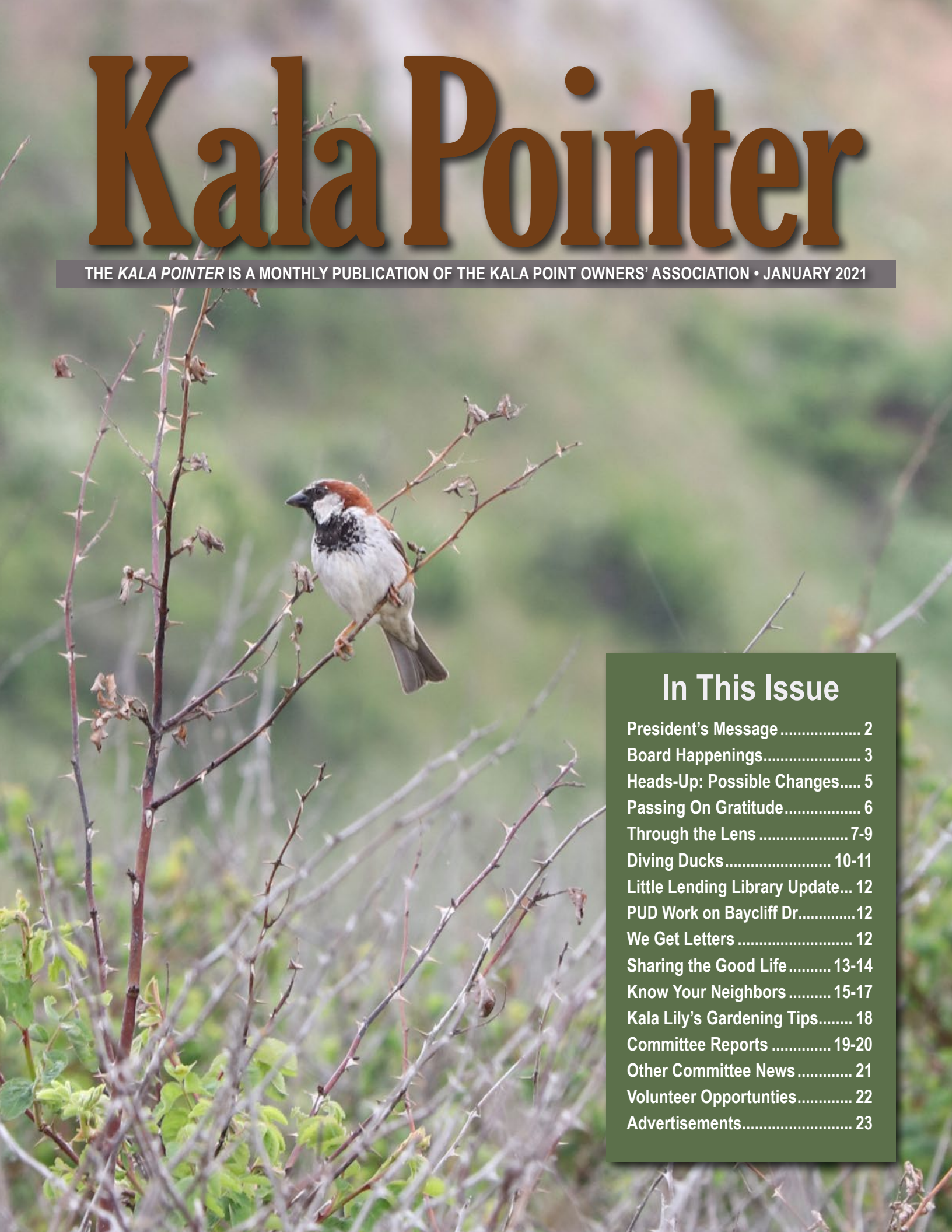


# Kala Pointer

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## At the Helm of the SS Kala Point

Scott Rovanpera, KPOA Board President

Welcome to the new year and hopefully a new beginning for the world, our nation, and Kala Point. I hope that everyone was able to cherish the moments they spent with their families and loved ones, regardless if it was by telephone, video chat, or by mail. I optimistically wish for all of us to be able to share each other in person at some time later this year.

The membership overwhelmingly ratified the 2021 budget, allowing the General Manager to operate and maintain Kala Point at its level of current success. Because of the many reductions in 2020 expenses (primarily staffing and clubhouse), the 2022 assessment will realize a significant surplus return to all its members. The Finance Committee studied the problem of returning these surplus funds back to the membership. The best course is to continue the current protocol of allowing the 2020 financial books to be confirmed by our accountants before determining the actual 2020 Budget Surplus Adjustment to be posted to the 2021 Assessment invoice.

General Manager Keith Larson was able to locate savings in many expense categories, ranging from our transition to “Voice Over Internet Protocol” (VOIP) phone, Apple TV in the clubhouse, and investments in better information technology (IT) hardware. None of this would have been possible without the innovative and able services of Lakewood Communications and

its proprietor and local resident, Joe Worrall. Lakewood Communications was tasked with correcting many of the IT problems facing Kala Point back in 2019, including crashing networks, failing computers, and data

security. Joe essentially reviewed the situation facing Keith and made many recommendations that brought Kala Point IT needs to a business level of services and practices. Data backup, password protection, firewall security, and software upgrades became the standard during his tenure. All residents can be assured that because of Joe’s keen talents, Kala

Point has finally achieved a level of IT proficiency we can all depend on. Joe Worrall was a constant advisor and repairman on IT needs such as the KPOA website, telephone system, gate telemetry database, and email delivery. Because of his abilities and adaptations, Keith now enjoys a resilient and secure network, one that our new IT managed services provider will be thankful for maintaining in 2021. On behalf of the board of directors, I want to personally thank Joe Worrall for his tireless services and genuine desire to make Kala Point a better place to live and communicate.

If you are looking for a New Year’s Resolution that is achievable and rewarding, please consider joining one of the many standing committees that keep KPOA moving forward. Kala Point is a volunteer-centric community — without volunteers, our committee-



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## What's Happening With the Board?

[Gary Obermeyer, KPOA Board Secretary](#)

*Again, this month, the Board had a full agenda; actually, two agendas, both held December 8, via Zoom. The purpose of the first session was to accept the report from Elections Trust on the 2021 budget vote, and the second, to address business on the regular agenda.*

### Elections Trust Report

Unlike last year, the budget vote was clear and non-controversial. A majority of those voting (nearly 52% of the membership) chose by a margin of more than 7 to 1 to approve the 2021 budget. Two formal motions were passed: 1) to establish delinquency fees and uniform late charges for assessments, and 2) establish the assessment fees (\$1,031.04 for Lots, Homes, and Condominium units; and \$232.60 for Timeshare units). Thus, the Board met its goal of achieving a reduction in assessments for 2021.

### Regular Board Session

This meeting included the usual formalities of declaring a quorum, approving minutes, and announcing updates on new hires and assessment collections. General Manager Keith Larson reported that all 2020 reserve projects are either completed or will be completed by the end of the budget year.

There was one item of Old Business: reporting that an organizational meeting of the KPOA Website Ad Hoc Advisory committee is scheduled for December 16, 2020, via Zoom. The Committee will review the issues and questions that prompted this study, get a sense of the skills and experience that the appointees bring to the task, and outline a plan for work to begin in January. Members of the ad hoc committee are Keith Larson and Felice Thompson (representing the staff), Gary Obermeyer and Dan Kimball (representing the Board), Donna Colwell (CFO), Mike Burk (representing Publications), Scott Rovanpera (representing EPC), plus Chuck Fauley and Louise Tragard (as additional voices from the general membership). The Committee will select a Chair and Gary will serve as the Board Rep.

And, one item of New Business: consideration of the possibility of holding a single Annual Membership Meeting. Moving to one meeting would mean holding one election/year

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The Kala Point community is a common-interest residential homeowner association (HOA). When purchasing or building within Kala Point, homeowners agree to follow the HOA's governing documents, which include: Conditions, Covenants and Restrictions of Record (CC&Rs); Rules and Regulations; Bylaws; and detailed Administrative Policies and Procedures (APPs). APPs are Board-enacted rules. The protective umbrella of these governing documents works in the best interest of all homeowners ensuring higher standards of neighborhood appearance and enhancing the collective value of the homes.

