

The Pointer

Summer 2010

Dedicated to the memory of George and Lillian Pears.

To The Point:

July 5, 2010

This has been an interesting Pointer to put together. I would like to dedicate it to **George and Lillian Pears** and all those who were inspired by them. Together, when they first became permanent residents at Willis Point, they built the foundation for a thriving community.

I realize that what has really attracted me to the Point is that “West Coast” element where communities believe in their power to accomplish things and then just get it done. At the Point, we see it time and again. What wonderful role models they were when they set it up. Around us many communities were established in that way but have grown away from that spirit. Willis Point has embraced it and kept it alive.

When I spoke with Susan Curtis, Lillian’s daughter, she said, “You know as kids we spent much of our time at Willis Point. We all felt we owned it and were happy to be there.” It brought to mind all those feelings of attachment that many of us have especially the kids lucky enough to have grown up at the Point. I think the nicest part is the number of kids who stay or move back as adults.

Our community has had the good fortune to have some very exceptional people who have been and are wonderful mentors. They have shared their expertise and values freely. They have encouraged and helped other members grow into their true potential.

“The gathering place, a central place” is the best part of the legacy that the Pears helped give us so that we can continue to strive to reach our best potential as a community. Ciao --Ida

To my delivery team: I want to thank you for great effort with the last issue and in advance for this one. Thanks again: Ken Leighton, Trevor and Ian Espin, Pat Orr and Family, Joyce Menzies, Dawn Campbell, Helen Resnick, and Tessa Clayton. **Ida von Schuckmann ph.: 652-0050 email: idavs4@yahoo.ca**

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In memory of Lillian Pears

6 May 1920 - 6 June 2010

Recently, she celebrated her 90th Birthday and was, as always, surrounded by family and friends. She lived life to the fullest as is reflected in her thank you speech at that birthday party,

“There have been a few glitches here and there, but mainly its been pretty good. I have no regrets, none at all. It has just been 90 years of pleasure, really, when you get right down to it.”

Together with her husband George, she was among first permanent residents at the Point. They had the forethought to appreciate that every community needs a central gathering place. Their love and contributions to the community live on in the essence, spirit, and appreciation of Willis Pointers

She will always be in the hearts and minds of Willis Pointers.



About the cover:

As one of Lillian's last requests, her family renewed the "George Pears Memorial Park" marker. Her Grandson, Eric Curtis organized the design and the construction of it. They chose Brian McCandless' Willis Point logo and had Eric's friend Reto Marti, stone sculptor, carve it. It is a very beautiful and timely addition to our updated park. Thank you to the Pears, Curtis and Blunt families.



For this issue and future issues, I dedicate Pointer space for some Willis Point trivia and interesting historical information that we should keep alive.

Today I learned that the first George Pears Park marker was a piece of wood from Island View Beach and created by Brian McCandless 30 years ago. Also, important to mention is that the Willis Point logo that we love so much is Brian's creation and has been one of his many, many artistic contributions to our community.



Mike Hicks, our Regional Director, asked me to reprint this in the Pointer. It first appeared in the Rural Observer in the May issue.

Rural Observer May 2010

Many great things have happened in the JDF last quarter . They happened after of months and perhaps years of hard work by individuals and staff and the general co-operative nature of our community. I will attempt to relay , what I believe was the biggest issue ever facing the JDF.

For those who were travelling abroad for the last two years and were unaware, Western Forest Products (WFP)successfully requested from the Provincial Government to have their private lands removed from the Tree Farm License and be allowed to develop or sell these lands as they saw fit. Not only was the majority of society outraged that the provincial government would remove this land without compensation or consultation to B.C. residents, the lands removed had absolutely no land use by-laws. Anything could be built on these lands and waterfront properties including sub-divisions, high rises or even malls.

In an effort to halt development until proper planning could take place, the CRD at the time introduced a by-law restricting sub-division to a minimum lot size of 300 acres . This by-law unfortunately also applied to small rural pieces resulting in extremely hard feelings, law suits and terrible hardships. The response from the land owners and forestry company was to challenge the zonings in court and the response from the CRD was to wait (for a year) for the result and to lobby the Provincial Government. At the time, we asked for 1 million dollars to perform the planning necessary for these thousands of acres of land in addition to millions to purchase the waterfront parcels such as Sand Cut Beach.

While we waited for funding from the Province (which never came) and the result of the court case, our planning staff comprised of Bob Lapham and June Klassen started work on the creation of the Rural Resource Lands OCP and Land Use By-laws. While the public debate swirled in every newspaper, our planners quietly wrote a detailed attempt at a plan that would be fair to the forest company, fair the private landowners and fair to the communities surrounding the tens of thousands of acres of WFP lands.

After the draft document was written, we took the plan to the public and through our Juan de Fuca land use committee. Rather than restrict input to our area, we referred the Rural Resource Lands OCP to every possible interested group, including the B.C. Landowners, Jordon River Steering Committee, Dogwood Initiative and First Nations. When the courts finally announced their decision in favor of WFP and the Landowners, we were ready with our Rural Resource Lands OCP and Land Use By-laws. Eventually we passed the by-laws and the CRD Parks with the help of the Land Conservancy and the Province purchased the waterfront lands from Jordon River to Sandcut Beach.

Our goal in the beginning was to give our planning staff the resources to properly construct a plan for WFP Lands, purchase the waterfront lands from Jordon River to Sandcut Beach and restore the former zoning to the Rural Landowners. What initially seemed like an impossible mission, possibly costing our Juan de Fuca residents an incredible amount of tax to plan for WFP lands was successfully completed this month with no tax increase for our community.

