

Events

Chamber Cafés with guest speakers and panelists are on the 1st and 3rd Fridays monthly starting at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. No membership is required to attend these free events. Advance registration is necessary to obtain Zoom access.



Chamber Café

Friday, July 15th, 2022

**Jefferson County Update
with Commissioner
Heidi Eisenhour**

Are we on plan for this year? What have we accomplished in the first half of 2022 and where will we be in December?

Have questions on a particular item or your own "wish list"? This is the time to ask them of someone who can act on them and may know exactly what is being done for that action item today, as well as what is planned.

Chamber Café

Friday, August 5th

**PUD
The Public Utility District**

What is the PUD? You pay them every month but do you know how they work, who's in charge? Their community activities especially rural broadband Initiatives? Learn all this and more and have your questions and concerns responded to by people who can really help!



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MEMBER UPDATE

Centrum

Peak Season at Centrum

Article and photos by Robert Birman

With warmer weather, and drier skies, it seems like everyone is itching to be outdoors and to regain some sense of normalcy again. And while Delta and Omicron are most certainly not behind us fully, in spite of current case rates rising, fortunately the severity of infections is way down, perhaps due (in part) to herd immunity and growing vaccinations.

Summer in Jefferson County typically includes large-scale gatherings—mostly outdoors—at Centrum and other venues. The 49-year-old non-profit who calls Fort Worden home has been slowly building back its markets and resumed in-person events this past March.

Naturally, tourism drives so much of our summer activity in Jefferson County, and the same is true for Centrum. Most of its global community of artists travel from greater distances than 100 miles to partake in Centrum's music, writing, residency, and movement arts programs. The organization adopted a vaccine mandate at the start of 2022, and is offering online options for those who cannot, or wish not to be vaccinated.

July is typically peak season at Centrum, with some of the largest workshops of each year, starting with Fiddle Tunes, which always occurs the week of July 4th, every season. "Centrum's entire calendar pivots off of Fiddle Tunes," said executive director, Robert Birman. "It is one of the earliest programs at Centrum and our calendar works both backwards and forwards from that single week, every year."

This year, Fiddle Tunes will be welcoming artists from Quebec, Cape Breton, Kentucky, New York, Texas, Virginia, New Mexico, Louisiana, California, Oregon, and Washington. Aspiring artists will hail from all parts of the U.S. and Canada, as well as overseas, though the scale of the workshop will likely be smaller than usual

as some are choosing to participate only online. Sandwiched between fiddle and jazz is the Port Townsend Writers Conference, which will host up to 200 aspiring and accomplished writers, in community with one another and in pursuit of honing their craft and developing new skills. Nine award-winning authors will lead morning intensives, daily, followed by afternoon workshops, craft lectures, and free nightly literary readings at 7 p.m. from July 17-22.

Other free summertime events include a free noon concert hour at the Fort Worden Commons on Friday afternoons, beginning July 1 and ending August 5. Audiences are welcome to bring a picnic, or pets, and a lawn chair for a communal gathering, also simulcast on KPTZ radio.

The month of July ends with one of the top international jazz festivals in the world, this year July 25-31. Artistic Director, John Clayton, leads an all-star lineup of top jazz musicians in daily classes, lectures, and performances, each geared to help pass the culture and tradition of the art form from one generation to the next. There will be two mainstage concerts at the McCurdy Pavilion, and two nights of Jazz at the Clubs at Fort Worden that week to enjoy.

Jazz week is followed immediately by the Acoustic Blues workshop and festival, August 1-7, which also includes two nights of club concerts and one large mainstage concert on August 6 at 1:30 p.m.

To participate in Centrum events, or to register to volunteer, visit our website. See you at the Fort!

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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

June was a bit dark, cold and wet here and seemed like another "January" living up to it's name. With any luck that "July 5th" summer will be here in a week or so and we will enjoy a bit of sun!

This summer we are already seeing a major increase in visitors to our city, and they are loving it! Thank you all for your welcoming spirit!

