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This wildfire on Nelson Island received a quick response from the BC Wildfire Service on June 23. More photos on p. 9. (Alan Stewart photo)

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editorial

Community hall roof mystery: Solved!



Brian Lee

Renovations on the Pender Harbour Community Hall recently unearthed a 50-year-old puzzle.

After removing the green metal roof, a cryptic pattern of asphalt roofing shingles was revealed underneath.

Most who lived here in the 1980s recall the large arrow (see below) and its uncovering has stirred many theories attempting to explain its meaning.

Some say it provided guidance for migrating birds flying south or that it directed air ambulance choppers to the health centre.

Others claim it was “part of Canada’s defence against Soviet bombers” and encouraged them to keep flying south, or simply pointed “this way” to the Oak Tree Market.

It turns out it was none of these.

In 1977 the hall badly needed renovating and a new roof.

Former Pender Harbour Secondary teacher Jane McOuat (not “McQuat,” as many mistakenly spell her name) had recently moved here with her late partner James Downey.

According to McOuat, the P. H. Community Club’s finances were extremely limited but they successfully applied for a grant intended to provide work for the unemployed.

With a tight budget, a small crew, including Downey and McOuat, were hired to undertake painting of the kitchen cabinets, apply wood paneling to the interior walls and ceiling of the

hall and to install a new roof.

Downey took the lead in planning the project and set about finding ways to cut costs.

McOuat told the *Harbour Spiel* that “It was scrimp, scrimp, scrimp,” as they sought deals for every scrap of material required.

Rather than purchasing expensive cured lumber, they sourced freshly-milled, green lumber for the interior walls and ceiling that required drying in the bar area before it could be installed.

And they found a terrific deal on black roofing shingles.

Unfortunately, they could only source enough of the black shingles to complete a portion of the roof.

They were in no position to refuse when offered the same price for a stack of an alternate colour — red.

They considered installing the different coloured shingles together in sections so most of the roof would be black with one brown section.

But this was 1978 and that would be boring.

Instead, Downey created the pattern that has had people scratching their heads for close to 50 years.

McOuat says the inspiration for the south-pointing arrow came after a hectic summer tourist season.

The arrow aimed to direct our beloved visitors back to the highway and to hasten their journey home.

It didn’t work, but McOuat says they were able complete the job \$1,000 under budget.



Alain Catteau

During recent renovations of the Pender Harbour Community Hall, the old roof, and a new mystery, was uncovered. Many recall this cryptic roofing design on the hall in the late 1970s and 1980s but few could recall the story of how it got there. Until now.

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Friday Aug. 7 to Sunday, Aug. 9

You will want to come out for all three days as Pender Harbour celebrates boats and the people who make up its maritime tradition. The show kicks off with a boat parade Friday night. All welcome (muster off Madeira Park government wharf at 5 p.m.).

Saturday and Sunday wake at 8 a.m. with breakfast sandwiches at the Madeira Park government dock before the day kicks in with a variety of music, food, heritage boat and exhibits from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Don't miss the speaker's series at 11 a.m. both days featuring *Trading Fate: How a Little Known Company Stopped BC from Becoming an American State* author Graeme Menzies (Saturday) and Eden Murray's efforts restoring the Allen Farrell-built *China Cloud* (Sunday).

PENDER HARBOUR ROTARY SHOW AND SHINE:

Sunday, Aug. 9, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Celebrating 21 years this year, the Rotary Club of Pender Harbour's annual "show and shine" includes gorgeous cars, trucks and motorcycles on display at the Royal Canadian Legion 112 in Madeira Park. There will be plenty of food available, a 50/50 draw and don't forget to take part in voting for "people's choice" awards. All proceeds will go to Rotary community projects in the Harbour.

EARLY JAPANESE-CANADIAN FAMILIES OF PENDER HARBOUR: Aug. 14, 22 and 29, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

It's almost over — don't miss it. You are invited by the P. H. Living Heritage Society to explore the history of early Japanese-Canadian families in Pender Harbour, including stories of the Ikeda, Kayahara and Kawasaki families who lived in Pender Harbour before 1942. The exhibit is open Saturday, Aug. 22 and 29 and Friday, Aug. 14 at the Sarah Wray Hall (4334 Irvines Landing Road).

PENDER HARBOUR HEALTH CENTRE 50TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION:

Saturday, Aug. 15, 1 to 4 p.m.

The Pender Harbour Health Centre will host its 50th anniversary celebration on Saturday, Aug. 15, at the Pender Harbour Health Centre in Madeira Park.

This event will celebrate 50 years of providing health and wellness programs and support to the Pender Harbour community. The celebration will include guest speakers, tours of the health centre, and opportunities to connect with staff and directors. They will also officially open the new Primary Care Wing, renovated in 2025 with generous community support.

Changing winds highlight 37th annual Malaspina Regatta

submitted

What began as a test of patience ended as a test of skill as the 37th annual Malaspina Regatta unfolded on June 20.

Hosted by the Garden Bay Sailing Club, this year's regatta saw 23 boats and their crews take to the waters of Malaspina Strait under virtually windless conditions.

But the breeze steadily built, eventually reaching a stiff 20-knot wind and transforming the race course into an entirely different challenge.

While most of the boats in this year's regatta were local entries, the fleet also included notable visitors.

Among them was the Vancouver-based *Cheeky Monkey*, which recently made sailing headlines by breaking the long-standing Swiftsure Lightship Classic race record by more than two hours — an extraordinary accomplishment in one of the Pacific Northwest's premier offshore races.

Its presence added another dimension to an already highly competitive fleet.

The prestigious Legion Cup for first boat across the finish line was captured by *TNT 34*, skippered by Jerzy Kostanski.

Overall honours on corrected time went to *Comfortably Numb*, skippered by Geoff Chambers, whose strong performance earned the regatta's top trophy.

The following are the major award winners:

OVERALL WINNER ON CORRECTED TIME

Comfortably Numb (skippered by Geoff Chambers).

LEGION CUP (FIRST BOAT



Garden Bay Sailing Club

The start of the 37th Malaspina Regatta looking quite civilized. But things would change.

ACROSS THE FINISH LINE)

TNT 34 (skippered by Jerzy Kostanski).

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DIVISION 1 (50–105 RATING)

Elua Makani (skippered by Sean McAllister).

DIVISION 2 (106–165 RATING)

Comfortably Numb (skippered by Geoff Chambers).

DIVISION 3 (166–195 RATING)

Imagine (skippered by Alain Coteau.)

DIVISION 4 (196 AND GREATER)

Allegro (skippered by Ron Badley).

As sailors gathered ashore following the awards presentation, there was a shared appreciation for the vol-

unteers who made the event possible and for another memorable day on the waters of Malaspina Strait.

For a small coastal community, Pender Harbour continues to punch well above its weight in the sailing world, producing a fleet and a sailing culture that would be the envy of many much larger centres.

