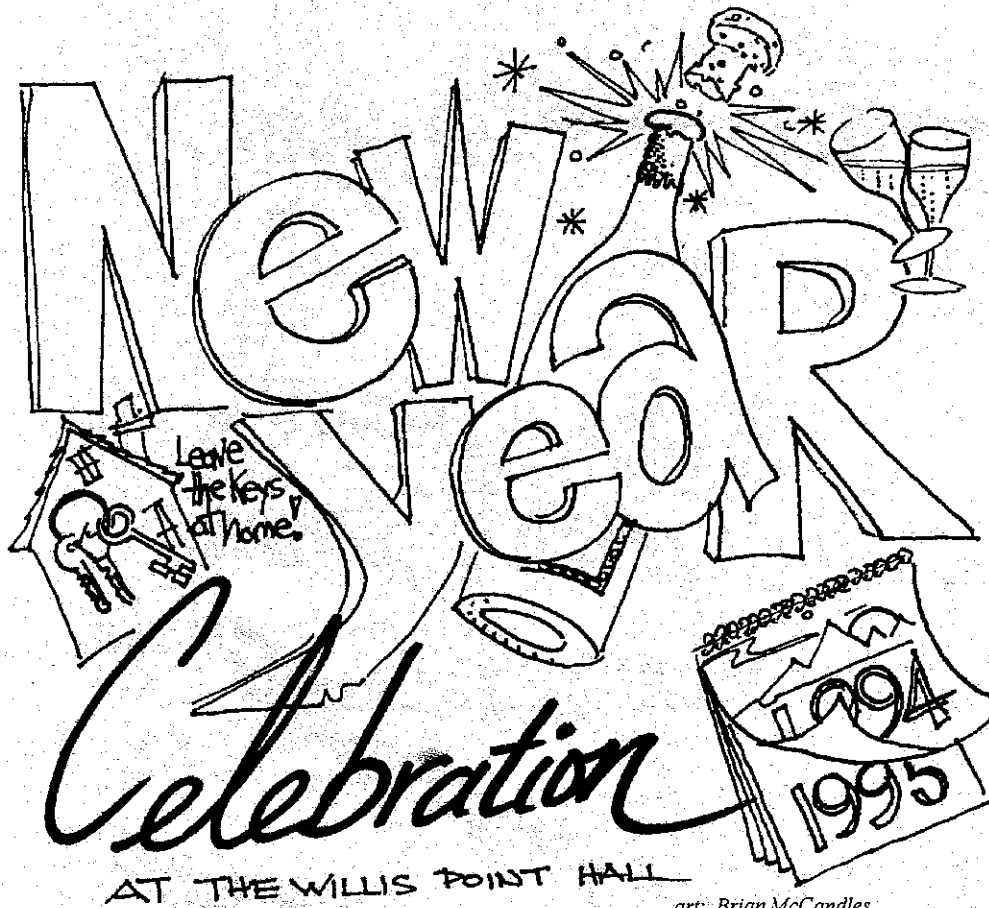


## Thank you for the Pointer

Arriving home after working my usual 8 hours plus 45 minutes traveling time, I am greeted at the door with "Mom, the Pointer is here, the Pointer is here!" I sit down in a quiet corner of my house and try to unwind from a hectic day. I reach for the latest issue of the Pointer and proceed to read it from cover to cover. As I read, all I can think of is that this has got to be one of the more interesting Pointers to date. I enjoyed looking at the photo's, I found the text easy to read and the stories most enjoyable. The children's' drawings brought a big smile to my face, a smile that came easily, was much needed and set the tone for the rest of the evening. After finishing the issue, I phoned the editor, Bernadette. I told her to "keep up the great work. I like the new look. The photos are a fantastic idea and the childrens' drawings are a welcome addition. At this rate The Pointer may be read instead of being used as lining for a bird cage." Now wouldn't that be a new concept; a publication made for the people of this community that is informative and at the same time enjoyable to read. So here is my "Kudos" to our editor for venturing out towards new ideas and formats for our benefit. It must take a great love of Willis Point for a resident to take the time from their busy schedule and personal endeavors to see that we are all informed in an entertaining fashion. My personal thanks to Bernadette and I look forward to future issues of the Pointer.

