



MEMBER NEWS

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NEXT MEMBERS MEETING: NOVEMBER 17, 2021 6:30PM – ZOOM DETAILS TO FOLLOW



President's Message

As I write this the doorbell keeps ringing, kids are decked out as the scariest of creatures, and Halloween is in full swing. November is now upon us.

We were blasted by some serious fall wind storms in October which led to me shoveling off cedar debris from my decks and raking it off my lawn, it came down so thickly. It also looks like we're going to have a wet and cold winter as La Niña settles in for good. Time to start thinking about pulling boats for the season, if you haven't, and battening down the hatches.

Earlier last month, the Farm Tour was very well attended, and the Fiber Arts Show at the LIC, according to the vendors, was one of the most successful ones our club has ever hosted. And we lucked out with great weather. We also offered vaccinations. More than 160 people got their COVID boosters, a few got vaccinated for the first time, and plenty of people took advantage of getting a flu shot – including me.

Allen and Marcel Ballinger were responsible for a GREAT Trunk or Treat event. It's the first one I've been able to attend at the LIC, and it was extremely well organized. As I helped direct traffic at the event, I heard from so many families inside their cars, how awesome it is to have our community offer events like this.



President's Message (cont'd)

This last month also marked the closing of a well-known community gathering place, Blend. Don and Molly Swensen closed their doors for good with a rousing Halloween party and packed the place to the rafters with the help of Xoe, Jeff and Stephanie. Without the networking that took place at Blend, I likely wouldn't be serving on the LIC board now, Candice Hardt and David Shinnars may not have met and married, and so many community endeavors hatched over a glass of wine on a Friday night there, might not have taken place. Blend will be missed.

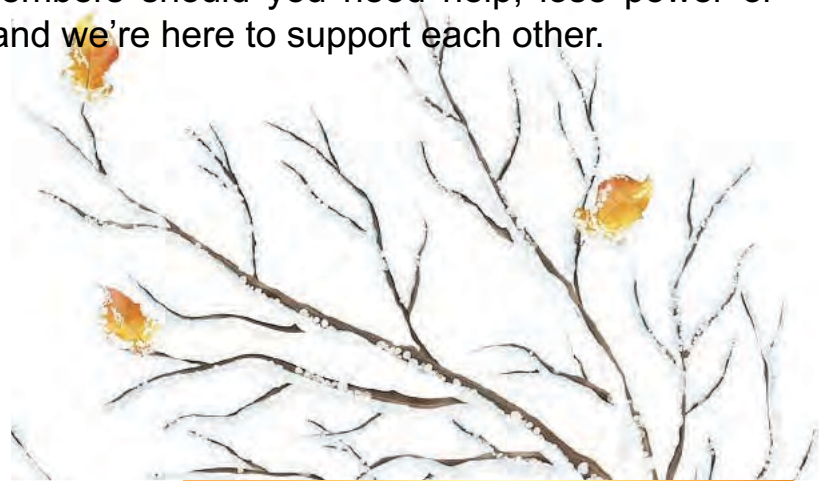
There are active plans now to still have Friday or Saturday events at the Mustard Seed, possibly in the LIC foyer and other locations, to make sure we still have that amazing community networking. Stay tuned.

In other news, while the trench was dug by Wave at the marina, they haven't run the fiber down to the dock, so faster Internet speeds for boaters will be elusive until that happens. And the work continues for coming up with a plan to replace the clubhouse roof with better lighting, a sprinkler system, and other improvements.

Remember, as we settle into a season of what may be some significant winter storms, don't hesitate to reach out to other LIC members should you need help, lose power or have any other issues. We're a community and we're here to support each other.

Thanks for all you do.

Warmly,
Kelly Guenther



From the Sunshine Corner

Hello All,

Since my last report, I've mailed out five get-well cards to members. Remember, please be sure to let me know if you hear of someone that needs a bit of sunshine, as I may not know about it. Thanks!

Cheril Allen
Sunshine Representative





As I write this piece for the November newsletter, I am suddenly aware that the holiday season is just around the corner. I should have known of course. Because now when I go outside at any time during the day the sky seems a bit closer to the ground and I often find myself wrapped in damp fog or feeling a decidedly chilled breeze brushing over me.

Thanksgiving is my favorite holiday. Family, friends and food – what could possibly be better?

The other holidays, whether it's Hanukkah or Christmas, cause a little stress. The reason for that is the pressure of presents. Finding just the "right" present puts pressure on me that can take away some of the joy. Though there are times when a present just presents itself and is obvious. That I love.

Giving, on the other hand, is joyful and stress free. This is often spontaneous and random or is community-based and is not about a present. Giving can be a gesture, time spent or monetary. The idea and purpose is to give of ourselves in some way that is genuine and isn't expected, it is instead just something we have decided to

do because we can or know that it is the right thing. Sometimes the recipients don't even know us. That gift brings us joy.

Make a difference in our community...
The Longbranch Foundation Celebrate Campaign.

For those who have yet to give, please consider either one-time or monthly, at the level that is comfortable. You have the option to support our education fund or our other charitable purposes: maintaining the historic building & grounds, protecting the Filucy Bay environment, or "the greatest need" which makes dollars available as community needs arise.

<https://www.longbranchfoundation.org> and select Donate.

A special thank you to Rich and Connie Hildahl for collecting and organizing the market receipts for many years! And to Rick and Francie Carr for quickly offering to take over the task. Volunteers make our community special and a richer place. THANK YOU!

