



Kala Pointer

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At the Helm of SS Kala Point

Scott Rovanpera

At the July Board meeting, Joe Englander completed his term as KPOA president, and I took over the helm of the SS (Success Story) Kala Point. Forty-five years after its inception, Kala Point is truly a success story. What makes it successful? The secret to Kala Point’s success is three-fold: 1) a comprehensive set of governing documents that define the do’s and don’ts of this owner association, 2) a well-managed facility with a completely funded reserve account, and 3) homes that enjoy high resale values with residents that care about their community. This is evident through the high level of volunteerism to maintain a board of nine directors and 12 standing committees. And I am proud to be one of the many volunteers that keep Kala Point successful.

I spent my entire vocational career in Public Works, working in the water and wastewater fields, so public service is ingrained in my DNA. My wife and I bought a small home on Foxfield Drive in March 2017 which would have to wait for us to move in until I retired in August 2018. Immediately after moving up from the San Francisco Bay Area, I joined the Emergency Preparedness Committee and became a member of the First Aid Team. I was elected to the Board in July 2019 and helped resurrect the Grounds Committee later that fall. And when the Board realized that our pet regulations did not address aggressive dogs, I chaired the Responsible Dog Owner Ad Hoc Committee to help rewrite the pet regulation for the Board’s approval in August. Service is a constant companion whenever I join a community, and Kala Point is truly a special community where I can volunteer my energies.

I look forward to working with my fellow directors during my

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“August rain: the best of the summer gone, and the new fall not yet born. The odd uneven time.”

Sylvia Plath

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What Happened at the Three July 2020 Meetings?

[Dale Moses, KPOA Board Secretary](#)

This column reports on the 2020 Annual KPOA Meeting at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 12, 2020, then the continuation of that meeting two days later on July 14, followed by the July Board meeting that same afternoon. All these meetings were done by Zoom (not in-person due to the coronavirus pandemic). The annual meeting started with 40 people signed on, including the Board members. That number grew to 53 during the meeting. The continuation meeting attracted 39 members which included all nine old Board members as well as the three new Board members – a number that held pretty steadily through the afternoon. Board meeting documents were available on the KPOA website (under the *Members* pull-down menu, then select *Board Meeting Files*).

Items from the Annual Meeting included:

- Final call for ballots
- Introductions of the four candidates for the Board (Pat Miles, Sean Moss, Dan Nordlund and Gary Obermeyer)
- Recognitions for the outgoing Board members (Joe Englander, John Oliveira and Kim Titus)
- Comments from General Manager Keith Larson with an overview of the past year, including financial information
- Comments from CFO John Oliveira noting that the association was doing pretty well this year but with the virus cutbacks, we may have a whopping refund at year's end
- Comments from outgoing Board President Joe Englander who thanked the many folks who volunteered this year
- This meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m. to be continued two days later with the voting results

Items from the Continuation Meeting on Tuesday, July 14, included:

- Voting results:
- Total of 345 members voted (57.4% of the 601 eligible to vote)
- Resolution #2019-1, IRS Revenue Ruling 70-604, Excess of Income over Expense for Year Ending 2019 to be applied to the 2020 Assessments.

Passed: Yes: 292 – 84.64%, No: 51, Abstain: 0

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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.

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Candidates for Director:

- Patricia Miles.....110
- Sean Moss.....310
- Dan Nordland246
- Gary Obermeyer271

- Distinguished Service Awards were presented to Joe Englander and John Oliveira

This meeting concluded at 1:11 p.m. and was immediately followed by the Board meeting.

Items from the follow-up

Board Meeting included:

- There were no audience inputs at the beginning of the meeting.
- The three new Board members were seated.
- The new Board elected Scott Rovanpera as our president for the coming year with Dan Kimball as the VP, and Gary Obermeyer as corporate secretary. Donna Colwell was appointed as chief financial officer.
- We made assignments for Board Representatives and Alternates for the committees and also assigned monthly correspondents for the coming year.
- We are planning on a Board Orientation Zoom session soon.

Twelve correspondence items came to the Board this past month, several relating to the recent anonymous letter to the Board. Most of the rest were on possibly opening the pool. The Board spent quite awhile discussing the pros and cons of opening the pool just for lap swimming (although it was pointed out that it would be hard to restrict it to just that). Finally, after the new Board members were seated, the Board voted 5 to 3 (with one abstention) to keep the pool closed for the remainder of the season primarily because of the health dangers to members and staff.

The General Manager’s report and committee reports were postponed until the August meeting.

We adjourned at 3:12 p.m.

If you would like to learn more about this Board meeting, feel free to listen to the recording of the meeting (available from the office) or send an **email to the Board** on a specific topic.

