



## **OPSRRRA'S OTTER POINT, SHIRLEY & JORDAN RIVER NEWSLETTER: SEPTEMBER 2015**

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**OPSRRRA** is a registered non-profit society with an elected Board of Directors and strives to present the points-of-view of its members to local government. OPSRRRA was founded in 1992 and has a membership of over 400. Residents or property owners within the Shirley, Jordan River and Otter Point Official Community Plan boundaries who are age 18 or over are eligible for membership.

**Lifetime memberships cost \$10.00 per person** and are available from OPSRRRA directors - see our web site ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)) for further information. Associate (non-voting) memberships are available for persons who do not reside or own property in Shirley, Jordan River or Otter Point but wish to support the association.

The purpose of our society is to:

- 1.** Ensure that the development of the communities of Shirley, Jordan River and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.

2. Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
3. Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
4. Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
5. Promote community spirit and sense of identity by organizing or supporting appropriate activities.

Are you an OPSRRA member? Do you want to receive the OPSRRA's monthly newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your e-mail address? We began publishing this newsletter in June 2003. It is e-mailed to over **300** of our members as well as local elected representatives, media and archival organizations. Contact Marika Nagasaka at: [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com) if you want to receive this membership service.

### **OPSRRA's EXECUTIVE AND DIRECTORS**

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**Note:** All OPSRRA directors can now be reached at a common e-mail address: [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com)

## **1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

Contact Marika Nagasaka at: [opsrranewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:opsrranewsletter@gmail.com) to have your community event listed in our monthly **Community Events** calendar.

**Visit the OPSRRA web site: [www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca) to view a Calendar of Events.**

<b>Tuesday Sept 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Juan de Fuca Emergency Services</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>JdF Search &amp; Rescue Campus Training Bldg. 2028C Idlemore Road, Sooke</b></p>
<b>Wednesday Sept 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	<p><b>Sooke &amp; Electoral Area Parks &amp; Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly meeting 6:30 pm Boardroom, SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular meetings of the Commission take place at SEAPARC on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month and are open to the public.</li> <li>• Meetings are also held at the call of the Chair.</li> <li>• Agendas and Minutes are posted for each meeting at: <a href="http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm">http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm</a></li> </ul>
<b>Saturday Sept 5<sup>th</sup></b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</b></p> <p><b>Hike from Camp Thunderbird.</b> Meet at the Park &amp; Ride across from EMCS at 9:00 am to car pool to a hike in the Camp Thunderbird area. This will be a hike of 8+ kilometres on forest trails. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and water. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>For more information contact Rosemary Jorna at 250 642 2767 or email <a href="mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca">sid2767@shaw.ca</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Web site: <a href="http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca">www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</a></p>
<b>Tuesday Sept 8<sup>th</sup></b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shirley Hall Foot Care Clinics</b></p> <p><b>Foot Care Nurse, Marlene Beaulieu, LPN, holds clinics at the Shirley Community Hall, on the second Tuesday of each month.</b></p> <p><b>Diabetics and others with foot care issues are encouraged to attend the clinics.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>For appointments please call Marlene at 250-664-6810.</b></p> <p><b>Marlene is also available for home visits if you are unable to attend the regular clinic.</b></p>

<p><b>Saturday Sept 12<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Juan de Fuca Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Commission and the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</b></p> <p><b>Charters River to Grassy Lake.</b> This is a JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission sponsored hike of difficulty level 3+. Meet at the William Simmons Memorial parking lot at 3220 Otter Point Rd at 9:00 am to car pool to the trailhead. If more convenient meet at the parking lot at the Salmon Enhancement Center Sign at the Charters River bridge off Sooke River Rd for 9:30 am. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and water. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>For more information contact Sid Jorna at 250 642 2767 or email <a href="mailto:jdf.cts@gmail.com">jdf.cts@gmail.com</a></p> <p>Web site: <a href="http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca">www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Tuesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee</b></p> <p>7:00 pm at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building</p> <p>3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point</p>
<p><b>Tuesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Shirley Fire Protection Society</b></p> <p>7:30 pm at the Shirley Hall</p>
<p><b>Tuesday Sept 15<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Shirley Fire Commission Meeting</b></p> <p>Monthly meeting third Tuesday of the month</p> <p>8:00 pm at the Shirley Hall</p>
<p><b>Tuesday Sept 22<sup>nd</sup></b></p>	<p><b>JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission</b></p> <p>3:00 pm at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building</p> <p>3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point</p> <p>Public Welcome. For enquiries call 250 642 1500</p>
<p><b>Saturday Sept 26<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Shards Glass Studio: Just a Taste of Fused Glass</b></p> <p>1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at Shards Studio in Otter Point</p> <p>To register: <a href="mailto:susan@shardsglass.com">susan@shardsglass.com</a>, 250 642 4942</p>



