



The Pointer

Winter 2007-2008

To The Point

Driving issues seem to be on the minds of many folks these days, specifically speeding and crossing the centre line. Many of us do it, and we all know better. Please drive carefully, here and everywhere.

The community hall now has a new floor and also a new manager, Mariann Malvet. Thanks to Brenda Rusak for her work in this position in the past and to Mariann for taking it on into the future. Call 544-1681 to rent the hall.

Best wishes to all for a happy, healthy and safe 2008.

Cheers, Pat Williams
652-0223
pwill@telus.net

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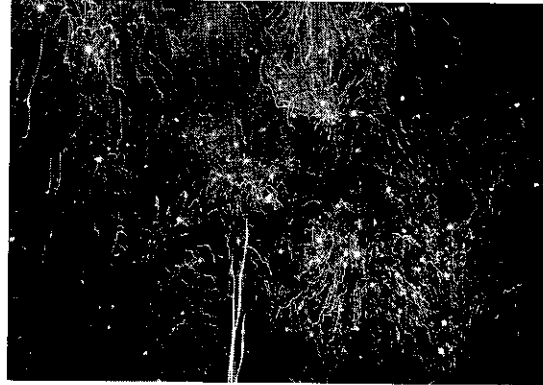
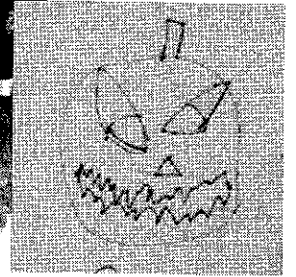
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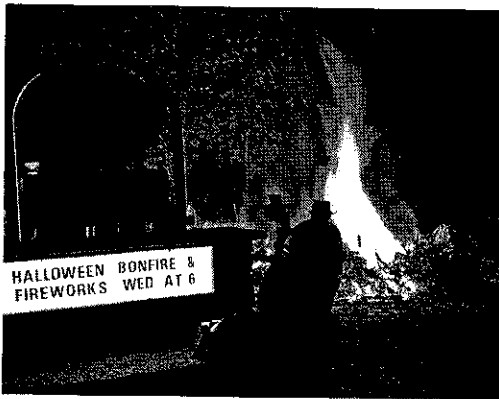
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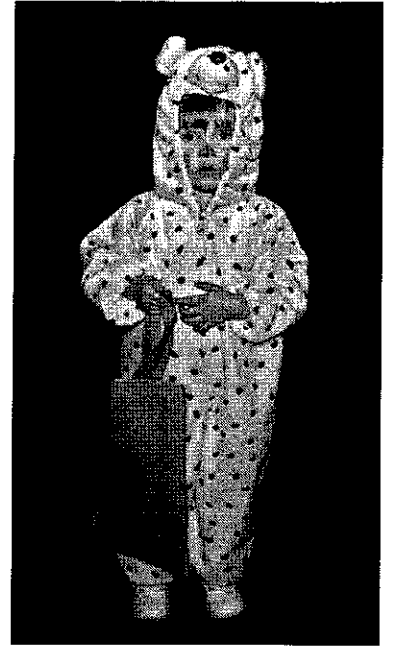
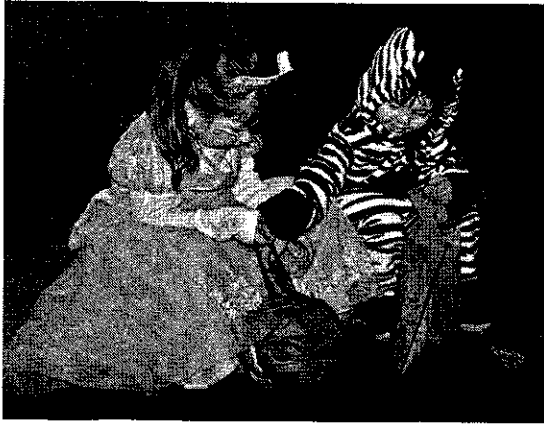
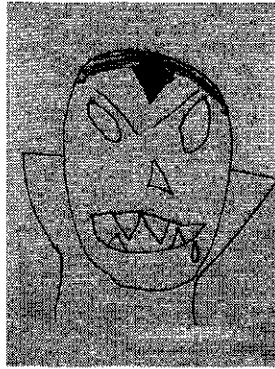
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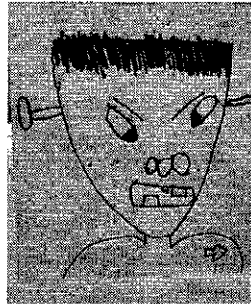
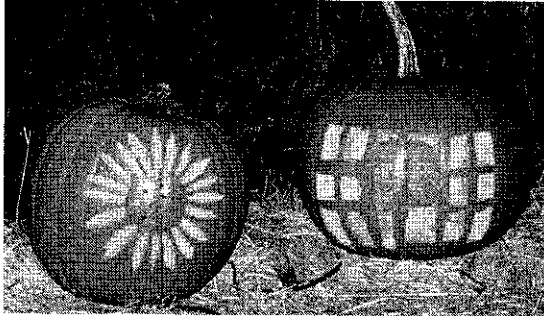
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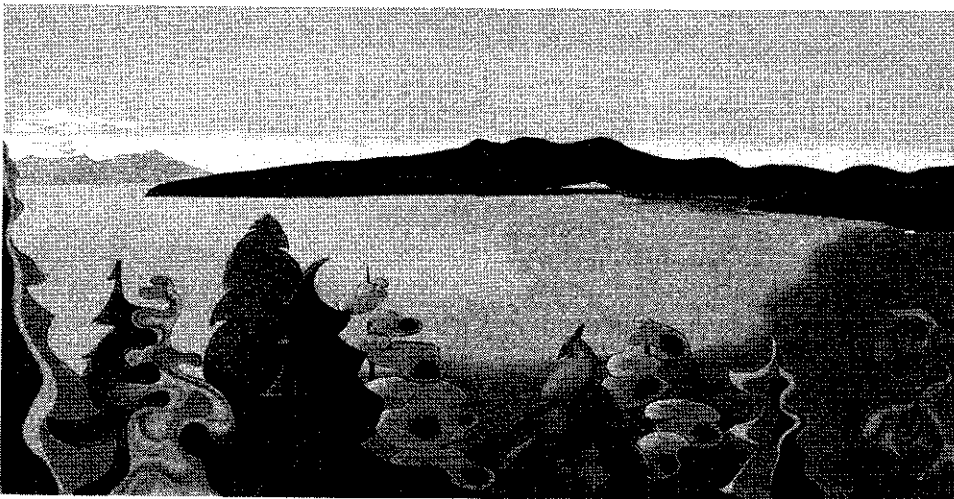
New Painting Release