Please remember to post your events and event changes on our Chamber website along with your job openings. There are many people looking for activities and having accurate information is critical to their enjoyment and your event's success.

Coming this summer will be updates from our Board of County Commissioners including a Chamber Café from Commissioner Eisenhour., On August 26th we will once again be coordinating with the School Districts to welcome their new teachers and staff. If you are a member,

we are able to include your information, swag, samples, discount coupons etc in the gift bags we assemble for all participants. Watch our website and your inbox for further information or contact membership@jeffcountychamber.org.

The PUD will be featured in the August 5th Chamber Café proving insight into their history and future and the exciting projects they are currently engaged in for Jefferson County.

If you've been confused about how to use the MIC, (Membership Information Center) look no further, the Chamber team will be producing a workshop that will teach you the basics as well as be able to show you how to do some of those more advanced tasks you've be trying to accomplish. We'll post that on our web calendar. This free event will need your advance registration online for zoom access.

Early Fall we'll be rolling out another Newcomers meet-up, live at the Chamber barring any major pandemic status changes. If you've moved here during or post the worst of pandemic times, you may not have all the resources you need. We are here to assist you in connecting the dots. admin@jeffcountychamber.org or our website will facilitate registration once the date is set.

Be alert for bicycles around July 9th and mid-September as we'll have 350 and then 100 bicyclists coming into town on their Olympic Peninsula adventures. Help them have a wonderful time here!



Arlene Alen

MEMBER UPDATE

Olympic Kayak Tours

Kayak Adventures: Year Two

Article by Sam Kaviar; photos by Olympic Kayak Tours

Olympic Kayak Tours is entering its second year offering sea kayaking eco-adventures in Fort Flagler State Park on Marrowstone Island. "Same as last year, we'll be offering guided tours," says founder and owner Sam Kaviar. "Guided trips are fun and educational, and they're led by a naturalist who focuses on watching and learning about the creatures of the Salish Sea. We'll also continue to offer our popular nighttime bioluminescence trips," he adds.

These tours take place in 19.5-foot ruddered two-person expedition sea kayaks. While the night tours take place in sheltered Kilisut Harbor, the location for the daytime animal-watching tours ranges, from Kilisut to Port Townsend Bay as well as the open and adventurous waters of Admiralty Inlet. Each location offers different wildlife viewing opportunities and levels of challenge. Admiralty Inlet features more whale-watching opportunities, as well as sea lions and open-water birds, but it's only suitable during certain current and weather conditions. Kilisut Harbor is sheltered, especially from

westerly winds. With more than 200 species of birds in the area, the bird-watching is excellent. "We also regularly see seals," Sam says. "Adorable pups are around in July and August." Port Townsend Bay also offers excellent wildlife and bird-watching opportunities, with gentler conditions than Admiralty Inlet.

Tour prices vary per person, depending on the trip selected. Tours are offered on a reservation basis, with daily scheduling that varies to take maximum advantage of tides and currents.

New this year: For those wanting an adventure with less structure, Olympic Kayak Tours is offering an unguided kayak and stand-up paddleboard (SUP) rental program. Guests can explore Kilisut Harbor between Marrowstone and Indian islands. "You can check out the amazing birdlife, watch seals or check out otherworldly marine invertebrates such as anemones, sea stars and even nudibranchs," Sam says. The kayaks and SUPs will be rented by the hour, mid-June through the end of September, and Thursday through Monday during



shoulder seasons (late May to mid-June, and the first half of October). "The availability of the unguided tours depends on the currents, and we plan on updating our website daily with the times the rentals are available" added Sam. You can learn more about the programs and find the latest information by visiting the company's website.



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Lodging for Every Taste

Visitors to Port Townsend have three distinctive flavors of lodging to choose from – all top-notch destinations that show the diverse history and culture of our area. These three properties are representative of the best offerings on the peninsula.



Old Consulate Inn:

Stay at a National Historic Landmark.

