

OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA) INFORMATION UPDATE **June 2012**

The Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association (OPSRRA) 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. OPSRRA was founded in 1992 and has a membership of about **400**. Any resident or property owner in Shirley and Otter Point who are age 18 or over are eligible for membership.

Lifetime memberships cost \$5.00 per person and are available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site (www.opsrra.ca) for further information and on-line registration. Associate (non-voting) memberships are available for persons who do not reside or own property in Shirley or Otter Point, but who wish to support the Association.

The purpose of our society is to:

- Ensure that the development of the two communities of Shirley and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.
- Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
- Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
- Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
- 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 newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your e-mail address? OPSRRA now emails this newsletter to over **300** of our members. Contact Arnie Campbell at: opsrra@gmail.com you want to receive this membership service.

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1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Arnie Campbell at: opsrra@gmail.com or **250-642-3113** to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

Saturday
June 2

Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
Hike the Lakes Carriage Way to Kapoor Park & back
9:00 a.m.

Meet at the upper parking lot in the Sooke Potholes Regional Park. **Bring parking money.**

A 16 km hike along the Galloping Goose.

Bring water and a lunch, and dress for the weather.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email sid2767@shaw.ca for details.

Web site:

www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Tuesday
June 5

Juan de Fuca Emergency Services
Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m.

JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building
2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

Wednesday
June 6

Volunteer Fair

An event for everyone in the region.

Two free sessions at Edward Milne Community School:

- 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm
to engage youth and support youth activities.
- 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm
to engage the public.

The Sooke Region Volunteer Centre Committee (SRVCC), with support from the Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission, has organized the first Volunteer Fair for the Sooke Region.

See newsletter item below for more information.

Wednesday
June 6

Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation
Commission (SEAPARC)
Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m.

Board Room
SEAPARC Leisure Complex
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

Wednesday
May 9

Otter Point Advisory Planning Commission

Fifth in a series of public meetings to collect community comment on the proposed changes to the Otter Point Official Community Plan.

See newsletter story item below for details.

Saturday
June 9

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
and the District of Sooke
Broom Bash**

9:00 a.m. to noon

The third Broom Bash on the Whiffin Spit

Bring your loppers, hand clippers and work gloves. Relieve your frustrations on the broom. Join us for the morning or for an hour or two.

Everyone welcome.

For information:

Email Laura Byrne, District of Sooke lbyrne@sooke.ca or
Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or
email sid2767@shaw.ca

Web site:

www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Wednesday
May 13

Otter Point Advisory Planning Commission

Sixth in a series of public meetings to collect community comment on the proposed changes to the Otter Point Official Community Plan.

See newsletter story item below for details.

Tuesday
June 19

**JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC)
Meeting**

7:00 p.m.

JDF Electoral Area Planning Services Meeting Room
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

Obtain the agenda the Friday before the meeting on the CRD website at:

http://www.crd.bc.ca/agendas/juandefucalandusecom_/index.htm

Select the year and month of the agenda you wish to read.

Wednesday
June 20

**Shirley Women's Institute
Monthly meeting**

2:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Thursday
June 21

**OPSRRA Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting**
Members welcome!
7:30 p.m.
Sooke Region Museum Service Building
2070 Philips Road Sooke BC

Agenda available on request.
Contact Arnie Campbell at opsrra@gmail.com

Tuesday
June 26

**Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation
Commission**
Monthly Meeting
5:00 p.m.
JDF Electoral Area Services Meeting Room
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

Tuesday
July 3

Juan de Fuca Emergency Services
Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m.
JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building
2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

Wednesday
July 4

**Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation
Commission (SEAPARC)**
Monthly Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Board Room
SEAPARC Leisure Complex
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

Saturday
July 7

Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
Hike up Mt. Braden
9:00 a.m.

Meet at the Saseenos Park & Ride to car pool to parking
near the 4 lane on Sooke Road.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767
or email sid2767@shaw.ca for details.
Web site:
www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Every second
and fourth
Sunday
May 13 to
October 21

Shirley Farmers Market
9:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m.
Pioneer Park (next to Shirley Community Hall)
Contact Christopher Lucas for table information:
Phone: 250-900-8817

Mondays **Karate for all ages**
6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall
Contact Alida Long: 250-642-4631

Tuesdays **Yoga**
6:30 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall
With Alanda Carver

Thursdays **Shirley Quilters and Crafters**
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

Everyone welcome
Contact Christien Shipton: 250-646-2687

Thursdays &
Sundays **Nia Dance / Movement Class**
Thursdays: 6:45 to 8:00 p.m.
Sundays: 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

Contact Melody Kimmell:
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2. UPDATE: OTTER POINT OCP REVIEW

The Otter Point Advisory Planning Commission's (APC) review of the draft Otter Point Official Community Plan (OCP) continues through June with public meetings scheduled for Wednesday June 6 and Wednesday, June 13 at 7:00 pm at the Otter Point Fire Hall. There were four meetings held in May and the major areas of discussion were definitions, minimum parcel size, extension of community water, acquiring community amenities in exchange for allowing more density and protection of groundwater.