This outcome would not have been possible without the co-operation of the Jordon River Steering Committee, Dogwood Initiative , First Nations and MLA John Horgon and Minister Bill Bennett. OPSRRA , B.C. Landowner's and JDF resident's advice was invaluable and the B.C. Landowners patience was incredible. Our JDF Planning Department with Bob Lapham and June Klassen deserve a huge Thank You for creating the document and the days and months of overtime it took to carry it to the end.

Through this lengthy story, I am leaving this issue. We are doing great things throughout the JDF and Willis Point and hopefully I will be given another opportunity to give you an update.

Have a Great Summer,
Mike Hicks Regional Director, Juan de Fuca Electoral Area



Note from the Chair of the Community Association

I would like to thank the nearly forty Pointers of all ages who turned out on 30 May to assist with the annual cleanup of Willis Point Road and Mark Lane; the tennis courts and grounds around the community hall; and to help with refurbishing the playground.

A lot was accomplished on both fronts. Once again, we managed to fill a large bin, the costs for which were generously donated by our local garbage collection contractor, **Waste Management Inc.**

In the fall edition of the Pointer, we will say more about the refurbishing of the playground. The project is proceeding with generous assistance and donations of labour, materials, equipment and money from Pointers, Government, corporate sponsors and funding from the WPCA. **Work on this project will continue through the summer and there will be calls for help with the work on weekends.**

The most recent Willis Point appointee to the CRD Parks Commission had to step down due to scheduling conflicts that could not be resolved. If anyone has a desire to serve on a CRD governance body, please contact Mike Hicks, JDF Regional Director, and also let me know. Appointments to CRD commissions are made by the CRD Board pursuant to local nomination/election and recommendation of the Director.

At the last WPCA Directors meeting we dealt with a couple of vacancies created by the resignation of JC Patchell, Corresponding Secretary. The Association's Constitution provides for the Directors to elect replacements for vacancies created by resignations.

Accordingly, Laurel Nash, Member at Large, volunteered and was elected to replace the outgoing Corresponding Secretary. This created a vacant Member at Large position, to which Sheryl Campbell was elected. I extend my thanks to Laurel and Sheryl for accepting these roles, and to JC Patchell for his contributions.

Many of you will have noticed the new George Pears Park designator by the community tennis courts. On behalf of the WPCA I extend the communities' thanks to the Pears, Curtis and Blunt families for renewing the sign with a lasting monument to George Pears.

As we segue into summer (or is it just an unseasonably warm February?) I would like to extend my best wishes to all Pointers for a long and satisfying season.

**Bill Douglas, Chair
WPCA**

Willis Point Community Association WPCA Executive

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Full minutes of the WPCA meetings are posted on the notice boards or can be obtained by contacting the Recording Secretary.

WPCA meetings are held in the annex at the Hall on the second Monday of each month. To confirm when the next meeting is scheduled call any Executive member.

For information, or to have an item placed on the agenda, please call :

Chair, Bill Douglas 250-544-1042 or Vice-Chair Art Wynans 250-652-5898

26 Week Disaster Preparedness Program

Have you noticed the poster on the community board each week? Been wondering what it is all about? Wonder no more.

In light of all the earthquakes taking place during the last twelve months, we thought it was high time to get more active in helping Willis Point prepare for what we believe to be not a matter of “if”, but a matter of “when”.

Having grown up in the Los Angeles area, I am no stranger to earthquakes. The High School I attended was destroyed the year after I graduated by the 1970 Northridge Quake. I lost a family member as a result of the 1994 Northridge Quake. While not an alarmist, I am a pragmatist. We can't prevent disasters, but we can prepare for them.

That's why we're posting the weekly bulletins. If you would like a copy of all 26 weeks, please send me an email (jestrin@pacbell.net) or give me a call: 250-652-9230. We will also be distributing copies of a pamphlet put out by Public Safety Canada entitled **72 Hours – Is your Family Prepared?**

If you would like to volunteer to help plan and coordinate an awareness event for the community or if you would like to help in any other way, we'd love to hear from you. Peter and I welcome your help; ideas and support in helping us find ways to communicate the importance of being prepared to all of our neighbors.

We understand that the schools have programs in place – but have you thought about what you may need in your home? In your car? At your place of business? That's why we're passionate about this issue...our little community is not going to be the first one “rescued” when something happens. We'll have to fend for ourselves – and 72 hours is the minimum we can expect before any help is forthcoming.

Call us (250-652-9230), stop by or send us an email. Thank you!

Judy Estrin and Dr. A. Peter Gary



This is a reprint of the original notice for the vacant position mentioned in Bill Douglas' notes.

Capital Regional District



Notice of Applications for Membership Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission

The Capital Regional District (CRD) invites applications from residents interested in sitting on the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks and Recreation Commission to provide advice on parks and recreation in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. The following volunteer positions are vacant:

East Sooke 1 Position, 2 Year Term
Otter Point 2 Positions, 2 Year Term
Port Renfrew 1 Position, 2 Year Term
Willis Point 1 Position, 2 Year Term

Meetings are held at 5:00 p.m. on the fourth Tuesday of each month at the Juan de Fuca Planning office, #2 – 6868 West Coast Road, Sooke, BC. Appointments will be for a two (2) year term commencing January 2010.

Send us a one-page summary telling about yourself, your area of knowledge and why you would like to serve on the Commission.

Contact CRD for more information.

