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OPSRRRA'S OTTER POINT, SHIRLEY & JORDAN RIVER NEWSLETTER: NOVEMBER 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) 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 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

1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

Visit the OPSRRA web site: www.opsrra.ca to view a Calendar of Events.

<p>Nov 1st-30th</p>	<p align="center">Shards Glass Studio: Book Your Own Date</p> <p align="center">To register: susan@shardsglass.com, 250 642 4942</p> <p align="center">Web site: www.shardsglass.com</p>
<p>Nov 1st-30th</p>	<p align="center">Shards Glass Studio: Gifts Ideas from the Gallery</p> <p align="center">Great local gift ideas for the holidays from ornaments to plates from Shards Glass Studio</p> <p align="center">Details: http://www.shardsglass.com/gift-ideas.html</p>
<p>Sunday Nov 1st</p>	<p align="center">Shards Glass Studio: Making Holiday Glass Gifts Galore</p> <p align="center">1:00 pm – 4:00 pm at Shards Studio in Otter Point</p> <p align="center">To register: susan@shardsglass.com, 250 642 4942</p> <p align="center">Web site: www.shardsglass.com</p>
<p>Monday Nov 2nd</p>	<p align="center">Public Hearing – Bylaw No.4022 (Meteorological Towers) and Bylaw No.4028 (Ocean Wilderness)</p> <p align="center">7:00 pm at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building</p> <p align="center">3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point</p>
<p>Tuesday Nov 3rd</p>	<p align="center">Juan de Fuca Emergency Services</p> <p align="center">Monthly Meeting 7:00 pm</p> <p align="center">JdF Search & Rescue Campus Training Bldg. 2028C Idlemore Road, Sooke</p>
<p>Wednesday Nov 4th</p>	<p align="center">*NEW* Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Bike</p> <p>Harbourview trail to Shields Lake. This is a relatively easy ride through nice forest on good trails. Shields Lake is a real jewel. Meet at Harbourview trailhead at 10:00 am. Please dress for the weather and wet trails, gloves are recommended and helmets are required. Bring a lunch and water.</p>

	<p>For more information contact Terry Cristall at 250 642 7101</p> <p>Web site: www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</p>
<p>Wednesday Nov 4th</p>	<p>Juan de Fuca Board of Variance (BV000439 – 3981 Trailhead Drive)</p> <p>6:00 pm at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building</p> <p>3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point</p>
<p>Wednesday Nov 4th</p>	<p>Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)</p> <p>Monthly meeting 6:30 pm Boardroom, SEAPARC Leisure Complex, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regular meetings of the Commission take place at SEAPARC on the 1st Wednesday of the month and are open to the public. • Meetings are also held at the call of the Chair. • Agendas and Minutes are posted for each meeting at: http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm
<p>Saturday Nov 7th</p>	<p>Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>Larkspurs. Level 3-difficulty hike through the Sooke Hills. This is a 10 km hike with a total cumulative ascent of 520 metres. The hike features beautiful forest and mosses, with 500 metres along the stone pipe. Meet at the Charters River bridge on Sooke River Rd at 9:00 am. 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 jdf.cts@gmail.com</p> <p>Web site: www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</p>
<p>Sunday Nov 8th</p>	<p>Shards Glass Studio: A Taste of Fused Glass Workshop</p> <p>1:00 pm – 3:00 pm at Shards Studio in Otter Point</p> <p>To register: susan@shardsglass.com, 250 642 4942</p>

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<p>Sunday Nov 8th</p>	<p>Shirley Fire Protection Society</p> <p>2:00 pm at the Shirley Hall</p>
<p>Tuesday Nov 10th</p>	<p>Shirley Hall Foot Care Clinics</p> <p>Foot Care Nurse, Marlene Beaulieu, LPN, holds clinics at the Shirley Community Hall, on the second Tuesday of each month.</p> <p>Diabetics and others with foot care issues are encouraged to attend the clinics.</p> <p>For appointments please call Marlene at 250-664-6810.</p> <p>Marlene is also available for home visits if you are unable to attend the regular clinic.</p>
<p>Tuesday Nov 10th</p>	<p>Otter Point Fire Department AGM</p> <p>7:30 pm at the Otter Point Fire Hall (3727 Otter Point Rd)</p>
<p>Wednesday Nov 11th</p>	<p>Remembrance Day Ceremony</p> <p>10:45 am in Pioneer Park next to the Shirley Hall</p>
<p>Wednesday Nov 11th</p>	<p>Shirley Community Association Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm at the Shirley Hall</p>
<p>Saturday Nov 14th</p>	<p>Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission and the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>Weiland Trail. This is a JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission sponsored hike of difficulty level 3. The hike features the Weiland Trail from Williams Simmons Park is approx 10 km with an elevation gain of 285 metres. Meet at William Simmons Memorial Park parking lot in the Sooke Business Park at 9:00 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 jdf.cts@gmail.com</p>