Once this initial round of community consultation is completed, the Juan de Fuca Planning Services staff will consolidate the recommendations and produce a second draft that will be returned to the community for further comment. The draft OCP still needs to be reviewed by the Capital Regional District Board of Directors to confirm that it is consistent with the CRD's Regional Growth Strategy as many of the land use proposals would increase density beyond what is presently permitted.

Residents of Otter Point are encouraged to participate in the OCP review as the bylaw being written will guide rezoning, density and services decisions for our area for at least the next 5 years. Information about the OCP Review Committee's recommendations, the draft OCP and background material is available on the JDFA web site at: http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/landuse/otterpoint_ocp.htm

Comments regarding the proposed changes to the present OCP can be made at any of the remaining APC meetings or by contacting June Klassen, Manager Planning Services at 250-642-1500 or 2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke or emailing her at: jklassen@crd.bc.ca

3. PLANS UNDER WAY FOR A NEW SOOKE REGION LIBRARY

A public consultation regarding the proposed replacement of the library in Sooke was hosted by the Vancouver Island Regional Library (VIRL) on Tuesday, May 8. The VIRL representatives spoke about the criteria used for site selection, what a modern library could look like and how the building could be financed.

The VIRL operates as a taxpayer supported cooperative with all 38 branches on Vancouver Island, Bella Coola and Haida Gwaii sharing in the capital cost of their facilities. Replacement of the Sooke branch, which also services East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley and Jordan River, has been identified as a priority because of its condition and small size. The VIRL looks at three options when it decides to replace a branch: owning the land and building; leasing the building from a municipality or regional government; or leasing the building from a private owner. Different borrowing models are then considered depending on which option it decided upon. If a local government donates the land then only the building will need to be financed. If land and/or a building needs to be financed the VIRL will try to partner with the District of Sooke and the Capital Regional District (on behalf of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area). Borrowing should not result in a significant property tax increase as all the VIRL partners are always paying into a Capital Fund for new facilities. Residents of the JDFA presently pay \$16.49 per \$100,000 of assessed property value to the VIRL to cover our share of the total operating and capital costs. The electoral area's levy for 2012 will be \$229,160 or an average of about \$65 per household.

The length of time it takes to acquire a new library will depend on whether the building is owned or leased and the borrowing model. The VIRL representatives said that eighteen months would be the minimum amount of time needed to plan and build, provided there is an available site. Whether leased or owned the new

facility would be designed for a 20 year life. The District of Sooke's Official Community Plan has identified locating the new facility in the vicinity of the Mariner's Village complex, however the VIRL representative said that they would not be bound by this and that a Request for Proposal (RFP) would be issued and a decision made by the VIRL Board based upon their selection criteria. JDFEA Regional Director sits on the VIRL board.

The disappointingly small crowd of about 20-25, who attended the May 8 public consultation, did have some suggestions including:

- Trying to combine the space with another civic building such as a seniors', cultural or recreation centre.
- Providing adequate parking as library patrons from the JDFEA can't easily walk or bike to Sooke.
- Taking into consideration what the building would look like from Sooke Harbour as well as from the street.
- Allowing for future expansion.
- Including expanded internet access.

4. SHOULD THE JDFEA OWN ITS ADMINISTRATION BUILDING?

The building at 6868 West Coast Road in Sooke, where the CRD Planning and Protective Services offices are located, has been sold. It had been listed on the real estate market since July 2011 with an asking price of \$2,095,000. The CRD's lease for their portion of the building expires December 31, 2013. Regional Director Hicks and the CRD have already begun a search for another location in the event that the lease is not renewed. One of the options could be to own instead of renting.

The present cost to the taxpayers of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) for rent and utilities at 6868 West Coast Road is about \$130,000 per year. At present-day low interest rates the CRD could consider a 20 year mortgage for about the same monthly cost to JDFEA taxpayers and end-up owning a building instead of renting.