### Board Meeting, Continued from page 3

rather than holding two biannual elections (a savings of \$3,000). Under consideration is holding the vote in late fall to address resolutions: Board Elections, Budget Ratification and proposed amendments to the bylaws or CC&Rs. Currently serving BOD members would have their terms in office extended for an additional six months during the transition. Other implications and a tentative list of pros and cons will be presented for discussion (and possible action) at the January 2021 Board meeting.

Other Business included Committee Recommendations Requiring Board Action:

- **Architectural** — Motion to approve new member Janet Polley.
- **BMAC** — Motion to approve Jean Erreca to the BMAC Committee (additional members are still needed). Peninsula Environmental has been chosen to conduct analysis and make recommendations on Bluffs management.
- **Elections** — D. Kimball reported that Meet Kala Point was attended by 24 KPOA members in addition to the 12 Committee Chairs. An analysis of the effect of the event on member participation in governance will be conducted.
- **EPC** — The Water Wagon is onsite. It will be demonstrated in January; date to be determined.
- **Grounds** — Fourth-quarter monitoring inspections for 2020 will be conducted in December.
- **Publications** — Though no formal motion was presented, the Committee wanted the Board to know that they would be very eager to move from the InDesign platform to a WordPress plug-in for *Kala Pointer* layout and production.
- **Strategic Planning** — Motion to approve Jim Quandt for the committee.
- No actions were requested from **Finance, Internal Control, Personnel, Social Plus, Tree, or Pedestrian Safety** for December. Summaries from KPOA committee agendas and discussions can be found throughout each edition of the *Kala Pointer*.

Note: Supporting documents and a recording of the December Board meetings can be found under the Member tab on the [KPOA website](#). ♦

**If you know of anyone who is not online or does not subscribe to the *Kala Pointer*, let them know printed versions of the newsletter are available on the ground floor of the Administrative Office.**

### President's Message, Continued from page 2

based system of advising the board will be threatened. Every committee needs volunteers but three come to mind — **Architectural** (assisting new and current homeowners with adherence to our HOA rules and regulations covering house improvements; **Publications** (working with our talented *Kala Pointer* editorial team in publishing our monthly newsletter); and **Strategic Planning** (a committee charged with the mission of providing the board with a futuristic vision of Kala Point). Kala Point is lucky to have so many talented people, many in a retirement mode. Don't let your talents wither away – join a committee and keep Kala Point a success story. ♦

## Check Your Information

There is an *Kala Point Member Directory* available on the KPOA website. Login to your account on the KPOA website to review your information to ensure it's correct.

If your entry needs updating, contact the KPOA office at **360.385.0814**.

#### Office Hours:

Monday–Thursday	8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
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Closed weekends and major holidays ♦	

## KPOA Facilities

**All our facilities are closed until further notice.**

**The Administration Office is available by phone only at 360.385.0814.**

**Stay tuned for our reopening.**

## Possible Changes: Combining KPOA Votes and Moving Annual Meeting

Dale Moses, Board Director

The Board wanted you to have this heads-up on several possible changes that we will be considering at our January Board meeting, and even before the Board votes on them. For years, Kala Point has had two membership votes. One vote is in midsummer to elect three (or more) Board members as well as voting on resolutions such as to postpone an audit and rolling surplus funds to a future year budget. We've also had our annual membership meeting at the same time as that summer vote. We have a second vote in the fall to vote for/against the KPOA budget and any other resolutions that may be proposed. Several things have changed that are leading us to consider combining both votes, and moving the annual meeting to the fall.

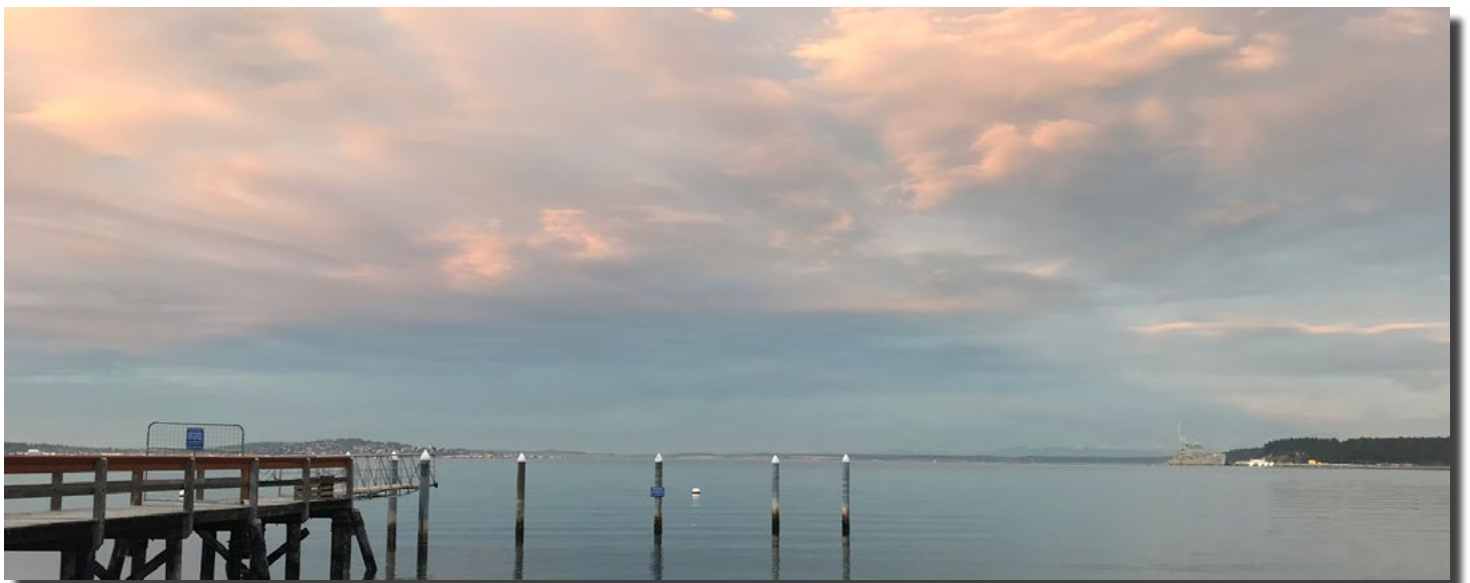
1. Several years ago we went to online voting that saved a huge amount of volunteer time, but now costs us about \$3,000 each vote/election, or \$6,000/year for two separate votes.
2. With several State rules changing on budget approval/denials and member notifications, it has become more complicated to stage votes. Going to a single vote each year would save us notification work as well as money (see #1 above).
3. IRS rulings indicate that we need to approve a rollover of surplus funds before we file taxes, not after that filing (it is more complicated than this, but this is the simple version!). We thought we needed to vote on the exact amount of the surplus; that's why we had been waiting until summer to learn these amounts. We now understand that we can vote to roll the surplus without specifying that amount.

Thus, we could vote to roll it over in the fall of a tax year before filing taxes the following spring rather than wait for another year as we are now doing.

4. We once thought that more owners would be here in the summer for an annual meeting, but there has been a significant reduction in attendance in the last half-dozen years. Perhaps moving a meeting to the fall wouldn't make much difference. (We stopped going to the high school auditorium and later the Northwest Maritime Center for these meetings because our lower attendance allowed us to fit in the clubhouse!)
5. With three (or more) new Board members just settling in to their duties in the midsummer, and sometimes even a new Chief Financial Officer, they have had a lack of familiarity with building and marketing a budget in the late summer and fall. If Board terms were to start near the end of a calendar year instead, the new folks would have more than half the year to get comfortable with costs and budgeting before they needed to make these decisions.

Our current **Bylaws** (Article V, Section 2) require the annual meeting to be in July. This guidance can be changed by the Board with a concurrent approval by the membership. There are a number of timing events in Board and association management that would need to change to combine the votes and move the annual meeting, but none are show-stoppers. The concept seems to make sense.