And finally, this column is my last as your faithful secretary. I have enjoyed the past two years trying to synthesize what I thought the community needed to know from our meetings. I now pass the baton to Gary Obermeyer to keep you informed. Sayonara. ♦

President’s Message, Continued from page 1

2020-2021 term. I am impressed with the incredible talent and intelligence these directors share when managing your association. When I was elected to the board, I had a simple concept: respect the rights of our residents and uphold the rules of our governing documents. My solution for being an effective helmsman on the SS Kala Point is to listen to the crew, explore all options on which direction this vessel shall head, and most importantly, keep us from running onto the rocks. With your support and the board’s teamwork, I look forward to serving Kala Point as your new rudder. ♦

Caution – Danger!

From Your Architectural Committee

The Architectural Committee has been busy approving several new homes under construction in Kala Point. Contractors have brought to the committee’s attention that there are individuals entering properties without permission. The committee reminds members that these structures are on private property and there is risk involved when moving about a construction zone. Please, please do not enter the property without the permission and accompaniment of a contractor or owner. No one wants you injured and the contractors do not want added liability.

Thank you. ♦



Outgoing President's Message

Joe Englander

Before the interruptions caused by COVID and its necessary social distancing, the BOD had already accomplished the goals it set for itself a year ago. These include ongoing positive financial management of existing assets and amenities as John Oliveira outlined during the Annual Meeting and supporting the Emergency Preparedness Committee in its efforts to put in place systems and training for responding to emergencies and disasters. These efforts include systems such as communication by emergency texts and radio; and training such as the Great Shake Out, advanced first aid, and Community Emergency Response Team training. Most importantly for EPC's response to the COVID crisis, EPC member Joe Worrall voluntarily, on his own time, created a communication reservoir and distribution network of critical information and procedures.

As I said at the beginning of the Annual Meeting, you're all volunteers — many of you are volunteers for one or more committees and some of you have volunteered for the BOD — so when I say that Kala Point needs more volunteers because this organization runs on volunteers, I know I am preaching to the choir. And I sincerely thank you for your participation, for your willingness to spend your most valuable asset — your time — for the benefit of others in your community. This is especially commendable in a time of “social distancing.” Thank you.

There are a few of us who go even further and volunteer even more than the rest of us. I'd like to take a moment to personally thank them:

- **John Oliveira**, diligent, careful, precise and evenhanded, who volunteered for the past EIGHT years to keep our finances in order as CFO.
- **Mike Burk**, who never met a graphics problem he couldn't solve. All of our communications are better because of him.
- **Caroline McNulty**, who is so energetic that even after volunteering to chair the Architectural Committee — one of the most time consuming — she goes ahead and volunteers for committees that don't even exist — such as the “keep the gatehouse garden lovely” committee.

Kala Point would not look and feel the way it does — and you as volunteers, as committee members, couldn't do what you do — without the support of our Kala Point employees. Theirs is the kind of support that is so cheerful and used so frequently that too often it

is simply taken for granted. We all need to thank and support our staff who support us at every turn.

Over the past three years as president, I've worked with Keith Larson almost daily. I am intimately aware of how many things he does that the community doesn't notice, that just seem to happen like the sun rising. His loyalty and dependability, his involvement and care for Kala Point go far beyond what's required to be a good employee or manager. His advice and guidance and understanding of the history of Kala Point are invaluable. The best advice I could possibly give to the new board and its new president is: Listen to him!

Thank you. It has been privilege to serve as president for the past three years. ♦



The Comet Neowise or C/2020 F3 is seen above in our skies on July 22. It passed closest to the Sun on July 3 and its closest approach to Earth occurred on July 23.

It's named after the Neowise space telescope that first detected it on March 27. Most comets are not bright enough to be seen from Earth, but Comet Neowise showed early promise.

It passed within 65 million miles of Earth on July 22 before heading once more for the far reaches of the solar system on roughly a 6,800-year orbit.

Photo by Bob Segui. ♦

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ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Olympic Music Festival 2020 Virtual Salon Concerts

The Olympic Music Festival proudly presents its 2020 Virtual Salon Concerts! While the COVID-19 global pandemic has forced the arts community to halt public events, we are thrilled to share a virtual season that you and your family can enjoy from the safety and comfort of your home.

All concerts are FREE and will be streamed to the front page of our website via YouTube. Concerts will remain available to the public online through September 30, 2020.

The Olympic Music Festival presents its brand-new Virtual Salon Concerts for 2020 — a series of video performances and music appreciation talks curated by OMF Artistic Director and pianist Julio Elizalde. Violinist and winner of the 2019 Queen Elisabeth Competition Stella Chen and cellist Matthew Zalkind join Elizalde to host film performances and discussions this summer. The virtual season honors the medical workers of greater Puget Sound and around the world who are putting themselves at risk to help those suffering from COVID-19. All talks and concerts are free. Concerts will premiere on the [festival's website homepage](#), Sundays at 5 p.m. starting on August 2; talks take place each Wednesday at 7 p.m. All talks and concerts will remain publicly available online from August 2 through September.

