the same trip and even drive up to Hurricane Ridge between the two events. Who needs to go to Pioneer Square to see an underground?

The owner of one of my favorite places, On Common Grounds in Chimacum, contacted me to say she is now open until 7:00 p.m. daily. They are offering more items for dinner take-out since we won't be going to Central Market for awhile. Everything is fresh and tasty!

I was planning to try the foot ferry to Lofall, but there's so much to do here I'm reconsidering! Happy springtime, everybody.

Concert Benefits Animal Sanctuary

A concert on **Sunday, May 17, 3:30-5:30 p.m.**, will benefit Second Chance Ranch of Jefferson County, a non-profit no-kill animal rescue sanctuary. The concert, to be held at Wheeler Theater in Port Townsend's Fort Worden State Park, will feature Linda Gentile, a world-renowned pianist and entertainer. She will perform a collection of music especially chosen for the Ranch. Linda's world-renowned entertaining style is clearly reminiscent of her mentor and friend, Liberace. For more information about her, go to her website www.lindagentille.com.



Pianist extraordinaire Linda Gentile.

Courtesy photo

Local favorite Andy Mackie and Friends will also be included on the program along with the Rhythm Ride Band, playing original acoustic music. Prices for tickets are \$15 in advance, \$20 at the door and \$5 for children. Advance tickets can be purchased at Bonita's Four Legged Friends Pet Store and Quimper Sound Music in Port Townsend and Dream City Café opposite the Airport. Tickets may also be purchased online at asecondchanceranch.org. For more information call 360-765-0598.

The mission of Second Chance Ranch is a commitment to providing safe harbor and rehabilitation for domesticated animals, thereby decreasing the need for euthanasia. They are a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization, and may be contacted at the above website.

Listen to Great Music While Volunteering

Olympic Music Festival's (OMF) 26th anniversary season of Concerts in the Barn begins **Saturday, June 27**, with beautiful chamber music every weekend for eleven weeks. You can be part of the enjoyment by volunteering for one of the fun jobs available. You may help with a partner or a friend and you may commit for as many days as you wish. The day that you volunteer you will receive a free ticket and a reserved seat inside the barn for the concert.

Some of the jobs available are box office assistance, ticket taker, barn usher, concession seller (souvenirs, snacks, box lunches and beverages) and recycling monitor. Contact the OMF office by calling 732-4800 or e-mailing kristin@olympicmusicfestival.org. You will receive a packet containing a volunteer application.

Are you new to the community and aren't sure what OMF is all about? Have you always meant to attend but just haven't gotten around to it? This is a great way to experience one of the Olympic Peninsula's summertime joys! Come spend an afternoon in a lovely farm environment and experience world-class musicians performing beautiful chamber music!

Art Wave and Annual Chair Affair

The Port Townsend (PT) Main Street Program is collaborating with PT Artscape to present "Art Wave"—a month-long exhibit of children's art in over 40 stores throughout Port Townsend beginning **Friday, May 1**.

"The Chair Affair" takes place **Saturday, May 2**, 5:00-8:00 p.m., on the second floor of the Mount Baker Block Building, 211 Taylor Street. Admission is free. This event showcases vintage chairs that have been transformed by local artists into one-of-a-kind artworks to benefit the Arts in Education program for students of the Port Townsend School District.

The Bruce Cowan Trio will provide music featuring classic songs of the '30s and '40s at "The Chair Affair." Local businesses have donated refreshments and student art will be on display. Last year, over 200 guests attended and nearly every chair was sold, raising \$6,000 for arts education programs.

For further information, go to www.ptmainstreet.org.

A Documentary: Talking Heads

Who are you? What do you want out of life?

Come see your friends and neighbors when this new documentary is shown on the big screen. Stay for a discussion afterwards. Out of 300 interviews, Kristina Whipple and Gabe Van Lelyveld chose 50 for this documentary. It took nine months to make, and the interviews range from children to elders.

The film runs about 20 minutes, is free, and open to the public with donations accepted. Snacks and light refreshments are provided. The event is sponsored by the Port Townsend Arts Commission. Upcoming screenings will be shown on the following dates and places:

Saturday, May 2, 6:00 p.m., at the Port Townsend Community Center, 620 Tyler Street.

Saturday, May 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Quimper Unitarian Church, 2333 San Juan Avenue, Port Townsend.

Friday, May 15, 7:00 p.m., at Washington State University (WSU) Extension, Shold Business Park, Port Hadlock.

Go to www.talkingheadsdocumentary.com for more information.

The Sinatra Project

Trips with Barbara is offering a bus trip to Seattle to attend The Sinatra Project concert on **Thursday, July 16**, 7:30 p.m., at Benaroya Hall. Michael Feinstein and his 17-piece band will perform a tribute to Ol' Blue Eyes, Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole and Rosemary Clooney.