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LEGION LOOKS TO UPDATE ZONING AND LIQUOR LICENCE

The Royal Canadian Legion no. 112 is applying to change its liquor licence from “liquor primary club” to “liquor primary” in order to modernize its operation.

“We want to bring our licence up to date and to do it we had to rezone at the same time because everything was issued back in 1955,” said Royal Canadian Legion No. 112 president Bob Baker.

“Basically, what it means is that instead of having to sign in, everybody’s welcome.”

The application required a rezoning application to amend the Egmont/Pender Harbour official community plan and zoning bylaw 337.

Baker told the *Harbour Spiel* that Royal Canadian Legions across the country, including Sechelt, have undertaken similar licensing and rezoning updates to allow them to align with modern business practices.

Because of their “club” designation, many Legions are forbidden to advertise to the public because, technically, non-members can’t enter without being accompanied by a member.

If the application is successful, Baker said the sign-in book at the entrance will be gone.

The application will also allow the Legion to extend its service hours to 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily.

Its current hours are restricted to 11 a.m. to 1 a.m. Monday to Saturday and 11 a.m. to midnight on Sundays.

So far, the application has received support from the Area A advisory planning commission and on July 16, the SCR D electoral area services committee gave its support and recommended staff schedule a public hearing to consider OCP amendment bylaw 708.3 and zoning amendment bylaw No. 337.124.

MAD PARK ART MOVES INTO FORMER BOOKSTORE SPACE

The Loon Foundation has announced it has closed Madeira Park’s Earthfair Bookstore effective June 20.

Replacing the foundation-operated store will be Mad Park Art.

Described as a “vibrant community arts hub,” Mad Park Art was formerly located in the building beside the Madeira Park Post Office.

According to a June 23 Loon Foundation statement, Mad Park Art officially took over the space on July 1, “with both organizations planning a summer of collaborative program-

ming, workshops, exhibitions, and community events in the storefront and the neighbouring Tranquility Garden.”

“While closing the EarthFair Store was a difficult decision, this new partnership allows us to continue connecting with our community in meaningful new ways,” said Lana Brandt, executive director of the Loon Foundation.

“The space will be transformed into something inclusive and accessible for everyone; it will help inspire imagination, creativity, and a deeper appreciation for the natural world.”

photojournal



submitted

On the morning of June 22, during a hot, windy dry spell, Logan and Pete Nattall spotted smoke coming from the Mt. Daniel side of Garden Bay Lake. When they got over there, they found this smouldering fire. The two quickly put it out and averted what might have been a disaster.



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Alan Stewart photos

A wildfire at this Nelson Island property (north of Green Bay in Agamemnon Channel) received a quick response from the BC Wildfire Service on June 23. Initially listed as 'out of control' and 4 hectares, by the next day, the size had dropped to 2.7 hectares and was downlisted to 'being held.' Fortunately, persistent rains in the following days after these shots were taken helped snuff the fire.

Back to the future: Our pool



Leonard Lee
Area A director, SCRD

To address the staff shortage resulting in closures at the Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre, the SCRD established a formal aquatics coordinator position as advertised as Competition #V2016, and we'll keep you posted on the results.

This is a full-time, onsite, operational leadership role at PHAFC that includes overseeing the facility operations, program development, staff supervision, training, lifeguarding, community engagement and participating in related events and meetings.

This job is very much like what Deb Cole did so well at PHAFC for so many years as head lifeguard, but we failed to formalize and fully restore

her position after she retired.

I hope and trust that our new staff position will return the PHAFC to the good old days when the pool was open when expected and everyone was happy about it.

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Volumetric billing conserves water by detecting leaks and discouraging residents from excessive use, and although purchase, installation, management and billing of a metering system is initially expensive, in the long run it saves us money and reduces our use of natural resources, which helps mitigate some of our climate change challenges.

The three-phase SCRD water metering program is funded by participants in each water service area.

Phase one — meter installations

in North and South Pender Harbour water service areas in 2014-2015.

Phase two — installations in Halfmoon Bay, Egmont, Earls Cove, Roberts Creek, Elphinstone and West Howe Sound (excluding Hopkins Landing) in 2016-2018.

Phase three — 4,300 installations in the District of Sechelt and 50 more in Egmont, Earls Cove and other rural areas will be completed this year with a budget increase of \$1.123 million, upping the total project cost to \$13,123,177.

North and South Pender meter installation is complete so the costs are already in our fees, and participants of the regional system will see their increase in 2027.

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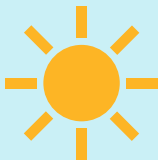
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and volumetric billing will begin on all SCRD water properties by Jan. 1.

In 2028, armed with more data, the SCRD will revisit volumetric billing to evaluate the expectation that most customers can reduce their quarterly base consumption allowance of 46 m3.

Better data will also enable us to do a better job of infrastructure planning, and find ways to offer a lower per meter rate for backyard gardeners to increase local food security.

VOLUMETRIC BILLING

We are tracking well to meet the cost forecast for the budget cycle and for the reductions in water use forecast from meter-driven leak detection and volumetric billing.

Water usage charges increase in summer, primarily driven by outdoor use such as watering lawns and gardens, washing cars and boats, pool and hot tub filling and maintenance and pressure-washing outdoor features like driveways, siding and fences.

Two quarters of volumetric billing indicate that about 45 per cent of homeowners are below our base charge and will enjoy a decrease from the old flat rate bills (\$1,000 for North Pender and \$925 for South Pender).

The costs of SCRD water and sewer services are charged via utility bills to support operating costs, maintenance and eventual infrastructure upgrades and replacement.

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SCRD water service areas and every quarter to North and South Pender water service areas.

Every property owner in every SCRD water service area is also billed once a year by way of a line item (“Land Charge – NPH WTR”) on their provincial property tax notice.

This parcel tax is levied on all

properties with access to the service, regardless of whether they choose to connect to it and use it.

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Sunshine Coast writer's festival: There's still tix for four top picks

*With files from Sunshine Coast Writers
Festival program*

It's too late to get tickets for some of the talent appearing at the 44th running of the Sunshine Coast Writer's Festival of the Written Arts.

But do not despair because here are four authors who are not only exceptional at their craft but promise an entertaining appearance at Sechelt's Rockwood Centre.

But hurry, because they too will likely sell out before opening night on Aug. 13.

BETTY BAXTER

Friday, Aug. 14, 10 a.m.