The **Virtual Salon Concerts** celebrate Beethoven's 250th birthday with a selection of sonatas, trios and related works from other composers. "Although we can't be together to celebrate the monumental impact that Beethoven's music has left on history, I felt it especially important to feature his music this summer," says Elizalde. "In my opinion, it is his spirit of struggle and courage in the face of adversity that resonates so deeply within us." Besides new recordings, the 2020 series includes "2019: Rewind" concerts, featuring popular 2019 performance videos and introduced by Elizalde.

In addition, "**Behind the Notes**," a series of talks on the inner workings of music and performance, launches Wednesday evenings as a prelude to each

following Sunday's program. Viewers are encouraged to submit questions ahead of time for the artists through the [website](#), and to tune in for the live premieres. On-demand access to the Virtual Salon series will continue through the end of September 2020.

No OMF season would feel complete without an appearance from musicians from **GardenMusic**,

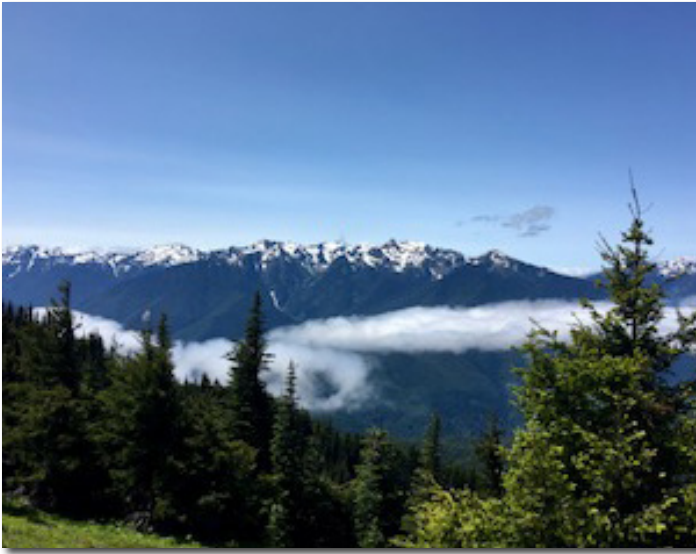
a group that remains wildly popular with OMF audiences. Led by Louisville Orchestra Music Director Teddy Abrams, GardenMusic is a group of classically trained, boundary-breaking musicians who use their creative and improvisational talents to craft programs spanning musical genres — from opera to

jazz, bluegrass to klezmer, and more. Each artist will perform and record solo from home, and the whole will become a special OMF and GardenMusic premiere.

"At this moment, keeping the music alive is something we can do to support our community, as well as the artists who have made our festival so special," says OMF Managing Director Emilie Baker. This July, the Olympic Music Festival reached its goal of raising \$50,000, which enables it to set the 2020 Virtual Salon in motion. Continuing donations over the summer are vital to sustain the organization and offset a projected loss of \$110,000 in ticket sales. Only successful fundraising through the rest of 2020 can begin to build the stability and predictability the festival needs to hold concerts, whether online or in person. Complete donation information and a full 2020 Virtual Salon schedule can be found on the [OMF website](#) at or by calling the OMF office at 360.385.9699. ♦

**"At this moment,
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can do to support
our community..."**

Through The Lens



Hurricane Ridge • Patti Biazzo



Front End Friday • Bob Segui

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Backyard Buck • Joe Englander

Through The Lens



Barred Owl • George Seifert



The Eagle Has Landed! • Angela George



Lesser Yellowleg • Vivian McFarling



Brown Pelican • Hilary Newell

“Go Fund” for a KPOA Water Wagon

Scott Rovanpera

Tim Twiford, Gail White and I are spearheading a “Go Fund” campaign on behalf of the Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) to raise monies to purchase a potable water wagon to be used in the event of a water system emergency within Kala Point. Originally earmarked for the Cassandra Cache Project, the EPC still believes that this is an important investment for a real emergency that can occur in Kala Point at any time.

Representatives of the EPC met with Jefferson County PUD staff regarding their emergency response plan for a catastrophic failure of our water tanks, wells or infrastructure — which are very plausible if a large earthquake occurs. The PUD staff was frank in their response — “We have no emergency response plan at this time.” If a tank failure occurred or the pump station was inoperable, the PUD offered that KPOA could transport water from one of the other PUD wellsite facilities at KPOA’s expense and device. EPC took from this meeting that PUD is far from developing and being able to implement an emergency response plan that would repair a large failure of the Kala Point water system, which would also include water main ruptures, well contamination, or cross-connection contamination.

