

OPSRRA'S OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY & JORDAN RIVER NEWSLETTER February 2014

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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 over **400**. Any resident or property owner in Shirley, Jordan River and Otter Point Official Community Plans boundaries 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.

Our society's purpose is to:

- Ensure that the development of the communities of Shirley, Jordan River and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.
- 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 email address? OPSRRA now emails this newsletter to over **300** of our members as well as local elected representatives, media and archival organizations. Contact Arnie Campbell at: opsrra@gmail.com if 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 here and on our website.

Saturday
February 1

Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society
Hike Aylard Farm to Beachey Head

9:00 a.m.

Meet at the Aylard Farm parking lot in East Sooke Park

Explore the coast trail featuring magnificent views of the Straits and Olympic Mountains beyond. See the petroglyphs and possibly large sea mammals.

Bring a lunch and dress for the weather.

Contact Rosemary Jorna, sid2767@shaw.ca for details.

Web site:

www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca

Tuesday
February 4

Juan de Fuca Emergency Services
Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday
February 5

Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation
Commission (SEAPARC)

Monthly Meeting

6:30 p.m.

Board Room
SEAPARC Leisure Complex
2168 Philips Road, Sooke BC

- Regular meetings of the Commission take place at SEAPARC on the first Wednesday of the month and are open to the public.
- Meetings are also held at the call of the Chair.

Agendas and Minutes posted for each meeting at:

<http://www.crd.bc.ca/seaparc/commission.htm>

Saturday
February 8

Shirley Community Association
Soup Lunch

Noon to 1:30 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

Saturday
February 8

**Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks &
Recreation Advisory Commission / Juan de Fuca
Community Trails Society
Sooke Potholes Park River Walk**

9:00 a.m.

Meet at the William Simmons Memorial Park (Poirier Lake) parking lot to car pool to the trail head. (Turn into the Sooke Business Park at 3220 Otter Point Road; the parking lot is behind the berm immediately to the left.)
or meet at Barnes Station at 9:30 am.

A moderate 8 km walk along the paths by the Sooke River. The walk starts at the ruins of Green Canyon and proceeds to the Ripple Rock swimming beach. Marvel at the geology and beauty of the river.

Contact Sid Jorna:

Phone: 250-642-2767 or

email: jdf.cts@gmail.com for more information

Monday
February 17

**OPSRRA Board of Directors
Monthly Meeting
Members welcome!**

7:30 p.m.

Board Room

SEAPARC Leisure Complex

2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

Agenda available on request.

Contact opsrra@gmail.com

Tuesday
February 18

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

7:00 p.m.

JDF Local Area Services Building

3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, 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
February 19

**Shirley Fire Rescue & Emergency Response
Commission**

Monthly meeting

7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

See newsletter item below.

Tuesday
February 25 **Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Commission**
Monthly Meeting
3:00 p.m.
JDF Local Area Services Building
3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC

Wednesday
February 26 **Shirley & Jordan River Official Community Plan Review**
Meeting
7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall

See newsletter item below

Saturday
February 22 **Seedy Saturday**
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Sooke Community Hall

More information: info@sookefoodchi.ca

See newsletter item below

Saturday
March 1 **Official Opening**
Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Services Building
12 noon until 2:00 p.m.
JDF Local Area Services Building
3-7450 Butler Road, Otter Point, BC

Please join us: all Juan de Fuca residents are invited to the official ribbon-cutting for the new Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Services Building.

Festivities include food and music.

Saturday
March 1 **Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**
Leechtown celebrates 150 years
9:00 a.m.

Meet at the second parking lot (Barnes Station) in Sooke Potholes Regional Park to drive in convoy to The Land Conservancy campground parking (this removes a significant distance from the hike).

We ask for a donation to TLC for parking as thanks for permission to park.

A level, 10 km walk on the Galloping Goose Trail; an opportunity to see the Sooke River in winter

Bring 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

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Saturday
March 8

**Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks &
Recreation Advisory Commission / Juan de Fuca
Community Trails Society**
Roche Cove to Cougar Ridge
9:00 a.m.

Meet at the William Simmons Memorial Park (Poirier Lake) parking lot to car pool to the trail head. (Turn into the Sooke Business Park at 3220 Otter Point Road; the parking lot is behind the berm immediately to the left.)

Or, meet at the Iron Mine Bay (East Sooke) parking lot at 9:35 a.m.

This is a moderate hike through beautiful near-old grove forest in East Sooke Park. Time, weather and hikers' wishes determine the return route (along the Galloping Goose Trail, or continuing around Matheson Lake).