Betty Baxter's 2026 memoir, *Outspoken: A Journey from Olympic Athlete to Activist*, is a deeply personal account of her struggles against the discrimination, scrutiny and systemic inequities



Betty Baxter

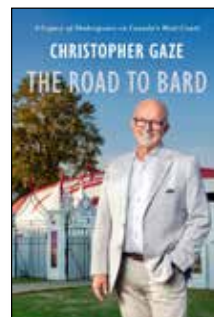
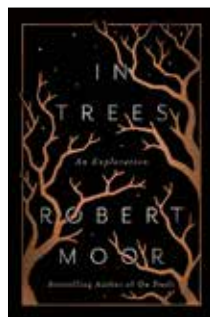
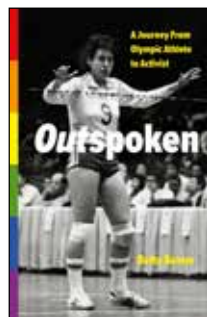
she faced as a young elite level athlete and coach in 1970s and 1980s Canada, charting the beginnings of her activist path.

Baxter

was born in 1952 in Brooks, Alta.

Prior to turning 30, she played Olympic volleyball and was one of the rare women to coach the sport internationally.

She was a member of the National Advisory Council on Fitness and Amateur Sport (1977–79), a founder of Canadian Women and Sport (1981), and initiated the National Coaching School for Women (1987).



Following her expulsion as Canada's national coach in 1982, she became an outspoken activist for LG-BTQ+ community and human rights.

In 1993, she was the first open lesbian to seek federal office in Vancouver Centre and in 2011 she was elected to her local school board, serving two terms.

Her essay "Homophobia: Hypocrisy and Power Abuse" appeared in *Playing It Forward: 50 Years of Women and Sport in Canada*, published by Second Story Press in 2014.

Baxter has published short non-fiction in online journals, Canadian Horse Journal and the anthology, *Potato Soup Journal: Best of 2022*.

ROBERT MOOR

Saturday, Aug. 15, 10 a.m.

Over a decade-long, globe-spanning quest, Robert Moor sought the

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Translated into more than a dozen languages, *On Trails* won the National Outdoor book award, the Pacific Northwest book award and the William Saroyan international prize.

His writing has appeared in *The New Yorker*, *The Atlantic*, *Harpers*, *New York magazine*, *Outside*, *Emergence* and *n+1*, among other publications.

Moor lives in Half-moon Bay.

CHRISTOPHER GAZE

Saturday, Aug. 15,
6:30 p.m.

In his memoir, *The Road to Bard*, Bard on the Beach founder Christopher Gaze recounts a life in the theatre, sharing vivid stories of acting, fundraising, leadership and community building, revealing with warmth and humour how a bold vision grew into one of Canada’s great theatre companies.

Gaze is best known as



Robert Moor

the founder and artistic director of Bard on the Beach Shakespeare festival, which celebrates its 37th season in 2026.

He hosts the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra’s popular “Tea and Trumpets” series and also their annual traditional Christmas concerts.

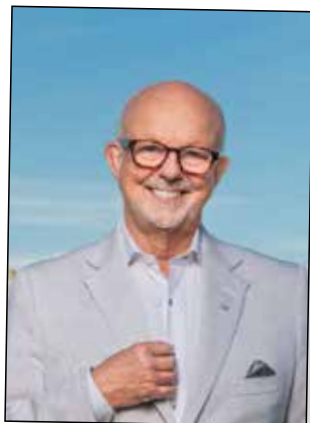
Gaze plays a lead-

ing role in British Columbia as an advocate for the arts in general and his passionate dedication to Bard on the Beach has fuelled its growth into one of the largest professional theatre companies in Canada, drawing a total of well over two million patrons since 1990.

His many honours include Canada’s Meritorious Service Medal, honorary doctorates from UBC and SFU, the mayor’s arts award for theatre, the Order of British Columbia and most recently, the King Charles III Coronation Medal.

His memoir, *The Road to Bard*, was published

in 2026.



Christopher Gaze



Charles Demers

CHARLES DEMERS

Sunday, Aug. 16, 1:30 p.m.

Charles Demers is a stand-up comedian, author, playwright, speech-writer, and voice actor.

With over 60 appearances as a writer-performer on CBC radio’s *The Debaters*, he is a touring headliner whose first stand-up al-

bum “Fatherland,” from 604 Records, was nominated for the 2018 Juno for best comedy album.

He is the author of three plays and seven books, including the crime satire *Property Values*, which was optioned by Pioneer Pictures of Los Angeles and for which he co-wrote the screen adaptation.

He is a former lecturer in creative writing at the University of British Columbia, and the editor-curator of Robin’s Egg Books.

He has opened for Sarah Silverman, Bob Odenkirk and Marc Maron, also appearing as a featured guest on the latter’s popular podcast WTF.

He also provides the voice of “Poutine” on Will Arnett’s patriotic superhero send-up *Super Team Canada*.

Demers lives in East Vancouver with his wife, their two children and a dog.

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- ☐ c. Lowes Resort
- ☐ d. Garden Bay Resort

2. What is the name of the fjord popular with boaters found at the end of Jervis Inlet?

- ☐ a. Princess Louisa Inlet
- ☐ b. Princess Margaret Inlet
- ☐ c. Princess Victoria Inlet
- ☐ d. Princess Charlotte Inlet

3. What is the highest grossing movie of all time?

- ☐ a. The Lion King (2019)
- ☐ b. Titanic (1997)
- ☐ c. Star Wars: The Force Awakens (2015)
- ☐ d. Avatar (2009)

4. Someone who measures and grades timber to determine its volume and commercial value.

- ☐ a. choker
- ☐ b. skidder
- ☐ c. scaler
- ☐ d. yarder

5. Endangered bird at the centre of Spipyus Park (Caren Range) creation in 1999?

- ☐ a. Marbled murrelet
- ☐ b. Black swift
- ☐ c. Western screech-owl
- ☐ d. Long-billed curlew

6. Where is West Lake?

- ☐ a. Halfmoon Bay
- ☐ b. Egmont
- ☐ c. Nelson Island
- ☐ d. Garden Bay

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Four-plus: **Local**

Two-plus: **Newbie**

Less than two: **Townie**



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Joy Ellert

JULY 6, 1952 — JUNE 11, 2026



Joy Ellert died peacefully on June 11 in Sechelt at the age of 73 after a battle with cancer.

Born on July 6, 1952, in Calgary, Ellert spent her early years in Calgary, where she met the love of her life, Grant Ellert.

The two were married for 47 wonderful years and built a life filled with adventure, laughter and cherished memories.

After marrying in 1979, the couple, along with their son Jason, began a new chapter in Edmonton.

Their family was completed in 1980 with the arrival of their daughter, Jolene.

In 1998, they followed their dream of coastal living and moved to

Madeira Park.

There, they embraced the lifestyle they loved, spending countless hours boating, fishing and enjoying the beauty of the ocean.

During her years on the Sunshine Coast, Ellert became a valued member of the Oak Tree Market family where she worked alongside her beloved “boys,” Richard and Dave, for many years.

Through her work, she formed lasting friendships and became a familiar and cherished face within the community.

Ellert had a gift for making people feel welcome and valued and she took a genuine interest in everyone she met.

She approached everything she did with passion and care.