Sincerely,  
Denise Tregear



art: Brian McCandles

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## *to the Point*

At this time of year the Point is ravaged by howling gales and blowing rain. Occasionally, when the sun is shining and the sky is clear, I feel like it will soon be spring. I use the opportunity to plant a few more bulbs. No matter how much I pretend the weather forces, however, are intent on moving winter ever closer.

A most heartfelt thanks to Jason Funnell for lending his time and expertise to help with the Pointer. I am sure you will agree with the improvements he has made.

Look for a new advertising fee schedule for the next year. The WPCA will make a decision on this early in the new year.

A big thank you to all of the contributors who make the job of editing the Pointer so much easier for me. It is really because of you that we have a Pointer at all.

I would like to wish everyone at Willis Point a joyous and warm Christmas Season and of course the very best for the coming year of 1995.

Cheers!!!

*Bernadette Boydell*

*Editor*

## **LETTERS to the EDITOR**

Comments, letters and articles should be submitted to the editor at 6877 Mark Lane, RR#5 Victoria, V8X 4M6. Minor editorial changes may be made. Visual art has to be original by the person credited and be suitable for photocopy. Please call me if you have any questions at 652-5032.

## **A HUGE THANKS**

To the few hearty souls that came out November 20th to cut, split and stack firewood for the users of the Community Hall. Five hours was spent putting up 2 1/2 cords to keep all your community members warm for the next few years. Lunch was supplied to all that worked. Sponsored by the WPCA  
*Dean Hyland*

## **APPLAUSE**

Our thanks to Art Moore who kindly supplied the materials and labour and repaired the garbage container at the back of the Hall.

*Charlie Bonner*

## **AN APPEAL**

PLEASE, EVERYONE - TAKE YOUR JUNK MAIL HOME!!! DO NOT USE THE "PENNYSAVER" BOX AS A GARBAGE CAN. YOUR NEIGHBOURS ARE TIRED OF CLEANING UP AFTER YOU!!!

## **Willis Point Fire and Recreation Commission**

The commission invites interested citizens to write a letter volunteering to serve on the above mentioned commission. Every year up to three or four positions may become available, and at their year end meeting the Commission recommends persons for appointment to these vacant positions. The Capital Regional District annually appoints these persons to the Commission, usually as recommended. The prime objective of the Commission is to prepare an annual budget for the operation and maintenance of the fire and Recreation Hall. Interested citizens should submit their letter of interest before December 31, 1994, for appointment consideration for the up-coming two year terms. (Up to four positions may be available January 1, 1995 to December 31, 1996.)

Submit to:

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## **BABY-SITTING REGISTRY**

**Brittany Tregear** is 13 years old and has successfully completed two baby-sitting courses. She has lots of experience with one to six year old children. Brittany prefers not to 'sit outside of the Point or late on school nights. For more information please call Brittany Tregear at 652-6893.

### **NEED A BABY-SITTER**

Call **Kaily Stevens!** 652-0037. She has completed a baby-sitter course. She has experience at baby-sitting kids of all ages.