5. JUNE IN THE GARDEN

This is a seasonal feature for the OPSRRA newsletter prepared by Marika Nagasaka, partner at [ALM Organic Farm](#) and [Full Circle Seeds](#).

June on the farm consists of planting more successions of crops (carrots, beets, summer squash, bush beans, salad greens, basil, etc). The majority of our beds are planted out by this time, so June will consist of a lot of weeding!

There are also a few important winter-crop planting dates to remember. Parsnips and Brussel sprouts should be seeded at the beginning of the month, and purple sprouting broccoli, winter cabbage, cauliflower and kale should be seeded by mid-June. Cabbage moths will be out in full force this time of year so make sure to protect your cole crops against them by protecting with floating row cover.

As well get yourself ready to plant winter carrots and beets July 1 by getting your beds prepped in advance so you are ready to plant on the first. We often try to get a weed flush on a prepped bed before we seed it; it's a lot easier to weed when you don't have to work around

any plants. We get the bed ready (make the trenches), then get the bed moist and cover with row cover to encourage the weed seeds to germinate quickly. Then we will either do a quick hoe weeding on a hot day, taking care to just disturb the top layer of soil (so as not to stir up more weed seeds), or use the tiger torch to flame weed. This technique only works to get rid of annual weeds; you will have to work on the perennial weeds by hand.

6. OPSRRA LETTER: THE JORDAN RIVER PARK RESERVE

OPSRRA wrote the following letter to the Chair of the CRD Regional Parks Committee in support of exploring the creation of a community forest on a portion of the lands which the CRD is purchasing from Western Forest Products in the Jordan River area.

Dear Chairwoman Brice:

The directors of the Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association (OPSRRA) request that the CRD Regional Parks Committee recommend to the CRD Board of Directors that a decision regarding the properties on the north side of Highway 14 be set aside for a couple of years to provide time for the CRD to work with the community to identify the best use for these lands, including the possibility of retaining them in the public domain as a community forest.

The CRD's acquisition of the Jordan River Park Reserve lands presents an opportunity for the communities west of Sooke to participate in the establishment of a community forest and our association is exploring how we can support this idea. Our association's preliminary work has identified six areas which need further discussion before arriving at a decision as to whether a community forest would be the best use for these lands.

1. Consultation with the community to determine the purpose(s) of a community forest: logging; recreation; demonstration, tourism, restricted green space, land banking; economic development?
2. What should be the governance model: foundation; society; co-op; trust; municipal government; regional government?
3. What are the limitations to using this property as a community forest: safe access from Highway 14; proximity to emergency fire and rescue services; suitability of this forest for the determined purpose(s)?
4. What are the advantages to using this property: availability; existing zoning; existing trails; existing access roads and parking; established research forest; professionally planted and maintained; protection of the views along the portion of the Pacific Marine Circle Route?
5. What are the challenges: finding the money to purchase; support of stakeholders; support of broader community; agreement on use(s); governance model; on-going expense for the upkeep of access, trails, insurance, etc.?
6. Are there other possible uses for a community forest: horse trails; cultural retreat; arborist training; adventure training; forest stewardship training;

edible forest; research; outdoor classroom; school, college and university field trips?

In the meantime, our association will continue to work with others who share the idea of establishing a community forest west of Sooke and request that CRD Regional Parks keep us informed of their recommendations so that we can work on this possibility in a collaborative manner with the CRD, other organizations and the broader community.

7. FOLLOW UP: RURAL RESOURCE LANDS FOREST FUTURES FORUM

The organizers of the **Our Forests, Our Future** forums held May 1 in Sooke and May 3 in Victoria submitted the following item to the OPSRRA newsletter:

Several things came together to inspire these forums. This year, the CRD staff and Board want to achieve a Regional Sustainability Strategy that captures the values and goals of an informed public. The general public demonstrated a great interest in the future of the regional resource lands when they attended Public Hearings for the Marine Trail Holdings application. People were deeply concerned about the protection of the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail and that the proposed development was not suited to the resource lands. And finally, the Auditor General's February 2012 report on forestry in B.C. says that recent forestry practises are not sustainable, which is a grave concern.