Bring a lunch, and dress for the weather. Good footwear a must.

Contact Sid Jorna:
Phone: 250-642-2767 or
email: jdf.cts@gmail.com for more information

Wednesday
March 12

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

The SCA is looking for directors.
Contact Fiona McDannold, 250-646-2730

Mondays **Karate for all ages**
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall
Contact Alida Long: 250-642-4631

Mondays **Pilates**
10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Shirley Community Hall
Level 1 class (suitable for beginners)
Contact Sandra Smith:
website: www.svakayoga.com
email: svakayoga@gmail.com

Tuesdays **Malahat Art Space**
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Malahat Farm, 2675 Anderson Road
Held in the big garage to the left as you come up the drive.
Time to do art and crafts together, learn from each other
and have fun.
Everyone welcome
For more information:
email kwoods@pacificcoast.net, or vero@malahatfarm.com
or call 250-642-0393 or 250-642-6868

Thursdays **Shirley Quilters and Crafters**
10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall
Everyone welcome
Contact Christien Shipton: 250-646-2687

Saturdays **Pilates**
9:30 am
Shirley Community Hall
Level 1 class (suitable for beginners)
Contact: Sandra Smith
website: www.svakayoga.com
email: svakayoga@gmail.com

**Thursdays &
Sundays** **Nia Dance / Movement Class**
Thursdays: 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.
Sundays: 11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Shirley Community Hall
Contact Melody Kimmell:
250-646-2995
movingmelody@gmail.com

2. **CALL FOR NOMINATIONS: OPSRRA BOARD OF DIRECTORS, & NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Sochi Olympics 1: OPSRRA: 0

Last year our winter membership meeting conflicted with the Super Bowl, the fall Town Hall meeting conflicted with the Grey Cup and now the February date for our winter membership meeting conflicts with the Sochi Olympics! So, the directors have decided not to have a winter membership meeting and instead move the April AGM ahead to March.

OPSRRA will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Sunday, March 23, 2014, in the meeting room at the **new JDFEA Local Area Services Building** in Otter Point. Regional Director Mike Hicks will conduct the elections.

Elections for three executive and five director positions are held annually at the AGM. A slate of nominees will be put forward before the AGM by the Nominations Committee. So far, five candidates have been identified; three more are needed to complete the slate.

Members interested in becoming a director should contact the Nominations Committee c/o Fiona McDannold, President, OPSRRA at opsrra@gmail.com or phone 250-646-2730.

You can indicate either a personal interest in being nominated as a director or, with their permission, you can nominate someone else. A nominee must be eighteen years of age, a resident or property owner in Shirley, Jordan River or Otter Point and a voting member of the association at the time of the election. Nominations are also accepted from the floor at the AGM.

3. **PROPOSED LAND USE REGULATIONS FOR MEDICAL MARIJUANA PRODUCTION FACILITIES IN THE JDFEA**

On January 22, 2014, the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC) held its first meeting in the new JDFEA Local Area Services building. Included in its business were proposed land use regulations for medical marijuana production and the need to arrive at a recommendation to the Capital Regional District (CRD) Board as to where medical marijuana facilities could operate in the JDFEA.

As reported in the December newsletter, a recent change to federal regulations governing the growing, processing, storage and distribution of medical marijuana requires these businesses to register their operation with local government, fire and police. The new regulations also allow local government to limit where medical marijuana businesses can operate.

The provincial Agricultural Land Commission (ALC) considers the growing, processing, storage and sale of medical marijuana to be consistent with farm use and therefore will be permitted on Agricultural Land Reserve (ALR) land. Facilities on any property outside the ALR have to be specifically allowed by local government, which in the case of the JDFEA would be by a decision of the CRD Board of Directors.

LUC directed CRD Planning Services to consult with the JDFEA Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission and the community about the regulation of medical marijuana production facilities on agricultural land in the JDFEA. If supported, a bylaw specifying where a facility could operate, setbacks from property lines, parcel size, etc., would be needed. One suggestion at the LUC meeting is that a

licensed medical marijuana facility on ALR land be required to abide by minimum setback requirements from their property line.

Members of LUC also discussed whether growing medical marijuana should be considered a special category of industrial agriculture. The existing setbacks for industrial agriculture on ALR land are a 90 metre setback at the front and 30 metres on the sides and back. It was noted that, where industrial agriculture is permitted on non-ALR land, a different setback is required. Setbacks are provided to ensure that only larger agricultural parcels would be deemed suitable. The JDFEA Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission may make a recommendation with regard to setbacks.

