

# OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA) INFORMATION UPDATE **March 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](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 emails this newsletter to over **300** of our members. Contact Arnie Campbell at: [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com) or **250-642-3113** to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

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Saturday  
March 3

**How to Care for Your Septic System**  
Free CRD Workshop  
9:30 a.m. to noon  
Hartland Learning Centre  
1 Hartland Avenue  
Saanich, BC

Contact the CRD Hotline to register:  
email: [hotline@crd.bc.ca](mailto:hotline@crd.bc.ca)  
phone: 250.360.303

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Saturday  
March 3

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Exploring the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area**  
**Hike the Partridge Hills**  
9:00 a.m.

Meet at the Park and Ride across from Edward Milne Community School to car pool to the Partridge Hills parking lot on Durrance Close of Willis Point Road (a 50 minute drive), or meet us there for a 10:00 a.m. departure.

A 3 to 4 hour hike on forest trails with 4 view points along the route.

Pack a lunch and dress for the weather.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767  
or email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.  
**Web site:**  
[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Tuesday  
March 6

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

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Wednesday  
March 7

**Annual Farming and Gardening Gala**  
Doors open at 6:45 p.m. And film is at 7:15 p.m.  
Edward Milne Community School Theatre and foyer

Entrance by donation.  
Proceeds to to Farmer2Farmer Network, a program set up  
by Food CHI to support farmers in the area.  
*It takes a community to feed a community*

Co-presented by Awareness Film Night and the Sooke  
Region Food CHI. The evening features the film "To Make A  
Farm", booths of local gardening and farming products and  
information, tea and goodies by the EMCS Culinary Arts  
class (by donation), a plant and seed exchange, a panel of  
local growers to answer gardening and farming questions  
after the screening and some fantastic door prizes.

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Wednesday  
March 7

**Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation  
Commission (SEAPARC)**  
Monthly Meeting  
6:30 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

**Note:  
March  
Meeting  
Cancelled**

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Friday  
March 9

**Jordan River Regional Park Reserve Boundary**  
5:00 p.m. Deadline to comment  
<http://www.crd.bc.ca/parks/reserves/jordanriverparkboundary.htm>  
See newsletter item below.

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Wednesday  
March 14

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

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Sunday  
March 18

**OPSRRA  
Annual General Meeting**  
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
West Coast Road at Sheringham Point Road  
John Horgan, MLA and Regional Director, Mike Hicks in  
attendance.  
See newsletter item below

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Tuesday  
March 20      **JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC)  
Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Planning Services Office  
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](http://www.crd.bc.ca/agendas/juandefucalandusecom_/index.htm)  
Select the year and month of the agenda you wish to read.

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Sunday  
March 25      **Shirley Craft Fair**  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Contact Fern at 250.646.2009  
for more information or to book a table

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Tuesday  
March 27      **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation  
Commission**  
Monthly Meeting  
5:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

**Note:**  
meeting at the  
call of the  
chair

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Tuesday  
April 3      **Juan de Fuca Emergency Services**  
Monthly Meeting  
7:00 p.m.  
JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building  
2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

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Wednesday  
April 4      **Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation  
Commission (SEAPARC)**  
Monthly Meeting  
6:30 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
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Saturday  
April 7      **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Hike the Matterhorn in Shirley**  
9:00 a.m.

Meet at Tieulie Place.

A 3 to 4 hour hike.

Bring a lunch and dress for the weather.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or  
email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.  
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Sunday  
April 8      **Shirley Fire Protection Society  
General Meeting**  
2:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall

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

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

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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

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Thursdays      **Nia Dance / Movement Class**  
6:45 to 8:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
  
Contact Melody Kimmell:  
250-646-2995  
[movingmelody@gmail.com](mailto:movingmelody@gmail.com)

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## 2. OPSRRA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND ELECTIONS

The OPSRRA Annual General Meeting will be held **Sunday, March 18 at 2:00 pm at the Shirley Community Hall**. Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Regional Director Mike Hicks and John Horgan, MLA have been invited to attend to conduct the elections, address members and answer questions. An agenda will be sent to members on the newsletter email list and mailed to members who do not receive the monthly newsletter.