The cost of \$85 includes bus transportation, concert tickets and ferry fees. If there are Port Ludlow guests, bus pick-up will be at the Gateway Visitors Center at 2:50 p.m. with Seattle arrival around 5:00 p.m. Dinner is on your own with terrific restaurants all around the concert hall. Deadline is **Friday, May 1**, for reservations.

Send checks to Barbara Hutter at P. O. Box 1634, Sequim, WA 98382. She may be reached at 360-683-4743 or by e-mail at tripswithb@olympen.com.

Check

JeffConnections.com for Hood Canal Bridge and other transportation info.
Daily updates.

Chateau Pierné

by Beverly Rothenborg, Arts and Entertainment Editor

The Rawson Duo performing on violin and piano transforms their home to the Chateau Pierné (with a hint of Cabernet Franck and a visit to the Follies) at this concert featuring the music of Gabriel Pierné on **Friday, May 22 and Sunday, May 24** at 2:00 p.m., both days. Pierné was the organist successor to the great Cesar Franck, premier conductor of Stravinsky's *Firebird* ballet, composer and performer. His life and work embraced the thriving musical scene of Paris in the late 1800s and early 1900s. His *Violin Sonata, Opus 36*, will be included in this program. The Follies referred to above is his *Impressions de Music-Hall, Opus 47*, a colorful and sparkling mix of girls, clowns, eccentrics and lots of table wine needed for the slapstick, hyper-technical feats.

Seating is by an advanced paid reservation of \$20 mailed to Dr. Alan Rawson at 10318 Rhody Drive, Chimacum 98325. Contact Alan or Sandy Rawson via e-mail at rawson@waypoint.com or by telephone at 379-3449.

Editor's Note: Sandy Rawson is a trained gourmet chef and undoubtedly will serve some delectable French delicacies complemented by a selection of wines. I'm not sure about that Cabernet Franck? We'll see!

Subscriber Ticket Campaign Launched

The Arts Council released a "sneak preview" of its 2009-2010 Performing Arts in Port Ludlow program lineup at the final concert of this year's series in April. Season subscribers are guaranteed tickets for all the shows as long as they renew by **Tuesday, June 30**. Only 100 season subscriptions will be sold. Subscribers receive several benefits, enjoy guaranteed center section seating, and know they will have tickets to sold-out performances.

For an opportunity to purchase any remaining subscriptions, priority request forms are available at the Bay Club. Despite the tight economy and higher fees for performers, the Arts Council is holding the line on ticket pricing. Subscriptions are still priced at \$122.50 for all seven concerts, a \$2.50 saving over the \$20 individual ticket price for a total saving of \$17.50. Flex Passes and individual tickets will again be sold approximately one month before each concert.

To renew or get on the priority waiting list, send a self-addressed, stamped envelope (S.A.S.E.) with your check to P. O. Box 65210, Port Ludlow, WA 98365 before the **June 30** deadline. At the same time, consider including a

contribution to the Port Ludlow Arts Council, a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation. All contributions are tax deductible. Subscriber tickets will be mailed on **Saturday, August 1**. For further information or to request a flyer describing the full series, send e-mail to jenpl@olyphen.com.

Performing Arts Calendar

Friday and Saturday, May 1 and 2

Birnam Woods takes place in a small town in Indiana where Janice just wants something to happen, so when her husband does some consulting for a mysterious organization, is it a global think tank or a cover for a terrorist network? 8:00 p.m., Key City Public Theatre, Port Townsend, 385-7396, www.keycitypublictheatre.org.

Saturday, May 2

See your friends and neighbors when the documentary *Talking Heads* is shown at the Port Townsend Community Center, 6:00 p.m., free, www.talkingheadsdocumentary.com.

Friday, May 8

The Chamber Music Society of Port Townsend offers a concert of music by Mozart, Kodaly and Brahms, 7:30 p.m., Quimper Unitarian Fellowship Hall, Port Townsend, www.ptguide.com.

Saturday, May 9

The documentary *Talking Heads* features interviews with 50 people from kids to elders, Quimper Unitarian Church, 6:30 p.m., free, www.talkingheadsdocumentary.com.

Wednesday, May 13

Jefferson County Library's Inquiring Mind series continues with *The Life and Times of Judge James G. Swan*, 6:30 p.m., Port Hadlock, 385-6544, www.jclibrary.info.

Friday, May 15

Screening and discussion of the documentary *Talking Heads*, 7:00 p.m., WSU Extension, Shold Business Park, Port Hadlock, free, www.talkingheadsdocumentary.com.

Friday and Saturday, May 15 and 16

The Chamber Orchestra Series offers works written for smaller musical ensembles in a more intimate setting. This concert includes Handel's *Concerto for Harp and Orchestra*, also Haydn, Herbert and Holst, aka The 4-H Club, 7:30 p.m., Friday at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Port Angeles and Saturday at Sequim Worship Center, 360-457-5579, www.olyphen.com/pasymphony.

Friday and Sunday, May 22 and 24

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