	<p>Web site: <a href="http://www.shardsglass.com">www.shardsglass.com</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>Sept 27<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Apple Fest - A Garden Food/Art Exhibition &amp; Sale</b></p> <p>10:00 am – 3:00 pm at Sunriver Community Gardens (2380 Phillips Rd)</p> <p>For more info <a href="http://www.sookefoodchi.ca">www.sookefoodchi.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>Oct 3<sup>rd</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Shards Glass Studio: Making Holiday Fused Glass Gifts</b></p> <p>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Shards Studio in Otter Point</p> <p>To register: <a href="mailto:susan@shardsglass.com">susan@shardsglass.com</a>, 250 642 4942</p> <p>Web site: <a href="http://www.shardsglass.com">www.shardsglass.com</a></p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>Oct 4<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Shards Glass Studio: Just a Taste of Fused Glass</b></p> <p>1:00 pm – 2:30 pm at Shards Studio in Otter Point</p> <p>To register: <a href="mailto:susan@shardsglass.com">susan@shardsglass.com</a>, 250 642 4942</p> <p>Web site: <a href="http://www.shardsglass.com">www.shardsglass.com</a></p>
<p><b>Tuesday</b> <b>Oct 6<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Juan de Fuca Emergency Services</b></p> <p>Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p>JdF Search &amp; Rescue Campus Training Bldg. 2028C Idlemore Road, Sooke</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>Oct 7<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p><b>Sooke &amp; Electoral Area Parks &amp; Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)</b></p> <p>Monthly meeting 6:30 pm Boardroom, SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular meetings of the Commission take place at SEAPARC on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month and are open to the public.</li> <li>• Meetings are also held at the call of the Chair.</li> <li>• Agendas and Minutes are posted for each meeting at: <a href="http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm">http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm</a></li> </ul>

<p><b>Saturday Oct 3<sup>rd</sup></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</b></p> <p><b>The Matterhorn.</b> Meet at Tieulie Place (French Beach Market) at 9:00 am for a hike up the Matterhorn to Juan de Fuca Rd. This is a 10+ kilometre hike on forest trails with a spectacular view of the Strait from the Matterhorn. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and water. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>For more information contact Rosemary Jorna at 250 642 2767 or email <a href="mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca">sid2767@shaw.ca</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Web site: <a href="http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca">www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Saturday Oct 10<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Juan de Fuca Parks &amp; Recreation Advisory Commission and the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</b></p> <p><b>Sooke Potholes park to Peden Lake.</b> This is a JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission sponsored hike of difficulty level 3. Meet at William Simmons Memorial Park parking lot at 3220 Otter Point Rd at 9:00 am to car pool to the trailhead. If more convenient meet at parking lot 2 (the last one) in Sooke Potholes Regional Park at 9:30 am. Paid parking may still be in effect so please remember to bring \$2.25. Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and water. Everyone is welcome.</p> <p>For more information contact Sid Jorna at 250 642 2767 or email <a href="mailto:jdf.cts@gmail.com">jdf.cts@gmail.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Web site: <a href="http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca">www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</a></p>
<p><b>Saturdays</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Pilates at the Shirley Hall</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;">9:30 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Level 1 class, suitable for beginners</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Contact: Sandra Smith</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Website: <a href="http://www.svakayoga.com">www.svakayoga.com</a></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Email: <a href="mailto:info@sandrasmithyoga.com">info@sandrasmithyoga.com</a></p>