Mail, fax or email your application to:

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area
Parks and Recreation Commission
#2 – 6868 West Coast Road
PO Box 283
Sooke, BC V9Z 0S9
E: wmill@crd.bc.ca
T: 250.642.1500
F: 250.642.5274



In keeping with the true spirit of our community, a call for volunteers is always answered. As the next dates are coming up soon and some people are away, please make a note:

Thurs. July 8 (6:30-8:30)

Thurs. July 15 (6:30-8:30)

Sun. July 18 (10:00-3:00)

Playground Update

The **Willis Point Community Association** would like to thank all the generous volunteers of the last playground work day and road cleanup. The road cleanup and work day was a huge success but there's plenty of work left to do.

The playground equipment has finally arrived and needs some final assembly. The weather didn't cooperate last time, so we still have to paint the Merry-go-Round and swing set, move some dirt around. Finally, we'll have to set the equipment in concrete. Here are the dates and times for the upcoming work dates.

Thursday July 8, 6:30pm-8:30pm – assemble playground, paint equipment, move dirt

Thursday July 15, 6:30pm-8:30pm – 2nd coat of paint for playground equipment, build stairs from tennis court to playground, assemble remaining equipment.

Sunday July 18, 10am-3pm – mix cement and install equipment.

Finally, I'd like to thank our **commercial sponsors** to date who include:



Who provided respectively:

- Landscape ties for the retaining wall
- Drill bits for rebar and 10 inch spikes
- 50% off the bobcat and auger, with free delivery

If you have any questions about the playground project, please call **Art at 652-5898**

Willis Point Advisory Planning Commission Report

At a meeting on May 31, 2010 the Juan de Fuca Electoral District Planning Manager, June Klassen, recommended a number of changes to the procedures for dealing with Development Permit Applications. Our Official Community Plan (OCP) requires Permits for a development in parcels containing steep slopes; water features (wetlands, streams or foreshores); or sensitive ecosystems.

The goal of the proposed changes is to streamline the process without compromising the protections for those critical areas. It costs \$500 to apply for a Development Permit. But there is no need for a steep slope Development Permit if the proposed development is on a flat area of a parcel containing steep slopes. The planners have proposed that if a qualified professional certifies that the development will not affect the steep slopes on the parcel the permit requirement should be waived. The same principle would apply to permits for parcels with water features or sensitive ecosystems. That would save the owner time and money and cut down on planning time as well. It sounds like a win-win situation, but the devil is in the details. Many Willis Pointers remember being told by a qualified professional that there are no wetlands at Willis Point! June Klassen accepted our suggestion that the CRD must have the discretion to reject a professional's report on the basis of a site visit to the property. This seems workable.

However other problems remain. The Land Use Committee (LUC) no longer deals with Development Permit Applications. Planning Staff now have that responsibility. Therefore, although we still elect a Willis Point representative to the LUC, no one elected from Willis Point has any input into the approval process – unless the matter is referred to the Advisory Planning Commission (APC).

During the previous Juan de Fuca administration the Land Use Committee agreed to refer development permit applications pertaining to the 30+ acre parcels at Willis Point to the Willis Point APC. There are now 11 undeveloped lots (including Lot 1) comprising over 350 acres. All of them contain steep slopes. Every developed lot at Willis Point is at a lower elevation than one or more of those lots and a large majority of our houses are downslope from most of them, so the Willis Point Community has a considerable stake in the extent to which the owners of those lots are required to prevent slope instability and deal with storm runoff, etc.,. Analogous considerations apply to protecting the ecosystem. All of those lots are in a Sensitive Ecosystems Development Permit Area. This area is considered to be a unique ecological region. Choosing building sites should be done with great care. Lastly, a majority of our wetlands and seasonal water courses are within the large undeveloped lots. The wetlands in particular are absolutely crucial as storage and recharge areas for the downslope groundwater regions where we draw our wellwater. Therefore all the residents of Willis Point have a legitimate interest in the requirements staff will impose as a condition of granting Permits for the development of those lots.

The community's collective detailed knowledge of the year-round physical and environmental characteristics of that large area of Willis Point is an invaluable resource which cannot be matched by an isolated planning staff site visit. The future of those lots may well determine future of Willis Point. Willis Point residents deserve to be included in the process.

This is by far the most important matter discussed at the meeting. There will be another meeting of the APC in July mainly to discuss more details of the planner's proposals.

The APC members are Dave Lawrie, Lorraine Pommen (Vice Chair), J.C. Patchell, Larry Resnick (Chair) and Bob Scott.

* Including applications to waive the Development Permit requirements based on a report that the proposed development would not affect any of the protected areas.

New Baby Congratulations:



Our daughter Samantha had a baby girl, **Evyn Harlow Penny**, on April 26. She weighed 8 lbs 14 oz. Mother and baby are thrilled to finally meet each other and both are doing exceedingly well!
Evyn is our second granddaughter. Our first is Ava Grace Mincher who is now two and a half.

Proud Grandparents,
Bill and Melanie Douglas

50th Anniversary Congratulations:



Ken and Janet
Leighton



Victor and Pam
Chang-Kue



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Pat Sloan 652-0226

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New Members:



7100 Mark Lane Stephen and Eileen Lewis (formerly Tony and Margaret Gill`s)

Steve holds a PhD. in Physics, but is qualified in acupuncture and homeopathy. He developed a holographic technology designed to compel people to heal themselves. Steve is semi retired, but works as a consultant to his company in Los Vegas. He has trained people, including several medical doctors, to carry on his self healing procedures.

Eileen is an artist, working in acrylics, oil and water colours.

They were introduced to Willis Point by a Real Estate agent, and found Willis Point to be just what they wanted.



Ken and Trish Smith (plus Finster) 7290 Mark Lane (formerly Lovo`s)

The Smiths returned to Willis Point for the same reasons they came here the first time - the natural setting, the waterfront and the community. They missed their friends at Willis Point.