Whether she was cooking a meal, fishing on the water, helping a friend, or spending time with her family, she gave her whole heart.

She was known for her kindness, generosity, strength and unwavering willingness to help others.

Her greatest joy in life was her family, whom she loved deeply and

unconditionally.

Ellert leaves behind her devoted husband, Grant Ellert; her children, Jason Ellert (Christina) and Jolene Edwards (Chris); and her treasured grandchildren — Gavin Edwards, Amelia Edwards and Julia Ellert.

She is also survived by her sister, Joanne Nickiford (Lloyd) and her nieces, Amey Workun (Chad), Della Nania, Shara Masiuk (Gordon) and Norra Mirosevic (Del).

Ellert was predeceased by her parents, Philip and Verda Nickiford, her sisters Jean Stauffer and June Bradford and her nephew, Philip Nickiford.

Ellert’s warmth, compassion and love touched the lives of many.

She will be deeply missed by her family, friends and all who had the privilege of knowing her.

A celebration of life will be held at the Lions Park on Saturday, Sept. 26, from 1 to 3 p.m.

OBITUARIES: The *Harbour Spiel* publishes obituaries without charge to recognize and record those who lived in Pender Harbour and Egmont. Submissions must be timely, include the date of birth and date of death and be submitted in a digital format. All submissions will be edited for length and adherence to Canadian Press style and to remove first-person and personal messages as required to maintain editorial consistency.

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Isla Mackay and Kalen Zayshey (r) bestow the ceremonial Key of Knowledge to Grade 11 students Beatrix Joseph (l) and Danielle McClellan.

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Local health matters

PHHC to host 50th anniversary celebration on Aug. 15

In 1974, after the hospital moved to Sechelt, the Pender Harbour community came together to address the need for local health and wellness services.

This effort led to the creation of the Pender Harbour and District Health Centre Society.

With strong community support, the society opened the Pender Harbour Health Centre in 1976, and it has proudly served patients in Pender Harbour and surrounding communities for the past 50 years.

To celebrate this milestone, the Pender Harbour and District Health Centre Society board of directors invites you to a 50th anniversary celebration at the Health Centre on Aug. 15.

The event will include guest speakers, the official opening of the newly renovated Primary Care Wing, and guided tours of the Health Centre with PHHC leadership.

The celebration will also include light refreshments, cake, face painting and children's gift bags.



The Pender Harbour Health Centre Board of Directors extends heartfelt thanks to Sunshine Coast Financial for sponsoring this event.

Sunshine Coast Financial has been a long-standing partner and supporter of PHHC.

"The Health Centre plays a vital role in supporting the health and well-being of those living in Pender Harbour and surrounding communities," said Jodi Fichtner of Sunshine Coast Financial.

"We share this commitment to helping communities thrive, and we're pleased to support this milestone celebration.

"Congratulations to the entire team whose dedication has made PHHC an invaluable community resource for generations."

We look forward to welcoming you on Aug. 15 as we celebrate this historic milestone!



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*Guests may arrive beginning at 12:30 p.m.

- **1 p.m. – Welcome remarks and guest speakers.**
- **2 p.m. – Primary Care Wing opening.**
- **2:30 p.m. – Health Centre tours begin and will run every 30 minutes.**

*Please use the lower parking lot.

(Spaces at the front of the Health Centre will be reserved for guests with mobility challenges.)

pender harbour tides ~ august 2026

Cooler colour codes indicate lower tides. For kayaks and small boats accessing Canoe Pass (Beaver Island), these colour codes (right) indicate what should usually provide sufficient depth for passage. Note: variability occurs due to barometric pressure, wind conditions, etc.

Canoe Pass:



August	1AM	2AM	3AM	4AM	5AM	6AM	7AM	8AM	9AM	10AM	11AM	Noon	1PM	2PM	3PM	4PM	5PM	6PM	7PM	8PM	9PM	10PM	11PM	12AM
Sat 01	10.3	9.4	9.3	9.8	10.8	11.8	12.5	12.5	11.6	10.0	8.0	6.1	4.7	4.2	4.6	6.1	8.2	10.7	13.0	14.6	15.3	15.0	13.8	12.2
Sun 02	10.5	9.1	8.4	8.6	9.4	10.5	11.6	12.3	12.2	11.3	9.8	8.0	6.5	5.5	5.3	6.2	7.9	10.1	12.3	14.1	15.2	15.2	14.3	12.8
Mon 03	10.9	9.1	7.8	7.4	7.8	8.9	10.2	11.4	12.1	12.1	11.3	10.0	8.5	7.3	6.7	6.9	8.0	9.7	11.7	13.6	14.8	15.2	14.7	13.3
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Wed 12	11.3	12.1	13.1	13.8	13.8	12.9	11.0	8.5	5.9	3.6	2.0	1.5	2.2	4.1	6.7	9.7	12.5	14.6	15.6	15.4	14.4	13.0	11.4	10.3
Thu 13	10.0	10.5	11.5	12.7	13.6	13.7	12.8	11.0	8.5	6.0	3.8	2.5	2.3	3.4	5.5	8.2	11.2	13.7	15.3	15.7	15.1	13.6	11.8	10.2
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Tue 18	10.6	8.6	6.9	5.9	5.8	6.5	7.7	9.3	10.8	12.0	12.4	12.2	11.6	10.7	10.0	9.6	9.8	10.6	11.7	12.9	13.9	14.3	14.0	13.0
Wed 19	11.3	9.4	7.6	6.2	5.4	5.5	6.2	7.4	8.9	10.4	11.7	12.4	12.5	12.2	11.6	11.2	10.9	11.1	11.6	12.4	13.2	13.6	13.7	13.1
Thu 20	11.9	10.3	8.5	6.9	5.7	5.1	5.2	5.9	7.1	8.5	10.0	11.3	12.3	12.8	12.8	12.5	12.1	11.9	11.9	12.2	12.6	13.0	13.2	13.0
Fri 21	12.2	11.0	9.4	7.8	6.4	5.4	4.9	5.0	5.7	6.8	8.3	9.8	11.3	12.5	13.2	13.4	13.2	12.8	12.4	12.2	12.3	12.4	12.6	12.7
Sat 22	12.4	11.6	10.4	8.9	7.3	6.0	5.0	4.6	4.7	5.5	6.7	8.3	10.0	11.6	12.8	13.6	13.8	13.5	13.1	12.6	12.1	12.0	12.1	12.3
Sun 23	12.4	12.2	11.4	10.2	8.6	7.0	5.7	4.7	4.2	4.5	5.3	6.8	8.5	10.4	12.1	13.3	14.0	14.0	13.5	12.9	12.2	11.7	11.6	11.8
Mon 24	12.1	12.3	12.2	11.4	10.1	8.5	6.8	5.3	4.3	3.9	4.3	5.4	7.1	9.1	11.0	12.7	13.8	14.2	13.9	13.1	12.2	11.4	11.0	11.1
Tue 25	11.6	12.1	12.4	12.3	11.5	10.0	8.2	6.3	4.8	3.8	3.6	4.3	5.8	7.7	9.9	11.9	13.4	14.2	14.1	13.4	12.4	11.3	10.6	10.4
Wed 26	10.8	11.5	12.2	12.6	12.5	11.5	9.8	7.8	5.9	4.4	3.6	3.7	4.8	6.6	8.9	11.1	13.0	14.1	14.3	13.7	12.6	11.3	10.2	9.7
Thu 27	9.8	10.5	11.5	12.4	12.8	12.5	11.3	9.4	7.3	5.4	4.1	3.7	4.2	5.7	7.9	10.3	12.4	13.9	14.5	14.1	13.0	11.5	10.0	9.0
Fri 28	8.8	9.3	10.4	11.7	12.6	13.0	12.5	11.1	9.1	7.0	5.2	4.2	4.2	5.2	7.1	9.5	11.8	13.6	14.5	14.4	13.4	11.8	10.1	8.6
Sat 29	7.9	8.0	9.0	10.4	11.8	12.8	13.1	12.4	10.8	8.9	6.9	5.4	4.8	5.2	6.7	8.8	11.1	13.2	14.4	14.7	13.9	12.4	10.4	8.5
Sun 30	7.3	6.9	7.4	8.7	10.4	12.0	13.0	13.1	12.3	10.8	8.9	7.2	6.1	5.8	6.7	8.3	10.5	12.6	14.1	14.8	14.3	13.0	11.0	8.8
Mon 31	7.0	6.0	6.0	6.9	8.5	10.4	12.0	13.0	13.1	12.3	10.9	9.2	7.8	7.1	7.3	8.3	10.1	12.0	13.7	14.6	14.6	13.5	11.7	9.4