A Kala Point water system failure affects many, if not all of Kala Point residents. The EPC deemed it very prudent to invest in a 500-gallon potable water wagon that could be towed behind a KPOA truck, thus being able to transport water back and forth from another PUD wellsite. The team narrowed their search to a new Wylie Express potable water trailer (dual axle, two-inch Honda pump, anti-siphon fill, multi-distribution ports), with a gross vehicle weight rating of 6,000 pounds. The cost of the trailer is \$6,944, and with sales tax, the total cost would be \$7,569. KPOA would be able to pick up the trailer at the nearest distributor, Star Rentals, in Bremerton. [View the Wylie Potable Water Trailer.](#)

The EPC estimates that the “operation and maintenance” cost for this asset would be minimal, which would include annual licensing, engine fuel, oil changes, and scheduled water tank disinfection. These costs would be included in the annual operations budget for KPOA, whereas the capital cost of this asset would be paid through voluntary contributions by residents.

Interested? Contact me at kpoaboard_rovanpera@kalapoint.org. We are hoping to raise this money by October 1, 2020. ♦

Letters

The *Kala Pointer* looks spectacular! Thank you for featuring all the artists and all the effort you made to enhance all the submissions. Really brightened my day.

Warm regards,

Sigrid Cummings, Pinewood Court



Caught in the Act • Suzanne Eggleston [See article on page 15](#)

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The Art That We Do

“The Art That We Do” features what some Kala Point artists have been working on during the pandemic.

Mike Blankenship

Baycliff Drive



Being in isolation has been a challenge: cool, wet days; sunny days and nowhere to go. These emotional times are transferred to my art. In some ways it opens me up to my world of creativity. I

typically create my paintings from my imagination using composition and structure techniques, balance, perspective, eye movement and color transition.



Margaret Woodcock

Baycliff Drive



During this stay-at-home period, I have been spending a lot of time building my flower garden and taking long walks in Kala Point area. These activities have fueled my interest in flowers and plants as a subject

matter in my paintings. I generally start with a photo composition that I create from different points of view seen on my walks or encounters in the garden. These “floral compositions” are transformed into paintings using mixed media.

Collage is applied to the prepared wood surface and then the painting is developed using first layers of thin acrylic color, then completing the painting using oil colors, cold wax medium and glazing. My goal is to not so much be representative in approach, but to connect the fluidity of paint with the expressiveness of flowers and plant growth and my own creative response to nature.



In addition, I am always working on collages in my studio and creating images for hand-pulled prints that I eventually develop at Corvidae Press in Fort Worden. Fortunately, members have been able to utilize the studio on a reservation system that we agreed upon. My collages and prints also utilize natural elements in their subject matter.

You can also see my work, and that of some other Kala Point artists, at Port Townsend Gallery which is open with limited hours: Friday-Sunday, 12 to 5 p.m.

The Art That We Do

Diane Holmes

Baycliff Drive

As far as a little about me... not much to tell. My husband and I moved to Kala Point 15 years ago from California. I really didn't start painting until a couple of years after we moved here. Just lost my dad, who also lived in Kala Point, this last March. Not from the virus but from natural causes; he was 95.

I hadn't done much painting since January, but I have been picking up my brush more lately. There are a couple of us artists that live in Kala Point that are in the Port Townsend Gallery in town. I am so lucky to be a part of our local gallery. Come and take a peek... but please wear your mask.

Thank you very kindly.



George Seifert

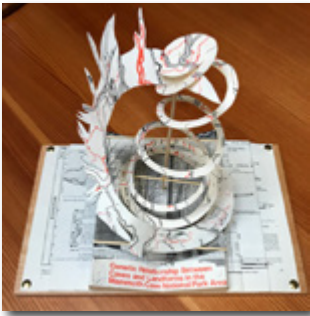
Kala Point Drive

These are marquetry pictures made of wood. I make quite a few pictures and give them to Discovery Bay Wild Bird Rescue and Center Valley Animal Rescue. Two pictures are currently for sale as fund-raisers for the great work that those organizations do.



The Art That We Do

Sharon Carter



These are my most recent pieces. I also work occasionally with assemblages and papier mâché. In February I began to clear out my shelves and realized, half-toss, that *Mammoth Cave Geology* might be repurposed as a metaphor for my homebound self.

My Tinnitus is a self-explanatory ink pen and watercolor drawing. *The Diagnosis* at 16 inches by 12 is the largest work in this group. The mixed-media drawing was created in response to a poem I wrote about my father two decades ago. *Antlers and Hoofprints; Beaks, Barnacles and Chitons* are two detailed ink pen and acrylic drawings submitted to the Port Townsend Postcard Project. ♦



Sue Stanton & Friends

Wellington Court



Get To Know Your Neighbors *Suzanne Eggleston*

Tom Gillespie & Carol Lee Boone

Windship Drive

If one had to guess Tom Gillespie and Carol Lee Boone's favorite (pre-pandemic) way to vacation, cruising is a safe bet. A quick count reveals that they've been on 16 cruises since 2004.

