

# OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA) INFORMATION UPDATE MARCH 2009

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 **385**. Any resident or property owner in Shirley and Otter Point is eligible for membership.

**Lifetime memberships cost \$5.00 per person** and are available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site ([www.opsrra.ca](http://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 e-mails this newsletter to over **225** of our members. Contact Arnie Campbell at: [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca) if you want to receive this membership service.

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### 1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Arnie Campbell at: [d.acampbell@shaw.ca](mailto:d.acampbell@shaw.ca) or 642-3113 to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

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Thursday  
March 5

#### **Sooke & Electoral Area Recreation Commission (SEAPARC) Meeting**

7:00 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Saturday  
March 7

#### **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society Cedar Grove Trail and Cougar Ridge**

9:30 a.m.  
This is a 2.5 to 3 hour hike with a great view of Matheson Lake and Broom Hill from Cougar Ridge.  
Meet at the Roche Cove Parking lot for the Galloping Goose Trail.  
Bring a snack and dress for the weather. Parts of the trail can be muddy.  
Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.

Please note our new web address:  
[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Wednesday  
March 11     **Shirley Community Association  
Annual General Meeting**  
7:30 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall

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Thursday  
March 12     **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Agricultural Advisory  
Commission**  
5:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC  
  
Monthly meeting

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Tuesday  
March 17     **JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC) Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
District of Sooke Council Chambers  
2225 Otter Point Road  
  
You can obtain the agenda the Friday before the meeting at the  
CRD Planning Services office, 2-6868 West Coast Road or on the  
CRD website at: [www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm)  
Click on "Agenda" at the top of the page.  
  
See newsletter story item number 5 for details.

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Tuesday  
March 24     **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission**  
5:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC  
  
Monthly meeting

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Wednesday  
March 25     **OPSRRA Board of Directors  
Annual General Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
Otter Point Fire Hall

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Thursday  
March 26     **JDF Economic Development Commission  
Monthly Meeting**  
6:00 pm  
Village Foods Meeting Room  
6661 Sooke Road, Sooke BC

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Sunday  
March 29     **Shirley Spring Craft Fair**  
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall

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Thursday  
April 2     **Sooke & Electoral Area Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)  
Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Saturday  
April 4

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society  
Sooke Potholes Regional Park**

9:30 a.m.

This ramble will take 2 to 3 hours so bring a snack as well as your camera.

Meet in the upper parking lot. **You will need money for the parking meter.**

We will take a look at some of the waterfalls along the river and the Galloping Goose Trail.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.

**Please note our new web address:**

[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Second &  
Fourth  
Thursday  
of every  
month

**Shirley Quilters and Crafters**

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

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Tuesdays

**Yoga**

6:30 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

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**2. OPSRRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The OPSRRA AGM will be held from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 25 at the Otter Point Fire Hall. The meeting agenda will be emailed the week of March 16 to members receiving the OPSRRA newsletter.

**3. KEMP LAKE STORE BREAK-IN PRODUCES 'WINDOW WEB' ART**

Have you noticed the unique piece of window web art in the side window of the Kemp Lake Store? If not, have a visit—it is over on the right by the coolers. Here is the story about how the “window web” came about, as told by Debbie Stolth who operates the Kemp Lake Store and Forbidden Pleasures Café.

“While contemplating the third break-in to our business in Otter Point I knew something had to be done to fight back against crime. I didn’t want bars on the windows of our quaint little country store and café. As I mulled over the problem, I remembered seeing some iron work at the Sooke Fine Arts Show this past summer. I contacted the artist, Marty Gilbertson, who lives just down the road in French Beach, to see if he could come-up with a solution.

In a very short time, Marty came-up with an innovative idea. Our customers do not comment on the bars but they do comment on the unique piece of art I have hanging in my window. Marty has taken a piece of security and made it into some fine art.”

#### 4. SHOULD OPSRRA REGISTER AS A LOBBYIST?

At its January 15, 2009 monthly meeting, the OPSRRA Board discussed whether the association should be registered as a lobbyist with the Provincial Government given that OPSRRA regularly raises concerns and makes suggestions on behalf of the community to local and provincial officials and elected representatives.

**A Guide to the Lobbyist Registration Act** produced by the Office of the Registrar in BC gave some help in deciding on the issue. In the **Lobbyist Registration Act, 2001**, lobbying is broadly defined as occurring when a paid lobbyist communicates with a public office holder in order to influence or change such things as legislative proposals, bills, regulation, policies and programs.

The Act defines three different types of lobbyists:

- Consultant lobbyists paid to lobby on behalf of a client;
- In-house lobbyists employed by persons or businesses that carry on commercial activities for financial gain; and
- In-house lobbyists employed by non-commercial organizations such as advocacy groups, industry, professional and charitable organizations.