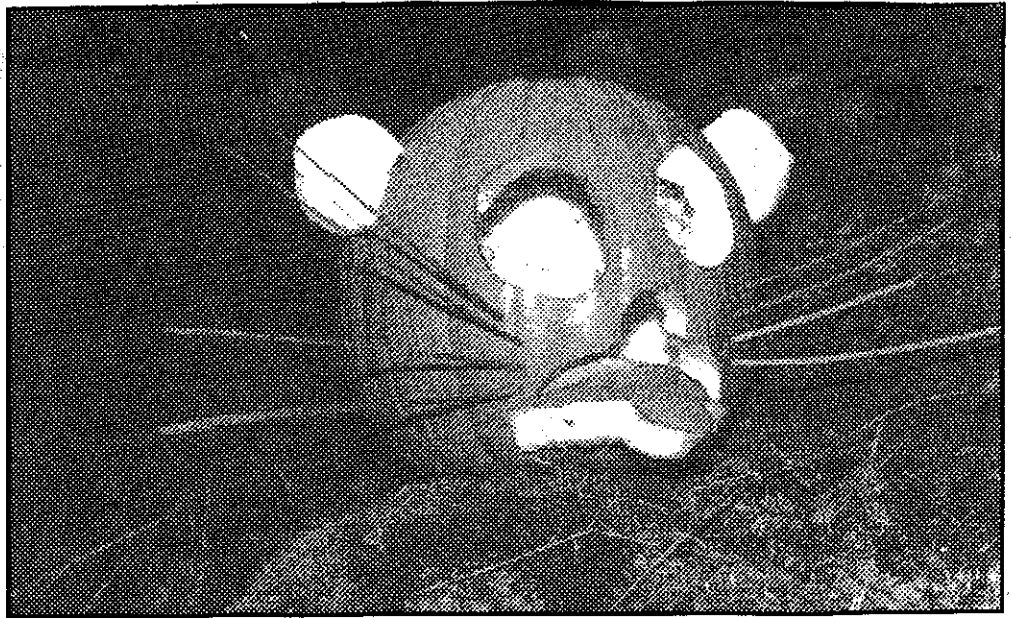
### **NEED A BABY-SITTER?**

**Carissa Crawley**, aged 13 lives on Melody Place. She has Standard First Aid training as well as has completed a baby-sitting course satisfactorily. Please call her at 652-0360.

### **BOTTLE DRIVE!!!**

**(Help support Claremont's Rowing Crew!)**

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*photo credit: Bernadette Boydell*

## **Hall Rentals**

Many of our Hall rentals over the last several years have been through the scouting organization. We have received a nice 'Thank You' from the last rental - the commissioner of the north District Brownies and Guides: "We had a wonderful time and love your facility. Please enjoy these

cookies and everthing in the fridge we may have forgotten."

This group also planted 30 tulip bulbs to commemorate the fiftieth anniversary of the Netherland's Liberation in World War Two by Canadian Forces.

*Sydnie Bonner*

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# COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Member-at-Large:	Kathy Ilott	652-6033
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Executive meetings are held the first Monday of every month, 7:30pm at the Community Hall. Feel free to contact any member of the executive for specific dates or community concerns.

## Other Willis Point Contacts:

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Pointer Editor:	Bernadette Boydell	652-5032
Tennis & Playground Committee:	Eleanor Smith	652-5590
Commonwealth Nature Legacy Park Committee Chair:	Sam Young	652-3859

## COMMUNITY NEWS McKENZIE WATERFRONT TO BECOME PART OF COMMONWEALTH NATURE LEGACY PARKS

Saanich South MLA Andrew Petter announced that the new Tod Inlet/Gowlland Range Provincial Park will include a 66 foot strip of land bordering Saanich Inlet which provides access from the vicinity of Mark Lane to McKenzie Bight. Speaking with the Willis Point

Community Association Executive on November 7th MLA Petter confirmed that, in response to concerns that this waterfront land might become available for development, it is being held by Crown Lands for inclusion in the new park. A master planning process will soon be initiated by B.C. Parks to determine the purpose(s) and management of the park and its resources. The Master Plan will also detail final boundaries and points of access for the park. B.C. Parks is currently working with Saanich First Nations to develop a memorandum of understanding regarding their role in the Master

Planning Program. Parks staff will consult with an advisory committee which includes representation from the Willis Point Community Association, Victoria Natural History Society, Gowlland Foundation, Saanich Inlet Protection Society, Alpine Association, South Island Mountain Bike Society, Garden City Horseman's Club and the Citizens Association to Save the Environment. A public review of the draft Master Plan will occur in the spring and the finalized Plan should be presented to the Minister of Environment, Lands and Parks for signature shortly thereafter. It is through this planning process that other Willis Point concerns such as a realignment of park boundaries to allow for the contours of Partridge Hills, or issues of access from Mark Lane can be addressed. MLA Petter encouraged Willis Point residents to remain involved in developing the Master Plan so that the park can be planned and managed in ways which are sensitive to the environment, the wishes of local residents, and the goals of all who would like to enjoy them.