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<p>Sunday Nov 15th</p>	<p>Shirley Craft Fair 10:00 am to 4:00 pm at the Shirley Hall</p>
<p>Tuesday Nov 17th</p>	<p>Shirley Fire Commission Meeting Monthly meeting third Tuesday of the month 8:00 pm at the Shirley Hall</p>
<p>Friday Nov 20th</p>	<p>All Sooke Holiday Craft Fair 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm at the Sooke Community Hall</p>
<p>Saturday Nov 21st</p>	<p>All Sooke Holiday Craft Fair 10:00 am – 5:00 pm at the Sooke Community Hall</p>
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<p>Sunday Nov 22nd</p>	<p>Sheringham Point Lighthouse Preservation Society AGM 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm Community meeting room at the Sooke Region Museum (2070 Phillips Rd)</p>
<p>Tuesday Nov 24th</p>	<p>JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission 3:00 pm at the Juan de Fuca Local Area Services Building</p>

	<p style="text-align: center;">3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Public Welcome. For enquiries call 250 642 1500</p>
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Saturday Dec 5th	<p style="text-align: center;">Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>Endurance Ridge to Aylard Farm. This is a hike along the inland trails of East Sooke Park through gorgeous forests. This is rated as a difficulty level 3 hike. Meet at Aylard Farm parking lot at 9:00 am to car pool to the start of endurance Ridge (to end at Aylard Farm). Dress for the weather and bring good footwear, a lunch and water. Everyone is</p>

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<p>Monday Dec 7th</p>	<p>OPSRRA Directors Meeting</p> <p>7:30 pm Boardroom, SEAPARC, 2168 Phillips Road, Sooke Members welcome to attend.</p>
<p>Saturday Dec 12th</p>	<p>Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission and the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Hike</p> <p>East Sooke Park: Pike Point to Iron Mine Bay. This is a relatively easy JDFEA Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission sponsored hike of difficulty level 2. Hike from Pike Point along East Sooke Park trails to Iron Mine Bay. 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 the Pike Rd parking lot in East Sooke Park at 9:45 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 jdf.cts@gmail.com</p> <p>Web site: www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca</p>
<p>Saturdays</p>	<p>Pilates at the Shirley Hall</p> <p>9:30 am Level 1 class, suitable for beginners Contact: Sandra Smith Website: www.svakayoga.com Email: info@sandrasmithyoga.com</p>

Tuesdays & Fridays	<p style="text-align: center;">Yoga at the Shirley Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Tuesdays at 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Fridays at 10:00 am – 11:00 am</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Gentle Flow Class for all levels Contact: Nicole Spackman <u>shirleyhallyoga@gmail.com</u></p>
Thursdays & Sundays	<p style="text-align: center;">Nia Dance/Movement Class at the Shirley Hall</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm Sundays 11:00 am – 12:15 pm Contact: Melody Kimmell, 250-646-2995 email <u>movingmelody@gmail.com</u></p>

2. WATER SURVEY

We had an extreme drought this past summer--did your water supply suffer? Please take the time to complete our water survey to give us a sense of how this hot and dry summer has affected our members.

Link to survey: <http://goo.gl/forms/W0UZWbp6WE>

We ran a similar survey last fall. We hope to be able to compare the 2014 survey with the 2015 survey.

Your participation in this survey is anonymous.

OPSRRA will publish the results in the December OPSRRA newsletter and send the results to the Regional Director and our MLA.

You have until November 30, 2015, to complete the survey.

3. JDF COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY ADDS BIKING COMPONENT

The following was submitted to OPSRRA from the JDFCTS.