Note: Planning Services is in the process of organizing Advisory Planning Commission and Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission meetings for late February or early March. Notice of these meeting is published in the local media, and the public are invited to attend and participate.

On a related matter, the Land Use Committee considered an application from Specialty Marijuana Products Ltd. to rezone Unit 6-7450 Butler Road, located in the business park in Otter Point. The company is already operating a marijuana growing business at this location, however as of April 1, 2014, it will need a new license under the new Health Canada regulations. The company is in the process of applying for a license to grow, process, store and sell medical marijuana and will needs rezoning approval to proceed with their application. This application was referred to the Otter Point Advisory Planning Commission for community comment. The proposed rezoning will also go to a Public Hearing before it could be approved by the CRD Board.

4. **OTTER POINT FIRE DEPARTMENT NOW ON FACEBOOK**

The Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department now has a presence on Facebook in addition to their web site. Visit and “like” them at:

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Otter-Point-Volunteer-Fire-Department/553832584709607>

They join other local Facebook pages:

Shirley Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/ShirleyBCBulletinBoard>

Otter Point Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/OtterPointBC>

5. **WHERE IN THE JUAN DE FUCA?**

Last month we began this new feature. We presented a picture and asked you to identify where the object was located and what significance it might have.



We didn't receive a correct reply to last month's contest. The object was the first free standing Canada Post mail box in Otter Point installed in the business park, across the road from the JDF Local Area Services Building in December. The clue in the picture was a portion of the building shown behind—the medical marijuana business requesting rezoning in the previous newsletter story.

Below is this month's **Where in the Juan de Fuca?** Tell us the object's location and what it is or why it's significant. No prize for the winner(s), but we'll give you credit for your "find" if you're okay with us using your name. The answer will be in next month's newsletter.



Do you have a picture you would like to submit to **Where in the Juan de Fuca?** Send it to us at opsrra@google.com along with an explanation of where, what and why and we'll consider it for a future contest.

6. **REPORT: SHIRLEY FIRE PROTECTION**

Submitted to the OPSRRA newsletter.

The Shirley Fire Commission met for their regular meeting January 15, 2013.

Officers elected:

- Chair, Rod Huszar
- Vice Chair, Gerard LeBlanc
- Treasurer, Ron Ramsey
- Secretary, James Powell

Marty Gilbertson was re-appointed as Fire Chief.

Under New Business, a motion was made to recommend increasing the yearly requisition by \$20,000 to be deposited in the Capital Reserve Fund for the future construction of a new fire hall.

A new Commissioner will have to be appointed by Director Hicks to replace Christopher Lucas, who no longer resides in Shirley.

The Fire Chief reported there were no callouts in the last month, the department has 15 members (1 new) and 2 dispatchers, and the new Jaws of Life has been ordered as well as the new duty vehicle.

The next regular meeting of the Commission is 7:00 pm February 19, 2014, at the Shirley Fire Hall.

7. **SEEDY SATURDAY**

Submitted by the Seedy Saturday organizers.

Sooke Seedy Saturday is a fun and educational event for the whole family and an excellent way to get prepared and inspired for the coming growing season. Whether you grow tomatoes on your deck, have a small farm, or just want to learn, this is the event for you!

The day will feature a seed exchange and trading table; a range of seed and plant vendors; local food artisans; and diverse educational displays. Come prepared to get excited about the 2014 growing season!

Saturday, February 22, 2014

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

Sooke Community Hall.

Entrance is by donation with proceeds funding this and future seedy events.

The Sooke Region Food CHI Society sponsors this event.

Contact: <http://sookefoodchi.ca>, seedysaturday@gmail.com

Interested in volunteering?

Please contact Emily: parsonsemily@hotmail.com or 250-642-5788

8. **NEW SERIES: GOVERNANCE IN THE JDFEA**

Background

The OPSRRA newsletter will run features on governance in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) in preparation for this year's November elections for Regional Director, School Trustees, members of the JDFEA Land Use Committee and local community Advisory Planning Commissions. The first article is about elected and appointed committees and commissions.

Our Association encourages members to be informed about local issues, to understand what candidates are campaigning for (or against) and to participate in local elections.

Our Association tries to help by informing members about issues and provides opportunities for members to express their opinions. We do this in various ways:

- Online membership surveys;
- Stories in the OPSRRA newsletter about how we are governed and who is appointed to JDFEA committees and commissions;
- Organizing and hosting an All Candidates meeting before local elections;
- Inviting elected representatives to our membership meetings;
- Hosting Town Hall meetings with local area elected representatives in attendance;
- Reporting to members on meetings with our elected representatives;

- Reporting to members on letters written to our elected representatives.