Our association membership annually elects three members to be their executive and five to be their directors. The following slate of candidates is being put forward by the Nominations Committee for the coming elections:

President: Arnie Campbell

Vice President: Fiona McDannold,

Secretary/Treasurer: Bob Phillips

Directors: Brenda Mark, Sandra Barta, Erik James, Marika Nagasaka and Caroline Larsen.

Residents and property owners of Shirley and Otter Point who are voting members of the association can be nominated up to the date of the AGM. Nominations can be sent to Arnie Campbell, Fiona McDannold or Marika Nagasaka. Our contact information is at the beginning of this newsletter.

### 3. JUAN DE FUCA COMMUNITY TRAILS SOCIETY AGM

The Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society submitted the following to the OPSRRA newsletter.

The Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society held its Annual General Meeting on February 28, 2012. We thank our out- going Secretary Heather Phillips and Director for Cycling Lorien Arnold for their work since the Society began in 2005 and welcome in the new executive:

President: Sid Jorna

Vice President: Erik James

Secretary: Brenda Mark

Treasurer: Judi Conwright

Director Hiking: Rosemary Jorna

Director Biking: Stephen Hindrichs

Co-Directors Equestrian: Ginny Seabrook & Joyce MacKinnon

The Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society continues to work with all levels of government, community groups, local developers and land owners to preserve and create the systems of trails in the Sooke and Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. Currently we are working with Timber West to preserve a trail up to the Matterhorn (Shirley) and with St. Rose of Lima Church to create foot paths on and to their new Townsend Road Church. Such paths enhance a sense of community and people friendly nature of Sooke. We continue to hold hikes on the first Saturday of every month to explore and showcase this areas' enormous potential.

For information about the Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society email Rosemary Jorna at [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) or phone 250-642-2767. [www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

### 4. SOOKE REGION RESOURCE INVENTORY

Marlene Barry, Chair, Sooke Region Community Health Initiative (CHI) submitted the following information regarding the **Sooke Region Resource Inventory** and how to access the site to the OPSRRA newsletter:

The Sooke Region Resource Inventory website [www.sookeregionresources.com](http://www.sookeregionresources.com) is a community based website geared to supporting the public at large, as well as the over 160 non-profit organizations in local communities from East Sooke to Port Renfrew. Businesses which have a community health or service focus are also encouraged to create a resource listing. There are many ways in which this site could promote an organization's activities and events and make it easier for people to find them, including a Virtual Volunteer Centre. Calendar items can be booked up to 3 years in advance, which is a great tool for planning. All events and meetings must take place within the Sooke Region to be approved.

The site is designed for the listing organizations to create and manage their own listings with the exception of the creation of a rotating banner on the home page and the monthly 'feature' spot. What group couldn't use a little more publicity and free at that!

Simply click on the 'Agencies/Businesses and create your listing' at the top right. Once you have created a log-in and password you can

go on to create as many listings as you need. Should you forget your password or change the person responsible we can always re-set that for you. We can't see what has been set as a password so that is always safe. If you are responsible for the listings for more than one organization that can easily be managed through the one log-in/password combination. All listings go through a moderation queue so do not show up immediately, protecting the site from spam listings.

If you would like more public participation in your activities and events, or would like more volunteers to help with them, this is the site for you! Links to yours or other relevant sites are encouraged.

If you are not sure if your group or business is a fit with the site, or how to do something you can contact Marlene Barry at: [barryfambarry@netscape.net](mailto:barryfambarry@netscape.net) or the site's Web Administrator at [info@sookeregionresources.com](mailto:info@sookeregionresources.com)

## 5. JORDAN RIVER REGIONAL PARK RESERVE BOUNDARY

The following information is from the Capital Regional District Regional Parks web site:

### Public Consultations

The Capital Regional District is holding public consultations on the park boundary for the new [Jordan River Regional Park Reserve](#). The CRD was required to purchase the lands based on legally defined parcels even though some of it did not have park value. CRD Regional Parks is now exploring which land should be retained for parkland, and what land could be declared as surplus. As part of this investigation, Regional Parks wants to hear from you.

### Comment Form

A comment form is one way that you can voice your ideas and interests on the boundary for the park. The information you provide will be compiled in a report that will go to the CRD Regional Parks Committee and Board.