*Prepared by Lorie Bennett, November 14, 1994*

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# **WILLIS POINT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION NEWS**

First off, I would like to start by thanking your past Chair, Don Gorling for giving up part of his ever increasing busy schedule to look after the citizens of this great community. I know all too well that this can sometimes be a thankless job. I tip my hat to you Don!

Below is a summary of topics and issues we have been and are currently working on:

**Tennis Court and Playground -** Bob and Gabrielle have handed over the organization of this endeavour to Eleanor and Malcolm Smith, who have graciously offered their time and expertise. The Smiths deserve a round of applause for taking on completion of this project.

**Hilltopper -** Another success story! Are there any volunteers out there willing to help organize this event? If so, I am sure the Halsey's would love to hear from you.

**FAMA -** The latest meeting in July with FAMA was to discuss "where do we go from here?" This has been on everyone's minds since the announcement of the new Provincial Commonwealth Park. FAMA's main concern was whether or not we were still willing to entertain the thought of future development of their property outside of the current zoning. We advised them that we would be willing to keep our minds open if they came to us with a proposal.

**Commonwealth Provincial Park-** The Provincial Government has now pushed the time frame for the park dedication to the end of December.

Andrew Petter has advised us that there are still some loose ends to tie up on the Native land claim issue. Anyone interested in helping decide the future of this park as it pertains to Willis Point is welcome to contact Sam Young.

**Hartland Composting Facility -** The Environment Committee of the CRD is still deciding the fate of the composting facility. The only use for the site so far is a giant parking lot. (Suits us just fine, thank you!)

**Water Quality -** We have started looking at the issue of Willis Point's water quality. To better understand where the problem areas lay, we commissioned a survey by phone as well as a questionnaire inserted into the last issue of the Pointer. The executive must now decide if there is a problem and if so, does it warrant a study by CRD engineers.

**Gates for Mark Lane -** There is an ongoing and ever growing problem with partyers and the dumping of garbage in our area. To try and limit the amount of mess and potential problems, we have been toying with the idea of gates at both ends of Mark Lane. Those who attended the AGM in October thought it was a good idea but perhaps not attainable. A good example of our needs is the CRD gate at Durrance Lake. So far, it has stood the test of time. (The 4X4's haven't ripped out yet!) We have received a letter from the RCMP who are in full agreement and will put their full support behind us. We will be pursuing this matter in conjunction with the overall Parks Plan concept.

**Water Tank -** The community's new water tank is fully operational. To make it more aesthetically pleasing, we have requested the fire department submit the cost of painting it green to match its surroundings.

**Community Hall -** A meeting is in the works to assess the condition of the all. It is quite obvious that some areas of the interior are in need of immediate attention. We would like to thank Bob Scott for getting the ball rolling and organizing our first project, refitting and re-upholstering the chairs in the bar area. Please contact any member of the executive if you find there is anything in the Hall in need of repair. Thanks to Bob Thackery for our first safety suggestion, to install either motion sensor or flood lights above the sidewalk stairs where the existing outside hall lights cannot reach.

**Emergency Preparedness -** Kathy Plott is currently working in conjunction with the fire department to establish the community's role and plan for Willis Point in the event of an emergency or disaster.

I would like to end by saying I am very excited and pleased to be working with such a dedicated and great group of people. I expect that this will be a challenging and busy term for all of us. If you would like to discuss any of these topics in greater detail, feel free to contact any member of the executive.

**PLEASE KEEP YOUR  
COMMENTS THOUGHTS AND  
CONCERNS COMING.**

*Denise Tregear  
Chair WPCA*

# COMMISSION REPORT

## Who are we?

Back in 1975 when the Commission was formed, the community was small and WPCA (Willis Point Rate Payers Association) and the Commission (Fire Committee and Recreation Commission), comprised the same members. With time and growth, the Commission and the WPCA (Willis Point Community Association) have become two separate entities. The WPCA is better known to newcomers as it meets regularly, holds functions and publishes the Pointer. Whereas, the Commission has had a low to non-existent profile within the community.