Article by Chamber of Jefferson County, images by Old Consulate Inn

This Victorian Home built more than 120 years ago is a designated National Historic Landmark. Owners Cindy Madsen and Nathan Barnett operate the eight-bedroom bed and breakfast with great water views. Located on a bluff overlooking Puget Sound, the inn is walking distance to downtown shops, restaurants and local attractions. The Old Consulate Inn is famous for their three-course breakfast: "Our guests come for the inn, for the history, for the experience," Cindy says. "They come back for the breakfast." The food is freshly prepared each day, with locally sourced, seasonal products and produce. "Our mission is to invite our guests into a dignified world of grace and tranquility, offering them the comforts of home in a magical setting full of natural beauty and historical interest," Cindy adds.



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Swan Hotel

Under new ownership!

Article and images by Northwest Maritime Center

The Northwest Maritime Center is looking forward to its first summer as the owner of the beloved Swan Hotel. Improvements and upgrades abound; several suites now feature king-sized beds, and guests staying in one of the private cottages will enjoy the warmth and ambiance of a fireplace. Carrying on a longstanding summer tradition, Main Street's hanging flower baskets add beauty and color to the hotel exterior of the hotel. These improved and refined amenities, plus an experienced staff providing the customer service the Swan has been known for, adds up to a unique experience for guests.



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Ravenscroft Inn Bed & Breakfast:

A one-of-a-kind accommodation experience.

Article by Chamber of Jefferson County, images by Ravenscroft Inn

Situated in uptown Port Townsend, Ravenscroft Inn Bed and Breakfast's location allows guests to easily explore the area; it's just a short walk to restaurants, stores and markets, the theater and many more attractions. The inn offers eight guest rooms/suites with private bathrooms, with breathtaking views of Mount Baker and Mount Rainier. Innkeepers Pauline and Brian moved to the area to pursue their dream of owning and running an inn. Pauline, with 20+ years in the restaurant and hospitality field, runs the kitchen, maintains the garden and welcomes the guests; Brian runs the office. The Inn welcomes adults and children 12 and over, and offers cold or hot breakfast, beverages anytime of the day and freshly made treats in the afternoon. High-speed internet lets guests stay connected while still enjoying the peace and tranquility.



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Olympic Music Festival

Thirty-ninth season on the way

Article by Emilie Baker, photos by Olympic Music Festival

Celebrating its thirty-ninth season, the Olympic Music Festival (OMF) presents five weekends of chamber music concerts beginning August 13 with the Olympic Chamber Music Fellowship and ending September 11 with the Piano Extravaganza recital. The OMF hosts musicians each week to collaborate and perform weekend concerts—and there is something for everyone during the summer season. Concerts take place Saturdays and Sundays at 2 PM at Fort Worden's Wheeler Theater, with the exception of the GardenMusic week, August 25 through 28, which takes place at The Palindrome at Eaglemount Cidery.

The Olympic Chamber Music Fellowship (Aug 13-21) showcases exceptional young musicians in concert alongside mentoring artists, including clarinetist Alexander Fiterstein, faculty at the Peabody Conservatory; violinist YooJin Jang, faculty at the Eastman School of Music; violist Vicki Powell, principal violist at the Royal Stockholm Philharmonic Orchestra; cellist Jennifer Culp and pianist Julio Elizalde, faculty at the San Francisco School of Music, and many other talented professional musicians. The chance to work with these musicians draws applicants to the two-week intensive program. This year, OMF introduces five fellows: violinists Gregory Lewis (Yale) and Angela

Wee (Juilliard), violist Bethany Hargreaves (Yale), cellist Audrey Chen (City University of New York), and pianist Amalia Rinehart (Stony Brook University).

The Fellowship is spearheaded by Elizalde, who launched the program in 2015 during his first year as OMF artistic director. "We had many more qualified applicants this year than ever before," says Elizalde, "This group of young artists are rare talents whom you won't want to miss." Fellows attend the residency at no cost to them, thanks to the generosity of OMF donors and sponsors.