"Our favorite trip was a river cruise from Amsterdam to Bucharest," says Carol Lee. "We traveled for 26 days on the Rhine, Main and Danube rivers, and visited seven countries on our way to Bucharest."

Other memorable cruises took them through the Suez Canal, and from Athens, Greece, to Singapore. Tom also professes a love for train travel and has traveled by train all over the U.S. and Canada.



The two hodophiles (aka travel buffs) met at Portland Community College about 48 years ago. At that time that they were both married to other people and knew each other through committee work and curriculum projects. It was another 27 years before they got together; they married a year later in 2000.

The couple purchased a timeshare in Kala Point in 2005 and spent 12 years driving back and forth from Portland four times a year. "We decided to move here lock, stock and barrel in 2017," says Tom.

When asked what they miss about Portland, Carol Lee responds, "We miss my daughter and many friends, but not the noise, air pollution, traffic, and overcrowding!"

They lived in their first home on Shorecrest Court for two years. Last year, the two moved to their new home on Windship Drive with their two cats, Ms. Panther and Bandit.

"We were fortunate enough to get the house on Windship that had been previously owned by a gentleman who had been the president of the Northwest

Chapter of the Rhododendron Society," says Carol Lee. "Though the yard had been neglected and the house left vacant, we have discovered treasure after treasure in the wonderful gardens. There are said to be 26 different varieties of rhododendrons in the yard."

Gardens of any kind have special appeal to Carol Lee who went through the WSU Master Gardener training program in 2018. She now volunteers at various Master Gardener events, and served as co-chair of the 2019 annual Yard and Garden series offered in town.

Tom volunteers his time both on the KPOA Board of Directors and the Architecture Committee. When he lived in Portland, Tom also volunteered with several train organizations.

Before retirement, both had long, rewarding careers at Portland Community College. Tom was the Department Chair for Architectural Design, Industrial Design and Building Inspection Technology Departments. He also taught Building Codes, Mechanical System Design and Structural System Design.

Carol Lee, hired originally to set up learning centers for various disciplines, became the director of curriculum for the entire college. They both retired after 30 plus years in higher education in 2000.

Carol Lee has two children from a previous marriage. Her son lives in Olympia where he works as assistant editor for the *Olympian*, and her daughter is the fire chief for the Portland Fire and Rescue department.

"We are fortunate to have a delightful eight-year-old grandson, Max," says Carol Lee. "His mom, our daughter-in-law, is from Hiroshima, Japan. Max often spends summers with the Japanese side of the family and is fluent in both English and Japanese."

Like everyone else, Tom and Carol Lee regret not being able to see family and friends as much as they'd like as a result of the pandemic. "Before the virus we used to have a cocktail party with neighbors every two weeks or so," says Carol Lee. "We truly miss the wonderful neighbors and friends we made, the excellent food and conversation."

But the pandemic has also brought some epiphanies. "I am finding that I like 'alone time' more than I thought," says Carol Lee. "I am pretty content working in the garden, cooking a meal, and just being."

"I am enjoying some of the solitude as well," says Tom. "I like that it has slowed life down and forced some reflection." ♦

Get To Know Your Neighbors

Mark & Karen Michaud

Bluffs Lane

When Mark and Karen Michaud moved here in March 2019, they came with a natural “in.” They quickly discovered that their dog Gus — full name Gustavius Agador Spartacus Norman Michaud — was one of 16 Corgis in the neighborhood. “It’s nice to be a part of the ‘Kala Corgi Community,’” says Mark.

Kala Point’s pet-friendly setting is just one of the things they like about the area. They appreciate Port Townsend’s trails, restaurants, theaters, concerts, and diverse, interesting people. And they value Kala Point’s friendly people, beauty, and close access to the shore and Fort Townsend trails.

Before moving to Port Townsend in 2014, the Michauds lived in Colorado and New Mexico. “Fun fact,” says Karen, “we have lived on the plains (Denver), desert (Albuquerque), mountains (Glenwood Springs, Colorado) and on the coast (Port Townsend).”

Besides living in a variety of places, the Michauds have traveled extensively. They have enjoyed inn-to-inn walking in several northern European countries, scuba diving in many prime locations, and cruises that have taken them to both northern and southern regions.

When asked to pick a favorite trip, Mark selects a German bike and barge biking trip along the Mosel and Saar rivers. Karen thinks briefly before quipping, “The ones with Mark.”

Based on all that travel, it should not come as a surprise that the Michauds are active people. Mark likes bicycling and is often out the door for a ride by 4:30 a.m. He also enjoys walking, motorcycles and cars, as well as less-active pursuits of reading, playing guitar, listening to blues and classical music, and watching NFL games.