Article: Elected and appointed committees and commissions

The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area is unincorporated and, unlike a municipality, does not elect a mayor and council. Instead, the Electoral Area relies on numerous commissions and committees to advise the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) Land Use Committee and Regional Director, help with the administration and governance of the JDFEA and allow for community input on many matters.

Positions on commissions and committees are filled in many different ways. For example:

- **Fire Protection District trustees** are elected at their Annual General Meetings by ratepayers in attendance;
- The **Advisory Planning Commissions** and the **Land Use Committee** members are identified every three years before the School Board and Regional Director elections. If more than the required number of candidates have registered, eligible voters can identify their preference at the time of the Regional Director and School Trustee elections. The candidate(s) with the higher number of votes will subsequently be appointed by the CRD Board of Directors. If not enough candidates come forward the Regional Director may recommend individuals for appointment by the CRD Board.
- Members of the **Parks & Recreation Advisory Commission**, **Economic Development Commission** and the **Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission** apply to fill a vacancy and are appointed by the CRD Board of Directors upon the recommendation of the Regional Director.
- The JDFEA representative to the **Sooke Region Museum Board of Directors** is appointed by the Regional Director.
- The JDFEA representative to the **SEAPARC Board of Directors** is appointed by the Regional Director.

Find Information about committees and commissions in the JDFEA at:

<https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/about-the-region/juan-de-fuca>

9. UPDATE: SHIRLEY & JORDAN RIVER OCP REVIEW

Report

The Shirley/Jordan River Citizens Official Community Plan (OCP) Review Committee met at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, January 22, 2014. Eight of the ten committee members attended along with residents of the community and staff from CRD Planning Services.

Tania Tripp, a biologist with Madrone Environmental Services, the consulting firm hired to undertake a Sensitive Ecosystem Inventory (SEI) of the OCP area, presented the methodology for the current environmental mapping. She invited the community to provide input into the SEI mapping and talked about ways to use the maps and information.

Tania guided the committee through a visioning exercise to prepare for the Sunday, January 26, 2014, Community Mapping Open House. CRD Planning Services staff emphasized that the committee members' role was to encourage members of the community to attend and to be there to answer questions from the community during the event.

The next Citizen's Committee meeting is scheduled for 7:00 pm on Wednesday, February 26, 2014, at the Shirley Hall. The agenda and minutes will be available on the CRD website: <https://www.crd.bc.ca/about/about-the-region/juan-de-fuca>

Shirley/Jordan River OCP Review Community Mapping Open House, January 26, 2014 at the Shirley Community Hall

The Community Mapping Open House was part of the Shirley/Jordan River OCP Review.

This event was an opportunity for residents to express their wishes, views and comments regarding their vision for Shirley and Jordan River for the next few years. JDFEA Planning Services staff provided a number of maps, each showing a different aspect of Shirley and Jordan River.

There were several opportunities to comment; participants could place stickers showing their priorities for themes identified at the recent Citizen's Committee meetings, write on a "scrawl wall"; or write their comments about transportation, environment or development on three large maps.

The community response was significant with over 50 people in attendance over the afternoon. The Sooke Girl Guides and Shirley Delicious café provided refreshments.

10. SOOKE REGION HISTORICAL SOCIETY AGM

The Sooke Region Historical Society, operator of the Sooke Region Museum and the Visitor Information Centre, held its Annual General Meeting January 26, 2014.

The society operated on a budget of \$386,205 in 2013, compared with \$390,559 in 2012. It had a surplus of \$39,156 in its overall operation, accomplished by economies and an increase in donations. The operation of the museum is supported by donations, fund raising, gift shop revenues, sale of memberships, exhibition fees, government grants and an annual tax levy of \$157,840 from the residents of the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area and the District of Sooke. The tax levy was approved in two referendums by the ratepayers of the JDFEA and District of Sooke. The portion paid by ratepayers in the JDFEA in 2013 was \$60,361—about \$17.00 for an average household.