The Midsummer Celebration with GardenMusic is a festival favorite among OMF patrons and takes place at The Palindrome this year. Led by Louisville Orchestra Music Director Teddy Abrams, GardenMusic returns with their unique brand of genre-smashing classical improv, performing two public concerts (Aug 27-28) and two educational concerts (Aug 25, 28) during their residency. Abrams will be joined by violinist Tessa Lark, bassoonist and violinist-composer Harrison Hollingsworth, double bassist and vocalist Nathan Farrington, and percussionist Gabriel Globus-Hoenich.

New this year is the Young People's Concert featuring GardenMusic, a program for youth ages 10 and up to attend, Thursday, August 25 at 3:00 PM. Gabriel Globus-Hoenich directs the educational programs,



Left to Right: Gregory Lewis (violin), Angela Wee (violin), Audrey Chen (cello), Bethany Hargreaves (violin), Amalia Rinehart (piano)

and GardenMusic's mastery of many musical genres creates an engaging concert experience for youth. Also, the Annual Children's Concert returns from a two-year hiatus on Sunday, August 28 at 10:30 AM, and is geared toward children preschool aged and up. Both educational concerts are free and family friendly. Please make reservations online by visiting our website.

Tickets and concert information, including COVID policies and updates, are available on our website. For those who are unable to attend in-person events, virtual concerts will be available in October 2022, through the purchase of an online pass. Join our mailing list via the website to receive concert reminders and festival updates.



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NEW MEMBER

Richmond American Homes

Richmond American homes is proud to join Port Townsend's business community

Article and Photos by Richmond American Homes

The Richmond American Homes companies have been making the American Dream of homeownership a reality for over 40 years, and Richmond American Homes of Washington, Inc. is proud to offer new homes in the Evergreen State. We are excited to break ground in the dynamic town of Port Townsend.

Our notable new neighborhood, Trail Crest, will showcase five inspired ranch-style floor plans with the open layouts and designer details today's homebuyers are seeking. The homes will feature up to four bedrooms and approximately 2,570 square feet, and generous 3-car and attached RV garages will be available for certain plans.

It was very important for us to maintain Puget Sound's distinctive aesthetic, and therefore, all new homes at Trail Crest will feature farmhouse, craftsman and contemporary northwestern architectural styles. A total of 58 spacious homesites will be offered at this inviting

community.

Personalization is what sets us apart from many other leading homebuilders. Everyone who builds a new Richmond American home from the ground up will have the opportunity to work with a professional design consultant at our Home Gallery™ design center. During this complimentary appointment, buyers can choose from hundreds of flooring, finish, fixture and home technology options to help ensure their new home is uniquely their own. We mean it when we say, "with us, it's personal™!"

Being environmentally responsible is also a priority for us. We recently launched a nationwide campaign spotlighting our energy-efficient home features and we're now pleased to offer solar power options at most of the communities in which we build. We also use efficient homebuilding features to help cut energy and water waste without cutting comfort and convenience.



We love the neighborhoods we build in and want them to be clean and green for years to come!

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Port Townsend Main Street Program

Summer 2022 Festival Preview

Article courtesy Main Street Program, Image by Deja View Photography.

At the Port Townsend Main Street Program, we start planning our summer events in the dark days of winter. There are lots of moving parts to planning events and we strive to bring energy and good times to the historic districts. We invite you to stop in at your favorite shop or restaurant while you're in town and enjoy one of the prettiest times of the year here. Special events like Concerts on the Dock and the Uptown Street Fair offer an opportunity to see familiar faces, catch up with friends and meet new people too.

We are also working with a dedicated group of volunteers through the Port Townsend Creative District to present Soundcheck in August. This new festival showcases the local arts scene on the waterfront, in the streets and at venues all over town. It's a chance to show off the amazing talent in our community across five artistic disciplines: visual, literary, culinary, performing and makers arts.

Concerts on the Dock Rock!