Karen says her favorite things to do are, “Rowing in a wherry, rowing in a double, rowing in a quad...” She is a member of Port Townsend’s Rat Island Rowing Club and can often be spotted with other rowers launching from Kala Point’s beach. She also likes spending time with friends, NFL Sundays, crafts (cross stitching, making cards and paper crafts), reading and cooking.

Before retirement, both Mark and Karen had varied careers. Mark put his biology degree from the

University of Wisconsin – La Crosse to use at the Coors Brewing Company in Golden, Colorado.

“In my career there, I was a chemist, quality analyst and marketing analyst,” says Mark. “After a 15-year career, I left Coors to open my own marketing consulting company.” He spent the remainder of his working years performing consumer surveys, data processing, and analyzing and reporting consumer data.



After getting degrees in education and communication from the University of Colorado, Karen spent most of her career in healthcare. “As a medical technologist, I worked in a large primary care lab,

a fertility clinic in Denver and a lab in a large metropolitan area,” says Karen. She held positions in provider relations, contract and grant management and as a marketing manager for a large health care system. “I had a couple of non-healthcare jobs — working for Janus Funds and Hammond’s Candy. Both positions were a welcome change and I loved the work.”

Karen and Mark were introduced by one of Mark’s co-workers at a chance meeting at a gas station. After another encounter and a few failed attempts, the two finally went on a date in April 1984. They were engaged seven weeks later and married in December 1984. “We’ve been together 36 (wonderful) years!” says Karen.

During the pandemic, the two have taken time to reflect on their lives. “We are so fortunate to have good health, good friends and a great place to live.” ♦

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Committee Reports

EPC Report

The EPC met on July 2 via videoconference and addressed the following:

- Steve Reed reported that the KPOA Board, in its June meeting, approved the use of private donations to fund a potable water trailer. A “grassroots” funding campaign will proceed.
- Keith Larson reports that the clubhouse and pool will remain closed. He will advise the members when the clubhouse can be used for meetings and other programs.
- Joe Worrall reminded members of the technology tools available for dealing with the coronavirus, including Telegram, the EPC website, KPOA text alerts and the Emergency Information System forms (EIS). To date, 539 members are signed up for text alerts. Residents are encouraged to fill out or update their EIS forms.
- The Kala Point Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT) training is still on hold due to the coronavirus. Sam Neville, the county CERT coordinator, will let us know how and when it may resume. In the meantime, EPC’s “CERT-lite” continuing education sessions will cover some relevant CERT materials.
- The August All-County Picnic, an annual community event devoted to emergency preparedness, will not be held this year.
- At the next EPC meeting we will focus on Search and Rescue, a topic with which most of us are unfamiliar. A “CERT Training: Safety in the After-Disaster Environment” [video is available here](#).
- EPC will hold a block captains meeting via Zoom on August 4 to review the checklist on how block captains normally respond in a disaster (earthquake, storm, fire, etc.), and train on changes in those operating procedures should a major emergency occur during COVID.

All members are welcome to attend the next EPC meeting August 6. This meeting will likely be by video conference, so check the Kala Kalendar for details.

Grounds Committee Report

The Grounds Committee met via videoconference on July 7. The following items were addressed:

- The Committee reviewed the GM’s list of non-compliance. Most of the issues have been resolved and one letter has been sent to a resident with continued non-compliance.
- The draft No Parking/Towing sign format was approved with some modifications. The final format will be sent to the sign company for preparation.
- Each member with zone observance responsibilities was polled. Two cases may result in non-compliance letters.
- The Committee discussed political signs. Most of the signs are in compliance with the GC’s APPs with one exception where a sign could not be visible on private property.
- Keith will look at reducing the height of the reflector signs recently installed at the mailboxes on Pinecrest.
- There was a discussion about the new interpretive sign near the lagoon. All agreed the sign is very well done, although it did not go through the normal review process.

Tree Committee Report

Meeting on July 9

All 10 participants were present.

- Two “emergency calls” happened over the last month. Both residents were urged to use the Tree Committee process as neither tree was deemed hazardous.
- Chair Mark Kleinman suggested that the committee discuss “overcrowding” as a criterion for removal of a tree in a future meeting.
- There are four previously approved cases that are still pending until actions have been completed, and two cases that are closed.
- Eight cases were reviewed on July 9 and all actions were approved except for a fir on lot 40.
- Tree committee and grounds committee will work together to develop guidelines for ivy control. ♦

Raccoon Danger

Leslie Weertman

Despite their cute appearance, raccoons are dangerous wildlife. The raccoon is an omnivorous and opportunistic eater. They can eat kittens. They may appear cuddly but if threatened, they can and do bite. Raccoons live in Kala Point, they especially like the woods and will seek places with access to fresh water.