The forums were intended to provide a realistic assessment of how we can get the best out of the CRD regional resource lands. Sustainable harvest, preservation of valued ecosystems and jobs that depend on harvesting forest products as well as jobs that involve adventure and eco-tourism will all be in the mix. The forums were organized by an alliance of environmental and conservation groups active on the south island such as Sierra Club BC, Western Canada Wilderness Committee, Sea to Sea Greenbelt Society, Jordan River Steering Committee and by individual citizens with ties to their communities.

The Our Forests, Our Future forum held on May 1 at Edward Milne Community School was attended by just over 100 people. T'Sou-ke Chief Gordon Planes and Elder Shirley Alphonse opened the forum with a welcome, a prayer and a reminder that First Nations have always recognized their dependence, as humans, on the natural world and the need for humans to respect and be mindful of the future when they meet their present needs by using natural resources.

CRD Directors Mike Hicks and Ben Isitt attended, as did MLA John Horgan. Director Vic Derman attended the Victoria forum. Generous donations from those organizing and attending the forums have covered the costs.

Ray Zimmerman gave a presentation with maps that illustrate the extent of forest harvest in the Rural Resource Lands over the last few years.

Rosie Betsworth described how the Ancient Forest Alliance's drive to publicize and protect Avatar Grove has resulted in the Port Renfrew

Visitor Information Centre fielding hundreds of enquiries about big trees in the area. Port Renfrew is now a resort more than a logging town. Betsworth spoke of balancing uses to save some natural areas for the future of tourism and also for the enjoyment of local people.

Bill Bourgeois works around the province with the grass roots Healthy Forests, Healthy Communities initiative. Local people are organizing in a non-partisan movement to describe their long term visions for their community and communicate it to decision makers as a set of actions required to support the vision. He said it is important to involve property owners from the beginning. Communities around the province want a higher level of stewardship for the forest resources. More local control may provide such stewardship.

Vicky Husband, as well as supporting the thoughts of previous speakers, reminded the forum that democracy begins at a local level. Our voices need to be heard in letters to decision makers and to the media.

Mike Hicks and Ben Isitt have taken the idea of a community forest back to the CRD Board. As a follow up to audience concerns, the Jordan River Steering Committee is working towards a community mapping exercise to draw together information on what people value in the Juan de Fuca Forest Lands and what resources are identified.

8. FISHBOAT BAY COMMUNITY PARK IN SHIRLEY OPEN

The Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Commission submitted the following information to the OPSRRA newsletter.

For a gorgeous sandy beach with a view, check out the community park at Fishboat Bay in Shirley. Bring the kids, sand pails, picnic and binoculars. The Juan de Fuca Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission has just completed a set of stairs to the beach to replace the rope that used to be there. It is best to visit the park at low tide as the beach can disappear. To get there go past French Beach and Juan de Fuca Road then turn left onto Fishboat Bay Road. A very short park trail is well marked at the end of the road.

While there, if you feel like a longer hike, go to the Priest Cabin Community Park for a splendid overlook of French Beach. Park at the end of Juan de Fuca Road and then hike up the small road on the right up the hill, dog-leg left and turn right to the forested summit before the yellow gate. Follow the trail to the cabin and beyond to the see the view.

9. UPDATE: OPSRRA ACTIVITIES

As a result of a donation from an OPSRRA member, the Association now owns the domain name otterpoint.ca and over the coming year we will consider how it could best be used. Any suggestions?

Also, we are in the process of setting up a survey function on the OPSRRA web site that would allow anonymous responses to general interest survey questions. Preparations for this function should be completed shortly and the monthly question and we will explain how to participate in the July newsletter.

The OPSRRA directors will be pursuing three initiatives over the summer and would appreciate getting comment from members. Contact information for

individual directors is at the top of this newsletter or you can reach us at opsrra@gmail.com

OPSRRA constitution review:

OPSRRA was created in 1982. Our bylaws are very basic and have served us well. However the association has expanded its activities over the past 20 years and some of those changes may not be reflected in our bylaws. For example:

- We hold public education events such as forums, town hall meetings and all-candidates meetings.
- We now publish a monthly newsletter and have a web site.
- Should the minimum age for membership remain at 18?
- We have many associate members from Jordan River who can't become full members as our constitution says that you must reside within the Otter Point or Shirley Fire Protection Districts. If the Shirley Fire Protection boundary is expanded to Jordan River (which is under consideration) should Jordan River residents automatically be eligible to become OPSRRA members?
- If the Shirley fire protection boundary doesn't change, to include Jordan River, should the boundary for OPSRRA membership be the Shirley/Jordan River Official Community Plan boundary?
- Some parts of Otter Point are not within the Otter Point Fire Protection District. Should membership be changed from Fire Protection District to Official Community Plan boundary?