Ken works at dockyard in the Engineering Department. Trish teaches at Rock Heights Elementary School doing Learning Assistance at the Grade 6 and 7 level. Their hobby is boating.

WELCOME BACK !

Ken Leighton
WPCA Membership

What do all those firemen find to do EVERY Wednesday?



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Thanks...
From
All
Pointers



Fire Department Report

We are happy to report a very quiet past few months on the Point. The only call was concerning a large campfire somewhere in the Gowland Tod Park which was unfounded.

Membership

I would like to welcome Paul Cridge as our newest member in training and I would also like to welcome Jason Connor and Ian Espin as our new junior firefighters. It is fantastic to have such keen new members.

In summary I can't say enough about the members in the department, thanks guys and gals for taking the extra time out of your busy lives, away from family and friends to come up to the hall to practice every Wednesday night or give up the occasional weekend to take extra training. The list of different tasks that have to be completed to ensure the smooth operation of our service is truly amazing. Thanks for all of your hard work and dedication, I consider myself lucky to be associated with such a great group of people.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer !!

Greg Elvedahl
Willis Point Fire Chief

In Memory of some of Willis Point's faithful canine companions:



Sugar Baby
13 Years

Dee Bee
13 ½ Years

“FOREVER IN OUR HEARTS

We would like to thank travelling veterinarian Dr. Leslie Langford,
for coming to our home.

Dave, Judy & “Kyla”



Gibson
Age 14 years

A Lab/Neufie cross who loved gardening
with whomever was available and checking
if Gofer was home.

Christmas with the family was extra special,
the Christmas smell of those presents never
escaped him.



Miss Madeline of Megiddo

July 27, 1998 - May 17, 2010

"Maddy" Tregear, the Ambassador of Melody Place,
Firehall Function Greeter and aptly named:

“The Neighborhood’s Dog”

Our irreplaceable, uniquely tempered, deaf white
boxer that brought joy and fun to our family and
neighbors alike. She passed in her family's arms after
no longer able to fight her failing heart.

Neil, Denise, Britt and Matt

Wedding Congratulations:

John and Jill Stevens are happy to announce the marriage of their son
Kyle Stevens to Stephanie Shade on May 8, 2010.
It was a delightful wedding at Church and State Winery off Benvenuto Avenue. The weather was cooperative and there was much dancing and good times for all.
Congratulations Kyle and Steff



Royal Visit

By Carmen Moore

The visit of the Queen and Prince Philip reminded me sharply of 1939 when her parents, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth, came to Canada.

At Wolf Willow, our small rural school, in Saskatchewan, we learned with mounting excitement, in current Events class, of the pending visit of the reigning sovereign and his consort. Kings and queens were remote and wondrous beings, who to us existed only in history books. It seemed utterly impossible that they were actually going to visit our country. Avidly we collected clippings from the newspapers regarding the Royal Visit and presented them at class for discussion.

The Royal Train was scheduled to cross Canada with the regal couple and their entourage, stopping at the larger centres for brief appearances. Reading the plans for the trip was exciting enough – the possibility of seeing them ourselves was beyond our wildest dreams.

But our parents felt this was an opportunity that we should not miss. They arranged for my sister and myself, with two of our friends, to be taken to the nearest port of call, Biggar, for the Royal Tour. This town was some two hundred miles from where we lived and the train was to stop there at 10 a.m. Families from miles around would be converging on the same railway station so if we hoped to get within sighting distance of the platform where they would alight, we must get a very early start.

At two a.m. we set out in the pitch dark, the Model "A" bulging with kids, blankets, folding stools and an incredible amount of food to fortify us throughout the day.

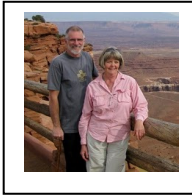
Shortly after daybreak we reached our destination. We were delighted to find that we were among the first to arrive. We set up our chairs directly in front of the barrier and settled down for the long wait. To fill in the time we dived into our ample provisions and ate more enthusiastically than wisely. As the morning progressed, we discarded our blankets and sweaters. We had neglected to bring sun hats.

My friend, had consumed quantities of sardine sandwiches, lemonade, dried apples and chocolate cake, complained of feeling queasy. The rest of us urged him to forget it. We plied him with tepid milk and assured him that he'd be fine till after the arrival of the Royal Train. Finally he could ignore the warning signs no longer. He was compelled to fight his way frantically back through the now huge crowd gathered round the railroad track.

Five minutes later, his discomfort relieved, my small friend worked his way shakily back to the rest of us. But alas, during his absence the British monarchy had come and gone. After all the anticipation he had miss the great event by a matter of seconds. Our enthusiastic descriptions failed to comfort my disappointed young friend.

Almost forty years later I reminded him of the experience. Ruefully he remarked that he would always remember the day he didn't see the king and queen.

Art and Gillian are on the much anticipated adventure heading to Mexico via an alternate route this year. Hence Canada Day found them in Whitehorse. Here is a snippet of what may have awaited us if we had gone north instead of south to Victoria...



Art and Gillian

We are both retired and live with our two dogs, Tia and Trekker. Tia is a rescue dog. She adopted us in Zihautanejo 4 years ago and is now about 8 or 10 years old. Trekker is a 3/4 Yellow Lab 1/4 Golden Retriever cross, now 4 years old. We've had him since he was 9 weeks old. He still thinks he's a puppy! November through March we exchange the rain, cloud and short days of home for hot and sunny Mexico. The rest of the time we enjoy our beautiful Vancouver Island.

