

September 2014



Member Newsletter

Longbranch Improvement Club

For the Betterment of the Community



Dessert Meeting Wed. September 17, 6:30 PM

President's Message

Marina Assessment. At the July membership meeting, the need for a professional, objective engineering assessment of our Marina was discussed, and the membership approved selection of Echelon Engineering to perform the assessment. They will soon be starting work on the project. As discussed at the meeting, this information is critical to formulate our plan to secure a renewal of our lease with the DNR, which expires in 2017.

Flagpole Installed. We now have our new aluminum flagpole installed, to replace the old wooden one which broke during a winter storm. Next step is securing a flag of the correct size relative to the pole's height, and getting proper waterproof lighting installed. Thanks to Doug Lewis, Denny Prichard and Sharon Gearhart for working on this project.

"Geomythology" is the subject of the program at our September general membership meeting. This will be a return visit by Dr. Jeff Tepper of the University of Puget Sound Geology Department. You may remember the excellent program he presented on "Northwest Volcanoes and Earthquakes". This program deals with the question of what evidence exists in the geologic record to corroborate historical lore such as The Great Flood, The Lost Continent of Atlantis, etc. Invite your friends; this should be a very interesting program.

What a Summer! We live in an incredibly beautiful spot here in Puget Sound, and it seems even more special than usual when we have strings of sunny days like we have had this summer. Hopefully the good weather will continue into the fall. Even if you are not a boater, don't let this weather go by without paying our Marina a visit. It's a nice place to get close to the water, maybe bring a sandwich and a cold beverage, and relax. And if you haven't gone on one of the boater outings that Kurt Anderson organizes, you should consider it. You don't need to own a boat to take part. Contact Kurt for details.

Gayle Brewer

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**LONGBRANCH IMPROVEMENT CLUB
GENERAL MEETING MINUTES
August 20, 2014**

LIC Board Meeting 08/20/14 @ LIC lobby called to order at 7:00PM by Clark Van Bogart for Gayle Brewer.

LIC Dock Master: Lynn Carr reports July was busy bringing in 110 overnight guests. Ice blocks at the dock were very popular with visiting sail boaters. Thank you to Herb for many trips to Key Center to keep the dock freezer supplied.

LIC Rental Agent: Kim Chaney reports that Bldg rentals have been busy this month. There are bookings available for the end of summer if members or their friends are looking for a place for their event. The LIC is now being advertised free of charge as a venue on the Gig Harbor Event Resources website.

Secretary: (Judy Riggs) It was MSP to accept the LIC July General meeting minutes.

Treasurer: (Jim Hettinger) With visiting boaters, a concert, and building rentals, the LIC had good net income this month.

Membership: (Judy Riggs for Eloise Colbert) reports two new memberships this last month plus 4 new memberships at this evening meeting which makes 186 in total. A special thank you to our hostesses Linda LeBlanc, Ann Dearing and Jan Prichard.

Events: (Delia McGinnis) As busy as the weekend was with other events, Bebop Co-op had a good turnout of 60 people. The concert brought in \$817 for the LIC. Delia reports that Bebop Co-op is planning to come back to play at the LIC early next year. Preparations for the Labor Day Dance are going well with all volunteer positions filled. Coming up next is the Fiber Arts Festival / Farm Tour on Sat. Oct 4. Our own Shirley Brewer will be the featured artist, showcasing her beautiful quilts. Carolyn Wiley (884-9157) is looking for volunteers to help with the preparations and day of the event.

Building and Grounds: (Sharon Gearhart) reports that thanks are due to a group of member volunteers who have each adopted a portion of the grounds and /or gardens around the clubhouse to maintain, and now the grounds of the LIC are looking good. Thanks are also due to the members who worked on repairs inside the building to bring it in compliance with the fire code. The LIC trail project is being finished this weekend with a work party. Also, two permanent handicapped parking signs will be installed in front of the clubhouse. Peninsula Light Co. erected the new flag pole for the LIC and Sharon is looking for donations for the \$130 new American flag to go on top. There is a fall work party for the building and grounds scheduled for Sat. Sept 20. Call Sharon (884-3890) if you would like to help.

Marina: (Denny Prichard) There will be a Marina Survey in Sept. to evaluate the "useful life" left on the dock structures. With the DNR's approval, the LIC owned boathouse removal project is now on hold awaiting Pierce County and Fisheries approval. The beautiful potted plants at the dock have been admired all summer, thanks to Jan and Denny Prichard.

Trustee/At Large: (Phil Johnson) is absent this month.

Vice President: (Clark Van Bogart) has nothing to report this month.

President: (Gayle Brewer) is absent this month.

Old Business:

Clark shared a Gig Harbor Gateway newspaper article announcing that the Gig Harbor Canoe and Kayak Club just won it's third national tile. This club had volunteered at our Down Key Festival. Go Team!