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The Bargain Barn held a 'giant' 50-per-cent-off sale in honour of Canada Day and the Pender Harbour Health Centre Auxiliary's 50 years of serving Pender Harbour by raising funds for the health centre. Pictured (l-r): Lesley Durrant, P. H. & District Health Centre Auxiliary Society president, Deb Davison (Bargain Barn display and seasonal manager) and Marie Malcolm (Bargain Barn adult clothing manager).



Brian Lee

The Sarah Wray Hall has been featuring the work of P. H. Living Heritage Society researchers phenomenal work identifying the Japanese Canadian families who lived in Pender Harbour prior to 1942. The exhibit is open Saturday, Aug. 22 and 29 and Friday, Aug. 14 at the Sarah Wray Hall (4334 Irvines Landing Road). Here one of the volunteer researchers, Cathy Jenks, shows off the group's fascinating work.



submitted

The Pender Harbour Garden Club's plant adoption at the Madeira Market in May raised \$910 for the P. H. Community Hall 'Raise the Roof' fund. Here (from l-r) are Paulette Orchard, P. H. Garden Club, Marlene Cymbalist, P. H. Community Club and Sandy Matches, P. H. Garden Club.

August 2026

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August 13

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UPCOMING
EVENTS!



August 20

Reserve your seat for our
bus trip to Gibsons!



We'll visit the Japanese-Canadian museum
exhibit, have lunch at the Farmers Market
and tour the aquarium and vendors.
But, space is limited!



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Seniors' activities for August!

HARBOURSIDE FRIENDSHIPS: Thursday drop-in, 10:30am – 1pm

In the Lions Park Hall. Lunch will be served at 12pm. Cost: \$10 pp.

Aug. 6 – Come play or learn a new game or just enjoy a friendly conversation.

Aug. 13 – Let's all make our own live “Market Place” (not online). Bring up to 3-5 items to sell to other participants.

Aug. 20 – Bus Trip to Gibsons visiting the museum to view the Japanese-Canadian exhibit, Farmers Market for lunch, aquarium and vendor tour. Departs clinic at 10am return @ 3pm. Cost \$40 includes admissions and bus rental. We have 20 seats to sell please call to reserve your seat.

Aug. 27 – Learn about the “Restorative Justice Program of the Sunshine Coast.”
Presenter will be Kathie Tweedie

CARPET BOWLING: Wednesdays, Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 27

At the Pender Harbour Lions Park Hall, 1-3 pm. Cost \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Mondays & Fridays, Aug. 7, 10, 14, 17, 21, 24, 28 & 31

At the Pender Harbour Lions Park Hall from 11am –12pm with Carole Logtenberg or Kristin Tracey. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves. Cost: \$3.

CHAIR YOGA: Wednesdays, Aug. 5, 12, 19 & 26

At the Sarah Wray Hall from 11– noon. Improve your balance, strength & flexibility with gentle moves with Carole Logtenberg or Kristin Tracey. Cost: \$3.

Pender Harbour Community School



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BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE



PENDER HARBOUR COMMUNITY SCHOOL IS THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE WE ARE ENTERING THE NEXT PHASE OF OUR BUILDING PROJECT.

IN PREPARATION FOR THE ARRIVAL OF OUR NEW BUILDING, WE WILL BE MOVING OUT OF OUR CURRENT SPACE IN MID-MAY TO ALLOW FOR ITS REMOVAL AND FOR SITE PREPARATION TO BEGIN. WHILE OUR PHYSICAL LOCATION IS CHANGING, OUR COMMITMENT TO PROVIDING SUPPORT AND PROGRAMMING REMAINS THE SAME. DURING THIS TRANSITION, SOME SERVICES MAY BE OFFERED IN DIFFERENT WAYS, AND WE WILL SHARE UPDATES AS PLANS ARE CONFIRMED. PLEASE CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES AND INFORMATION ON HOW BEST TO CONNECT WITH US DURING THIS TIME.

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ANNUAL MAINTENANCE CLOSURE: Aug. 1 to Sept. 7

The entire facility is closed so that annual maintenance work can be completed. During this time, the Sechelt Aquatic Centre (pool and weight room), Gibsons Pool and Gibsons Community Centre (weight room) will be open.

WE ARE HIRING LIFEGUARDS!

Apply now! Visit www.scrd.ca/careers for instructions how to apply.

\$10 PRACTICE SWIM LESSONS FOR CHILDREN: Aug. 24 to 28

At Sechelt Aquatic Centre (pre-registration is required). Practice swim lessons are a great way for your child to get extra swim practice and for our new swim instructors-in-training to complete the requirements of the swim instructor training.

Swim instructors-in-training are not yet certified to provide formal feedback and as a result, participants will not receive badges or report cards.