Misconceptions have arisen: "it is an old boys network; it does nothing; it controls the purse strings; the only way to become a member is to complain to the CRD; it is ineffective because it only meets once a year..."

I will try to dispel a few of these misconceptions in the community by explaining the following:

- is appointed by the CRD (3 people in one year, 4 people the next year) for a 2 year term.
- members have to be property owners in the Willis Point, Local Service Area.
- have the administration powers of the CRD Regional Board with respect to day to day operation, maintenance and management of the fire and community Hall.
- must meet once a year to establish a budget for the coming year on behalf of the CRD.

Commission authority is created through by-laws 247, 1456 and 1867.

The commission is basically administrative, operating on behalf of the CRD and setting the for the Hall. It deals with budget items that are paid for from local taxes. The WPCA deals with social and fund raising items. To improve communications and have a higher profile in the community, the WPCA and Commission now attend each others' meetings.

A committee (same members as commission) also exists which appoints the fire chief and sets the annual fire department budget. This budget becomes part of the total annual budget established by the Commission.

If you wish to have more information or become a commissioner, see advertisement in this issue in this Pointer. **NEXT ISSUE:** How your fire and recreation hall came to be.

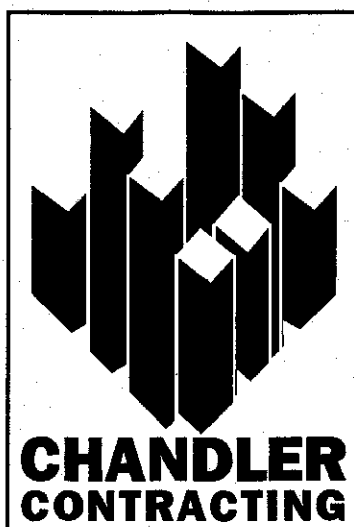
*Gary Butchart*  
*Chair of Fire Committee and Recreation Commission.*

# FITNESS REPORT

If winter weather makes outdoor fitness related activities seem less appealing don't forget that the Tuesday and Thursday exercise group works at keeping themselves in top shape all through the winter! Also, if you are new to the community joining us in our pursuit of fitness is an excellent way to get to know your neighbours. We are a very friendly group and welcome new participants - join us also in our social activities, we know how to have a good time!

*Katie Cotter*

Katie Cotter is a certified UVIC fitness instructor.



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## HOT FLASH

### WPVFD

Your fire department has been very busy these last few months hosting an Open House, Bonfire, holding our Annual General Meeting, as well as having three call-outs in one month! October Fire Prevention Week saw the third Annual Open House Fire displays, apparatus demonstrations, Get-Out-Alive House and a SOLD OUT Pancake Breakfast filled a very busy morning. Kudo's to Bill Wright, Kathy Crawley and Dean Hyland for their organizational expertise. Many thanks also to the NON firefighters for their help and all those that attended. We hope we were able to give everyone a little taste of life within the Willis Point Volunteer fire department. Our Annual General Meeting saw Vern McConnell returned as the Chief for another two year term. Bill Wright and Ken Ilott also return as Captains for a further two years. Congratulations to all! We have been busy practicing using our new "Hydrant". It's a great feeling knowing we have 18,000 gallons of water available within easy access. There was a great turn-out for the Annual Halloween Bonfire. With the help of a generous donation from the Willis Point Community Association we were able to provide a great fireworks display! Thanks W.P.C.A.! We are very fortunate having a safe venue for our children.

As the wood stove/fireplace season is now upon us please ensure your chimney flues are clean and your smoke detectors are in working order. We attended ANOTHER vehicle accident at Durrance Close, Willis Point and Mill Stream Lake intersection.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THIS IS AN EXTREMELY DANGEROUS SECTION OF THE ROAD.**

It is deceiving because although it is flat, it is always wet, and when temperatures turn colder this section of the road turns into an ice rink. A note regarding 9-1-1. Should you have the need to call 9-1-1, please provide dispatcher with as much information as possible. Location

and description of incident are extremely helpful.