Feel free to provide your thoughts and comments before the January Board meeting when we think we might start this ball rolling for a membership vote later in 2021. ♦



## Passing On Gratitude

### Toys for Tots/Christmas for Children Drive

*Social Plus*

We want to take this opportunity to thank all our Kala Point neighbors for your overwhelming support for the Toys for Tots/Christmas for Children Drive. More than 225 families (525 children) had smiling faces on Christmas morning thanks to the generous donations of clothing, shoes, toys, books and money.



The COVID-19 pandemic created an even greater need for support in 2020. Many times requests were made for the basics like shoes, socks, underwear and coats. We are

happy to report all these requests were filled.

More than 40 local volunteers participated, which was a blessing considering the COVID limitations that were put in place. For four days, the Jefferson County Fairgrounds looked like Santa's workshop with all the generous donations from throughout the county. The volunteers organized the gifts and made sure all requests were filled to include last-minute needs of the Dove House and a local church organization. Local dental offices donated toothbrushes and local folks made sure all children got winter coats as well.

Thank you to elves Jean Reed and Char Quandt for setting up the two giving trees with tags from Rotary and collection boxes for Toys for Tots on their porches; the clubhouse — now closed — is the usual venue. The Christmas for Children organization was thrilled Kala Point could accommodate trees here as downtown locations were extremely limited due to COVID.

Also, a big thank you to elves Jon and Patty Fox for delivering Toys for Tots boxes, picking up all donations and delivering to fairgrounds! It takes a village and Kala Point never disappoints! ♦

### Kala Point Employee Appreciation Fund

Dear Kala Point Owners & Social Plus Committee:

The employees want to express our gratitude over the generosity of all the givers to the Kala Point Employee Appreciation Fund. Each day all of us do



(From left): Daniella Brockmeier, Keith Larson, Felice Thompson, Henry Brebberman, Phil White and Shane Ryan with holiday cookies baked by Social Plus. • Patti Biazzo

what is needed during the year to keep up the work performed in the background to maintain the services and administrative duties that make Kala Point a community we are all proud of.

It is a wonderful and humbling feeling to know how much you care about us through your contributions, feedback and support for us all year long. We are here because of you! So here is a big THANK YOU from all of us: Felice Thompson and Daniella Brockmeier, Administrative Assistants; Shane Ryan and Henry Brebberman, Grounds Maintenance team; Phil White, Clubhouse Attendant; and Keith Larson, General Manager. Again, thanks from all of us! 😊 ♦

### Impromptu Holiday Concerts

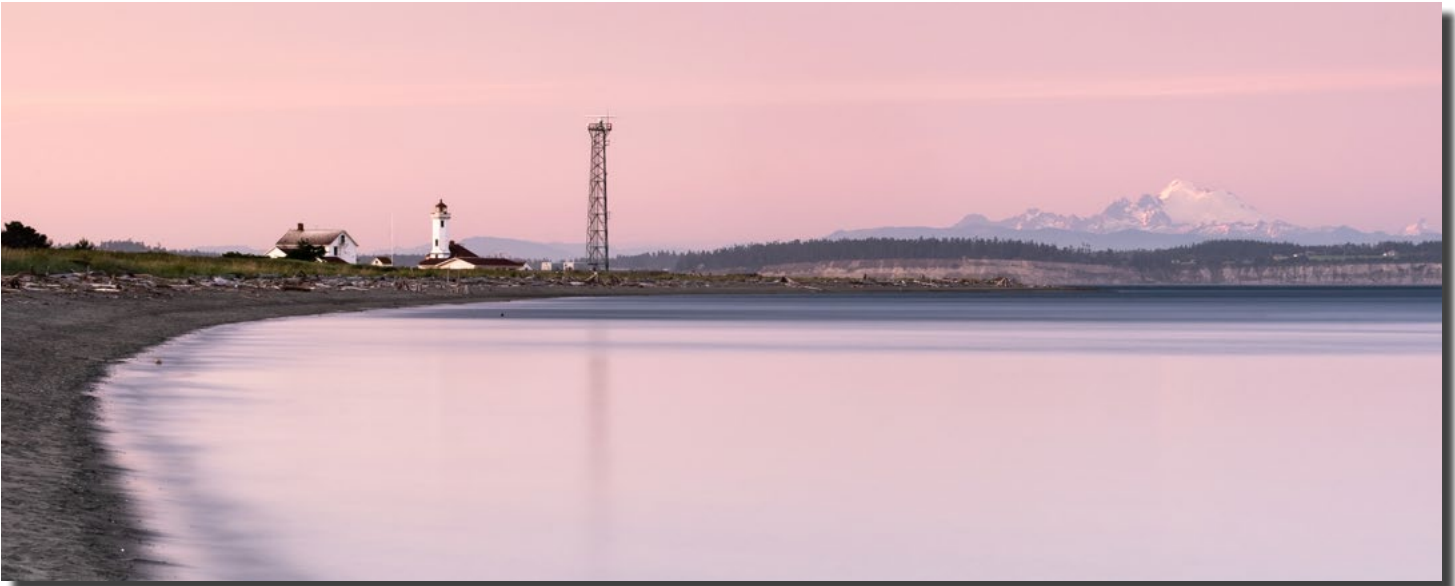
Thanks to Barb Dawson, "Chicago Bob" Longmire and Jayme Ryan for their impromptu holiday performances on December 23 and 24. The trio used a low-power transmitter to broadcast an eclectic array of holiday music on 88.3 FM for 90 minutes on both nights.

Those seeking a concert experience (and the best reception) parked in front of Barb and Bob's home on Kala Heights Drive and watched them perform in their front window while listening to their car radios. Thanks for making the holiday special, Bob, Barb and Jayme! ♦