Non-commercial organizations that employ at least one person to act as a lobbyist for at least 20% of that person's paid time must register through the organization's senior officer with the Office of the Registrar and pay an initial \$75 registration fee. Failure to properly register can lead to a fine of up to \$25,000.

On reviewing this information, the OPSRRA Board concluded that as it has no paid employees and therefore it is not obligated to register as a lobbyist.

#### 5. REQUEST TO SEAPARC FOR LOCAL RECREATION PROGRAMS

OPSRRA recently sent the following letter to the Sooke and Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC).

We have received a reply and set a late March meeting date to discuss this request. Do you have local area recreation programming that you would like to see considered? Contact OPSRRA directors Ken Pungente, Bob Phillips or Arnie Campbell by March 27 with your suggestions.

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#### OTTER POINT AND SHIRLEY RESIDENTS AND RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION

Mr. Larry Hutchings  
Manager, SEAPARC Leisure Centre  
Sooke BC

Dear Mr. Hutchings:

It has been brought to our attention that there is money available for Recreation Programs for parts of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Areas covered by SEAPARC and that this funding has been used for programs in the East Sooke area. We were hoping by giving you enough notice you would consider budgeting some courses in the Otter Point or Shirley area.

A couple of ideas might be to take younger children on nature hikes or beach hikes to identify flora, fauna and sea life in our area. You might also consider taking them to some of our local farms so that they could see how we raise food and livestock as a way of helping them to learn a little of this important aspect of our rural life. These are just a couple of ideas that come to mind, you may have others that might work well in our rural area.

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## 6. REGISTER TO VOTE IN THE MAY PROVINCIAL ELECTION

There will be a provincial election and a referendum on electoral reform on May 12, 2009 and Elections BC reminds us to ensure that we are registered. If you are 18 years of age or older, a Canadian citizen and have been a resident of B.C. for the past 6 months you are eligible to register. If you have not already received a notification that you're on the Voters List or if you want to confirm your registration, then contact Elections BC at [www.elections.bc.ca](http://www.elections.bc.ca) or call toll-free 1-800-661-8683.

**Note:** The last provincial election had many Otter Point residents travelling to Sassenos Elementary School, on the east side of Sooke, in order to vote. OPSRRA complained about this inconvenient arrangement to Elections BC and our MLA. We are hopeful that this time voters from the eastern end of Otter Point will be allowed to vote at the traditional poll at the Otter Point Fire Hall.

## 7. UPDATE: DEVELOPING A STRATEGIC VISION PROJECT

The Otter Point, Shirley & Jordan River Developing a Strategic Vision project is now complete. There was a final meeting of the project's Advisory Committee in January and the Steering Committee has been disbanded.

Further work to implement the goals, strategies and suggested activities brought forward by the community through the two year life of the project now become the responsibility of the community working with our elected representatives and commissions, local organizations and associations such as OPSRRA.

OPSRRA members passed a motion at our September 2008 membership meeting to support those aspects of the Strategic Vision project that fit within OPSRRA's mandate. Your OPSRRA directors have reviewed the final report and will be bringing the following recommendations to the March 2009 AGM for consideration and adoption as OPSRRA's priorities.

### Recommended OPSRRA priorities for the Strategic Vision

#### Higher Priority Goals

1. Governance: Local, elected government that is affordable and accountable.
2. Rural land use: Sustainable rural land use.

#### Middle Priority Goals

1. Water and environmental conservation: Secure sustainable water and environment for humans and wildlife.
2. Social Development: Strengthened community social ties.

#### Lower Priority Goals

1. Economic development: More successful rural businesses.
2. Transportation and trails: Efficient public transportation and trail systems.

#### Key Strategies and Activities that OPSRRA Would Undertake or Support

- Lobby for land use decisions to be made by locally elected representatives.
- Lobby for the creation of standing OCP and Zoning Advisory Committees.