JDFCTS Director of Hiking Terry Cristall would like to announce a biking addition to our recreation program. The first bike event will be held November 4th. Meet at the

Harbourview trailhead at 10:00 am to join us on the route from Harbourview trailhead to Sheilds Lake. This is a relatively easy ride through nice forest on good trails. Please dress for the weather and wet trails. Gloves are recommended and **helmets are required**. Bring a lunch and water.

For more information contact Terry Cristall at 250 642 7101

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4. TALES OF WOE AND WHIMSY: THE WORK OF JAN JOHNSON

Some of the large body of work created by the late Jan Johnson throughout his time at his Pascoe Rd home is being shown at the Sooke Region Museum under the title “Tales of Woe and Whimsy”. The show runs from October 23rd 2015 to March 31st 2016 and is open during regular museum hours. The Sooke Region Museum and Visitors Centre is open 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Tuesday through Sunday, closed Mondays and Statutory Holidays.

Jan Johnson was a well-loved local character that made his home out beyond Sooke since the early 80’s. He first lived out in Shirley and had many stories of volleyball and other community events at the Shirley Hall, as well as tales of interesting times at the Jordan River pub and good finds at the Jordan River dump (an important place where many pieces of sculpture originated from. The stories Jan told painted a vivid picture of what it was like in the area beyond Sooke in the 80’s and 90’s. From Shirley, Jan moved to Otter Point and created a “weird home” that is infused with art that he shared with his wife Mary Alice Johnson. A true local character, you would be hard pressed to find someone with such a unique combination of brilliance, insight, humbleness, keen observation and creative execution that Jan possessed.

Jan left behind an amazing body of unique work. We are fortunate for that and also very fortunate that Mary Alice Johnson is passionate about Jan’s work and wants to continue to share it with the world and allow us all to continue to get to know Jan through his work.

A book of Jan’s art is in the works and hopefully more shows will follow. Mary Alice is still searching for more of Jan’s pieces that people own that she doesn’t know about so if you have one, or know of one please let her know mary@almfarms.org.

Follow this link to a great article about Jan and the current show “Tales of Woe and Whimsy” from the Times Colonist to find out more.

www.timescolonist.com/life/islander/robert-amos-sooke-museum-presents-retrospective-of-jan-johnson-1.2095020

5. THIEVES AT WORK IN OTTER POINT AREA

There have been a lot of people in the community of Otter Point (and probably spilling over into Shirley and Sooke as well, if not further) who have been having problems with prowlers checking out their properties and also stealing items from them.

The thieves (a pair?) seem to be “working” all hours, from early morning, during the day and late at night. They may be using excuses such as “we’re looking for our dog”, “we just hit a dog and wanted to see if it was yours”, or even “we hit a cougar and wanted to make sure everything was okay” when they are found on your property and need to explain why.

Hopefully the arrest made over a week ago will stop the activity in our neighbourhood but everyone should be aware and make sure valuable items are secured and perhaps think about installing some better lighting, etc as a deterrent.

Please keep an eye open for suspicious activity and keep in touch with your immediate neighbours. The positive side is this event can bring us closer to our neighbours and community.

6. WHERE TO FIND LOCAL GIFTS

Here are a few ideas to help you get your holiday gift shopping started. There are many great gift ideas to consider that you can buy directly from our local businesses and the holiday craft fairs are another great way to support local crafters, artists and producers.

Find below a list of some of the OPSRRA listed businesses that have some unique gift ideas and their contact info.

Saltwest Naturals: <http://saltwest.com/>

Shards Glass Studio: <http://www.shardsglass.com/gift-ideas.html>

Tugwell Creek Honey Farm and Meadery: <http://tugwellcreekfarm.com/>

Craft Fairs are another great way to find local gifts. November is a busy month for Craft Fairs!

Shirley Craft Fair at the Shirley Hall

Nov 15th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

All Sooke Arts and Crafts Holiday Fair at the Sooke Community Hall

Nov 20th 1:00 pm – 8:00 pm

Nov 21st & 22nd 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

Sooke Fall Fair Craft Fair at the Sooke Community Hall

Nov 29th 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

7. 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. 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) 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 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

8. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER

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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

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.