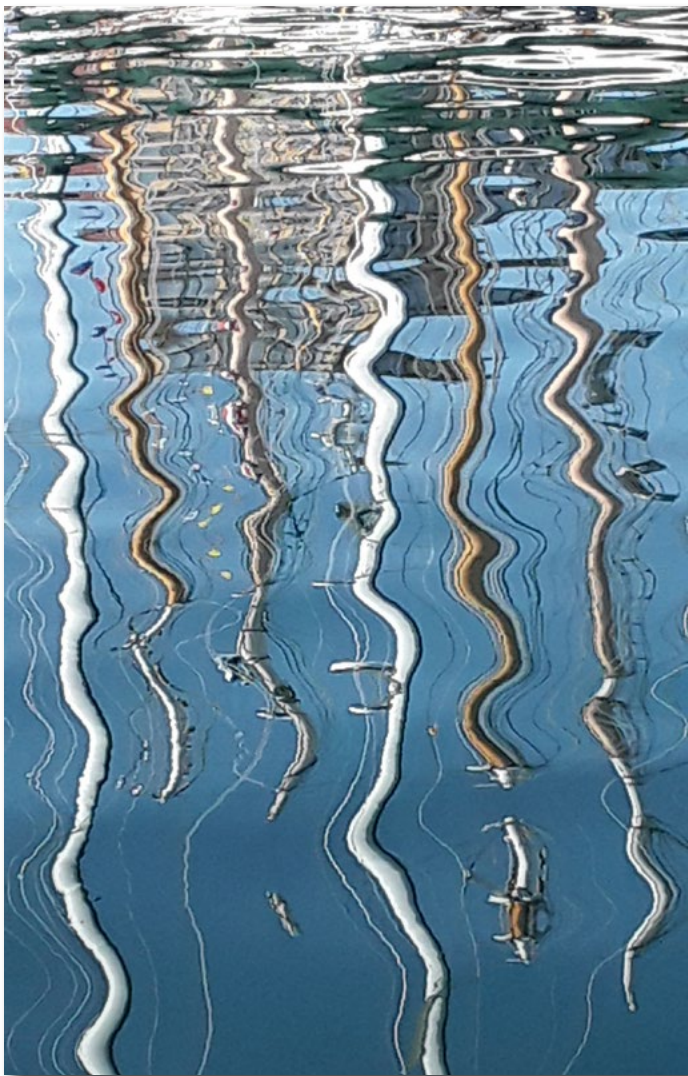


Jayme, Bob and Barb perform in the front window. • Char Quandt

# Through The Lens



*Point Wilson and Mount Baker • Doug Kurata*



*My Fading Memory of the Last Wooden Boat Festival • Tim Twiford*



*Watchful Anna • David Pitts*



*Super Moon 9.26.20 • Sharon Bastian*

# Through The Lens



*Daisy Dachshund in Her Element (top and above) • Pamela Thompson*

*From the Beach • Susie Headlee*

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*Sun Rise • Kate Lore*



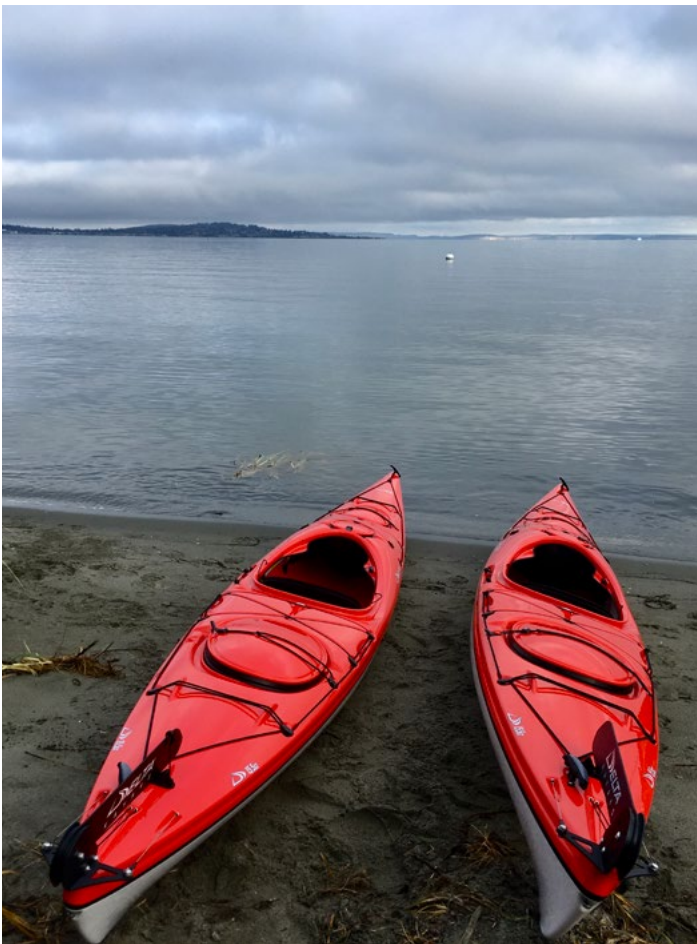
*Moon Rise • Kate Lore*



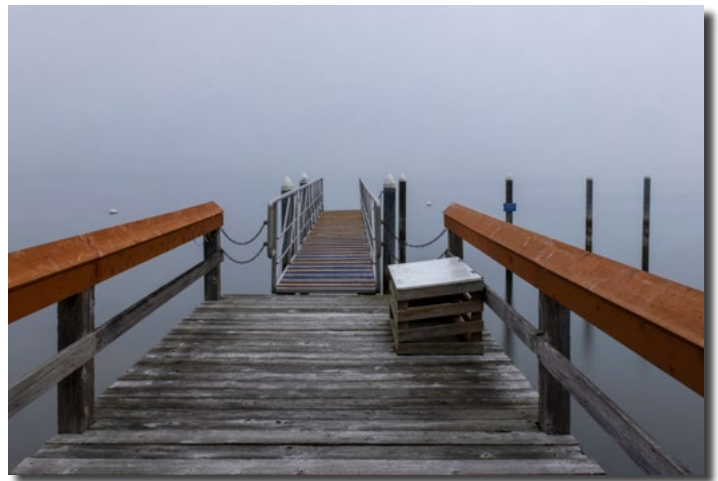
# Through The Lens



*Boats on KP Beach* • Kevin Smith



*Tale of Two Kayaks* • Sharon Bastian



*Foggy Pier* • Doug Kurata



*Breakfast on Terrace*  
Carolyn Braun



*A Non-Human KP Resident*  
Kate Lore

## Beach Education

### Diving Ducks: Triumph, Ballet and Tragedy in the Bay

*Tim Twiford, Pinecrest Drive*

Grebes, Buffleheads and Hooded Mergansers come to our bay on their way to and from their wintering grounds down south. Sounds like some pretty unsavory characters, right? Nope — one's a bird and has toes; the other two are ducks with webbed feet. They all, however, dive for their food. (There is another abundant transient, the American Widgeon, but they are dabblers and like the most common duck around, the Mallard, they don't dive, but tip up, butts in the air, and reach down for their food.)

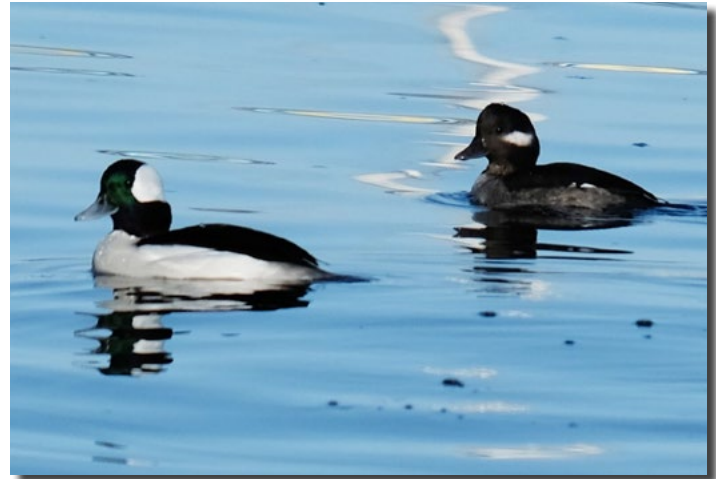
I became interested in diving water fowl while spending a winter on the water in Lake Chelan. They come down from the higher elevations in the Northwest, Canada and Alaska by the thousands. My condo



*Hooded Mergansers in the Lagoon • Charlie Hicks*

afforded me a front-row seat not only of their rafts — large gatherings are called rafts in the water, flocks in the air — but also down into the lake. I could watch diving ducks dive!

I would lean over my balcony railing watching the different species, their different swimming techniques, and their different objectives. I spent big bills (pun intended) on high-optic binoculars to see their activities up close. Chelan's blue skies and clear water provided crystal-clear viewing: I saw triumph, ballet and tragedy.



*Buffleheads in the Lagoon • Charlie Hicks*

One of my first questions: how do they keep from freezing in sometimes minus temperatures, in water that humans can't comfortably swim in until August, while the body part spending most of the time in the cold (COLD, trust me) water, the legs, have no feathers or insulated covering? A bit of nature's anatomical genius: as the body-heated blood flows to the feet, and the water-cooled blood to the body, it travels through intertwined vessels — think Licorice Twizzlers. Blood temperature is mitigated: the warm blood to the feet is cooled, minimizing heat loss in the water; the cold blood rising to the body is heated, reducing the amount of energy spent to keep the body warm.

Grebes, not having webbed feet to keep them under water, function like submarines, releasing air from their feathers and air sacs to stay at different depths. They have been observed using their wings under water for quick turns as they hunt fish. They coil their long necks, thrust their heads and spear dinner on long, sharp beaks.

Buffleheads dive for crustaceans and mollusks while residing in our salty sea; they don't need speed, just endurance. They can stay under for up to a minute, with one standing guard on the surface — both can mean the difference between life and death. Being the

**Nature's anatomical genius keeps ducks from freezing in the water: as the body-heated blood flows to the feet, and the water-cooled blood to the body, it travels through intertwined vessels — think Licorice Twizzlers.**

smallest diving duck in North America at 12–15 inches, Buffleheads are prey to an unexpected predator: eagles. I have watched both Golden and Bald Eagles hunt them.

The eagle, or pair, swoops down on the Buffleheads, who dive for protection. The eagles then circle until the ducks come up for air and try to pick them off. Fortunately (or not, depending on who you root for), I have seen only one successful raid.