REGISTRATION FOR FALL PROGRAMS: Starts Aug. 19 at 7am

Preview the fall programs, including swim lessons, starting Aug. 5. Register online or by phone. You can also stop by Sechelt Aquatic Centre or Gibsons Community Centre to register in-person. Learn more about how to register for SCRd programs:

www.scrd.ca/recreation-registration/

Applications for 2026 LIFE Financial Assistance care now available.
Learn more about this program: www.scrd.ca/financial-assistance/

From Generosity to Impact

We're pleased to share a preview of our 2025 Annual Report, reflecting a meaningful year of work to inspire and strengthen our Sunshine Coast community. Through new funds, careful stewardship, and strong investment performance, the Foundation's total assets grew to \$12.4 million. That strength translated directly into impact, enabling a record \$711,371 in grants distributed to 41 local charitable organizations addressing a wide range of causes including youth, food and housing security, the arts, education, health, the environment, and more.

Beyond grantmaking, we continued to nurture connections across the community. Our *Vital People Vital Causes* storytelling series showcased local changemakers, while our new Coast Together Workshop Series created opportunities for non-profits and charities to strengthen their governance skills and collaborate with other leaders on the Coast. We were also among 22 Canadian community foundations chosen to deliver Free to Play, bringing over \$350,000 to support unstructured, outdoor, child-led play across our region over the next two years.



Wilderness and overnight programming was strengthened by the Foundation's YMCA Camp Elphinstone Youth Development Fund.

The momentum we have right now would not be possible without the continued support of our donors, fundholders, partners, and volunteers. Thank you for believing in the power of community. We are proud of what we have accomplished together, and even more excited about what lies ahead.

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ABOUT US

Your Local Community Foundation

For more than 20 years, the Sunshine Coast Foundation has helped turn generosity into lasting community impact.



We inspire and strengthen community by connecting people, ideas, and resources where they can make the greatest difference. Through charitable funds, local grants, and community-building initiatives, we help address local needs and opportunities while investing in the future of our Coast.

Today, we steward more than 100 funds totalling \$12.4 million in assets and have distributed over \$4.3 million in grants to support a healthy, vibrant Sunshine Coast.

What's Inside

- Local Impact Stories
- Fund Spotlights
- Investment Returns
- FAQs
- How to Give & Create Your Own Legacy
- ...And More!



Snap this QR code to explore our 2025 Report to the Community! Or contact us to receive a hardcopy.



2025 Highlights





Brian Lee

Leo Fielding looking dapper at his Hotel Lake Road lemonade stand last month. Fielding also sold miniature planters with succulents in planters he made himself using moulds and then cultivated the hens and chicks (*sempervivum*).

harbour seals



Harbour Seals of Approval or Disapproval.

By email: editor@harbourspiel.com. Include full name and telephone number. (Editor will edit for length.)

A huge Harbour Seal of Approval to **all those around the Harbour** who helped Joy and me through our struggles these past couple of years.

I am especially grateful to the **medical personnel** who helped Joy and **Andrea Wray** for all her help.

Grant Ellert

A room full of Harbour Seals to **the longboarders who sang** Josephine Mayne "Happy Birthday" at the Legion on her 98th birthday. Also, to the **Legion staff** for remembering our senior on her 98th birthday.

Joka Wright

A bucketful of Harbour Seals of Approval to **Darlene Fowlie (and those who participate in her annual tournament)** for her incredibly generous donations in support of the Pender Harbour Golf Club.

Tricia Keyes
Pender Harbour Golf Club board

Huge Harbour Seals of Approval to **the volunteers, sponsors and participants** that made the Pender Harbour Golf Club's 40th anniversary fundraiser event a great success.

We would like to send out a special thank you to **Matt McDonald at IGA** for supplying treats and to emcees **Richard Massullo and Niels Frederiksen**. We raised a substantial amount for the betterment of the course and for junior golf.

Roberta Oleksyn
Pender Harbour Golf Club

A big Harbour Seal of Approval to **Mark and Janice at Madeira Park ambulance** for their professional and personal care to me on my trip to and after arrival at Sechelt Hospital.

Also, a big seal of approval to **all the staff at the hospital** who attended to me. Well done.

Doug Davies
Garden Bay

A boat load of Harbour Seals to **James** for the tow after my boating mishap.

Steve Clemence

In loving memory of



**JOHN
NIELD**

DECEMBER 20, 1937
– JULY 9, 2026

John was a long-time resident of Pender Harbour, from early school days at Hassans Landing, where he went to school on the school boat, to over 60 years in Duncan Cove in Garden Bay. He died very peacefully at Silverstone.

A scholarly man of the greatest integrity and gentle kindness, he was loved and respected by those who knew him and will be greatly missed by his wife Barb, brother Roger and sister Susie as well as many nieces, nephews and friends.

SKOOKUMCHUCK VIEWING TIMES AUGUST



DATE-TIME-SIZE (small, medium, large, extra large)

EBB (-), FLOOD (+) - Standing wave is best on large flood (tide flowing into Sechelt Inlet).

1. 12:59 PM -XL, 7:52 PM +XL
2. 7:35 AM +M, 1:37 PM -L
3. 8:38 AM +M, 2:20 PM -L
4. 9:44 AM +M, 3:27 PM -M
5. 10:58 AM +L, 4:35 PM -S
6. 12:17 AM +M, 6:06 PM -S
7. 1:05 PM +L, 7:27 PM -S
8. 6:31 AM -XL, 2:43 PM +XL
9. 8:04 AM -XL, 4:03 PM +XL
10. 9:27 AM -XL, 4:57 PM +XL
11. 10:33 AM -XL, 5:42 PM +XL
12. 11:30 AM -XL, 6:20 PM +XL
13. 11:58 AM -XL, 6:52 PM +XL
14. 12:41 PM -XL, 7:19 PM +XL
15. 1:23 PM -XL, 7:50 PM +XL
16. 8:03 AM +L, 2:07 PM -L
17. 8:57 AM +L, 2:59 PM -M
18. 10:10 AM +L, 4:03 PM -M
19. 11:22 AM +L, 5:01 PM -S
20. 12:37 AM +L, 6:08 PM -S
21. 1:48 PM +L, 7:20 PM -S
22. 2:51 PM +L
23. 7:47 AM -L, 3:47 PM +XL
24. 8:46 AM -L, 4:34 PM +XL
25. 9:29 AM -L, 5:14 PM +XL
26. 10:05 AM -XL, 5:46 PM +XL
27. 10:55 AM -XL, 6:09 PM +XL
28. 11:32 AM -XL, 6:25 PM +XL
29. 12:09 PM -XL, 6:37 PM +XL
30. 12:42 PM -L, 6:50 PM +XL
31. 1:37 PM -L, 7:08 PM +XL

These are estimates only and not intended for navigation.



DONALD TRUMP

30,573

Fact-checkers at *The Washington Post* documented 30,573 false or misleading claims during his first presidential term, an average of 21 per day. Similar data is unavailable for his second term but it is thought to be even more untruthy.

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According to an Ipsos poll (June 18-22), Donald Trump's net approval rating. Net approval rating is calculated by subtracting his disapproval rate (64% disapprove) from his approval rate (34% approve).