<b>Sundays</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Shirley Country Market</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>11:00 am – 3:00 pm in Pioneer Park beside the Shirley Hall</b></p> <p>For more info email <a href="mailto:shirleymarket@gmail.com">shirleymarket@gmail.com</a> - or check out our Facebook page <a href="https://www.facebook.com/ShirleyCountryMarket">https://www.facebook.com/ShirleyCountryMarket</a></p>
<b>Tuesdays &amp; Fridays</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Yoga at the Shirley Hall</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesdays at 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm</b>  <b>Fridays at 10:00 am – 11:00 am</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Gentle Flow Class for all levels</b>  <b>Contact: Nicole Spackman</b>  <a href="mailto:shirleyhallyoga@gmail.com">shirleyhallyoga@gmail.com</a></p>
<b>Thursdays &amp; Sundays</b>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Nia Dance/Movement Class at the Shirley Hall</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm</b>  <b>Sundays 11:00 am – 12:15 pm</b>  <b>Contact: Melody Kimmell, 250-646-2995 email</b>  <a href="mailto:movingmelody@gmail.com">movingmelody@gmail.com</a></p>

## **2. JDF COMMUNITY LAND TRUST AGM SEPT 24<sup>TH</sup>**

The following was submitted to the OPSRRA newsletter by a JDF CLT director

The JdF Community Land Trust Society (CLT) has been active for over two years. It is holding its second AGM on September 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the JdF Area Services meeting room.

The aim of the society is to increase public green space mostly in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. As a registered charity since August 2014, the CLT can fundraise towards purchasing as well as identify and work with government for the acquisition of properties valued for habitat conservation and outdoor recreation potential.

At the AGM, members and guests can discuss options and ways to go forward. Situations are fluid and the Community Land Trust needs to build resources and identify triggers so that it can act quickly when opportunities arise.

The CLT decided in February to advocate for land at Muir Creek. Directors met with representatives of TimberWest to let the company know of renewed interest from the community. They also briefed the Juan de Fuca and the CRD parks commissions. This August, in recognition of the similar aims, the Muir Creek Protection Society donated \$4780 remaining in that society's savings account to the CLT. Many thanks to the directors of the Muir Creek Protection Society who made the decision to support the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust!

Regional Director Mike Hicks could see the way for the CRD to afford purchasing park land in the Muir Creek area and was willing to speak to TimberWest about the possibility of that company selling land. However, at the request of the T'Sou-ke First Nation, Director Hicks stepped aside to give the T'Sou-ke First Nation the opportunity to purchase the parcels. Any such purchase will follow treaty negotiations and involve negotiations with the current property owners.

Nominations are closed so the people listed below will be acclaimed at the AGM. Gaps in the board will be filled by appointment with the membership approving such appointments at the next general meeting.

Nominated as directors for a two year term:

Vice President – Anne Bell

Treasurer – Vacant

Director - Kate Woods, Sid Jorna

Directors with one year remaining in their terms:

President – Margot Swinburnson

Secretary – Heather Phillips

Directors – James Gaston, Jay Evans

### **3. JDF COMMUNITY LAND TRUST FUNDRAISING**

You are invited to help build the Community Land Trust.

*Triple Your Donation before September 12.* Until September 12, donations to the Community Land Trust will be matched to a total of \$2500 by a donation to the Victoria Foundation endowment held for the CLT. In turn, the Victoria Foundation will match that donation. This means that any donation to the CLT before the deadline will be tripled by the matching donations. Go to the website for information to donate on line, [www.jdflandtrust.ca](http://www.jdflandtrust.ca)

or mail a cheque made out to the “Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust” to

2459 Kemp Lake Road, Sooke, B.C. V9Z 0R3

Your initial donation to the CLT directly will be available for land purchase and related expenses. The matching donations to the endowment fund will result in a greater annual return on the investment of that fund by the Victoria Foundation. In 2014, the CLT was granted \$421 from interest on the endowment fund.

#### **4. SHIRLEY DAY A SUCCESS**

Thank you for a very successful Shirley Day!

Shirley Hall and adjacent Pioneer Park were very busy places on Sunday, August 16 when the Shirley Community Association hosted their annual Shirley Day.

There were over 20 vendors/community groups in the park, the Fire Department showcased their equipment and fire trucks for the public, a very popular closed bid auction was held in the hall, the Shirley kitchen produced its usual yummy fare, the Salmon BBQ sold out...all contributing to an extremely successful day raising approximately \$3000 toward the maintenance of our 75+ year old Shirley Hall and Pioneer Park.