July 1, 2010 in Whitehorse



We donned sweatshirts and raincoats, gathered cameras, maps and dogs and set off down the hill to town. Our first stop was the SS Klondike II, a very well preserved sternwheel riverboat. 240 feet long, 41 feet 9 inches beam, it drew only 40 inches of water fully laden with a cargo weighing 300 tons!

We later learned that the first SS Klondike had been seriously damaged during one of the frequent groundings and the hull was destroyed. Most of the rest of the vessel, including engines, deck and superstructure, was salvaged and placed on a new hull. The staff refer to her as "SS Klondike One and a half". We signed up for the guided tour and spent a very pleasant and interesting hour in spite of the rain.



Next stop was the outdoor market which is held every Thursday in the summer. Being Canada Day there was a bit more going on, singers dancers, bands etc, though the cool wet must have reduce the expected crowds, the parking lots were full. We met this little character who wasn't all that impressed with the goings on!

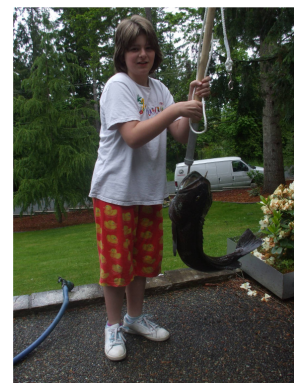
We sampled honey, birch syrup (slightly bitter but nice) and bought a filet of Arctic Char which at supper time proved to be delicious!

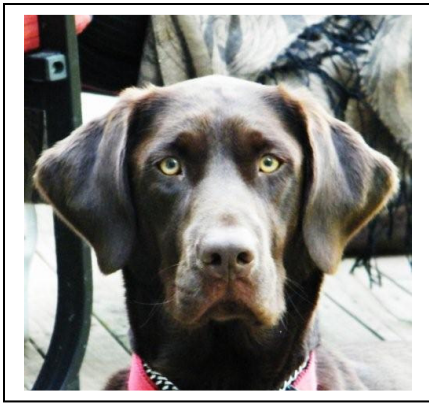
Art and Gillian's blog address: <http://jacksonsjourneys.blogspot.com>



Willis Point Exercise Group
(On Vacation) Walking Group Tuesday/Thursday
Evenings

Congratulations for
bringing in your first fish,
Jenny





Dear Willis Point Neighbors,

All of the furry folks in this house have been trying to shed winter coats, but as soon as we loose 5 – 10 pounds of fur, it gets cold again. Exactly what's up with that?

Before I get distracted and forget. I'm supposed to apologize *AGAIN* for ending up on Melody Place or down on Willis Point Road or on Mark Lane or best of all, in Dean's compost heap. Geez, what's a fella to do? I can't help it if I love to slide under the gate and run around the neighborhood. Isn't that why there is that little gap at the bottom?

And so many of you have been kind and either phoned my people to come get me or picked me up and brought me home (I like that). They had friends visiting when I went for a stroll down to Melody...those visitors didn't believe that she would drive down, call my name and I'd come to the car. Hey, a ride is a ride, ya' know? She's such a sucker for my pretty face.

The newest thing they're trying is to put a "plastic cone of shame" on my head. Pierrot, (the llama) has found it quite attractive. He pays much more attention to me than he used to. I wonder about him sometimes. Anyway, I can still play ball and wreck havoc in the yard. Haven't figured out how to squish it to go under the gate, but I will.

Did I tell you that she let me go with her to put up the **26 Week Disaster Plan** posters? Does that mean that I get a car ride at least once a week for 26 weeks? Woof woof to that!

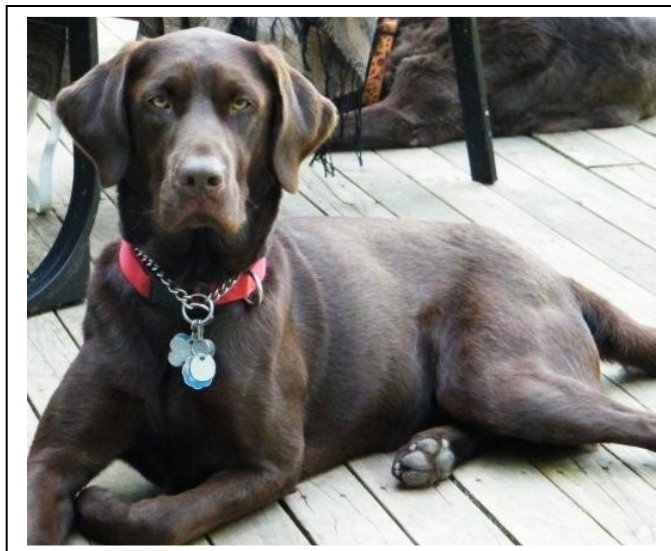
Oh...speaking of rolling in stuff. I was speaking of that, wasn't I? She was almost going to make me run beside the car... something about a new car and a stinking dog...when one of my jaunts took me "down" the mountain. Met the cutest Dachshund on Melody when I there. She was tiny; I had to be careful not to step on her! She thought I smelled just fine. Can't understand why I got put into the shower as soon as we got home. I hate it when that good smell goes down the drain!

So far so good on the tick scene in our yard. Had one earlier this year, but haven't had one recently. With all the deer around, they do check me over all the time. I pretend it is a massage or a tummy rub just to endure the picking and poking.