\$2.2 billion

The amount Trump has earned since starting his second term, according to his official 927-page mandatory financial disclosure released by the U.S. Office of Government Ethics. Experts from government watchdog organizations, such as Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, note that "while Trump's first-term revenue raised significant conflict-of-interest questions, the billions generated during his second term represent a scale of personal financial gain completely without modern presidential precedent."

1,700-plus

The number of pardons issued by Trump during his second term (almost 1,600 of them were charged or convicted in relation to the Jan. 6, 2021 Capitol attack). On July 3, he issued pardons to 11 men – two convicted fraudsters and nine charged with having violated the federal Clean Air Act.

~ *The Guardian, The Hill, New York Times, Reuters*

AUGUST WEATHER

TEMPERATURES (Merry Island)

Our average August daily high temperature is 24 C and our average daily low is 13 C, giving us a mean daily temperature of 17.7 C. August averages 22 days with temperatures above 18 C, and the highest August temperature recorded is 32.2 C (Aug. 4, 1961); the lowest is 8.9 C (Aug. 18, 1973).

PRECIPITATION (Merry Island)

August averages seven days with rainfall and a total of 38.1 mm for the month (the lowest of the year). The highest daily rainfall recorded in August was 42.4 mm (Aug. 4, 1962). August averages 275.3 hours of sunshine.

AUGUST ASTROLOGY

**LEO: JULY 23 – AUGUST 22**

Lions are idealists and romantics, honourable and loyal. Always individualistic, they are usually stylish, charismatic and flamboyant. This month, you will be tempted to stay indoors and avoid people after last month's fiasco. Though you live in a very small town, where everyone knows your business, and saw the video, go out and face your humiliation. They may not understand but you can't even remember what you did at the pub that night and, besides, what were they even doing in the bar if they weren't 19?

**VIRGO: August 23 - September 22**

Virgos value knowledge highly and their methodical approach to life ensures that nothing is left to chance. Virgos have high standards for themselves, and their goal is to be perfect in everything they do. This month, it's mostly good. Your boss realizes your importance to the organization and offers you a reward for your hard work. Your stalking finally pays off and you forge a connection with a longtime crush. You learn some unsettling details about them and you quickly look for an exit. It is too late. They know where you live.

BC BESTSELLERS

For the week ending July 11

The BC bestseller list uses sales data from over 80 independent bookstores in BC representing sales of BC published books released within the calendar year.

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| 1. A False and Fatal Claim
by Iona Wishaw (Touchwood Editions) | 6. The Best of Roy Henry Vickers: 80 Selected Works by Lucky Budd, Roy Henry Vickers (Harbour Publishing) |
| 2. The Astronaut Children of Dunbar Street: A Memoir
by Wiley Wei-Chiun Ho (Douglas & McIntyre) | 7. Tiny Hiker by Natasha Zimmers, illustrated by Jaimie MacGibbon (Orca Book Publishers) |
| 3. Unceded: Understanding British Columbia's Colonial Past and Why It Matters Now
by George M. Abbott (UBC Press) | 8. A Season for Spies by Iona Wishaw (Touchwood Editions) |
| 4. Dead Bees Still Sting: Tales of Life at the Edge of Nature
by Susan Cormier (Greystone Books) | 9. The Trees Talk by Jennifer Scott, illustrated by Carla Joseph (Medicine Wheel Publishing) |
| 5. Fiddlehead Forest by Jana Curll (Greystone Books) | 10. The Lost Haida Manga: A Compendium by Michael Nicoll Yahgulanaas, Wade Davis (Douglas & McIntyre) |

~ Association of Book Publishers of BC

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- Aug. 1: **Linda Drought, Kelly Marko and Jen Hardwick.**
- Aug. 2: **Vicky Cummings, Enya Delaney and Jessica "Lu-Lu" Kammerle.**
- Aug. 4: **Kathleen White, Daniel White, Carol Reid, Jessica Sutherland and Gloria Keene.**
- Aug. 5: **Genevieve Patterson and Bill Purnell.**
- Aug. 9: **Shirley Adams.**
- Aug. 10: **Norma Martin.**
- Aug. 12: **Ileana McBain, Mary White and Helga Morin.**
- Aug. 13: **Fern Durrant.**
- Aug. 15: **Shane Hennan.**
- Aug. 16: **Sandy Hegyi, Paul McKimm, Anna-Maria Massullo and Justin Tiefenbach.**
- Aug. 17: **Bob Forsyth.**
- Aug. 18: **Charles Dougan.**
- Aug. 20: **June Reeder, Glen Spencer, Helga Thiele and Rachel Wilson.**
- Aug. 21: **Kory Francis and Klisala Harrison.**
- Aug. 22: **Buzzard Edwardson.**
- Aug. 23: **Kelly Reid.**
- Aug. 25: **Aubree Daniel.**
- Aug. 27: **Warne Clay, Malcolm Johnson, Danette Raaflaub and Kailee Yablonski.**
- Aug. 28: **Mike Ough and Brent Metcalfe.**
- Aug. 30: **Donna Hobson, Megan Watters, Barbara Loften and Roman Rand.**
- Aug. 31: **Eric English, Bryce Higgins, Corinne Gamble and Lillea Hohn.**

Pender Harbour Music Society announces 2026-27 concert series

The Pender Harbour Music Society annual concert series kicks off this month with two chamber music concerts on Aug. 15 and 16 featuring the Omega String Trio followed by a performance each month until May.

Tickets are \$30 per concert, with special pricing (\$50) for the two-day Midsummer and Midwinter Chamber Music Weekends. Tickets are available on the PHMS website (www.penderharbourmusic.ca) or at Harbour Insurance and the Sechelt Visitor Centre. Concerts begin at 2 p.m. at the newly renamed PHMS Performance Centre:



Midsummer Chamber Music Weekend: OMEGA STRING TRIO

Saturday, Aug. 15 and Sunday, Aug. 16 at 2 p.m.

The Omega String Trio are three of Canada's finest chamber musicians, Marc Destrubé (violin), Yariv Aloni (viola) and Pamela Highbaugh Aloni (cello). Their love of exploring unique repertoire for their instruments led to the formation of their trio. Join them for an intimate glimpse into a golden age in European cultural life with rarely-heard works by four generations of Viennese composers.

Saturday, August 15:

- Franz Schubert (String trio in Bb Major, D.471);
- Richard von Perger (String trio in D minor, Op. 12), and
- Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (Divertimento Eb Major K.563)

Sunday, August 16:

- Franz Schubert (String trio in Bb Major, D.581), and
- Heinrich von Herzogenberg (String trio No. 2 in F Major, Op. 27)



BLACK GARDENIA

Sunday, Sept. 20 at 2 p.m.

Journey to an age where cool meant classy and noir was the norm. With Daphne Roubini at its helm, Black Gardenia evokes smoky elegance and cinematic swing. Inspired by the classic jazz recordings of the 1940s and 1950s, Black Gardenia creates timeless music — at once vintage in spirit and alive with modern nuance.