Finally, we have the Hooded Merganser, the most beautiful duck of them all — I don't give a quack what they eat! I just hope you have the good fortune to see them in the afternoon sunlight; the males with their black and white pompadors, and the females with sleek, crested heads seemingly changing colors with every movement. Mesmerizing!

Update: except for the Wigeons floating lazily on the lagoon, there have been few migrant birds showing up so far this year. Is it due to a normal cycle, with an abundant food supply creating growing numbers



*Western Grebes* • Karney Lee, USFWS, on [pixnio.com](https://pixnio.com)

of fowl that then diminish supply, followed by a dwindling of the flock? Or is it climate change, with the waters in the north staying ice-free longer? I hope it is the former. ♦

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### ◀ Tough Love? ▶

*Hooded Mergansers* typically build their nests in tree cavities near water, often 10–50 feet above ground. Females are notorious for laying eggs not only in each others' nests, but in the nests of Wood Ducks and others. Within 24 hours of hatching, young leave the nest by jumping to the ground, encouraged below by the female. The young are tended by females for several weeks, but must find their own food.

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*Green-winged Teals at Kala Point's Beach* • Charlie Hicks

## If Approved, Little Lending Library to be Installed on January 6

When the Ground Committee meets on January 5, one of the items they'll be addressing is the installation of a Little Lending Library (LLL) at the Pinecrest mailboxes. If the LLL gets approved, it will become the first of its kind in Kala Point, and installation can proceed the morning of Wednesday, January 6.



Michael Machette's LLL in the workshop.

If all goes as planned, the LLL will "open for business" on January 6 at noon. There will be an informal ribbon cutting and the addition of some books. Michael encourages neighbors to bring a book or two to contribute to the library, and to take one away.

The main section LLL is for everyone, but the smaller space on the right is for kids. We've noticed that younger families are moving to Kala Point and there are at least a dozen kids within walking distance of the LLL. What a nice way to get kids used to a library, to sharing, and reading. ♦



## PUD Work on Baycliff Drive Begins January 4

**Keith Larson, General Manager**

The PUD will begin work along the upper portion of Baycliff Dr. beginning Monday January 4. At this time I do not have a completion date of this project. This is a continuation of the work conducted last May on Pinecrest Dr.

[Click to view](#) a drawing of the section that would connect the Pinecrest Drive work with the rest of the Kala Point circuit. This is an important step in adding resiliency to the system within the Kala Point community. Thank you. ♦

## We Get Letters

### In Appreciation

Just a quick note to say how much we appreciate the wonderful *Kala Pointer*. It is always so beautifully created and filled with important and interesting information. I know it must take a long time to put together, and we want you to know grateful we are for this amazing publication!

Have a good day!  
*Brian and Jenny Vervynck*  
Oak Shore Drive

### Garden Canoe

We saw your beautiful display of images in the December *Kala Pointer* and wanted to share this image from our next door neighbors' garden honoring the arts of the Northwest Native American Peoples.



Geoff Genter's First People's Themed Canoe

The gentleman in the picture is the artist (although he humbly doesn't want to be called an artist) and neighbor Geoff Genter and his "canoe."

Thank you for considering including this. I always make a point of walking in that direction so that I can enjoy it again and again. 😊

*Caridad Woltz*  
Cedarview Dr. ♦

**Have something to say or share?**  
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**on the [Kala Point website!](#)**

## Sharing the Good Life *Hilary Newell*

I have several butternut soup recipes in my collection of savory dishes, but they mostly use the sweetness of apples or pears as a foil to the butternut squash. Using carrots as the companion to the squash in this one gives rise to a richer, earthier taste. I often use curry in other soups but the addition of fresh thyme and ginger gives this a whole different personality. This recipe is super easy and is very filling. I froze the leftovers to eat later. Many thanks to Diana Zinn for submitting it!

### Butternut Squash and Carrot Soup

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 sweet onion, chopped
- 2½ pounds butternut squash, peeled, seeded and cut in one-inch pieces
- 2 large carrots, peeled and shredded or sliced thin
- 1 sprig of thyme
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1¾ cup chicken broth\*
- 1¾ cup water
- 1 tablespoon grated ginger\*\*

Cook and stir the onions in the butter for about 15 minutes or until onion is soft and golden. Add the remaining ingredients and bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer until squash and carrots are tender, about 15 minutes, or until fork tender.

Discard thyme.

Working in batches, puree in blender, or use the immersion blender. (Keep in mind it's hot!)

Salt and pepper to taste.

Serve with a little hot sauce, sour cream, croutons, or pumpkins seeds.



\* I usually don't have boxed chicken broth on hand and I find bouillon cubes too salty, so I keep Better Than Bouillon in the fridge. Dissolve one teaspoon per cup of boiling water.

\*\* Fresh ginger root keeps very well for months in a jar of vodka in the back of the refrigerator.

The flavor of the ginger is not affected by the vodka. Also, I've started using dried ginger root from Penzey's Spices. It lives on the spice shelf in the



*Of her photo, Hilary says, "This is what happens when you've watched one too many cookie decorating YouTube videos."*

pantry, it keeps for a very long time, the flavor is strong and it doesn't require peeling. I used it for this soup and the ginger flavor came through beautifully.

This recipe was also submitted last month by Alisann Smookler, but the Kala Pointer Test Kitchen has not tried it out yet. It sounds and looks delicious!

### Sopapilla Cheesecake

#### Ingredients

- 2 cans (8 oz each) Pillsbury refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 2 packages (8 oz each) cream cheese, softened
- 1½ cups sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup butter, melted
- 1 tablespoon ground cinnamon

## Good Life, *continued*



### Steps

Heat oven to 350°F.

Unroll one can of dough. Place in bottom of ungreased 13x9-inch (three-quart) glass baking dish. Stretch to cover bottom of dish, firmly pressing perforations to seal.

In medium bowl, beat cream cheese and 1 cup of the sugar with electric mixer on medium speed until smooth. Beat in vanilla. Spread over dough in baking dish.

Unroll second can of dough. Carefully place on top of cream cheese layer. Pinch seams together.

Pour melted butter evenly over top. Mix remaining ½ cup sugar with the cinnamon, and sprinkle evenly over butter.

Bake about 30 minutes or until center is set. Cool slightly, about 20 minutes. Refrigerate for easy cutting. Cover and refrigerate any remaining bars.

For a more authentic sopapilla flavor, top with honey.

These need to be stored in the refrigerator, but are best served warm. Heat bars in microwave uncovered five to 10 seconds to rewarm. ♦

**Send in your favorite food and cocktail recipes to:**



**yourkalapointer@  
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## QUIMPER GEOLOGICAL SOCIETY

### Tasting Terroir: Geologic and Climatic influences on Wine Flavors in the Pacific NW

Sip your favorite glass of wine as Scott Burns, Emeritus Professor of Geology from Portland State University, leads a Zoom presentation on terroir, the combination of soil, climate and sunlight that gives wine grapes their distinctive character.



Scott's talk will cover:

- The Pacific Northwest's terroir that contributes to Washington being the third largest wine producer of in the country
- Wine making using grapes from our area
- The Sunshine Coast of Vancouver Island



There may be time after the lecture to discuss specific wines, AVAs (American Viticultural Areas) or wineries. We'll then have a virtual Happy "¼ Hour" to taste and compare your wine choices. Should be fun!

### Event details

**LINK:** [Click to join Zoom event](#)

**DATE:** January 9, 2021

**CHECK-IN TIME:** 3:45–4 p.m.

**LECTURE:** 4–5 p.m.

### New to Zoom?

1. Create a free account.
2. Download the "Zoom Client for Meetings" application.
  - [Click to download Zoom](#) for your computer, or in the App Store on your phone or tablet
  - If you'd rather skip the download and use your browser, join the meeting well before the start to provide adequate time to install the program ♦

## Get To Know Your Neighbors *Suzanne Eggleston*

### Carl and Kathy Craig

*Pinecrest Drive*

On the west section of Pinecrest, a new studio is quietly and steadily taking shape behind closed doors. Carl Craig is readying his work area, tools and supplies in anticipation of creating distinctive works of glass art.

Carl knew from a young age that he wanted to be an artist. But then the unexpected happened while working on his commercial art degree in college: Intel came knocking. The company recruited him as an engineer, and Carl went on to help design many of the company's first computers. But he never gave up on art.