"Willis Point"

35" x 17.5"

By: Karen Hamilton

Please visit my website to view in full colour and for details
www.khartist.com



Fire Department Update

As 2007 draws to an end, I want to thank everyone at Willis Point for your support of our fire department. You've been there at our "Happy Hours" to help raise funds, and you've been patient when we've had to close the road to deal with an emergency. As well, I want to thank all my department members who donate so much of their time. In fact, this year our team donated well over 3,000 hours of their personal time to attend training.

Training wasn't the only thing keeping us busy! Over the last twelve months we experienced our highest call volume ever. Of course, compared to larger departments we are still "quiet," but with thirty-three emergency pages we responded to calls for help nearly twice as often as last year. As Willis Point becomes better known and more people visit our area, we expect this trend to continue. In fact, we're planning for it.

Nearly one quarter of our calls involve motor vehicle accidents. With our growing call volume, we feel it is prudent to improve our ability to rescue victims in serious accidents. To accomplish this, we are investing approximately \$30,000 to purchase hydraulic auto-extrication equipment. This means that in the case of a serious crash we will be able to extricate the victims and administer care much more quickly than we can now. Due to our remote location, this improvement in equipment and training can save lives.

I'm very pleased to report that more than half of the funding is being provided by a special grant from the Provincial Government with the balance coming from capital that we've already saved over the last few years specifically for this purpose. We expect the equipment to be in place and the training completed during the first half of 2008. Once the equipment is in place, we'll have an open house and demonstration.

For the new members of our community, I'll take a minute to fill you in on what we do. Our response area is the community of Willis Point and along Willis Point road including about half of the new section of road. We respond to a wide variety of 911 calls including house fires, forest fires, electrical safety issues, motor vehicle incidents, and medical emergencies. Due to our remote location, far from any ambulance stations, we are especially proud of our medical response abilities. Thanks to our in-house medical trainer, Captain Kathy Crawley, all of our members receive first responder training including the ability to handle more challenging situations such as a spinal trauma. As well, we are equipped and trained to respond to cardiac arrest calls and carry a defibrillator on our first responding vehicle. With few exceptions, when you call 911, our members will be there in minutes to assist you. You can learn more about our department at www.willispoint.ca

In closing, I wish each of you a Merry Christmas and a safe and prosperous New Year. Please remember to drive safely and to park well off the paved section of the road when we get snow so the snow plow has room to get through.