Thursdays July 7 through August 25 at Pope Marine Park Plaza. The music lineup is top-notch this year. Come to dance, see your friends, enjoy a drink and hear free great music in a scenic setting. A Beer/Wine & Cider Garden featuring locally made beverages adds to the festive atmosphere. Bring a chair or blanket and settle in for some great tunes. This free outdoor music is presented by the Port Townsend Main Street Program and Homer

Smith Insurance. The event is made possible by generous business sponsors. See the lineup at ptmainstreet.org and follow us on social media for updates.

Soundcheck 2022

Port Townsend's about to get a whole new, week-long arts festival in 2022! Soundcheck is an expansion of 2019's event - a local music showcase first launched ahead of the inaugural THING Festival. The new and improved Soundcheck will be held throughout the Port Townsend Creative District over a full week, beginning with a kickoff event and live music in nearly a dozen local venues on August 19th, and culminating with a full day (and night) of music and events downtown in and around the Pope Marine Plaza. Thanks to Soundcheck's MC level sponsors - Windermere Port Townsend, New American Funding and Urquia Law - we couldn't make it happen without their support. Please visit www.ptsoundcheck.com in the coming weeks for listing of confirmed events and how you can participate and be a part of this great program.

Keep in touch! We hope to see you around town for all the summer fun ahead.



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NEW MEMBER

Lila's Kitchen

Helping create Businesses

Article by Wendy Davis and Photos by Lila's Kitchen

Wendy Davis has several decades in hospitality in places like Seattle (hometown), Lake Tahoe, Tucson, and Alaska, and has spent various times in forest firefighting, law enforcement, and co-owning a custom home building company with husband Brent, (Brent Davis Construction in Port Townsend) and has lived in Port Townsend for almost 25 years, where she met Brent. Brent, after several decades in custom construction in New Milford, Connecticut (hometown), Santa Cruz, CA, and has also lived in Port Townsend for about 25 years since attending the Wooden Boat School in 1997. Brent

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The 30th Uptown Street Fair

Saturday, August 20, 2022

The beloved Uptown Street Fair celebrates 30 years of fun in historic Uptown Port Townsend!

Highlights include:

- Port Townsend Arts Guild Arts & Craft Show
- Jefferson County Farmers Market & tasty local food
- Live music all day
- Free arts activities for children
- The unbelievably colorful yet brief Uptown Parade at 2 pm
- Outdoor Beer Garden at the Uptown Pub and more!

This festive event shines a spotlight on the Uptown business district and reinforces a sense of community. Our nonprofit has a long history with this wonderfully eclectic event, which is coordinated by the Uptown Street Fair Committee and the Port Townsend Main Street Program. Sponsored in part by Richmond American Homes, New American Funding, and participating Uptown business sponsors. More to come at ptmainstreet.org.

Subject to change.



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founded Brent Davis Construction, Inc. in 2010.

While building a commercial building in Port Townsend Business Park for their construction business with extra bays for lease, Brent and Wendy decided to combine their passions and opened Lila's Kitchen, a commercial kitchen and shared restaurant space (named after a beloved dog) in the Upper Sims Way, Rainier St corridor of Port Townsend. They intended to open a facility for caterers, but as their launch coincided with the early pandemic months of 2020, they decided to pivot and offer the space to vendors to serve their meals. As so many restaurateurs found the need to shift their means of reaching customers at that time, the offering was a lifesaver. Customers were able to pick up takeout or stay and dine under a large red canopy in safety. Some owners and employees who had lost their jobs during the pandemic are now thriving.

Three new businesses were created on the site, four more changed their model to continue running, with one business opening a brick-and-mortar location after a practice year with their new model. Many of these food vendors have already received coveted awards for their meals. The kitchen still offers start-ups the chance to experiment, incubate their business, and to grow beside a group of established, passionate food business owners. For Brent, Lila's Kitchen fulfills a lifelong passion for cooking, and for Wendy, it allows her to lean both on her hospitality experience and her work in public service. Based on the success of their model, they've also now designed a new dedicated walk-up location adjacent to their original site, which will



include areas for visiting food trucks, bar offerings, outdoor gatherings, and family games. Recently launched is a converted horse trailer as a mobile for-hire bar to book for private events called Bar Car.