"Long before I retired from Intel, I began blowing glass, which I enjoyed very much," says Carl. He then moved into slumping (using heat and gravity to transform sheet glass into the shape of a mold) and fusing (using heat to join two or more pieces of glass). In the process, he found a new passion. After taking several classes and many hours of honing his craft, Carl made the leap and set up MonArt Glass Studio.

Carl's art comes in all sizes and consists of formed sculptured glass. He often incorporates mediums such as wood, crushed glass, copper, and other metals into glass. "I like to create a natural feel to my art," he says.

Carl has presented his art in several different venues over the years, and been fortunate to sell many pieces. One of his most prominent commission requests was a stunning glass and metal medical caduceus for the opening of the H.R. Hoover Cancer Center in McMinnville, Oregon. The piece can be viewed in the medical facility's entryway.



Carl and wife Kathy moved to their new home on Pinecrest after trying to move here for more than two years. "Every time we made an offer on a house, there was an offer ahead of us," says Kathy.

The Craigs ended up purchasing a lot. The couple sold their home in Vancouver, Washington, and moved to a rental in Port Townsend. "After being in the rental

**"We don't miss the big city life at all."**

for three days, we found our forever home in Kala Point," says Kathy. "It has everything we were looking for, so we decided not to build." One of the deciding features was space for Carl's studio.

Kathy and Carl most recently lived in Vancouver, Washington, but also spent time in Newberg, Oregon. They liked to remodel homes, live in them for a few years, and then, as Kathy says, "move onto the next home adventure."

The couple was originally drawn to Port Townsend as they wanted to be close to their son Kory and his family, which includes two beautiful granddaughters, who live in Woodland Hills. Besides Kory, the couple has four other children between them, one in Washington, one in Oregon, and two in California.

Kathy and Carl of course miss their family and close friends in Oregon, but they love the peacefulness and small town atmosphere of Port Townsend. "We don't miss the big city life at all," says Kathy.

Kathy recently retired as an engineering assistant, but still does part-time subcontract work credentialing doctors. Prior to that, she was a hairdresser for 20 years, and worked in administration and Human Resources at a medical clinic for 15 years. "I've enjoyed the diversity of my working career and all that I've learned and all great people I've been blessed to work with."

The Craigs are also blessed by an 85-pound, fun-loving, two-year-old Goldendoodle named Ollie. The couple likes to walk Ollie around the neighborhood.

"Living here is such a delight," says Kathy. "It feels like we are on vacation every day. The smells, the wildlife, the water, the fresh air we are grateful to experience each day — we feel blessed to be living here, a wonderful place to retire."

"I'm looking forward to meeting other artists in the area once COVID is no longer a deterrent," says Carl.

If you want to meet the Craigs and view Carl's artwork, stay tuned — the Craigs plan to eventually host an open house with wine and cheese. ♦

## Get To Know Your Neighbors *Suzanne Eggleston*

### Michael and Kendra Hoskins

*Pinecrest Drive*

Born and raised in the “bush of Alaska,” Kendra is used to harsh weather. But after enduring the abysmal, wet summer of 1972 in Southeast Alaska, Kendra and her friends decided to head south to get some sun. Their travels took them to the town of Tapachula that sits near the Mexico-Guatemala border.

At the same time, Michael’s work at an orchard in British Columbia came to a close. A native of North London, he also was no stranger to dismal weather, but that year he, too, was drawn south. He ended up in the same border town on the same night as Kendra.

The next morning, the group of young people all boarded the train for the voyage to Guatemala City. Kendra left her scenic seat on the steps of the carriage to get a drink. When she returned, there was a young man with a British accent — Michael — sitting in her spot. “Scoot over,” she said. And he did.

“It was the start of a beautiful relationship,” says Michael. “We traveled together off and on through Central America, mostly on local buses, all the way to Costa Rica (Kendra) and the Panama Canal (Michael).”

After four months, Kendra headed home to Juneau, and Michael returned to England as his visa was about to expire.

“Within three months, I walked off the ferry in Juneau and stayed for 45 years,” says Michael. The two married in September 1974. When asked the secret to their long marriage, Kendra replies, “Marry someone nice and funny and generous. Boom.”

Early on, they both held a variety of jobs. Kendra became the first woman mail carrier for the State of Alaska. “OMG, I was strong!” she exclaims. “Nothing like hauling printers — the 1970s printers were so big and heavy — through the snow on a sled to buildings blocks away, and then hefting them up or down stairs...” She also worked in the Office of Drug Abuse.

During that time, Michael tried his hand at construction, ran the press for the local newspaper, and



spent time working in a computer store and the state print shop.

“Then the children arrived,” says Kendra. “Time to get serious.” They went back to college, and discovered they both really liked and excelled at data processing. They started on mainframes and moved with the times into client servers, databases and web systems.

“We both worked for various departments within the State of Alaska,” says Michael. “Kendra mainly worked with the Department of Commerce, and I with the Departments of Labor and Retirement and Benefits.” They both retired as IT Managers from their respective departments in 2008.

They adopted two children from Korea when they were infants, Niko (37) and Rose (34). Niko graduated with three degrees from University of Oregon and is a fanatical Ducks fan. He lives in Portland, Oregon, where he works in IT for the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality. Rose graduated from University

**When Rose and Niko visit at the same time as Michael’s sister, the house is full of dogs, cats and two tortoises. “Watch where you put your feet,” Kendra says with a laugh.**



## Neighbors, cont. |

of Idaho with a psychology degree and now lives in Eugene where she works in the Psych ward at Sacred Heart Hospital. She calls herself the “crazy cat lady” as she likes to curl up with her cats and a book.



Michael, Kendra, Rose and Niko

feet,” Kendra says with a laugh.

Traveling continues to be a passion for the Hoskins. They have traveled to Michael’s home country of England (“We love the shows and the museums and the parks and the pubs — not necessarily in that order!”), France (“It’s beautiful beyond belief, the food is exquisite, the people are outgoing and generous...”), New Zealand, Australia (“The scenery was remote and simply incredible”), Italy, Spain... “We do love to travel,” exclaims Kendra. They’ve even gone on several memorable trips with Kala Point friends Leslie Dickinson and Ken Morris.

After retirement, Michael and Kendra moved to Spokane to care for Kendra’s mom. “On one of our sanity trips from Spokane to the coast, we stayed with our Alaska friends Sylvia and Jeffery Hartman here in Kala Point,” says Kendra. “It didn’t take long to convince us that this would be a lovely place to retire. You have our permission to hold them accountable for our presence here.”

Although they love Port Townsend, they still miss Juneau. “If you can ignore the 65 inches of rain a year and the 80 inches of snow a year, Juneau is a wonderful place to live,” says Michael. On the days when the sun did shine, you were in one of the most, if not the most, beautiful capital cities in the USA. And did I mention the fresh salmon and King crab?”

During a trip to Juneau two years ago, the family “ticked all the boxes,” says Michael. “Glaciers, yes; whales, yes; bears, yes; fishing for halibut, yes; fresh crab, yes. Luckily it rained on our last day there or we might have moved back!” ♦

The Hoskins share their home with their Golden Retriever Lola. When Rose and Niko visit at the same time as Michael’s sister, the house is full of dogs, cats and two tortoises. “Watch where you put your

## Send Us Your Photos!

**Do you have images that showcase the character of Kala Point?**

**New images that highlight the natural setting, facilities and people of Kala Point are needed for the [KPOA Website](http://KPOA Website).**

**You won’t be compensated for your submission, but you will receive a photo credit.**

**Please submit your original full-resolution photos in jpeg format to [photos@kalapoint.org](mailto:photos@kalapoint.org)**

**(Please send one photo at a time to avoid going over email size limits.) Thank you! ♦**

**If the earth were flat, cats would have pushed everything off it by now.**



Mocha, Pinecrest resident and feline model

# Kala Lily's

## January Gardening Tips

*Diane Solvik*

Happy New Year! January is a good month to take a look at your winter garden and decide how you would like it to look at this time of year. Maybe you could add a birdbath, a garden seat, or a small ornamental bug or frog to add a little interest and whimsy?