The LIC Historic Structural Survey report is expected to be done by the beginning of Sept. The Long Range Planning Committee will have a comprehensive plan for the LIC by Oct.

New Business:

Items for the LIC budget for 2015 are now being accepted.

The LIC Sept. general membership meeting speaker will be UPS professor Dr. Tepper presenting a program on "Geomythology, Linking Geologic events to support myths and real events."

Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted by LIC Sec. Judy Riggs



Upcoming Events

Mon. Sept 1—Labor Day

Wed. Sept 3—Marina Meeting, 9:00 AM

Thu. Sept 4—Events Meeting, 7:00 PM,

Sun. Sept 7—Grandparents Day

Wed. Sept 17— 'Dessert' General Meeting, LIC Clubhouse, 6:30 PM, guest speaker,
Dr. Jeff Tepper from UPS on Geology (Note meeting start time change)

Thu. Sept 18—'Faces of Farming on the KP' at the Blend and Key Center Library, see
flyers on page 7

Thu. Sept 25—LIC Power Boat Outing to Olympia. Call Kurt Anderson if interested.

Sat. Oct 4—Fiber Arts Event, LIC Clubhouse, 10:00 AM—4:00 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

The Event's Committee had it's monthly meeting on July 17th. We discussed the calendar for next year. We also brain-stormed ideas for events that will reach out to the Down Key community at large. The success of the Down Key Festival energized the group to think of other possible ways to benefit our members, the youth of the Key Peninsula and all the folks that live here. The jazz cabaret with the Bebop Co-op on Friday night the 26th of August was well attended. Mark Runions and his talented group had everyone moving and grooving to the music. A good time was had by all who attended.

I want to thank everyone for giving me the opportunity to be the Events Chair. I'm very excited about the challenge and am looking forward to working with all of you.

Delia McGinnis



Geomythology

Combine the science of modern geology and archeology with ancient mythology and history to examine mankind's stories of floods, meteors and earthquakes. From Noah's Great Flood and the sinking of Atlantis to local native tales of the struggle between the Thunderbird and the Whale.

A fascinating free presentation, everyone welcome.

Dr. Jeffrey Tepper, Geology Chair, UPS

Wednesday September 17, starts at 6:30 pm

Longbranch Improvement Clubhouse
September meeting, dessert potluck

Dockmaster Report.....

Thanks to Kerry Jamieson for tending the Marina last weekend so I could have fun with our Granddaughters on their birthdays. From the number of boats that came in (about 55), he certainly was not lonely! Thanks, Kerry.

Thanks also to Doug Lewis for sneaking 20 new chairs into the Pavilion. This is a most welcome addition to the Marina.

Lynn Carr

Peninsula Light installing the new LIC Flag Pole

Pictures by Denny Prichard



Building and Grounds Chat Room September 2014

Well it has been a pretty good month. The new flag pole is up and the new flag (8'X12' to fit the size of the pole) is ordered. Clark suggested that members might like to donate to the cost of the new flag (\$153.95 with tax, S/H) and if you are interested let me know. Lighting for the pole is in the works and because of the height requires stronger lights. Thanks to Denny for arranging to get the pole erected (with the generous help from Peninsula Light Company) and Lynn Carr for cutting off and grinding down the old I- beam base. We hope to incorporate a new cement base around the pole with the existing one and cover it with pavers for esthetic purposes. The "Finish the Trail" project got under way on August 20 but ran into a glitch when Clark's tractor gave up the ghost. Thanks to Larry Bingham, Clark Van Bogart, Francie Carr, Ann Dearing, Jan Place and Scott, Denny Prichard, Mark Runions, Tito and Mina Villanueva and Scott Bowen the trail was cleared and a lot of gravel was laid. It looks great but there is still more work to do. Which brings up the subject of a fall cleanup day which is being set for September 20. Watch for the specifics-we will have quite a list to be accomplished. The problems with the side doors and phone plug-in were corrected thanks to Steve Stemhagen, Gayle Brewer, Mark Runions and Sandy Black and we passed the Fire Marshall's follow-up inspection with flying colors. I would also like to thank those folks who have been working to keep the grounds trimmed and tidy-Shirley Brewer and AJ Million who worked on the flower beds-Susan Quigley, Brian Born, Mike Isbell and Bill Lloyd for keeping up with the mowing. Finally I would like to remind everyone that we have a Building and Grounds budget that must last us all year. If you need to spend money on the building/grounds I ask that you clear it with me so that, with Jim Hettinger's help, I can keep a handle on where our monies are going. Thanks. Sharon

TWO WATERS ARTS ALLIANCE

FARM TOUR

SCARECROW CONTEST

SEPTEMBER 20 - OCTOBER 4

KEY CENTER BUSINESS AREA

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Theme: "Go'in on the KP Farm Tour"

Requirements: Scarecrows must be able to sit or stand on its own props.
Construction must be sturdy enough to withstand the elements.