Mark Roozendaal, Fire Chief

JUAN DE FUCA LAND USE COMMITTEE
WILLIS POINT REPRESENTATIVE
POINTER REPORT– December 2007

Summaries of the September, October and November meetings of the Juan de Fuca Land Use Committee are in the monthly reports to the Community Association, and posted on the bulletin boards. The minutes of the meetings are available on the Capital Regional District (CRD) web site (www.crd.bc.ca).

Only one Willis Point application came before the Committee, and it was deferred at the last moment. However, the Committee dealt with two items of interest to Pointers.

The first was a Bylaw delegating to CRD staff the authority to approve “routine” Development Permit applications. As discussed in the Fall Pointer report, in September the Committee referred the Bylaw to the Advisory Planning Commission. In October, Committee Chair Erik Lund brought the Bylaw back to the Committee. I again opposed, but the Committee approved the Bylaw. Subsequently, the CRD Board tabled the Bylaw.

Second, in October the CRD Board passed a Bylaw to pay sub-regional Committee members for attending Committee meetings. This Bylaw was not discussed at the Committee. Mr. Lund told me about the Bylaw the night before the CRD passed it. As I told the Community Association AGM, I do not support paying sub-regional members, and asked the CRD to redirect the funds to the Fire Department. The CRD was unable to do this without creating a tax liability for me, so I declined the payments, and asked Mr. Lund to make a grant to the Fire Department of the money that was to be paid. Unfortunately, Mr. Lund has declined, but I will pursue this in the new year.

Looking forward, I expect the Committee will continue to focus on the “rural lands” in the western part of the Electoral Area, and in particular the proposed sale of forestry lands. In November, the Committee recommended several Bylaws intended to maintain the rural nature of this area. These Bylaws will go to public meetings, and then return to the Committee. The Committee (and CRD staff) will also see further growth in development proposals in all areas except Willis Point. Overall, staff and Committee emphasis on these issues will mean less time for “routine” Development Permit and Development Variance Permit applications such as are typical on the Point.

I would be pleased to answer questions, and to discuss any land use matters.

Pat O’Rourke (652-5598)

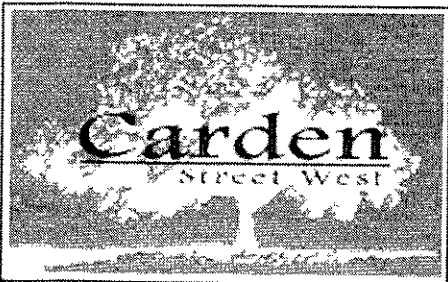
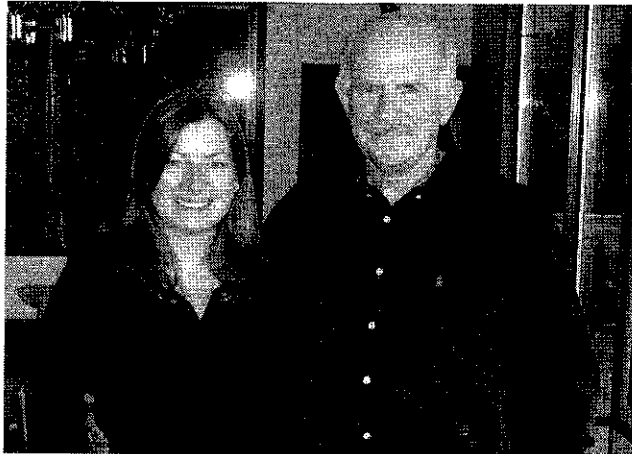
Willis Point Welcomes New Neighbours

By Ken Leighton

John and Isobel Buck
7548 Mark Lane (formerly Carley's)

The Bucks are renting Art and Gillian Jackson's house until the end of March and then will be looking for other rental accommodation after that. They hope to start construction of their new house in March.

John and Isobel come to us from Wiltshire, England but Isobel was brought up in Belfast and John was born in Montreal. They are semi-retired and own an archive of historical photographs which are used by publishers of historical books. They have a catalogue on the internet from which they sell these photographs. Their other interests are sailing, skiing, and walking.