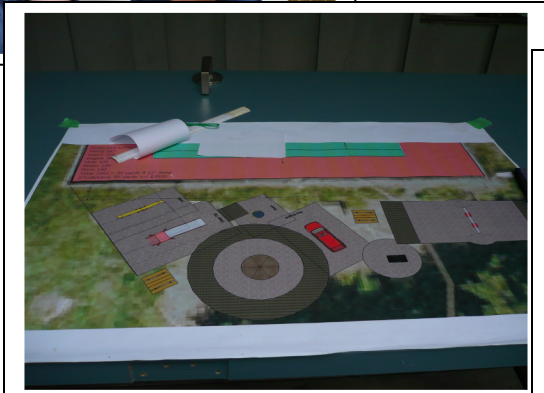
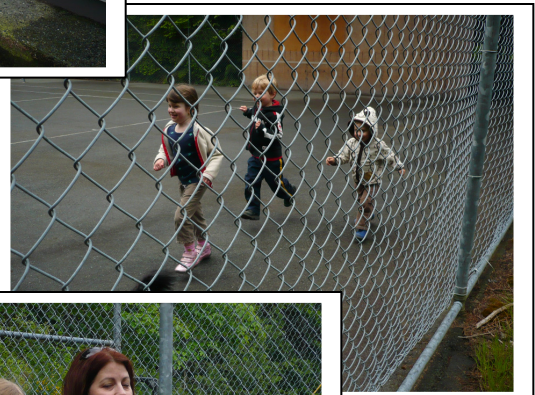
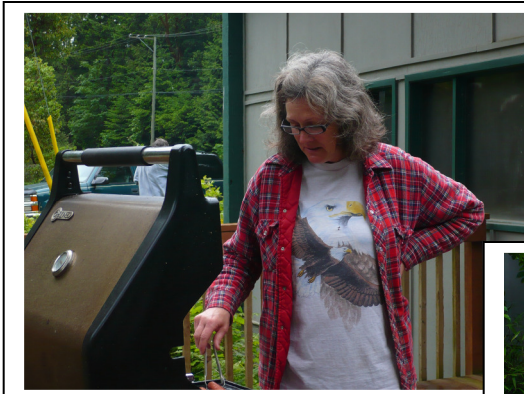
Hey, if they don't want me to eat all the cat food, why is it in a dish on the floor? You can't believe how many times I get in trouble for helping her clean out her dish. First they're happy that I eat all my food but they're annoyed when I eat hers. Make up your minds already.

Nick

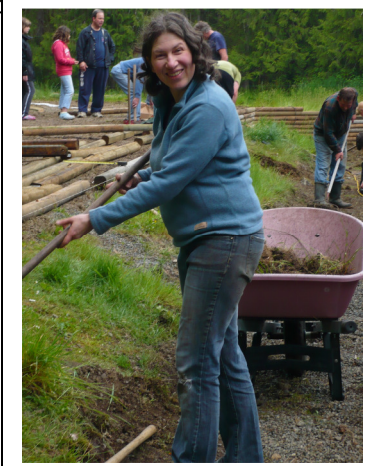
As dictated by Nick to Judy Estrin and Peter Gary of 842 Sea Aira Heights.



The Road Clean-up and the Playground is where the action was is ...



The Playground was is still where the action is...



Thank you to everyone for all your hard work!

Remember to mark your calendars.

Living at Willis Point, has meant that I have optimistically planted much Deer Candy with the suspicion that the Deer have a Master Plan:

A Play in Four Acts

(With Apologies to George Orwell and Kim Jong-il)



Entitled : **Yes Deer Every Night**

Author : A. Gardener.

CHARACTERS : **Deer: (4 legs)** led by **Deer Leader** and **sundry followers,** (followers because they have been given no other option) **does, fawns, adolescents, young bucks and leader aspirants**

Humans : (2 legs) deer lovers (non-gardeners), **deer haters** (gardeners) and **deer indifferent** (non-gardeners) **Mr. Combat Ready, Mr. Look on the Bright Side, Ms. Tender Heart, Mr. and Mrs. Logical Thinking, Mr. Almost Ready to Give Up.**



ACT 1

SCENE 1

Leafy glade - the assembly point for all deer attending the monthly meeting of the 4 Legged Sister and Brotherhood chaired by their esteemed chief known as Deer Leader.

Deer Leader : Welcome to you all, Brothers and Sisters who walk on 4 legs. Today I am pleased to announce a plan developed, with my help, by our planning commission chaired by Brother Buck, which will bring us success against the hated 2 legs. Brother Buck you have the forest floor.

Brother Buck : Thank you your greatness , supreme being and ruler of all you survey. (He is interrupted by Deer Leader telling him to get on with it as everyone knows how great he is).

As you all know, the 2 legs believe there are certain plants, flowers and shrubs that we do not like to eat, such as marigold, calendula, spirea, snapdragon, peony and many others. There is even a list published called "Plants not on the Deer Menu ". As you also all know this is a bit of a joke. For example, Mexican Orange and Columbine are on the list. They happen to be two of my favourites. But here is the plan to be known as **Operation Munch Munch**. We will encourage the 2 legs to plant those species which they think we don't like. We will refrain from eating them for a period of 12 weeks. We will lull them into a false sense of security.

Deer Leader : (Speaking sternly interrupts Brother Buck)

If anyone eats any of these plants in the 12 week period as reported by any of the Brotherhood you will be subjected to severe disciplinary measures. I don't have to remind you of the fate of brother Broken Antler who saw fit to see things differently from The Committee.

Remember this. We are in a war against the 2 legs. They cannot stand against us. We will jump their fences, we will burrow under them, we will destroy their netting, trample on their vegetables and in the end, drive them to despair. Yes, we can, (here he pauses) as the throng repeats "Yes, we can." Eventually, they will give up, leave their gardens open and undefended. This is our objective.

Sorry, Brother Buck, I didn't mean to interrupt. It is vitally important that we in the 4 Leg Brotherhood must triumph, we must ascend, we must conquer, we must affirm the superiority of 4 legs over 2 legs, we must.....