On a more practical side, it's time to prune, prune, prune your deciduous trees, evergreens and shrubs. If you have a spring flowering tree or shrub, do not prune now as you will cut off the blooming branches. Instead, wait until after they have bloomed. Leave your ornamental grasses intact. They provide food for birds and interest in your garden over the winter.

For a beautiful display, cut a few branches off forsythia, red currant, flowering plum, cherry, crab apple and similar plants, for forcing indoors. Cut the stems at



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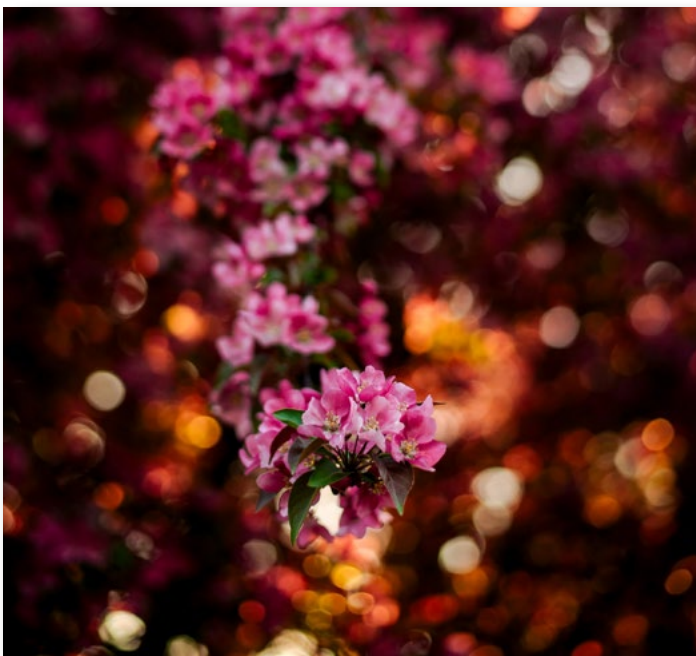
an angle and crush the base. Submerge the ends in very hot water. You will enjoy spring blossoms in the middle of the winter.

Clean your garden tools in readiness for spring cutting. This is a good time of year to sharpen anything with a blade. Denny's Saw Sharpening on Marrowstone Island (172 Nolton Road, Nordland, 360.385.5536) is a good contact for this service. He has reasonable prices and does a great job.

Even though the cold weather is upon us and we are into the dormant season, you will notice weeds shooting up in your garden. Remember that 15 minutes of hoeing now equals two hours of weeding later.

For a good, homemade indoor plant fertilizer, cut banana peels into small pieces and place them in a jar of water. Cover, and let stand for three days. Stir and use on your plants once a week. A second free fertilizer uses the paper skin of onions. Soak them in water for a day, strain the resulting liquid into a jar and apply weekly to plants. A third recipe uses leftover cooked white rice. Place it in a container with water and allow to ferment for about 10 days before applying to your plants.

This is a quiet time of year in the garden so sit back and pore over your plant and seed catalogues and dream! ♦



*Flowering crabapple* • Jenny Cvek, [Unsplash.com](https://unsplash.com)

**Every gardener knows that under the cloak of winter lies a miracle...  
a seed waiting to sprout, a bulb opening to light, a bud straining to unfurl.**

**And the anticipation nurtures our dreams. ~ Barbara Winkler**

# Committee Reports

## Architectural

*Meeting November 19 via Zoom*

Project Summary: (24) total — (8) completed, (13) ongoing and (3) new

### Old Business:

Compliance Issues:

- Lot #77: pet enclosure requires AC approval
- Lot #413: must paint surround and white conduit to roofline
- Lot #376: non-compliant shed requires AC approval

### Completed Projects:

- Lot #346: no deposit
- Lot #326: deposit returned
- Lot #287: no deposit
- Lot #353 (2 projects): no deposit
- Lot #142: deposit returned
- Lot #87: no deposit
- Lot #259: no deposit

### New Business:

- Lot #123: approved variance for minor incursion of septic drain field into rear setback
- Lot #405: approved rock retaining wall into front setback
- Lot #412: approved new home landscape plan
- Lot#77: approved pet enclosure after construction

### Board of Director Motion:

- Motion to approve Janet Polley as member of Architectural Committee

## Internal Control

*Meeting November 18 via Zoom*

### Old Business:

- September and October expense reviews are complete

### New Business:

- All future expense reviews are back on hold until the Governor eases the reimposed COVID restrictions



## Grounds

*Meeting December 1 via Zoom*

The Grounds Committee met with five members in attendance: Stan Cummings (chair), Frances Loubere, Leslie Weertman, Scott Rovanpera and Gary Obermeyer (Board Rep); plus, General Manager Keith Larson and one observer. The chair noted that the Committee has room for at least two additional members (contact Stan at [stan\\_cummings@hotmail.com](mailto:stan_cummings@hotmail.com) if you are interested.)

This month will be the **quarterly monitoring of grounds rules and regulations**. Particular attention will be paid to the home address signs (you may recall that a concern was raised that not all signs were being displayed in a manner to make them clearly visible to emergency vehicles).



You may have noticed the **cypress trees that have been topped and clearly visible from Kala Point Drive**. Because they were planted and are non-native, there is no tree rule violation; however, they are of concern to the Grounds Committee for aesthetic reasons. The owners will be contacted to discuss their intentions for improving the view. In a separate case, an owner on Belvedere Drive has been given a 30-day warning to remove **a fallen tree determined to be a possible hazard** along Kala Point Drive.

Scott Rovanpera gave a summary of a meeting to discuss lines of responsibility with Jefferson County deputy for Animal Control. **To clarify: Jefferson County is the enforcer for animal control**. Kala Point residents should call 911 immediately with any dog complaints or attacks. The Committee will be recommending additional amendments to the KPOA governing documents which will also determine the wording for new signage at the beach.

### In other business:

- Frances Loubere and Leslie Weertman reported that **“Kala Natives,”** a work group focusing on the health of native vegetation, has been removing non-native blackberry canes along the lagoon’s wooded pathway (and looking for additional volunteers.)
- Geoff Genter was assigned to take the lead in an educational campaign about **open burning prohibitions, burning bans, and proper fire pit/BBQ use**.

## Committee Reports

- **Leslie Weertman will take on the role of secretary** as of January 1, 2021.
- All members of the committee are to review the “**Grounds Maintenance Plan for KPOA Common Areas**” and “**Tree and Vegetation Policy**” in preparation for the January meeting.

Note: After its December meeting, the Grounds Committee received a request to react to a proposal for installing a **Little Lending Library** next to the mailboxes on Pinecrest, with the possibility that little lending libraries could eventually be installed at other KPOA locations. The Committee has commented favorably on the idea and has invited Michael Machette to respond to questions and share a more detailed plan at the January 5, 2021, Grounds Committee meeting.

### Personnel

*Meeting November 4*

**Attending:** Keith Larson, Scott Rovanpera, Dan Kimball, Donna Colwell

#### Employee Update – Keith Larson

- Maintenance Technician
  - » Zacharey Cooper submitted his resignation due to a pre-existing health condition; his last day was November 6. K. Larson offered accommodation by suggesting a hybrid job role at clubhouse and maintenance shop, but Zacharey elected to resign.
- Clubhouse Attendant
  - » Phil White suffered a stroke on October 28 and is recovering at home. Chances of returning to work are uncertain; GM will check in with Phil after 30 days.

#### Personnel Meeting Frequency

- D. Kimball recommends that the committee should meet in May to review the wage and salary compensation for KPOA staff.
- D. Colwell believes that committee should meet as needed, most likely twice a year, not more than quarterly.
- S. Rovanpera believes that the committee should meet after Board elections and for the compensation review.

#### Assoc. Member Representative – Scott Rovanpera

- D. Kimball recommends that the candidate has experience in setting wages, salary surveys, and be able to maintain confidentiality.