- Lobby the provincial government and CRD to have subdivision approvals and decisions about road locations and specifications made at the local level so local OCPs and zoning are respected.
- Lobby the CRD and the provincial government to support a governance options study.
- Work with local government, the Economic Development Commission and others to identify alternative revenue sources to residential taxation.
- Lobby local government to carry out a public review of the OCPs and zoning bylaw to define "rural land use" in order to guide new development.
- Provide a forum for public discussion of the role of government legislation in land use planning.
- Promote negotiations among developers, community and government to achieve balance between rural environment and rural living.
- Lobby the local government, CRD and province to improve water and environmental services and planning.
- Lobby the local government, CRD and the province to improve mapping and planning to protect and maintain significant, ecosystems, aquifers, watersheds, streams and wilderness conservation areas.
- Lobby the CRD, provincial and federal governments for more aggressive acquisition of conservation areas, parks, waterfront parks, beach access and trails (e.g. create a park at Muir Creek),
- Work with local government and the community to establish a multi-purpose community centre for Otter Point.
- Undertake and/or support activities that promote rural lifestyles
- Lobby local and CRD Parks & Recreation Commissions for the development of community trails and services to enhance eco-tourism.
- Lobby the provincial government for improved safety on public highways and roads in Shirley and Otter Point.

**Note:** All of the Strategic Vision project materials are in the process of being transferred to the OPSRRA web site: [www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)

## 8. **BC COURT OF APPEAL RULES THAT CRD BYLAWS REMAIN IN EFFECT PENDING A COURT APPEAL**

The January 2009 newsletter carried details of the December 23, 2008 B.C. Supreme Court decision by Judge Metzger who found that the CRD bylaws setting minimum lot sizes for subdivisions on rural properties in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area were invalid because of the voting structure on the CRD Board. In summary, the Court's decision invalidated the five CRD Bylaws passed in April 2008 to control development on larger rural properties in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) by limiting the size of subdivisions on these lands. At issue by the petitioners (Western Forest Products and the Association of B.C. Landowners) was whether directors from the District of Metchosin and the District of Central Saanich were legally the only directors able to vote on the disputed bylaws. In Judge Metzger's opinion, the manner in which the CRD reorganized the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee in April 2006 did not incorporate the appropriate terms of the provincial **Local Government Act**.

On January 7, 2009 the CRD Board voted to appeal Judge Metzger's decision and on February 25, 2009 the B.C. Court of Appeal ruled that the bylaws passed in April, 2008 should remain in effect until the CRD's appeal can be heard. What this means is that pending the outcome of the appeal, subdivision on Forestry, Rural A and Rural B zone properties in the JDFEA will be limited to 120 hectare minimum parcel size. As well, in these zones, the minimum size for strata lots created under

the bare land strata regulations or parcels created by subdivision for a family member is also effectively 120 hectares.

The Judge of the Appeal Court informed the CRD that it was to make every effort to have the appeal dealt with as quickly as possible. If the appeal is not heard on or before June 30, 2009, the terms of the February, 2009 order will apparently no longer apply.

**Note:** The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area voting structure adopted by the CRD Board after the December 23, 2008 Court decision is not affected by the most recent Court ruling. This format created two sets of directors entitled to vote on JDFEA land use recommendations. Directors from Langford, Colwood, Sooke and Metchosin vote with the JDFEA Regional Director on matters affecting East Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew while directors from Langford, Saanich, and Central Saanich vote with the JDFEA Regional Director on matters affecting the Malahat and Willis Point.

## **9. RESOURCE LANDS FIRST OFFICIAL COMMUNITY PLAN & ZONING BYLAWS**

The JDFEA Land Use Committee has recommended first reading of the Rural Resource Lands first Official Community Plan (Bylaw 3591) and Land Use Zoning Bylaw (Bylaw 3602). These plans cover an estimated 114,200 hectares (282,095 acres) of land in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area that are to the north of Sooke, Otter Point, Shirley, Jordan River and Port Renfrew and extend to the southern boundary of the Cowichan Valley Regional District. The area is mostly forestry lands that are in Tree Farm Licenses (61,330 hectares) with some Agricultural Land Reserve (2,118 hectares), Crown Land (26,391 hectares), Victoria Water Supply Lands (19,700 hectares) and existing parks and open space (4,662 hectares).

This new draft replaces the earlier draft, Bylaw 3421. The new draft responds to the concerns brought forward by the public and agencies when the first draft was referred to public consultation in the spring of 2008. Because these are new drafts of the bylaw the public consultation process will begin again.

The bylaws will now go to the CRD Board for a vote on first reading. This has the effect of introducing the proposed bylaws to the public and about 30 agencies for their consideration and comment. Public input from residents and property owners in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area will be sought through their local Advisory Planning Commissions (APCs). In our area the APCs for Otter Point and Shirley/Jordan River will hold public meetings and will report their findings to the JDFEA Planning Services.

If substantial changes are required to address the comments and concerns raised by the agencies, including the JDFEA APCs, the bylaws will be returned to the JDFEA Land Use Committee and CRD Board with recommendations to address the concerns. If substantial changes are not required the public consultation process continues with open house and public hearing opportunities for comment.

Questions regarding the proposed bylaws can be answered by the Planning Staff located at the JDFEA Offices, 2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke.