Raccoon latrine.

Raccoons fed by humans will lose their fear of humans; they will expect to be fed, become aggressive to get food, and feeding can concentrate their numbers in your yard. Feeding raccoons is **prohibited by Washington State** and by the **KPOA rules and regulations** to intentionally feed raccoons, “Owners are encouraged to feed household pets indoors,” and if feeding wildlife such as birds outdoors, then take care that you are not accidentally feeding raccoons.

Raccoons will create toilet or latrine areas away from their nesting sites. These latrines with raccoon feces can contain *Giardia*, or worse another parasite, roundworms. These roundworm eggs remain viable for years in the soil, and if swallowed by another mammal, the larvae hatch out and travel initially to the gastrointestinal tract causing discomfort and symptoms, but then can migrate to the eyes, lung, brain and other organs, causing serious damage to pets and humans. A latrine can look like the photo above taken in Port Townsend. Be very careful when cleaning up these feces, wear disposable mask and gloves, wash your shoes and clothing in hot water and detergent, never use a leaf blower, vacuum or anything to aerosolize things.

To avoid housing a raccoon latrine, do not encourage raccoons to visit your yard. If you have attracted a regular furry visitor then remove any attractions. It requires a permit to hunt them, or a licensed person to trap and euthanize them. In an emergency call the Jefferson County Sheriff Animal Control using 360.385.3831 or 911 although they primarily deal with domestic animal problems. Another

resource is Washington Department of Fish & Wildlife; contact them at 360.902.2936 or visit [their website](#). We live in a wooded nature preserve but wildlife needs to stay wild. Watch and enjoy, stay safe and avoid feeding the raccoons. ♦

Have You Been Dipping?

Jean Reed

Have you dipped into your emergency supplies during this COVID-19 pandemic? We did. First it was the hand sanitizer from our stash as we wanted a supply in each vehicle, second it was disposable nitrile gloves, and third was for individually wrapped hand-sanitizing wipes. I like to have one when I go shopping to clean my fingers each time I pick up something. We also used a couple of disposable masks before we had our cloth ones. Some of these items are hard to replace right now and even when we see a supply, we have to be cautious that they are high quality.

March 12 was our last “dining out” experience and we’ve been “Happily Hibernating” ever since with the exception of medical appointments and grocery shopping about every 10 days with a list making it possible to get in and out quickly, no browsing. As cooking became a daily occurrence, I’ve used a few cans of corn, tomatoes, beans and fruit. My rice, pasta, and dried beans have been dipped into also.

Four months have now come and gone. I noticed that we were running low on vitamins. Sunny Farms said they would ship, so off went an email list. When I started to run a load of clothes, I noticed my laundry soap jug was running low, dish soap too. So it made me think, “What other supplies need restocking to be prepared for the next few months?” I inventoried my pantry as well as the bathroom cupboard.

I jotted down a list of items I need to resupply. Yours will be different based on the items you have used, your family’s needs and the items that make you comfortable and give you the ability to cope with a short-term or long-term difficult situation. I’m going to add a few items to my shopping cart each time I do venture out. I like to shop local when I can, but now, for some things, for me, e-shopping is the safest option.

Looking further ahead, I wondered what would happen if we had “the big one” now? I also thought of that first big windstorm in the fall. Yes, it will be here before we know it. Sometimes we lose electricity. Fall and winter bring the rainstorms and possibly snow which make us want to stay close to home (if the pandemic isn’t enough). I’m going to stock up now so we are better prepared, whatever comes our way. ♦

Kala Lily's

August Gardening Tips

Diane Solvik & Angela George

August arrives with warm, dry weather and a slower pace of growth in your garden. Dahlias, roses, hydrangeas, veronica and hardy fuchsia continue to provide color in a landscape that begins to show the stresses and strains of the shortening growing season and dry soil conditions. Many non-irrigated lawns will turn brown and become dormant. Shrubs and trees may show signs of drought with muted colors and ragged edges. August is a difficult month for gardeners when it comes to managing moisture. Some plants can tolerate a degree of drought stress. Look out for wilting and yellowing leaves. This is a sign that a slow, deep soaking is required.



Keep ahead of any weeds and try to dispose of them before they flower or produce seeds which will disseminate all over your garden. Fertilizing is mostly not necessary this month because we are coming to the end of the growing season and plants are getting ready for the dormancy of winter. An exception to this is annuals planted in hanging baskets or pots.

Every garden reflects the style and enthusiasm of its hard-working gardeners. We are limited only by our imaginations. There are no rules when it comes to gardening, only "tips" and advice. Mother Nature is in charge! Take the time this month to enjoy your beautiful Northwest garden and climate.