- K. Larson also noted that confidentiality is a critical requirement for an association member representative.
- D. Colwell suggests that two representatives be recommended for appointment if qualified.
- Four candidates submitted applications to the PC: Kay Goldstein, Bruce Knott, Bob Miles, John Oliveira.
- After review of the qualifications of each candidate, the committee selected Bob Miles as the KPOA Representative for a two-year term. Bob Miles was recommended to the Board for appointment to the 2020–22 Personnel Committee.



### Publications

*Meeting December 7 via Zoom*

- A document has been updated to help copy editors know what to look for when proofing the *Kala Pointer*
  - Question arose about the Admin Office’s hours at end of month and necessary delivery time of final *Kala Pointer* for office to send out by January 1; chair to email general manager
  - Discussed security concerns in using private emails in *Kala Pointer*. One recommendation was to include links to a contact form on the website; may be question for Website Ad Hoc Committee
  - Discussed possibility of moving future production of *Kala Pointer* from InDesign to a robust WordPress newsletter plug-in
  - The Publications Committee needs more volunteers; moving to a WordPress newsletter plug-in may make layout easier and will not require someone experienced in the more complicated InDesign
  - Deadline for next issue is January 19
- Next meeting is via Zoom (details to be posted on KPOA website) on January 4 at 3:30 p.m. ♦

## And in Other Committee News...

### Grounds Committee Back in Action

*Stan Cummings, chair*

The Grounds Committee was restarted January 2020 to engage members in addressing CC&Rs related to aesthetics, safety, security and erosion. This currently includes a volunteer effort (organized by Frances Loubere and Leslie Weertman) to remove invasive plants along KPOA pathways.



We receive complaints and concerns from members in two ways: through me or a committee member, or through the General Manager. Each committee member is assigned responsibility for checking 70–90 properties. Once per quarter, properties are monitored for exposed trash cans, yard tools, stacked firewood, unauthorized parked vehicles and dead vegetation.

Our first step is to determine whether there is a violation of the rules. The second is for a committee member to informally contact the property owner by phone, email or in person. This first contact is often educational — the property owner is simply unaware of the rule. Committee members are encouraged to be “neighborly” — friendly and gracious during these contacts.

If the violation is not rectified, the Grounds Committee votes to send a 30-day letter requiring compliance. If the problem still exists after the deadline has passed, a recommendation is sent to the Board of Directors that can result in a fine.

Your Grounds Committee is here to maintain the health and well-being of our community. We welcome your participation! Contact: [stan\\_cummings@hotmail.com](mailto:stan_cummings@hotmail.com) ♦

### Kala Natives Update

In November, the Grounds Committee formed a task force, “Kala Natives,” to help KPOA keep our Northwest native plants healthy. Our first objective has been the removal of Himalayan Blackberry along the lagoon trail. We have been at it now for five Fridays; each week, the KPOA maintenance crew has hauled away a large pile of vines and a few other invasive plants like holly and laurel.

We have been meeting in the pickle ball court parking lot near the lagoon, but we anticipate by late January we will be meeting at the beach parking lot. This will put us in proximity of a huge amount of the non-native blackberry. Come join us; no appointment needed. We meet every Friday at 9 a.m. for one hour. Bring your own thorn protection (good thick gloves and clothing) and tools. Stay socially distanced and have a mask at the ready.

Call Leslie Weertman or Frances Loubere with questions. If you want to be on our email alert list, please send your inquiry to [drlesliemiller@mac.com](mailto:drlesliemiller@mac.com) ♦

### KPOA Ad Hoc Website Committee

*Meeting December 16 via Zoom*

The KPOA Ad Hoc Website Committee held its organizational meeting. The Board established the committee to study issues related to the current website and consider options for future development. The charge: to develop recommendations to assist the Board in making well-informed decisions to assure that the website serves the needs/priorities of KPOA members at a fiscally responsible and sustainable cost.

Committee members were selected to represent a diversity of needs/interests: KPOA Staff, KPOA Board, Finance, Publications, EPC and the general membership. We have 10 members: Keith Larson, Felice Thompson, Dan Kimball, Gary Obermeyer, Scott Rovanner, Donna Colwell, Anne Englander, Mike Burk, Louise Tragard and Charles Fauley.

The initial meeting was used to get a sense of the skills and expertise that each member brings to the team, frame the task ahead in broad terms, identify resources and data needed to inform the planning efforts, and select a chair (Charles Fauley was the unanimous choice.)

The next meeting is set for Wednesday, January 13, at 1 p.m. at which time the team will sketch out a work plan and timeline. ♦

**I hate it when a couple argues in public, and I missed the beginning and don't know whose side I'm on.**

# Volunteer Opportunities

## Pedestrian Safety Ad Hoc Committee to Begin Meeting

*Jean Erreca*



The Pedestrian Safety Ad Hoc Committee is ready to resume business and is looking for people who enjoy walking the trails and streets of Kala Point. I am looking for input on how we might improve safety walking in our community.

If you would like to participate in the discussion, please contact me. I'm interested in organizing a meeting (Zoom) soon. Contact me by [email](#) or call 360.301.9813.

*Jean Erreca*, Chair  
Kala Point Pedestrian Safety Ad Hoc Committee ♦

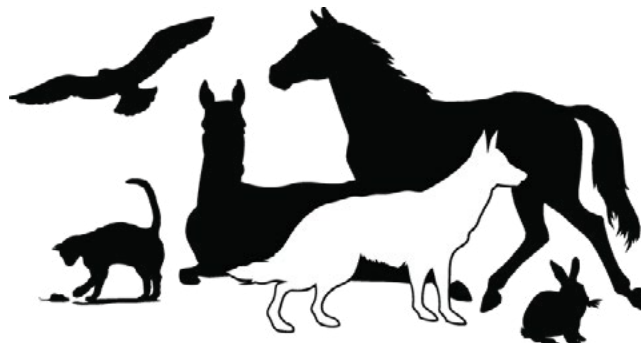
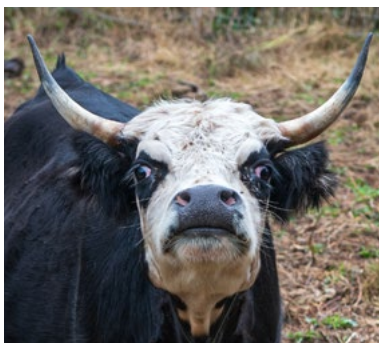
## Needed: Containers for the PT Food Bank

According to a recent post on [Nextdoor](#), the Port Townsend Food Bank needs empty, clean, small containers with lids. Shirley Moss, the manager of the Port Townsend Food Bank, says they are specifically seeking 16-ounce "cottage cheese type" containers. (They are well-stocked with large containers.)

Please leave containers under the front door's overhand at the Port Townsend Food Bank. The building is located at **1925 Blaine St.** at the old Mountain View School.

Shirley's NextDoor post also included, "Thank you and Happy Holidays. May I also say thank you for the holiday donations. This is a wonderful community." ♦

**Age 60 might be the new 40,  
but 9 p.m. is the new midnight.**



## Become a Champion for the Animals!

**Center Valley Animal Rescue** relies on volunteers to help with the care and socialization of 150 animals every day. All that's required is a caring heart, dedication to animal welfare and a signed waiver. Please consider volunteering to help with:

- Inside animal care (cats, dogs, birds, small animals, and reptiles)
- Outside animal care (sheep, rabbits, goats, llamas, horses and more!)
- Office work
- Staffing spay/neuter clinics

- Fundraising
- Events
- Fence and facility building

The next Zoom volunteer orientation will be held on **January 16 at 9:30–11:30 a.m.** For more info:



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## Kala Pointer Newsletter

Kala Point Owners' Association  
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### Lost and Found

If you lost something while enjoying Kala Point's common areas, there is a good chance someone found it. The KPOA office has a collection of found items just waiting to be reunited with rightful owners.

For instance, you may be missing these pair of glasses (found in early December near the northern corner of Windship and Trafalgar). Please call the office at 360.385.0814 with any of your lost-and-found inquiries. ♦



Allie (left) and Darby Jean (far right) want to wish you a very happy new year! Chloe Anne (second from the right) is decidedly skeptical about 2021, and Billie Jean (second from the left) is too exhausted from 2020 to wish you anything but goodnight. • Mike Burk