- [Online comment form](#)
- [Download comment form](#) (PDF )

Deadline for comments is **March 9, 2012 at 5pm.**

### Process for Park Boundary Decision

The information provided through the public consultation process will be compiled in a report and presented to CRD Regional Parks Committee and Board for consideration.

- Report on Results of Public Consultation April 2012

A separate report on the park boundary will be presented to the Committee and Board later in the spring.

- Report Recommendation for Park Boundary Spring 2012

A Board decision on the park boundary is anticipated in the summer.

- Board Decision Summer 2012

The CRD will ensure that First Nation interests, the Shirley/Jordan River Official Community Plan, and Juan de Fuca Land Use Bylaw are considered together with regional planning strategies to determine the park boundary.



## Community Meetings

Community meetings were held on February 22 in Sooke and February 23 in Victoria to provide information and to gather your ideas and feedback on the park boundary. We want to thank everyone who attended the meetings and provided comments.

### Fast Facts

- Established 2010
- 187 Hectares / 462 Acres
- Purchase price \$9.945 million
- Purchased from Western Forest Products

## 6. REPORT: SHIRLEY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Rob Van Veen was awarded a Distinguished Services Medal and Certificate from the Governor General of Canada recognizing his 20 years as a volunteer firefighter and first responder with the Shirley Fire Department at a special awards ceremony held at the Shirley Hall on February 17. MLA John Horgan and Fire Chief Donovan Ray paid tribute to Rob for his dedicated commitment and service.

The Shirley Fire Commission has initiated several projects: propane heaters for the fire hall, coordination of the radio mast installation at the Shirley Hall and research into the possible purchase of a replacement emergency response vehicle. All are subject to budget constraints.

## 7. UPDATE: OTTER POINT EMERGENCY SERVICES POD PROJECT

Al Wickhiem, Coordinator, Otter Point Emergency Services submitted the following update on the recruitment of POD Captains for Otter Point to the OPSRRA newsletter:

OPSRRA members and neighbours:

First, I apologize for the incorrect email address in the last newsletter and thank OPSRRA for the correction sent out. I didn't hear any objections to the idea of Pod Boundary ID markers so am proceeding through the channels of signage approval and appropriation. This will not be an overnight process and I remain open to input.

We have Pod Captains signed on for:

Captain	Pod Number
Lloyd Heinemann	1
Bob Liptrot	5a
Laura Barker	12
Murray & Pat Tomkins	14
Cheryl Holden	20
Sid & Rosemary Jorna	24

And a few more folks expressing interest. I thank them for their generosity of time and commitment—we all should. These folks will likely be coming to your door one afternoon in the next few weeks with some pamphlets and booklets of information relating to disaster or hazardous conditions and your preparation for managing through them. This is an opportunity for you to become more informed about such matters, offer and list any services or help and skills you may wish to contribute to the neighbourhood Pod effort.

This is also an opportunity to make your Pod Captain aware of your need or desire to have "someone", a neighbour check on your well-being in an urgent manner should we become isolated as a community. I stress here that **we do not want specifics of medical conditions**. We have no bona-fide security measures to contain such information. If you or household members have a condition which requires daily or regular, life-sustaining treatments (dialysis, home O2 supply for example) you may seriously want to consider this. Otherwise the Pod's function is to enable Pod and Community self-support.

If you live in Otter Point, you are in a Pod. A map of our Pods can be found through the OPVFD website Public Info link to the OP Emergency Planning page ([http://www.otterpointfire.bc.ca/public\\_info/op\\_emergency\\_planning/pods/pods.shtml](http://www.otterpointfire.bc.ca/public_info/op_emergency_planning/pods/pods.shtml)). Have a look at the map, find your home and if you have concerns, anomalies in the map that do not fit reality please let me know as we are doing some fine-tuning to ensure all bases are covered there. Being aware and a bit of pre-planning can make a huge difference to your comfort and safety, as well as that of your neighbours be we snowed in, blown in, shaken up or swamped.