Dahlias need to be staked, watered and deadheaded to encourage them to flower well into the fall. Regular picking will also boost blooms and provide you with inspiration for some lovely flower arrangements. Spring bloomers, such as German iris, daylilies, oriental poppies, lupine and anemone can be cut back and divided at this time. Use a shovel, pitchfork or a sharp knife when dividing these perennials.



Newly planted perennials should be watered deeply to encourage root growth. Sprinkling is not enough! It will encourage roots to stay on the surface and could kill the plant.

Seize the opportunity to take cuttings from your favorite shrubs. Collect seeds to increase your plant collection. Dry the seeds by placing them in a paper bag. Leave them in a warm, dry spot for two to three weeks and they'll be ready to sow. Cuttings can be rooted in water or dip the tip in a rooting hormone and simply plant it in a pot.



It's time to think about your plans for next year's garden. Are there plants that didn't do very well this year? Maybe they need to be relocated to a shadier/sunnier or damper position? If there are areas of your garden that were not successful, clear them, install a nice layer of mulch and prepare for new plantings in the fall or spring.

Are you a fan of the beautiful spring bulbs that flourish in our area? Now is the time to place orders for your favorites for delivery and installation in October.

Enjoy the never-ending story of your late summer garden. ♦

Poetry Page



Donna Abear

First Beach, Full Moon*Tim Twiford*

There is a magical spot
on a magical beach,
I go when I can;
it's fairly far, but
easy to reach.

A deep pebble paradise
mostly small stone,
black, always wet,
smoothly honed; shoes sink
with every step.

From the woods nearby,
a fresh stream runs,
through wood drifted high,
it plays in the sun;
a last, free, moment of fun.

(It is constantly changing,
constantly changing;
rearranging the earth,
on its inevitable
journey to mix with the surf.)

And late on this night,
in a full moon's light,
its waters shimmer, sparkle,
murmur in the quiet,
as I sit alone in awe, beside it.

forest*Dan Coffman*

predawn glow
fallen leaves rustle
squirrel and mouse
sniff, peer, feel their way
to seeds, stems, berries

sky lightens
birdsong begins
six deer browse
ears flick backward forward
one head lifts turns sniffs
deer bounds away
other deer follow quickly
four wolves nearby
move forward to stalk their prey

a meadow
two larks fly up
toward each other then away
toward and away
two spirals climbing
until they dive together
this whole time
abundant song
radiates all around

day brightens
breeze bends trees and bushes
active creatures' breaths increase
in balance
animals take oxygen give carbon
plants take carbon give oxygen

forest residents
reflect a different life
in this world intertwined
can we regain our balance
and help the full earth thrive?

More “Foo Foes”

In the last two issues we featured some of Angela George and Marilyn Berry’s photos of Kala Point street number post art, a genre they’ve dubbed “Foo Foo.” Here are some more of their photos of Foo Foes for you to look for while walking the neighborhood.

If you are up to the challenge, drive, walk, bike or use whatever means you prefer and snap pictures of some Foo Foes *you* find. Submit your finds to yourkalapointer@kalapoint.org. ♦



Check Your Information

There is an updated *Kala Point Member Directory* available on the KPOA website. Take a look and make sure your information is correct, use the link below.

KPOA Member Directory

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

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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.

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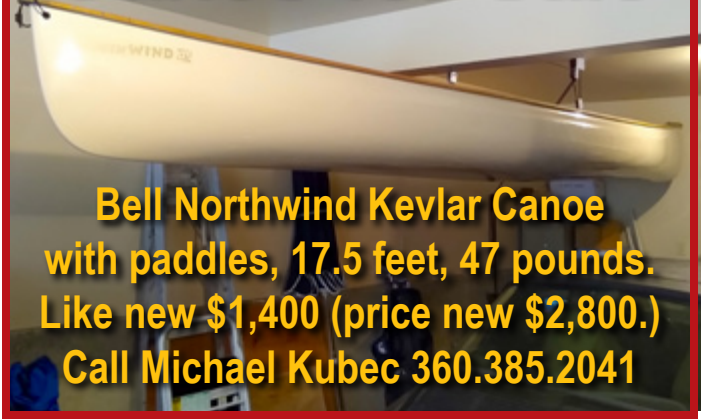
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**All our facilities
are closed
until further notice.**

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

**Stay tuned for
our reopening.**

Do Not Feed Raccoons!

Several residents throughout Kala Point have reported destruction from raccoons.

Feeding these masked marauders can lead to:

- Overpopulation
- Dependence on human-provided food
- Destruction of property
- A loss of fear of humans (and potential attack)
- A spread of disease that can be transmitted to other raccoons, pets, and humans

Please avoid feeding them!



Residents who used cardboard as an eco-friendly weed blocker under bark were dismayed to discover that brazen raccoons were ripping up the cardboard (and undoing weeks of work) to get to insects underneath.



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