The bylaws can be seen on the CRD web site: [www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm) located at the bottom of the page under Proposed Bylaws.

**Note:** The files are large and take some time to download.



## 10. JUAN DE FUCA ELECTORAL AREA COMMISSIONS

The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area has 6 Advisory Planning Commissions, an Economic Development Commission, a Parks & Recreation Commission and a recently created Agricultural Advisory Commission. Each commission makes recommendations and provides advice to the Regional Director and the JDFEA Land Use Committee. Here is an up-date on three of the commissions.

### **Agricultural Advisory Commission (ACC)** submitted by Mary Alice Johnson.

The JDF Agriculture Advisory Commission meets the second Thursday of the month and our meetings are open to the public. Robert Byer and Josephine Hill are from East Sooke, Teresa Wilham and Mary Alice Johnson are from Otter Point, Jim Gowan is from the Malahat. We are looking for a few other members. We recently met with Agricultural Advisory Commissions (AACs) from all over the Island and the Gulf Islands to see what kind of work they are doing and challenges and successes they have had. We learned that in some jurisdictions the AACs sole responsibility is reviewing applications for land development that would have impact on agriculture. Other AACs are taking on a much larger role in their communities.

At our next meeting we hope to meet with a representative of the BC Ministry of Agriculture to discuss how to undertake an inventory of agriculture in the area looking at ALR land and how it is being used as well as non-ALR land that is being farmed. From this we hope to begin the process of hiring a consultant to help us develop a Farm Plan for the region. This should be very much a consultative process with meetings with community members. We are also very interested in Agriculture Land Trusts.

Hopefully, our AAC can work cooperatively with the Sooke Food Community Health Initiative (CHI), the JDFEA's Economic Development Commission (EDC) and Land Use Committee (LUC) as well as those of the District of Sooke to make a strong contribution to increasing food security in the region.

### **Economic Development Commission**

The Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission (EDC) seeks to develop a complete business resource listing for the electoral area. It prepares development strategies and coordinates EDC activities, including developing an active marketing program to encourage both new and existing investors. The EDC also liaises with other levels of government, the private sector and the media in matters related to economic development. It also allocates grants to support community initiatives that improve the economy and create jobs. Projects are expected to be self-sustaining following the initial grant; ongoing activity is not normally supported. Further information about the EDC and its grant allocations can be found under Economic Development on the JDFEA web site: [www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/index.htm)

The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Economic Development Commission (EDC) met on February 27 and the following appointments to the EDC were confirmed:

Vice-Chair: Ken Douch, Otter Point  
Member: Betty Tully, Otter Point  
Member: Mary-Alice Johnson, Otter Point  
Member: Marcus Farmer, Otter Point

Mike Hicks, JDFEA Regional Director, also sits as a committee member.

## Parks & Recreation Commission Update

The December 2008 OPSRRA newsletter featured a story on the withdrawal of SEAPARC staffing for the JDFEA Parks & Recreation Commission. Since then a decision has been made to hire a part-time Manager of Parks Planning to work with the JDFEA Parks & Recreation Commission. This position has now been advertised and the competition is scheduled to close March 12th. A new planner should be hired by the end of March 2009. Details of the job description can be found on the CRD web site: [www.crd.bc.ca](http://www.crd.bc.ca). Click onto Careers on the left-hand side of the Home Page and it will bring-up Manager, JDF Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission.

Meanwhile, the draft JDFEA Parks Plan is essentially complete, but will await the arrival of the new Manager of Parks Planning before being referred to the JDFEA Land Use Committee for their recommendation. It is anticipated that the draft Parks Plan will come to public hearing by the fall.

### 11. CRD SEPTIC SAVY WORKSHOP

The CRD's Environmental Services Department will be offering a free workshop on maintaining our septic systems:

Saturday, April 25. 2-4 p.m., Shirley Community Hall, 2795 Sheringham Pt. Road.

The CRD offers this free workshop for residents on how to care for your septic system. Learn how to protect the local environment and your health while saving money. For more information please call the CRD Hotline at 250-360-3030 or email [hotline@crd.bc.ca](mailto:hotline@crd.bc.ca)

### 12. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

**There are about 760 acres of Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) farm land in Otter Point and another 212 acres in Shirley and Jordan River?** This amounts to about 8% of the land base within the Otter Point Official Community Plan (OCP) and about 2.1% of the land base within the Shirley/Jordan River OCP area.