(as flecks of foam begin to appear on Deer Leader's muzzle and Brother Buck hastily intervenes).

Brother Buck : Yes, yes, Deer Leader, thank you for your valuable insights. May I continue?

Deer Leader : You may.

Brother Buck : So to get back to the plan. By restraining ourselves from eating the so-called deer proof species, the 2 legs will plant them in ever greater numbers, in unprotected areas. When these delicious plants are growing we will co-ordinate our attack and wipe them out completely along with any other growing things.

Deer Leader: (Interrupting and not being able to restrain himself).

This could be the psychological breaking point for many of the 2 legs which we have been seeking. I have already seen some of them in tears. They will give up and surrender their gardens to us to browse at will. We muster again in 12 weeks. Secretary Sister Dapple Back make sure this is well advertise.

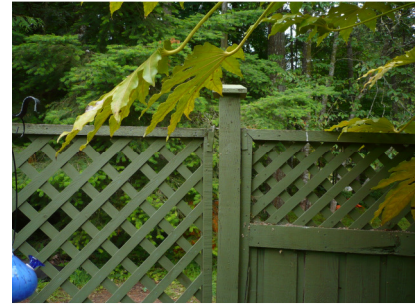
Now I wish to address an important and very troubling issue. I refer to the creeping "Disease of Fraternisation." Despite the conscientious efforts of our fellow brothers and sisters reporting on each other, it is on the increase. I call it a disease, because that is what it is. Our descent into fraternisation with the 2 legs must cease. Just because they cut up apples for us and choose our weaker members to take photographs with the little 2 legs. May I say, egotistical, members of our movement, this does not mean they are our friends. May I remind you that the Brotherhood frowns on individualism. Fraternisation with the enemy is a crime which weakens the superiority of our race. The superiority of 4 legs over 2 legs! Have you ever watched them run or jump or go up a hill? Pathetic! They are an inferior race, their senses are dulled through generations of inbreeding.

They are not, as our Brothers to the east of us refer to, the "pure laine". They cannot hear or smell - it has been bred out of them. As a species they are doomed. Soon the day will come when they are driven from our land. The 4 Legged Brotherhood will once again reign supreme over these lands as we did in the hallowed past of our ancestors.

(Pawing the ground impatiently and shaking his antlers he glares at those members closest to him who again notice froth appearing on his muzzle and try to move away despite the press of bodies around them.)

Brother Buck and Sister Florence Dapple Back nuzzle him deferentially which seems to calm him and help him regain his composure. Clearing his throat and wiping his muzzle on the grass, he spoke again:

I have nothing more to say. You know the plan. Act on it. We meet again in twelve weeks.



ACT 2

SCENE 1

A motley group of 2 legs assembled loosely round the mail boxes. They are gardeners in the main or would be gardeners. The mood is sombre they are afraid to ask "How's your garden?" but Mr. Look on the Bright Side is attempting to lift spirits.

Mr. Look on the Bright Side: At the last Victoria Flower Count they had millions of flowers, so there are plenty left for everyone even for the deer.

Mr. Almost Ready to Give Up: Yes, their count is up and ours is down and going down every day. Soon we will have none left.

Mr. Look on the Bright Side: We just have to pick the plants they don't eat. If we stay away from everything else, they will stay away.

Mr. and Mrs. Logical Thinkers: Yes, but what kind of garden is that. There is no way a mere animal can outwit or outthink the human brain. We are strengthening our fences, top and bottom - it's the only way. We will keep them out. We will fight them on the lawns, we will fight them in the vegetable patch, we will fight them in the hills, We will fight them wherever they may be found. We will never surrender.

(Their voices, in unison, take on a slightly hysterical note).

Ms. Tender Heart: Oh, come now. We are all God's creatures and they are particularly beautiful creatures. We should live and let live and all get along together.

(She has never admitted that she once raised an orphan fawn until it was full grown).

Mr. Combat Ready: Live and let live!! I would shoot every one of them. Line 'em up against a wall and let them have it. Do you think anyone would notice an AK47 going off? I chased one on the road the other day with my 4x4 - right up into the trees, but it got away. You can get a crossbow with telescopic sights for \$500. Beautiful, dead quiet, and I mean dead, no one would hear a thing and nor would they. Dead before they hit the ground. And they wouldn't feel a thing either, Ms. Tender Heart.

Ms. Tender Heart: *(recoiling in horror),*

You would never do such a thing. I would report you to the Community Association.

Mr. Combat Ready: Don't worry no one would hear a thing or know anything about it. Anyone for barbecued venison?

Mr. Almost Ready to Give Up: I added up what I've spent on shrubs, flowers, bulbs since I've come here. It comes to well over \$3000. It just isn't worth it. Just when everything is looking wonderful, suddenly it is all gone. (His voice is breaking, he seems close to tears).

Mr. Look on The Bright Side: well when it is looking wonderful, take a photograph. At least you will have that when they are all gone.

Mr. Ready to Give Up (not normally a violent man seems to be looking for a weapon. Words have failed him).

Mr. and Mrs. Logical Thinkers: Look it's obvious. We have to outsmart them. It's fence, fence and fence. What do you all say?

Mr. Combat Ready: I am tired of feeding the little -----s.

(Ms. Tender Heart claps her hands over her ears). I am going to plant only the deer resistant stuff and all my neighbours are doing the same.

ACT 3

SCENE 1

The Mail Boxes. Two months later.

The 2 legs' gardens are flourishing filled with blossoming supposed "non-edible" plants and others.