Elected to the Society's Board of Directors for a two year term:

Ray Vowles	President
Wendy Milne	Secretary
Shirley Vowles	Director
Joan Titus	Director
Darryl Randolph	Director

Directors with one year remaining in their term:

Liz Johnson	Vice-President
Lorna Berry	Treasurer
Lorne Christensen	Director
Pete Wilford	Director
Dino Vieira	Director

Appointments to the Board of Directors:

Rose Dumont	T'Sou-ke Nation
Zach Doeding	Juan de Fuca Electoral Area
Maja Tait	District of Sooke

One of the museum's largest undertakings is the ongoing inventory and cataloguing of its collection. The museum added over 1,800 artifacts to their database in 2013 and upgraded the records on over 8,000 items. Activities planned for 2014 include:

- Renovations on some for the permanent exhibits;
- Temporary exhibits on the flow line used to carry water from Sooke Lake to Victoria, and another on the Shirley Women's Institute;
- Refurbishment of the Leechtown Gold Rush exhibit for the 150th anniversary;
- Continuing the refurbishment of two former narrow gauge BC Hydro rail engines that used at the Jordan River Dam site.



One of the two former BC Hydro railcars donated to the Sooke Region Museum last November unloaded at a warehouse in Sassenos. They will be restored before becoming exhibits at the museum. *Sooke Region Museum Photo.*

11. JDF COMMUNITY LAND TRUST SOCIETY MEETING

Submitted to the newsletter:

The first public meeting of the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust Society (JDFCLTS) was held on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at the Otter Point Fire Hall. Over 40 people attended with many of them

putting their names forward to join the Society and volunteer for committees.

The Trust was established May, 2013 to acquire lands in the Juan de Fuca area for the benefit of the communities of south Vancouver Island and to either:

- Donate such lands to the municipal, regional or provincial government to be used as park land, or
- Hold such lands and operate not-for-profit educational and recreational programs from facilities established on the lands for such purposes.

The Trust's first objective is to raise enough money to make an offer on the Admiral's Forest, a 70 acre mature second growth forest in Otter Point. If successful, the property would either be donated to the Juan de Fuca Parks & Recreation Commission for use as a forested park or held by the Trust with public access permitted. The Admiral's Forest is presently in a family trust and will soon be coming onto the real estate market. The JDFCLTS estimates that it will need to raise \$700,000 to make an offer.

The General meeting was an opportunity for the Trust's directors to recruit new members, explain the importance of trying to acquire the Admiral's Forest and how it could be used by the community. Efforts are already underway to raise the necessary money and an agreement with the Victoria Foundation allows for donations to be tax deductible and held in trust pending the outcome of the fundraising campaign.

Founding Directors of the JDFCLT society:

Margot Swinburnson	President
Anne Bell	Vice-President
Heather Phillips	Secretary
Arnie Campbell	Treasurer
Sid Jorna	Membership Chair
Denyse Koo	Director

Denyse Koo stepped down as the New Year began because of other commitments; however James Gaston and Jay Evans have put their names forward and will be appointed to bring the number of directors up to seven. Elections will be held at an AGM scheduled for June, 2014.

More information about the Juan de Fuca Community Land Trust is available on their web site: jdflandtrust.ca
contact them by email at: jdflandtrust@gmail.com

12. DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

There is a map on the wall of the Shirley Community Hall showing where the first settlers in Shirley lived and worked?

Jean Robinson, with the help of Colleen Minten, created the map as a Shirley Women's Institute project in the 1970s.

The section of the map below covers an area from about Sandcut Creek in the west to Sheringham Point in the east. In addition to locating original homesteads,

the map shows wonderful details about the location of roads, logging railways, sawmill and landmarks including:

- The 1928 waterfront route of the Canadian Puget Sound (CPS) railway line between Jacobs and Sandcut Creeks;
- The 12 mile CPS logging railway line that ran from west of Jacobs Creek to a log loading dock at Fishboat Bay;
- The location of the WW II Navy watchtower at Point No Point (present day location of the resort);
- The 1940s locations of the Musfelt and Herman Kaulitz sawmills;
- The location of the French family homes on what was later to become French Beach Provincial Park in the 1970s;
- Milligan's plank road that started above West Coast Road and ran to the east of present-day Sheringham Estates to a log dump east of Sheringham Point.

Information for this month's **Did You Know That?** is from the *Shirley People and Where They Live* map and *4,000 Years—a History of the Rainforest*, written and published by the Sooke Region Historical Society.

Do you have a question or historical information about Shirley, Jordan River or Otter Point that you want to share? Contact Arnie Campbell at 250-642-3113 or at opsrra@gmail.com

13. 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
Eco Craft Lights
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
Knotty Beds by Nature and Cedar Surfboards
Le Sooke Spa
Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage
Ocean Wilderness Inn
Otter Point Beach House
Otter Point Electrical Service
Perfect Grade Plumbing
Reflexology by Marlene Barry
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
Wildewood Custom Homes
Wood Visions

14. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER

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

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