Congratulations to Rick Connelly on completing his eight weeks of Basic Training. He now embarks on his 30 week probationary fire fighter training period. We urge any members of the community interested in joining the fire department of come up on Wednesday evenings. Practice starts at 7:45 pm.

FIRE PERMITS are still required and available on Wednesday evenings

at the Hall.

**MANY THANKS to...**

Dean Hyland (great lasagna!!), Kathy and Lacey Crawley, Fuzz Cracknell, Brian, Joan and Elaine McCandles, Brian Dallon, Ken and Kathy Ilott, Darren Pine and Dave Carley, ...who helped at the wood splitting and stacking party. The wood box is now full, ensuring a toasty Community Hall for the winter.

*Ken Ilott*

*Deputy Chief*

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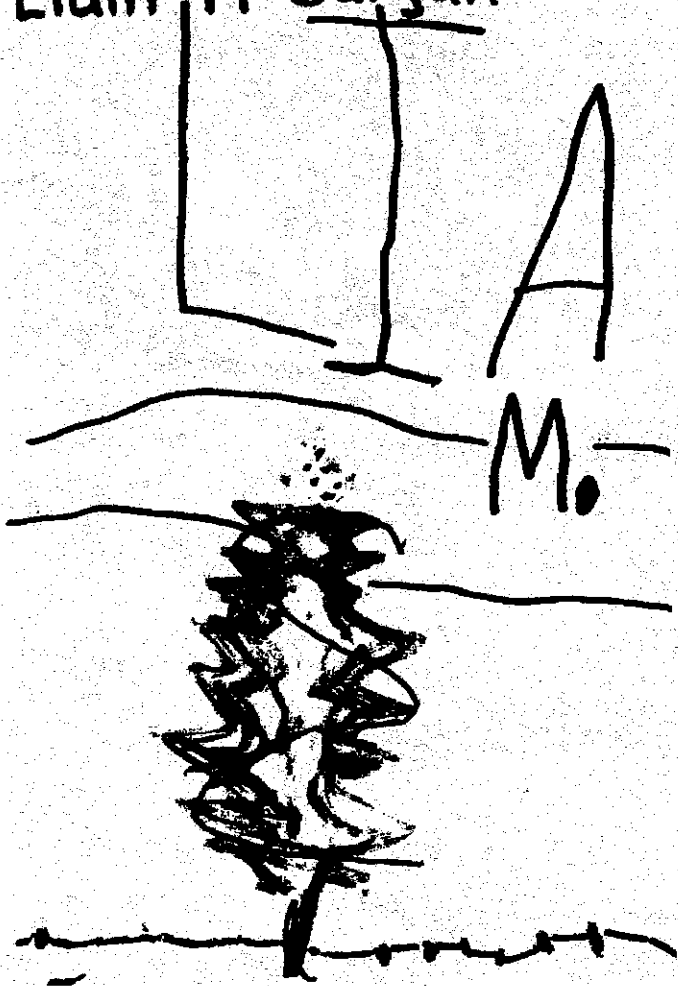
It is November in the Inlet and the southwest gales have been howling through Squally Reach, whipping the waves into a white frenzy and lashing the trees along the shore. This morning, the sparkling waters dance to a different rhythm as the great fish dart and leap, hurling their silver bodies clear above the waves. The Chum have returned, heading for the final

drama in the Goldstream River. Suddenly there is a huge commotion as a roving sealion lunges wildly after its prey. From high above an alert Bald Eagle drops like a stone. The sealion strikes, flipping the dying fish high in the air - straight into the grateful talons of the eagle. Scarcely a ripple breaks the surface now as the huge bird struggles desperately to stay aloft and, clutching the prize in its failing grip, flaps awkwardly to the shore and a welcome meal.