Although the early economic history of Otter Point and Shirley was very much tied to forestry and the fisheries, agriculture was evident everywhere in our community too. Without easy access to grocery stores or the income to purchase "store-bought" food, most households raised livestock and relied on what was at hand in their own and their neighbours' gardens. Some of the larger farms even supplied produce for their more urban cousins in Victoria. Remnants of the larger farms can still be seen around the community. In Otter Point there was the 100 acre King Creek Farm established about 1898; and at different times in the early 1900s the Poirier and the Blythe families operated farms in the Kemp Lake area. Malahat Farm on Anderson Road was another, and part of the original farm remains in agricultural production as an organic farm and open pasture for livestock. In Shirley there is Cross Point Farm established in 1903 by Charles Smith and then purchased by Thomas Cross in 1920; his descendants continue to live on a portion of the original farm land.

The Gordon Farm in Otter Point has a fascinating history. Established in the late 1870s by Thomas Tugwell, it was originally known as Sea View Farm. In the beginning it operated as a cereal and tree seed farm that shipped seeds to parts of North America and Great Britain. The farm was bought by Ted Gordon in 1889 and became home and business for him and his new wife Kitty. In 1895 a telegraph station was located there as part of the 115 mile government telegraph line from Cape Beale to Victoria. With Ted Gordon's passing in 1912, the farm was operated by teamster Harry Vogel who later married Mrs. Gordon. During the Great

Depression in the 1930s it became difficult to pay the feed bills owed to the Victoria firm of Scott and Peden. When the company gained possession of the farm it was called Scott and Peden Farm during the late 1930s and 1940s. A Gordon Gilroy was there briefly, and then a Hollander, Pete Fillippo, arrived, going into long-horned Highland cattle up into the 1970s. Only portions of the original farm remain.

Information for this month's Did You Know That? came from *101 Historical Buildings of the Sooke Region* and *The Sooke Story—The History & The Heartbeat*, both written and published by the Sooke Region Museum and Elida Peers, Historian for the Sooke Region Museum.

Do you have local historical information that you would like to share or questions that you would like answered? If so, let us know and we'll try to help.

### 13. FREE SMALL BUSINESS LISTING ON OPSRRA'S WEB SITE

**The free local Business Listings on the OPSRRA web site welcome the following businesses:**

#### **Bridge Over Troubled Water Autism Intervention and Respite Services**

Community Mental Health Worker can provide in-home autism intervention on a regular basis. Respite services are also available.

Professional qualifications include:

- Full certification in Community Mental Health Work, CMHW
- Basics of Medication
- Standard First Aid/CPR Level C/AED
- Non-violent Crisis Intervention
- Crisis Prevention Intervention [CPI]
- Mandt System for Conflict Resolution
- Advanced Communications & Support Strategies Unrestricted Class 4 British Columbia Driver Licence with clean driver abstract.

Work experience includes:

- current practice in autism intervention
- over 2 years as a key worker within residential group homes
- professional member of multidisciplinary healthcare teams.

For further information regarding my services please call Kat Mattice, CMHW at [250] 664-6417 or email [bridgeovertroubledwater@shaw.ca](mailto:bridgeovertroubledwater@shaw.ca)

#### **Karen Sykes, Professional Real Estate Agent with Pemberton Holmes Ltd.**

Kerstin has been an Otter Point Resident for 7 years. She is originally from Germany and speaks fluent German. She has a PhD. in engineering, and with her knowledge in landscape architecture and environmental management she brings a unique perspective as a real estate representative. Kerstin is looking forward to being part of the friendly Pemberton Holmes team where the clients' interests are put first and foremost. She will work very hard to determine the best results possible for every single client. Ask her for a free home evaluation and her referral reward program!

Business Address: 2-6716 West Coast Road  
Sooke, BC, V9Z 0P7  
Work Phone: 250-642-1526  
Cell: 250-589-1310  
Fax: 250-642-7463  
Website: [www.kerstinsykes.com](http://www.kerstinsykes.com)

**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](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 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](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.

**The OPSRRA web site has more information about the following business listings**

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair	Accent in Grooming
ALM Organic Farm	A Point of View B&B
Beaches West B&B	Bear Home Remodelling
Birds Edge Press	Bridge over Troubled Water Autism Intervention & Respite Service
DanCyn Kioti Excavation	Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suite
Fancy That Esthetics & Body Care	Full Circle Seeds
Heron's Rest B&B	Jambo Pet Sitting Service
Kemp Lake Store	Kirsten Sykes, Realtor
Knotty Beds by Nature	Le Sooke Spa
Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage	Otter Point Beach House
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
Tugwell Creek Honey Farm	Tugwell Creek Meadery

Wood Visions

**Note:** Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage on Anderson Rd. in Otter Point has updated their business information on the OPSRRA web site.

#### **14. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER**

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

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