Its low-key stuff this—it just takes a bit of doing up front. I hope to attend the OPSRRA AGM March 18 in Shirley I would be happy to discuss this more there. As well please contact myself or your Pod Captain for more information...we are truly in this together. Thanks very much, Al Wickheim, Coordinator, Otter Point Emergency Services.

## **8. REPORT: JDFEA PARKS & RECREATION**

The last regularly scheduled Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission meeting was January 24, 2012.

Elected:

Chair: Louise Patterson (East Sooke)

Vice Chair: Ken Douch (Otter Point)

Other members of the commission:

Brenda Mark (Shirley/Jordan River)

Sid Jorna (Otter Point)

Anne Boquist (JDFEA at large)

Valerie Braunschweig (East Sooke)

Loretta Rose Deutscher (Port Renfrew)

Ida von Schuckmann (Willis Point)

The Chair mentioned that former JDFEA Regional Director Bob Clark had passed away and spoke of his commitment to JDFEA parks. Erecting a plaque at Otter Point Park in his memory was discussed.

The Parks & Recreation Manager will be seeking approval for a new service bylaw and maximum tax levy that will adequately support the development and operational needs of the park program for the coming years. The current tax and levy have been in place for 23 years.

## 9. JUAN DE FUCA ELECTORAL AREA 2012 BUDGET PROCESS

Property owners in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) received their 2011 property assessment from the B.C. Assessment Authority in January. These valuations are used by the various taxing authorities to determine individual property taxes that will be due July 1, 2012.

Because the JDFEA is unincorporated the province collects our property taxes on behalf of itself, the Electoral Area, the Capital Regional District (CRD) and School District #62. Regional Director Hicks has the responsibility to work with CRD Financial Services to oversee the budget for taxable items directly attributed to the JDFEA. This portion of the budget is then reviewed by the Electoral Area Services Committee of the CRD Board of Directors before being approved by the full CRD Board.

In 2011 OPSRRA encouraged the JDFEA Regional Director to have budget information posted to the JDFEA web site. OPSRRA helped draft the detailed explanation of the JDFEA budget process which is available at: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/budget.htm> and Director Hicks prepared a tax report showing what services you are taxed for and at what rate per \$100,000 of assessed property value. This is available at: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/documents/tax-report.pdf>. This document has been recently updated to show the **proposed** 2012 budget and will be updated again in April, once the 2012 JDFEA budget is approved by the CRD Board of Directors.

**Note:** The province and the CRD determine their portions of the property tax using a separate process which is beyond the direct control of the JDFEA Regional Director.

## 10. WHAT SERVICES DO YOUR PROPERTY TAXES COVER (OR NOT)?

Property assessment notices were sent to property owners in January and tax notices based upon these assessments will be sent-out later in the spring. The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) budgets for 2008 through 2011 can be viewed at: <http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/budget.htm>

However, our property taxes do not cover all the services which we receive, and what is covered varies by community and even within a community. For example, if you live anywhere in the JDFEA except Port Renfrew, your property taxes do not pay for garbage collection: instead it is a private service purchased at the discretion of the property owner or tenant. However, the recycling service throughout the electoral area is provided by the Capital Regional District (CRD) and paid for from your property taxes.

Very few residents in the JDFEA are connected to the CRD water system. Residents have a mixture of water sources that includes public utilities, wells, cisterns and water drawn from creeks and rivers. In East Sooke, the Seagirt Water Improvement District is connected to the Greater Victoria Drinking Water System by a pipeline under Sooke Harbour. It purchases water from the Greater Victoria system and manages the distribution of this water to about 90 households in the

Seagirt Road area. The improvement district taxes users to pay for the management and maintenance of the system and bills for the water they use. The Wilderness Mountain Drinking Water System, in East Sooke, draws water from the Wilfred Reservoir on Mount Matheson. This system is overseen by the CRD, which taxes for the service to about 80 residential lots.

About 110 households in Shirley are serviced by a water utility operated by a limited company, Sheringham Waterworks B.C. Ltd., which draws water from Goudie Creek. In Otter Point, the Kemp Lake Water Works Improvement District supplies water from Kemp Lake to about 450 households. As in the Seagirt system the improvement district metres water use, does its own billing and makes its own assessment for connection fees and other costs. Port Renfrew has a community water system for Upper and Lower Beach Camp and Snuggery Cove which is managed by the CRD and paid for through taxes to the CRD. The water source is a well which currently provides drinking water to about 128 parcels.