Lila's is located in the Port Townsend Business Park (Behind Goodwill), and the schedule for each food vendor can be found on Instagram and Facebook, on their website, with each individual vendor social media pages. There is ample parking and outdoor seating.

Bar Car may be booked directly by emailing barcarmobile@gmail.com.

Interested food vendors may contact lilascommercialkitchen@gmail.com.



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MEMBER UPDATE

Wilderbee Farm and Meadery Organic U-pick Farm & Meadery

Article and Photos by Wilderbee Farm

Summer is finally here and family-run Wilderbee Farm is in full swing. Fields of organic lavender and flowers are ready for u-pickers July through September, culminating with pumpkins in October.

Located in a pastoral neighborhood four miles from downtown Port Townsend, Wilderbee is a family-run small acreage farm owned and operated by Eric and Casey Reeter. Built with visitors in mind, Wilderbee provides a relaxing place to explore and enjoy simple pleasures on the farm. Bring a picnic, walk the nature trails, feed the sheep, pick a bouquet, and sip some mead at the tasting room on weekends.

In addition to u-pick experiences, the farm also raises honeybees and a conservation flock of rare, primitive British Soay sheep for wool. Each summer, lavender is hand-harvested and distilled for pure essential oil available at the farm store among lavender lotions, soaps, balms, farm-made gifts and unique woodcrafts. Wilderbee recently expanded its essential oil production. This year the farm will offer a new line of conifer oil balms and salves. Visitors can learn how distillation works and see how pure essential oil is made. With an appreciation for all things handcrafted, Wilderbee also hosts ceramics classes and open studio time in the loft above

the farm store.

On weekends, visitors shouldn't miss a stop at The Mead Werks meadery and tasting room at the farm. The meadery specializes in small-batch handcrafted traditional, barrel-aged, and pome fruit meads crafted dry to sweet using distinct varieties of honey and aged to give unique layers of flavor and character. Enjoy mead tastings, flights, pours, as well as art shows and live music in the outdoor Garden of Meadin'.

The Reeters are committed to stewarding the land organically and aesthetically and providing healthy habitat for wildlife and pollinators. They believe in life's simple pleasures and aspire to create such experiences for their visitors.

Wilderbee Farm is open Wed-Sun 12-5pm April-October. The meadery tasting room is open Saturdays and Sundays 12-5pm year-round.



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Fort Worden Hospitality Events Return as Summer Season Kicks Off

Article by Natalie Maitland Photos by Jen Lee Light / Fort Worden Hospitality

Fort Worden Hospitality is poised to welcome back a busy schedule of summer events in addition to arts programming, group activities, weddings, reunions and experiences for park visitors and vacationing guests. After successfully launching Fort Worden Hospitality in February, the team has been busy staffing up and getting ready for what will be a welcoming back of activity to Fort Worden State Park this summer.

Fort Worden Hospitality will have some new ways that people will be able to enjoy fun experiences at the park that speak to our local community as we look to engage in offering more to do on campus. The events calendar at fortworden.org is a great resource for information on what's happening. The Commons Building will be a central hub for activity this summer, with electric bike rentals, lawn games and Reveille Café happening seven days a week visit our website for more information.

In addition to their menu of breakfast, lunch and baked goods, Reveille Café features summer specials and hand-crafted iced drinks. Don't forget to grab your loyalty punch card, a program that was launched in June, which allows patrons to earn free beverages. Stop in to the café for full details.

Fort Worden Hospitality is excited to support a full schedule of Partner Programs this summer. The non-profit company values its Campus and Community Partners who remain an important part of their footprint. They continue to expand its on-site and off-site relationships, bringing together collaborations that can benefit the community and guests in a variety of ways.