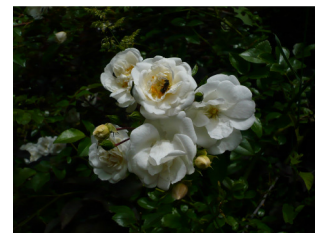
Mr. Look on the Bright Side *is speaking enthusiastically:*

Even my pansies are blooming. I think they have gone somewhere and I have taken the netting off my roses.

Mr. Almost Ready to Give Up: Do you really think so. I am so encouraged. My garden is starting to fill out. It almost looks like the way it used to.

Mr. and Mrs. Logical Thinkers: We are guardedly optimistic. We haven't seen a deer near our place for weeks. It would be nice to see some colour again. We are going to risk putting out some bedding plants.

Mr. Combat Ready: I haven't seen 'em either but I must say I don't miss them. I have put off getting the crossbow and have used some of the money for new plants.



Ms. Tender Heart: well I do miss them. They are so sweet. I tried to photograph a little one the other day but it was pushed away by a big deer.

Mr. Look on the Bright Side: Well things are certainly starting to look up. It is a pleasure to walk into the garden now. Not like before...
(attempting to control a shudder at the memory of chewed and dismembered plants).

SCENE 2

A forest glade, three months late, under the stern gaze of Deer Leader, the herd has mustered for final instructions.

Deer Leader: Brothers and Sisters, we are gathered here today, this very special day, this day which henceforth will be known as Deer Leader's Day of Final Settlement. Our plan has come to fruition. All that remains is to carry out the final stage. The gardens are full of all the things we like to eat. Remember, if you come across something you don't like, pull it out of the ground anyway. Then it dies. It drives the 2 legs to distraction.

He stops and gazes majestically over the assembled followers. On pain of punishment, every deer is present. Even Brother Broken Antler is there. He has undergone a course of corrective training and has been rehabilitated.

I have a question for you - are we ready? I ask you again, can we do this? Are we ready to re-establish ourselves in our land, to drive out the invaders for ever, to prove the supremacy of our race, the master race. I will answer this question.

Yes.....we can, yes..... we can. Say after me, "Yes we can."

(The response is deafening carried away by the emotion of the moment, hooves are stamped and antlers clashed). Deer leader raises his hoof for silence.

We attack at first light and continue until every last plant is gone. I don't imagine there are any questions. The Brotherhood expects every member male and female (glancing fondly at Florence Dapple Back) to do his or her duty.

Sister Dapple Back: Deer Leader will you lead the attack or do we act independently? And what about dogs?

Deer Leader: Independently. Each of you will eat or destroy all that you can until nightfall. You have to know your dog. Some very large dogs simply gaze at us, other small dogs rush at us barking, forgetting that they are 4 legs just like us. Some dogs are tied up or on a leash. There is one 2 leg who walks with a dog which is permanently on a leash. You have nothing to fear from him. Other dogs seem to be half asleep.

So far as the attack goes I am accepting the challenge of certain 2 legs who have built a fence which they believe is impregnable. So they have filled their garden with many different species - all delicious. I will prove them wrong. I know a way in and I can jump out. Unfortunately I must demean myself by going on my knees to enter.

(An admiring gasp has gone up but, at the back, unseen, some older Brother 4 legs are shaking their heads)

Very well, if there are no more questions, at 0500 hours we attack.



ACT 4

SCENE1 (The final scene)

0500 hours has come and gone. The attack has been ferocious. Acres of plants have been demolished. There have been no casualties. Mr. Combat Ready threw his axe at a young deer, but missed sending the axe through his greenhouse instead. Mr. Ready to Give Up was seen to throw himself face down on his lawn, sobbing bitterly and beating the ground with his fists and feet.

Deer Leader has entered the garden of Mr. and Mrs. Logical Thinkers and, undetected has caused enormous damage. In addition to the few so called non edibles, he has beheaded and eaten the roses down to the ground. He is planning to leave when he is taken by surprise by Mr. Logical Thinker who has come up the path down wind of him, moving silently on soft soled shoes.

His head jerks up but he keeps calm and trots to the end of the garden, arriving at the fence. Gathering his powerful hind legs under him, he launches himself in a magnificent leap. As he reaches the zenith of his jump, he sees that the fence has been modified. The silver wire he had his eye on and which had always been the high point of the fence is now some six inches lower than a strand of black wire, almost invisible, running above it. It is too late for Deer Leader to adjust his leap but even so he almost clears the top. Almost. His forefeet catch the black wire. It holds. His momentum falters. The impetus of his leap carries him forward but not quite over and his forelegs are caught. He somersaults over and on to the fence where his hooves and antlers become inextricably entangled. He lies on his side, panting, struggling, the whites of his eyes flashing, his nostrils are distended. He is trapped.

He sees the hated 2 legs standing above him. The 2 legs departs and then returns slowly. Deer leader sees that the 2 legs is carrying a huge boulder (there are rocks all over this garden) and that he is raising it, with difficulty, above his head. 2 legs gazes at 4 legs for what seems to be an eternity. The rock is lowered slowly. The 2 legs goes but returns almost at once, something glinting in his hand. Deer Leader waits for the slashing at his throat and thinks briefly of the ignominy of failure. The 2 legs kneels beside him, he can smell him, feel his hands. The knife starts sawing. He feels nothing. First his hooves are free, then his head, then his antlers. He rolls to his feet, standing trembling, but able to move

silently to the fringes of the surrounding forest. He looks back.

"How weak", he thinks. " They really are a strange race ". He disappears among the trees but turns and unknowingly echoes the words of a famous 2 leg general, spoken long ago

" I shall return."

Submitted with the help of A. Gardner's good friend Don Robin.



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