*Tony Boydell*

## KIDS KORNER

Liam McGuigan



Christopher Smith



## *the best of* **STITCH**

So, you thought we were just a group of pretty faces. NOT - as the kids would say. We really do stitch despite what many might think to the contrary. Among our group are talents deeply hidden so I shall just give you a few examples of what is really achieved on these Thursday nights and which are ongoing year round in one form or another. For convenience of transportation from house to house, most of us work on knitting, crocheting and sewing, e.g. **Kay** has completed a beautifully crocheted tablecloth and is presently working on a matching table runner. She has also made afghans (she even completed one began by Brenda and left to Stitch when she moved). Kay also excels in needlepoint.

**Jane** created a totally hand-made full size quilt and as she completed each section, it naturally grew to quite large proportions and was carried around in a very large garbage bag (so much for easy transportation). She has also completed several cushion covers and is presently at work on a hooked rug (for her side of the bed).

**Beth** is a superb knitter - her sweaters and cardigans are made in many designs, the baby clothes are exquisite. She is also a keen sewer and makes quilts and innumerable other crafts. In addition to knitting for her family, she contributes constantly to Brentwood United Church Women for their bazaars and spring teas.

**Joan** is also very creative in making crafts, embroidering quilts and pictures for framing, knitting slippers, making clothes for the children (when they were smaller), and was instrumental in the making of the Willis Point Santa Suit.

**Dianne** is frequently making sequined caps for the dynamic synchronized swimming duo of Janine and Jamie. They are a work of art.

Marlene, when she was with us made the swimsuits for the girls. Dianne is also noted for her crewel work on a picture begun in 1985 and completed approximately two years ago and which was last seen propped behind a chesterfield awaiting framing.

**Linda** made a beautiful Christmas Angel, stitching by hand an exquisite gown, wings and halo; the result was an heirloom which we are sure will be treasured by her family for years to come. Linda is also an artist and has created posters for various occasions.

**Gergorgina** in addition to knitting for her family, has made dozens of knitted teddy bears (known as Georgina Bears) which she has donated to Children's Hospitals here and in Vancouver. She also creates all kinds of gifts from plastic mesh and her abilities are more remarkable in view of her poor vision - the rest of us with more or less twenty twenty vision are boggled at her talent.

**Joyce** is another knitter and has been spurred on with two wee grandchildren into making fancy sweaters and cardigans and working with buffalo wool which from her expression is not as easy as it looks. She has also been known to sew on occasions but knitting has taken over and with her keen interest and enthusiasm for her work at the fish hatchery, we would not be surprised if one day we see fish swimming on one of her knitted sweaters!

The following is contributed by Dianne:

“When you see the dogs coming down the road you know that Pat is close behind! She can be seen walking in the morning and then again on Thursday evenings to Stitch. When

Pat first joined us she arrived in a lovely dress and her good set of pearls. It did not take long before she realized that Pointers dress very casually. Over the years, she has made a beautifully cross-stitched tablecloth, several wonderful sweaters, a humungous rabbit and a very special purse that she donated to the Church Bazaar. (If it does not sell you can look for it at the next Auction). Whenever Stitch is at Pat's house, we all look forward to sinking our teeth into her scrumptious meringues.” (Look for the recipe in the next edition of the Pointer). Many have been the nights when our members brought along various items of apparel which required mending, buttons sewn on, jeans shortened or lengthened, badges sewn on uniforms or blankets and the list is never ending. One of our former members was photographed and is the personification of what Stitch is all about - a wine glass in one hand, a needle and thread in the other, a tartan shirt patiently waiting for buttons to be sewn on and glasses perched on the end of her nose so that she won't miss anything going on around her. We welcomed Lisa Connelly to our group recently and we hope that she will enjoy many happy and uplifting evenings with us. We wait with baited breath see what Lisa brings in the way of artistic talents! In keeping with the season, we wish all Pointers a Merry Christmas and may 1995 be a happy and healthy year for all, remembering those near and far who are less fortunate.

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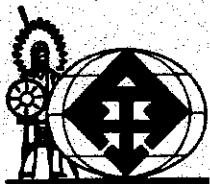
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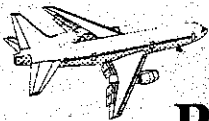


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