The McCurdy Pavilion will feature a great line-up of public performances with Centrum's Fiddletunes, Blues and Jazz shows. THING Festival in partnership with Seattle Theatre Group returns August 26-28, 2022. Concessions will be

available on Littlefield Green at all our public McCurdy Pavilion performances this season. Fort Worden Hospitality is working with The Production Alliance on a Fourth at the Fort celebration taking place July 2, 2022. The event will be a time when the community can come together in celebration, featuring local vendors, entertainment and games.

Unfortunately Taps at the Guardhouse doesn't have an opening date set at time of submission of this article. Cablehouse Beach Canteen will be open for a short summer run with some fun features planned. Hiring for many positions continues and more information is on their website.

Fort Worden Hospitality continues to work on other future plans including improving the amenities in the buildings they operate, updating restaurant offerings and redefining guest services across the company in line with their new service philosophy, values and mission.

The activity at Fort Worden will continue in to the Fall and Winter, with details to be released soon on holiday offerings and events. Stay up to date by connecting on Facebook, Instagram and at Fort Worden website.



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Whaleheart Productions LLC Getting messages across via visual storytelling

Article and Photos by Whaleheart Productions

Whaleheart Productions LLC is a full-service video production company based in Port Townsend that serves local businesses and nonprofits. Whaleheart grew out of filmmaker Gabe Van Lelyveld's desire to use his abilities as a visual storyteller in support of others. Now, with over 15 years of experience, professional film-making equipment as well as a network of local film professionals to work with, Whaleheart has accumulated dozens of satisfied clients, from The Food Coop in Port Townsend to the Jefferson County Historical Society to Finnriver Farm and Cidery.

Gabe works closely with his clients to identify clear goals for their video projects, ways to measure success, and concise storytelling that gets their messages across to audiences. High production values as well as impact strategies to make sure his clients are getting the most value possible from their investment are some of the reasons Whaleheart has a 5-star rating on Google.

Gabe aims to make the process fun and easy regardless of whether or not his client has ever produced a video before. About his work Gabe says, "Video allows me to explore what is authentic in the world. I've always been interested in a wide variety of topics, and I've always loved storytelling, as long as it contains depth and meaning. My favorite thing is when the character of my client really shines through in their video."

In light of racial inequities, historical and ongoing, Whaleheart recently made public an offer of a limited amount of their services free of charge to

Jefferson County businesses that are BIPOC-owned as well as non-profits that are BIPOC-led and primarily serve the BIPOC community. By 'limited' they mean that their current workload as well as the scope of potential projects will determine how much they can do and when. For additional details and to be considered to receive free video services from Whaleheart, visit website. Projects produced through this offer have helped local groups raise over \$55k. Whaleheart views this offering as an opportunity to use their tools and skills to make a positive impact in the world.

Also, Whaleheart is currently working on a series of videos for Youtube and its website about the video production process itself. Gabe has found that many organizations know they could benefit from video but don't know a lot about the process or what it will cost. He hopes to give the local nonprofit and business community a jumpstart with videos covering everything from knowing when video is (and isn't) right for them, what a video strategy is, establishing clear and measurable video production goals, choosing the right style of video, when to DIY and when to hire a professional, what elements to include in successful brand and fundraising videos, what each phase of the process costs including how to plan for efficiency, and more. You can stay tuned for the release of the series by signing up for Whaleheart's newsletter.



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Are you a foodie? An adventure seeker? A trail hiker? A local wine connoisseur? The Chamber of Jefferson County is looking for passionate volunteers who would be willing to spend a few minutes answering emails or having brief phone conversations with visitors interested in the exciting experiences our community has to offer. If you love your hobby and want to share it with others, please reach out to the Chamber to discuss this fantastic Community Concierge opportunity. Invest a small amount of time, or spend a few hours at the Chamber once the state allows it. To volunteer or get more information, contact: director@jeffcountychamber.org.



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