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TLF Student Program Committee update:

Evergreen Elementary will be open for public tour at 5 PM Monday, November 8. Anyone who would like to see the inside of this beautiful new school is welcome to attend. The amazing quilt made by our amazing quilters to honor the opening of this new school will be on display! “

Food Market

A reminder, please continue to save your Food Market receipts for when we meet again.

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Fiber Arts & Farm Tour Photos courtesy of David Zeigler

Activities

Many thanks to those who helped in making the Fiber Arts events a resounding success! There was an estimated over 600 in attendance and much positive feedback from vendors and guests.

We hope you were able to participate in the second drive-thru version of Trunk or Treat this year. We especially want to thank those who signed up for a trunk and also those who provided extra treats to the Evergreen PTA. This event would not happen without your participation. The imagination and ingenuity of everyone is truly amazing.

Now we are focusing our planning for Kids & Christmas on Sunday December 12 from 1 – 4PM. If you are not already part of the Events Committee, consider coming to a meeting the first Thursday of the month at 10AM at the LIC (November 4 and December 2 in the next 2 months). We have a draft calendar of events for 2022 and welcome your involvement.

Thanks!

Allen & Marcel Ballinger
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Building and Grounds

The Clean Crawl Company cleaned out the attic and reinsulated the ducts. Thanks to Bob Green for helping Jimmy prepare the space beforehand.

The water heater is getting old so we're investigating buying a new one.

We loaned some equipment to the Mustard Seed for their groundbreaking ceremony.

Jimmy is working with Allan and the PTA to create better traffic flow for Trunk or Treat. We're expecting a large crowd again this year.

Jim Sobieck and Ann Morris
Buildings and Grounds



Member News

Welcome to new October members:

Eddie Clark

Jon Fayth & Celia Hawley

Dan & Sandy Johnson

Bill Rudd

At the end of September, we had 166 memberships which is 291 members.

Volunteer hour totals for us from January thru September is 3061. Thanks to everyone who submitted your time! If you have not done so yet, this would be a really good time to catch up.

The end of the year is coming up fast. Whew! If you are unsure of how many hours and meetings you have, send me an e-mail so we can make sure our records agree. And, if anyone is ever having trouble entering volunteer time in Track It Forward, please let me know.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Nancy Carr

Membership Chair

Longbranch Improvement Club Lighted Boat Parade

SATURDAY DEC. 4th

Rinse and repeat from 2020! We are planning on the same lighted boat parade as last year. All participating (please participate) boats will meet at Penrose Saturday afternoon and raft up for cocktail hour. Then head out at 5pm from Penrose back to Filucy Bay via Pitt Passage. Past Driftwood Point and then past the Barb's and a quick spin around Filucy Bay to wave at the Tritt's and the Carr's. Let



me know if you are having a viewing party and we can text you when we are on the way.

Kelly Hettinger

253-220-7808

LIC General Meeting October 20, 2021



The meeting was called to order by Marsha Kremen at 7:00PM. The meeting was in person and on Zoom.

Nancy Carr welcomed new members Bill Rudd in person, and Jon Fayth and Celia Hawley who were attending via Zoom

Secretary's Report: Sheryl requested that the minutes of last month's membership meeting be approved as written and submitted in the newsletter. MSP

Treasurer's Report: Jim Hettinger reported that the net loss of \$19,000 versus a budgeted loss of \$8,000 for the month. Annual Net income of \$ 43,000 versus our budgeted income of \$30,000 will put us in a good place by the end of the year. We are in the process of the budget preparation for next year, and it will be presented to the membership for approval at a later meeting.

Events: Allen and Marcel Ballinger reported:

- TRUNK or TREAT: October 29, 2021 from 6PM to 8PM. If you are going to have a trunk with candy, please be here at 4:30PM to get in place.
- KIDS N CHRISTMAS: December 12, 2021. We distribute gifts and have Santa here to take pictures with the kids.

All events will need volunteers.

Buildings and Grounds: Jim Sobiek thanked all the volunteers who worked on the Fiber Arts Fair. We are looking to

replace the water heater.

Centennial Garden: David Shinnars reported that there was a constant flow of people to see the new garden during the Fiber Arts Fair. Jim Guenther (Kelly's father) purchased a bench from the vendor providing wood creations at the Fair and has donated the wood bench for the garden as well. David asked for volunteers to build wood planters, potting benches etc. He has the wood he will supply.

Marina Chair: No report

Marsha reported the Marina is full, and we have a waiting list. The Boat Parade will be Saturday December 4, 2021 starting at 4PM at Penrose Point, and then down to the Marina in a progression/parade. Please contact Kelly Hettinger if you would like to participate.

Preservation Grant Update: Marsha Kremen reported the project is moving forward, the decision will be made in November for the 2022 grant, which we have submitted. This would cover the design and cost estimates to help us apply for further funding.



LIC General Meeting October 20, 2021



Vice-President: David Zeigler has a committee that meets the first Wednesday of every month in the evening to work on new member outreach, new member welcoming, and advertising. Anyone who would like to help with these endeavors is welcome to join.

Foundation Report: Michele Gorman reported about the Celebrate campaign and the mission and activities of the Foundation. We support students at Evergreen Elementary and KP Middle School with scholarships and funding for projects.

Donations made to the Foundation can be specified by the donor for where they would like the donation to go. The first \$25 you donate will be matched.

Next Member Meeting November 17, 2021 at the LIC at 7PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheryl Low
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Fiber Arts & Farm Tour Photos courtesy of David Zeigler



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