OPSRRA publicity:

Increasing its awareness and attracting new members is an on-going responsibility for any community organization. Various ways to do this include advertising, attending community events to sell memberships, hosting public meetings and sponsoring community activities. Do you have other suggestions for us?

Welcome to Shirley and Welcome to Otter Point signs:

The five Welcome to Shirley and Welcome to Otter Point signs which OPSRRA raised money for and installed, will soon be a year old. They, along with the 25 OPSRRA Community Notice Boards in Otter Point, require regular maintenance and occasional replacement. Keeping these signs attractive and in good condition benefits our community. Do you have suggestions as to how the appearance of these signs can be improved? One suggestion is that we plant deer resistant, native flowers around the base of the Welcome to Shirley and Welcome to Otter Point highway signs. Good idea? If so, can you donate suitable material or otherwise help with this project?

10. CAMP BARNARD TO HOST 2015 SCOUTING JAMBOREE

Camp Barnard is operated by Scouts Canada and last year hosted over 12,000 camper nights at its 125 acre Young's Lake facility in Otter Point.

The committee that oversees the operation of Camp Barnard sent the OPSRRA newsletter the following update:

We have a really busy summer coming up at camp and Otter Point residents can expect a little more traffic in the area during the week of August 21-25 when we are expecting about 600 Scouts and leaders from all over B.C. to be in camp. The Church of Jesus Christ Latter

Day Saints uses Scouting as its young men's program and they are gathering for a week-long camp. This will be a mini-test for the Camp Barnard Camp Committee in preparation for the 2015 Scouting Jamboree.

11. CELL TOWER TO ARRIVE & BUSINESS PARK'S CONTAINER STORAGE TO EXPAND

West Coast Storage, which operates a combined outdoor and storage container business at the Sooke Business Park in Otter Point, will be expanding its business. The Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee has recommended to the CRD Board that West Coast Storage be allowed to expand their storage container operation by 879 containers. The site presently accommodates 165 intermodal shipping containers used as private storage rental units as well as an outdoor area for storing boats and RVs. The company does not foresee the need to use all of the additional 879 spaces but asked for a development permit with variance to secure this future use on their property.

It has also been confirmed that a building permit has been issued for the installation of a Telus communications tower which will be located on land leased from West Coast Storage at the business park. As reported in the February issue of the OPSRRA newsletter, the approximately 150 foot (49 metre) high tower is a \$500,000 project to improve and extend cell phone and wireless communications coverage to parts of Sooke and Otter Point, with a western boundary of Kemp Lake Road. Most of the users of the new tower will be Telus customers who are residents of the local area but others are anticipated to benefit from the improved service including tourists, delivery companies and other businesses who travel to or through the area and expect to be able to access cell phone and other wireless communications.

12. SOOKE REGION VOLUNTEER FAIR

The [Sooke Region Volunteer Centre Committee](#) submitted the following to OPSRRA:

Come one, come all to the First Sooke Region Volunteer Fair!

The Sooke Region Volunteer Centre Committee (SRVCC), with support from the Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission, is organizing the first Volunteer Fair for the Sooke Region. This free event will take place in two sessions on Wednesday June 6, 2012 at Edward Milne Community School from 12:00 pm. to 7:00 pm. We seek to involve youth, people coming home from work, and all those in between—everyone in the region!

Our goals are to:

- Create an opportunity and atmosphere for networking among groups.
- Provide opportunities for the public to find out more about what's happening in our region
- Make connections among volunteers and volunteer opportunities.
- Involve the youth by holding the fair at the school where they can attend and by having school groups run refreshment tables.
- Demonstrate the value of a Volunteer Centre and the services it can provide to non-profit groups, volunteers and the general public.
- Keep it simple and effective!

We will provide 1/2 of an 8 foot table for each group free. We suggest having two people from each group, if possible. Donation boxes will not be encouraged at this event although raffle ticket sales and draw boxes likely will be. More details to follow.

Does your group need more help in any way? Donations? Volunteers? Then this is the event for you! Set up a table and tell us about yourselves from 12:00 to 1:00 and again from 3:30 to 7:00. The period from 1:00 to 3:30 would allow groups to network; have a shift change or run out to deal with other business.

We have an advertising budget so plan to promote this event in all the local papers, websites and the Times-Colonist. A local radio station will be on site for the event, so please take this opportunity to showcase your organization and spread the word to community members who may be interested in volunteering.