Great Dining Close to Home

Thursday thru Sunday

5:00 PM

The NE Corner of Stelly's Cross Road
& West Saanich Road in Brentwood Bay

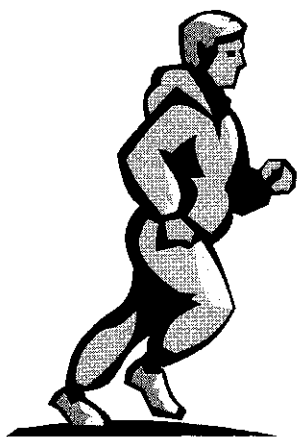
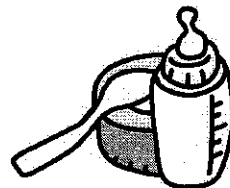
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www.cardenstreet.ca

Neighbourhood Notices

Babysitter

14 year old with babysitting certificate is available to babysit here in the neighbourhood. Please call Carolyn Orr 652-0896



Are you interested in running with a group?

**Proposed time: Saturday mornings at 8 am
at the Hall**

**We will start out with an easy run and gradually
work up**

Please call Kathy Patchell 483-7056 for info

Discreet, reliable Pointer available for vacation

maintenance and security, watering plants, feeding fish, cats, etc., on-site supervision of tradespeople while you are at work or on vacation, emergency rides or pick-up for kids to sports, appointments or school, and vet appointments. If you can't do it, maybe I can!

Pat Sloan 652-0226

Fitness Classes at the Hall resume January 8, 2008 at 7 pm

Need help with your New Year's resolution? Fitness classes at the community hall start up on Tuesday January 8 at 7pm. Tuesday's class is circuit training involving various cardio and equipment stations. Thursday is a step aerobics class with a strength work component. All ages and fitness levels are welcome. For information, please email Deanna Roozendaal at Deanna.roo@gmail.com

Willis Point Weight Room???

Come to a Meeting Tuesday January 29 at 8 pm

At the WP Community Association AGM this fall I brought forward the idea of creating a weight and cardio room at the Hall. Judging by the show of hands from interested participants, it appears that many Willis Pointers would like this activity area created in our community.

In order to make this possibility a reality, I need your help. I invite you to a meeting on Tuesday January 29 at 8pm at the Hall. Please come if you have any interest in planning, creating or using this exercise facility. I'd love to hear from anyone who has experience, skills or energy that they would like to put toward this initiative.

In the past, the idea of a tennis court at Willis Point must have seemed like an impossibility. Our tennis court is great and was built by the people here, and a weight room would be another excellent addition to our community. If you think we can make it happen and you want to contribute, I look forward to talking to you on January 29. Please also email me with your questions and ideas at Deanna.roo@gmail.com

Thanks, Deanna Roozendaal

Wedding Congratulations



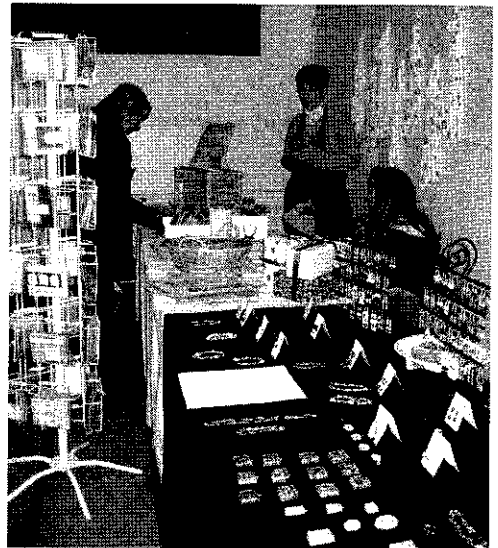
Cameron Wright and Kaylyn Jensen

September 22, 2007

First Willis Point Craft Fair

In early fall Sheryl and I had visions of an Open House at my place to include the two of us and maybe one or two others. Well our Open House idea flourished and in the end became one very successful First Annual Willis Point Craft Fair!

Our Craft Fair included approximately 20 local vendors, mainly from the peninsula. We had a fantastic assortment of products for sale; everything from beautifully hand-crafted cutting boards, wood products, beaded jewelry, hand-stamped silk scarves, greeting cards, Epicure, delicious baking, books by a local author, jams & jellies, lovely scented soy candles and doggie treats (which just seemed very appropriate for our dog-loving neighbourhood)! Our friendly greeters at the door welcomed over 130 people during the two days. Over 12 lucky visitors won door prizes and everyone who came was welcomed with a warm cup of apple cider and something sweet with their \$1 admission.