Other residents of the four Electoral Area communities mentioned have to find and manage their own water supply, including paying their costs for drilling, inspections, equipment and repairs and also for water trucked in when their supply fails. All property owners in the JDFEA are responsible for their own sewage disposal except for some residents of Port Renfrew who are on a community sewage system which is paid for through their property taxes.

Some of these services are cost recovery or close to it. Tax requisitions do not always cover costs, which is why “users” sometimes pay their share through fees and permits. For example, through permit and inspection fees, the CRD Building Inspection Services recovers most of its costs in the JDFEA. However this service is shared with the other two electoral areas in the CRD; the Southern Gulf Islands and Salt Spring Island Electoral Areas (EA). Because we share the building inspection services with these two other CRD electoral areas, our 2011 JDFEA requisition of \$71,214 was used to cover part of the overall cost of this service to the CRD. In 2010 the JDFEA subsidized the cost of Building Inspection services in the other two EAs and other years their tax payers have helped to subsidize building inspections in the JDFEA.

Examples such as these make trying to compare tax rates between different areas of the JDFEA extremely difficult. Trying to compare Electoral Area tax rates to those of incorporated areas within the CRD is approaching the impossible. The Highlands, for example, with a population similar to Otter Point and Shirley, combined, had a budget of about \$2,500,00 in 2011. Trying to accurately separate Otter Point and Shirley's portion on the JDFEA budget, for comparison, is about impossible.

One conclusion about our property taxes is that they are lower in the unincorporated electoral areas compared to the incorporated areas of the CRD. One reason for this is that the province picks up most of our policing, road construction and road maintenance costs; we are subsidized by tax payers elsewhere in the province. On the other hand, fire protection and search and rescue services are provided by volunteers and paid for through grants and fund raising as well as taxes. Trying to do comparisons means identifying which services are actually being covered by your tax dollar to ensure apples and oranges are being compared with each other instead of lemons.

## **11. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...**

**Much of the land that was purchased from Western Forest Products in 2010 by the Capital Regional District, to protect the area from Sandcut Beach to Jordan River from development, was once owned and logged by the**

**Canadian Puget Sound Lumber & Timber Company?** It was the early 1920s and the CPS operated a logging railway into the area from Jordan River. In 1927 it expanded on its Jordan River railway logging operation by building a dock and breakwater near the present day Point-No-Point Resort in Shirley. Eventually, about 12 miles of track was laid back toward Jordan River over very difficult terrain including up the side of Campbell Mountain and into the Jacob Creek watershed. Wooden trestles for the railway were built across McManus (Sandcut), Jacob and Vye Creeks. The main camp was located on several acres of land near Vye Creek. Up to 150 men and their families lived there. Nearby, was the site of the locomotive repair shop and roundhouse.

The Point-No-Point operation was known as the Island Logging Camp and it existed until 1929 when a combination of the Depression, a glut of logs on the market and the lack of a suitable breakwater at Point-No-Point forced a temporary shutdown. It reopened briefly in 1930-31 as a Depression Era work relief camp and permanently closed in 1932. A picture taken in 1989 for the Sooke Region Museum clearly shows part of the old railway right-of-way passing through the woods somewhere west of Point-No-Point.

Information for this month's **Did You Know That?** came from *4,000 Years: A History of the Rainforest*, written and published by the Sooke Region Museum.

Do you have local historical information about Shirley and Otter Point you would like to share, or questions that you would like answered? If so, let us know and we'll try to help. Contact Arnie Campbell by phone (250-642-3113) or by email [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com)

## 12. 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](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.

OPSRRA welcomes the following local business to its Business Listings:

### **Glen's Gardening Company**

Glen Thelin, licensed Journeyman Horticulturist (BC). Professional landscaping, design, consultation and care. 25 years experience; local references available.

Phone: 250-642-7906

email: [glensgardeningco@shaw.ca](mailto:glensgardeningco@shaw.ca)

**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  
Bridge over Troubled Water Autism Intervention & Respite Service  
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

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

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