CAREFREE HIGHWAY RIDERS

Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.

This harmony-driven duo features well-known Canadian songwriters Marin Patenaude and Steve Brockley. While both carved out respected solo careers, this collaboration is a heartfelt detour to the timeless songs of Gordon Lightfoot. Along the way, they venture into contemporary territory with their own compositions.



ROY FORBES

Sunday, Nov. 15 at 2 p.m.

Roy Forbes has entertained generations as a solo artist, band leader, ensemble member, interpreter and songwriter. This also includes his work as a record producer, film composer, songwriting mentor, radio host at CBC Radio and CKUA. Over the last five decades, Forbes has become an organic part of Canadian music.



COOL YULE

Sunday, Dec. 6 at 2 p.m.

The perfect answer to winter chill is Vancouver's hottest swinging gypsy jazz group VanDjango, plus stellar vocalist LJ Mounteney and superb Celtic guitarist and singer Andrew Hillhouse. Cool Yule is a merry Christmas mix of nostalgic favourites, jazz standards, pop tunes, classical touches and a few surprises.



Midwinter Chamber Music Weekend: VICTORIA PIANO QUARTET

Saturday, Jan. 16 and Sunday, Jan. 17 at 2 p.m.

The sparkling personalities of the Victoria Piano Quartet will delight. Terence Tam (violin), Yariv Aloni (viola), Pamela Highbaugh Aloni (cello) and Lorraine Min (piano) return once again with two programs of masterworks for the piano quartet.



THE UNFAITHFUL SERVANTS

Sunday, Feb. 21 at 2 p.m.

One of Canada's must-see acoustic acts, the Unfaithful Servants deliver a thrilling modern take on folk, bluegrass and Americana. Known for explosive instrumentals, rich harmonies, and timeless songwriting, the band has earned its reputation as "one of the most exciting bands from Vancouver Island in some time."



BERGMAN ENSEMBLE

Sunday, March 21 at 2 p.m.

Marcel and Elizabeth Bergman (piano 4 hands), Jasper Wood (violin) and Sungyong Lim, (cello). "Pocket" ensembles bring a fresh take on celebrated works such as Beethoven's 5th Symphony. This 'pocket symphony' version for one piano 4 hands, violin and cello leaves nothing out in terms of fullness and exuberance.



MATTHEW BYRNE

Sunday, April 18 at 2 p.m.

Matthew Byrne's songs are a way of understanding those who came before us — their lives, their work, language and their world. Blessed with a truly wonderful voice and being an accomplished guitarist, Byrne brings the glorious tradition of the "Rock" to us on the other side of this great land.



DIYET & THE LOVE SOLDIERS

Sunday, May 2 at 2 p.m.

An alternative country, folk, roots and traditional with catchy melodies and stories rooted in Diyet's Indigenous world view and northern life. Diyet sings in both English and Southern Tutchone and plays bass guitar. She is backed by husband/collaborator Robert van Lieshout and Juno award winning producer Bob Hamilton.

Calendar listings are provided free of charge by the Harbour Spiel. Send information to editor@harbourspiel.com by the 15th of the month.

AUGUST

- Sat. Aug. 1.....Loon Foundation's Sunshine Coast Bioblitz (11 days) kick off event - PODS Showroom, 1 - 3 p.m.
- Sat. Aug. 1.....Pender Harbour Aquatic and Fitness Centre closes for annual maintenance (until Sept. 7)
- Sun. Aug. 2.....Live music with Roving Steins - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.
- Mon. Aug. 3.....BC Day
- Tue. Aug. 4.....Madeira Farmer and Artisans Market - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 1 to 6 p.m.
- Thu. Aug. 6.....Harbourside Friendships (games) - P. H. Lions Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Fri. Aug. 7.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. Aug. 7.....Pender Harbour Wooden Boat Show kicks off - Madeira Park Government wharf (3 days)
- Sat. Aug. 8.....Celebration of life for Monty Rolston - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 1 p.m.
- Sat. Aug. 8.....Coffee House - PHMS Performance Centre, 7:30 p.m. (doors 7 p.m.)
- Sun. Aug. 9.....Live music with Half Cut and the Slackers - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.
- Sun. Aug. 9.....Rotary Club of Pender Harbour Show and Shine - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 11:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Mon. Aug. 10.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church Ministry Centre, 10 a.m.
- Tue. Aug. 11.....Madeira Farmer and Artisans Market - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 1 to 6 p.m.
- Thu. Aug. 13.....Harbourside Friendships ("Marketplace") - P. H. Lions Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Thu. Aug. 13.....Opening night of the Sunshine Coast Writers Festival - Rockwood Centre (4 days)
- Fri. Aug. 14.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri. Aug. 14....."Early Japanese-Canadian Families of Pender Harbour" exhibit - Sarah Wray Hall, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sat. Aug. 15.....Pender Harbour Health Centre 50th anniversary celebration - PHHC, 1 - 4 p.m.
- Sat. Aug. 15.....Omega String Trio - PHMS Performance Centre, 2 p.m.
- Sat. Aug. 15.....Royal Canadian Legion Branch #112 golf tournament - P. H. Golf Course, 2 p.m.
- Sun. Aug. 16.....Omega String Trio - PHMS Performance Centre, 2 p.m.
- Tue. Aug. 18.....Madeira Farmer and Artisans Market - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 1 to 6 p.m.
- Thu. Aug. 20.....Harbourside Friendships (bus trip to Gibsons) - P. H. Health Centre departure, 10 a.m.
- Fri. Aug. 21.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. Aug. 22....."Early Japanese-Canadian Families of Pender Harbour" exhibit - Sarah Wray Hall, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sun. Aug. 23.....Live music with Half Cut and the Slackers - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.
- Mon. Aug. 24.....Pender Harbour food bank pickup - P. H. Community Church Ministry Centre, 10 a.m.
- Tue. Aug. 25.....Madeira Farmer and Artisans Market - Royal Canadian Legion 112, 1 to 6 p.m.
- Thu. Aug. 27.....Harbourside Friendships (Kathie Tweedie, Restorative Justice) - P. H. Lions Hall, 10:30 a.m.
- Fri. Aug. 28.....Live music with Eddy Edrik - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 6:30 p.m.
- Sat. Aug. 29....."Early Japanese-Canadian Families of Pender Harbour" exhibit - Sarah Wray Hall, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- Sun. Aug. 30.....Live music with Matchbox Bluze - Royal Canadian Legion No. 112, 2 p.m.

Harbour Spiel Trivia Answers: 1. b 2. a 3. d 4. c 5. a 6. c

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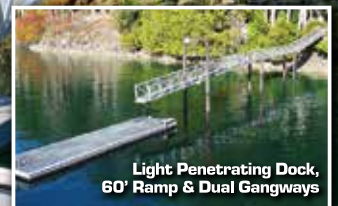


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