Application Forms: Contact Kathy Barrett 253 884-1592 or by email;
kathybarrett03@gmail.com

Deadline for submission: September 15

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

Exhibits Demonstrations Vendors

7th Annual Fiber Arts

Threads through Time

Artistic to Utilitarian

Traditional to Modern

Free Admission
Saturday October 4
10am to 4pm

Longbranch Improvement Club

4312 Key Peninsula Hwy S.

30 minutes from Gig Harbor

call 253 884 9157

Presented by LIC and friends



The scarecrow event is planned by Two Waters Arts Alliance. (entry deadline 9/15. It is open to groups and individuals who have an idea and want to play. The theme of the Scarecrow contest (With Prize Money) is "Goin' on the Farm Tour".

Lynn Lloyd is re-furbishing the two LIC scarecrows from last year. If you want to help Lynn, call her 884-2270.

Individuals can enter too, if they wish --or if another LIC interest group wants to enter one, it is encouraged.

Fiber Arts features about 30 local and regional artists/artisans working with fiber. The gamut of talent-- traditional to modern techniques, and utilitarian to artistic work will be on view.

- Yes, there will be weavers, spinners, quilters, clothing designers
- Yes, there will be toys and wearable art (a great day for holiday shopping)
- Yes, wood is fiber, Creighton Cheney will be on site with his handmade bent-willow furniture

-- If you have a special talent that involves fiber, string, weaving, sewing
or

--If you know someone who has a special talent involving fiber--yes, wood is fiber, yes, saddle-makers use fiber

Space is still available...

--if you would be willing to work with a hands-on project with children

—if you would like to volunteer to help with pre-event planning

or

---if you are curious

Contact Carolyn @ 253 884 9157 or by e-mail <c.wiley@mac.com>

OFFICIAL SPOKESCOWS FOR THE KEY PENINSULA FARM COUNCIL



**JOIN US
THURSDAY
SEPT 18**

IT'S THE KP FARM TOUR NIGHT ON THE TOWN

You are invited to a preview reception and Key Center film premier
Celebrating Key Peninsula farming and the 2014 Farm Tour
on Thursday, September 18 in beautiful downtown Key Center

RECEPTION | BLEND WINE SHOP

from 5:30 to 6:30 enjoy the pleasures of farming
with wine, cheese and local art work

FILM PREMIER | KEY CENTER LIBRARY

At 7:00 use the crosswalk
for a program featuring the film "Faces of Farming"
Photographs of the 2013 Key Peninsula Farm Tour and
Meet this year's Farm Tour farmers



(the cows would love to join in the fun but must attend a Friday dawn Milk Meeting)

**Faces of Farming
on the
Key Peninsula**

View the local documentary, "Faces of Farming," and participate in a discussion
with Diane Marcus-Jones, agriculture
liaison for Pierce County. Meet local
farmers participating in the
Key Peninsula Farm Tour.



**Key Center
Pierce County Library**

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Thursday, Sept. 18, 7 p.m.

Free event sponsored by
Friends of the Key Center Library



percecountylibrary.org
Washington Relay 711

9/14 (100/2)



"Faces of Farming" KP premier and wine tasting

A film and reception will prelude the 2014 KP Farm Tour. On Thursday Sept. 18, the Key Center Library and The Blend Tasting Room Team together will present the KP premier of the "Faces of Farming". The film is a Pierce County agricultural production. Included in the showing, will be the extraordinary photography of David Montesino, which will blend Key Peninsula farming into the film's story of Pierce County farming. Prior to the showing, a reception will be given by The Blend Wine Shop. The shop walls will feature art work of local artists focusing on KP farming. The Blend reception opens at 5:30 p.m. and the Library show begins at 7 p.m. 884-9157.

From our past.....

In Longbranch, as in much of rural America in the 1920's, baseball was a popular social event, bridging religious and language differences of immigrant settlers, and a welcome diversion from endless labor. Each community fielded a team—the Longbranch team quickly became the pride of the Peninsula. The LIC built a baseball field and grandstand on their cleared acreage.(LIC website)

Here is the Longbranch baseball team in front of their new grandstand in 1923.



Photo courtesy Key Peninsula Historical Society

Front row from left: Bert Watkinson, Art Watkinson, Ed Otto, John Schultz. Back row: Ray Webb, George Schultz, Albert (Slick) Rickert, Jake Sipple, Fred Rickert.



LIC Membership Report



Welcome to new Members Ruth Demille, Martha & Steven Konicek.

Thanks to Ann Dearing, Linda LeBlanc & Jan Prichard for hosting at the August meeting.

Eloise Colbert

Current Membership 185

See you at the Sept 17th meeting

At 6:30

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