Thank you to those from the Fire Department who donated their time to cook hot dogs. This was a plus for the shoppers who took the time to come out and support the community as well as those who got in some Christmas shopping.

The Crafters who joined us from outside of Willis Point were very impressed by the support the community showed in coming out to purchase locally made products. And if I heard this comment once, I heard it over and over again – 'the people of Willis Point are lovely and friendly people', 'this is a beautiful place to live!'. And don't we agree!!

Many thanks go out to all volunteers who helped out over the weekend with everything from taking admission, looking after the complimentary food and beverages, set-up and take-down of tables and just overall tidiness of the Hall. Without your help Sheryl and I wouldn't have been able to stay on top of it all! Thank you again!

With that said - watch for us again next year - start your Christmas shopping with us in late October 2008!! If you'd like to join us next year as a Crafter or have any other ideas please call Sheryl Campbell (652-7189) or Alicia Pine (544-0202)

Merry Christmas WillisPoint!



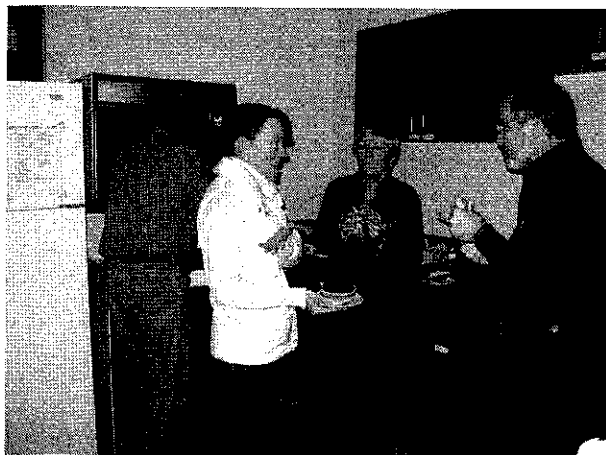
Willis Point Community Association

WPCA Executive

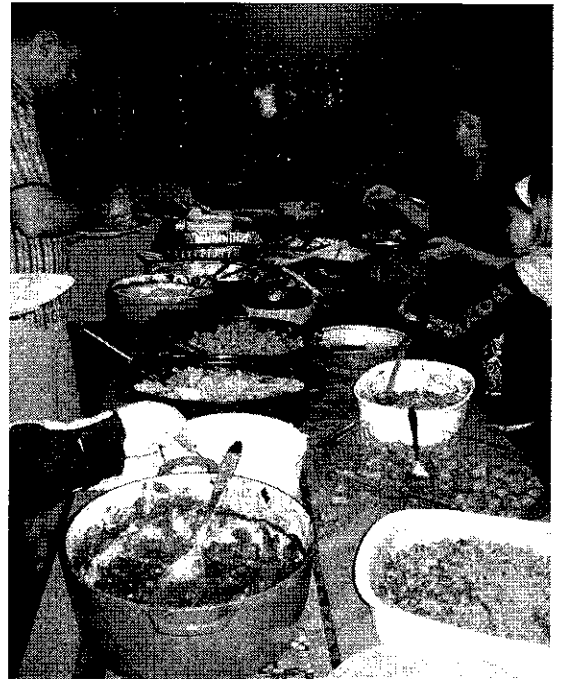
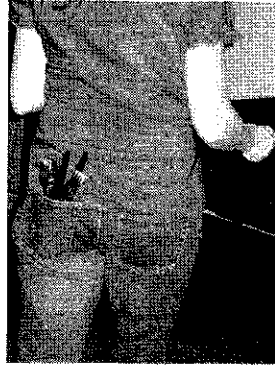
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Member-at-Large	Bob Scott	652-8522
Fire & Recreation Rep.	Jerry Tombu	652-4097

Annual General Meeting – October 14, 2007

Please see the notice board or contact the recording secretary for the complete minutes of the meeting.



Merry
Christmas!







Thank you to

**Barbara Ende, Graham & Pat Orr, Don & Audrey Robin, Judy Ross,
Catherine & Aaron Goldwater, Mary & Pat O'Rourke, Joan Wright,
Kathy Crawley, Alicia Pine And Santa and his elves!**

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