We will also be exploring ways to facilitate individuals and organizations from East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River & Port Renfrew being able to participate.

This event will be free to the public as well.

We are excited about this opportunity to showcase and connect. We look forward to hearing from all of the approximately 160 volunteer organizations! Watch for details on free registration through an EMCS on-line registration program, as well as options for those without computer access.

Please put June 6th on your calendar today!

We are looking for volunteers for this event, to organize, to serve on a short-term committee and to help with promotion, write press releases and design posters.

For any other suggestions or questions, or to volunteer to help with this event, contact Marlene at sookeregionchi@yahoo.ca. Please share this email widely.

On-line registration for this event: The on-line registration will take a few moments of your time and will save massive amounts of staff (costs) & volunteer time (burn-out). Thank you in advance for your patience. On-line registration is as follows:

Step 1: Please click on the link below to create your account. You only really need to fill in the contact & log-in info sections. After the 'security check' at the bottom click on 'create a new account'. This will take you out of the program.

<http://www.booking.ca/bkemcsspub/index.asp>

Step 2: Once your account has been created the site will direct you to click on a link in your notification email. This will take you back into the registration site already logged in.

Step 3: Click on 'View Available Courses'. Use 'Search by Course Code' type in VF-100. Click 'go'. On top right of the course description click on 'register now'. Click on 'Check out' at bottom right. Here you can 'print receipt' which is your confirmation of registration or simply log out.

13. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

There are over 30 heritage sites and areas of interest in Otter Point? As part of the Otter Point Official Community Plan review, the records of Otter Point's earlier years are being updated and corrected. As part of this update, Sooke Region Museum Historian Elida Peers and Otter Point resident Arnie Campbell organized and hosted a workshop on May 22 attended by 30 former and current residents of Otter Point. Reminiscences about living in the community and old photographs were used to add to and correct information about identified heritage sites. Once all the information is reviewed it will become an appendix to the Otter Point Official Community Plan. The heritage sites on which information has been gathered are listed below:

Elder Camp & School	Malahat Farm
Oil Well Drilling Site/Muir Creek	Burial Site/ Muir Creek
Tugwell Creek School	Old Skookum Gulch Bridge
Clark Farm House	Tugwell Gordon Farm
Old Vogel House	Old Slew [Slough]
Old Otter Point Post Office	Gordon's Fish Trap
Seaside/Kaulitz Saw Mill	Old Kaulitz Logging Road
Otter Point	Emerson School
St. Xavier Church	Otter Point School
Emerson House & Barn	Kemp Town
Poirier House	Indian Race Course & Army Camp
Harris House	Scarf House
Scarf Post Office & Store	Berger Cabin
Army WWII Manoeuvres Area	Camp Barnard
Panama/Sylvania Logging Railway	Jordan River to Colwood Power Line
Old Stage Coach Road	

We invite anyone with further information about Otter Point's earlier years to contact either:

Arnie Campbell, Otter Point resident
250-642-3113 or d.acampbell@shaw.ca

Elida Peers, Sooke Region Historian
250-642-4200 or 250-642-6351 or
historian@sookeregionmuseum.com

14. OPSRRA SMALL BUSINESS LISTINGS

Do you operate a small business? Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA is offering 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 anticipate having 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 an on-line 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 has more information about the following business listings

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair
Accent in Grooming
A Point of View B & B
ALM Organic Farm
Beaches West B & B
Bear Home Remodelling
Birds Edge Press
Coastal Crunch Granola
Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suites
Farmer Notary—Shawna Farmer, Notary Public.
Full Circle Seeds
Glen's Gardening Company
Heron's Rest B & B
"In A Fix" Bookkeeping & Accounting Services
Jambo Pet Sitting Service
Kemp Lake Store Cafe
Kirsten Sykes, Realtor
Knotty Beds by Nature
Le Sooke Spa
Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage
Ocean Wilderness Inn
Otter Point Beach House
Otter Point Electrical Service
Reflexology by Marlene Barry

Rhythm's Edge Percussion Shop

Road's End Construction

Sandy's Drywall Ltd

Stick in the Mud Coffee House

Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast

Three Sisters Farm

Tugwell Creek Honey Farm

Tugwell Creek Meadery

Welcome Wagon

Wood Visions

15. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER

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

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: www.opsrra.ca.

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 got it wrong we will acknowledge that and make a correction as quickly as possible.