The Community Association would like to thank the following businesses/donors and individuals who contributed to Shirley Day:

AdrenaLine Zip Line Tour, A & W, Best Western Premier Resort, B & K Jewelry & Gifts, Barking Dog Studio, Blooming Kid's Yoga, Cedar Coast Fibre Arts, Chevron, Cold Shoulder Cafe, Far Out Pizza, Foggy Mountain Forge, Home Hardware, Honesty Tea, Lazy Gecko, Ocean Wilderness Resort, Orveas Bay Resort, Point-No-Point Resort, Rural Observer, Saltwest Seasoning, 17 Mile House Pub, Shirley Delicious, Shoppers' Drug Mart, Sooke Fax and Copy, Sooke Harbour House, Sooke Soil & Landscape, Stone Pipe Grill, Tale of a Whale, Tugwell Creek Honey Farm, Terri Alcock, Mary Brown, Mary Claire and Judith Carder, Jean Conway, Veronica Diment, Mary & Fern Dunn, Robin Fleming, Brenda Gibson, Catherine Hawkins, Patti and Rob Ivry, Margaret Johnson, Mel Kimmel, Christian Knoglinger, Chuck & Colleen Minten, Fiona McDannold, Colin McMechan, Brenda Parkinson, James Powell, The Quinns, Sean Rafferty, Ron Ramsay, Grant Richardson, Shirley Fire Department, Karen Skriptsy, Carole Smart, Jennifer Taylor, Justin and Victoria Tomlinson, Kate Woods, the market vendors in the park,.....and the community of Shirley.

Hope to see you all at next year's Shirley Day: Sunday, August 21, 2016

## 5. WELCOME SOOKE WATER INC TO OPSRRA BUSINESS LISTINGS



OPSRRA would like to introduce to you a new business to our local area and our business listings SOOKE WATER Inc.

They are a new local business delivering potable water from the CRD Sooke Reservoir.

Tank Capacity: 3480 US gallons | 2900 CDN gallons | 13,183 litres

~Permitted by CRD and Island Health~

Affordable rates.

Call or text 778.922.0465

## 6. OPSRRA SMALL BUSINESS LISTINGS

**Do you operate a small business?** Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA offers a free business listing service for members, on its web site: [www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca). We will list non-members for a suitable donation!

The purpose of this service is to provide an opportunity for businesses in Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point to advertise their goods and services to their local community. We invite listings for accommodation, farm produce, art, furniture-making, fishing charters, eco-tours, firewood, knitting, soaps, landscaping, bookkeeping, sewing, spas and more. More information, businesses already listed and a registration form are available on OPSRRA's web site ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)) under **Business Listings**.

**Note:** OPSRRA does not accept responsibility for the services provided. Always check references and ask for confirmation of Work Safe B.C. registration if applicable.

**Support local businesses. The OPSRRA web site [www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca) has more information about the following local business listings:**

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair	Le Sooke Spa
Accent in Grooming	Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage
A Point of View B & B	Migration Design
ALM Organic Farm	Ocean Wilderness Inn
Beaches West B & B	Otter Point Beach House
Bear Home Remodelling	Otter Point Electrical Service
Birds Edge Press	Perfect Grade Plumbing
Coastal Crunch Granola	Reflexology by Marlene Barry
Eco Craft Lights	Road's End Construction
Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suites	Saltwest Naturals
Farmer Notary—Shawna Farmer, Notary Public.	Sooke Water Inc.
Full Circle Seeds	Shards Glass Studio and Workshops
Glen's Gardening Company	Stick in the Mud Coffee House
Heron's Rest B & B	Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast
"In A Fix" Bookkeeping & Accounting Services	Three Sisters Farm
Jambo Pet Sitting Service	Tugwell Creek Honey Farm
Kemp Lake Store Café	Tugwell Creek Meadery
Knotty Beds by Nature and Cedar Surfboards	Welcome Wagon
	Wildewood Custom Homes
	Wood Visions

## 7. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER

Back issues of the OPSRRA newsletter are available on the OPSRRA web site:

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This monthly newsletter is prepared by the directors of OPSRRA. It is available to members by e-mail and to others on our web site. To have an item you would like to have considered for placement in the newsletter, or make a comment about the newsletter, contact an OPSRRA director or email [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com)

**OPSRRA tries to verify the correctness of the information in this newsletter; if we have got it wrong we will acknowledge that and make a correction as quickly as possible.**