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K P Civic Center Receives Russell Grant

The Civic Center was recently notified that the Russell Family Foundation has donated \$5,000 to the Civic Center's Grant Fund. This grant, together with the funds donated by the Key Peninsula's Angel Guild, has enabled the Civic Center Board of Directors to embark on the interior renovation of the gymnasium, which will include the repair and painting of the ceiling and the painting of the gym itself. The Board is deeply appreciative of the Russell Family Foundation's support.

KEY CENTER CANDLELIGHT VIGIL - September 14, 2001



A gathering of about 200 people gathered at Key Center to honor and mourn those lost to the September 11th attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. More Vigil photos on Page 14.
photo by Cricket Stephenson

Submitted by Sylvia Retherford

A candlelight vigil was held at Key Center on Friday evening, September 14, to honor and mourn those lost to the September 11th suicidal attacks in New York and Washington, D.C. Mindy Brocenos and Hugh McMillan organized the gathering of about two hundred who began the proceedings with lighted candles and an enthusiastic singing of The Star Spangled Banner.

There was an open mike for anyone wanting to make a statement. One speaker expressed hope that war would not be a result as more innocent people would be killed. Tighter security was the option. Clapping was difficult due to each person holding a lighted candle but there was some favorable hooting and hollering.

Hugh spoke and referred to our vast American family of many ethnicities and to some friends he had made in foreign countries during his work abroad. He read an e-mail from a retired KGB officer who expressed strong support for America in its hour of tragedy, noting that our countries have a common enemy. Two Russian planes loaded with donors' blood and drugs are waiting for approval to fly to the USA along with a group of highly trained rescuers. Also there was an e-mail from a Turkish Muslim friend expressing support for America.

Sue Mendenhall quoted her husband Tony, an American Airlines pilot, asking for people to treat air crews and flight attendants with cooperation. Rhys Wood, a retired Army officer who fought in the Pacific in World War II, believes this will be a long war. He commented that there would be long protracted precision battles to ferret out these murderers and bring them to

justice.

The edge of the road was carpeted in remembrance with flowers by Dale Loy of Sunnycrest Nursery.

We glory in the diversity of our population in the community of Key Peninsula and our country. This meeting was a wonderful way to show our concern and to help our people cope with the horror. We want to thank Hugh and Mindy for bringing it

together.

A prayer was offered and the crowd which had grown larger sang God Bless America with feeling to finish the meeting. Although nothing could be amusing at such a time, there were smiles when a voice well behind us asked loudly, "To whose God are we singing?" From another section came the answer, "To the Gods of all the religions in the world." Several "Amens" followed.

Fall Harvest Carnival - October 31, 2001

5:00 PM to 8:30 PM

Key Peninsula Civic Center

Looking for a safe, fun place to take your family on October 31st? The Key Peninsula Baptist Church is excited to sponsor a FALL HARVEST CARNIVAL! The event will take place at the Key Peninsula Civic Center and admission is free! The carnival is sure to please every member of the family with a variety of activities slated for the evening.

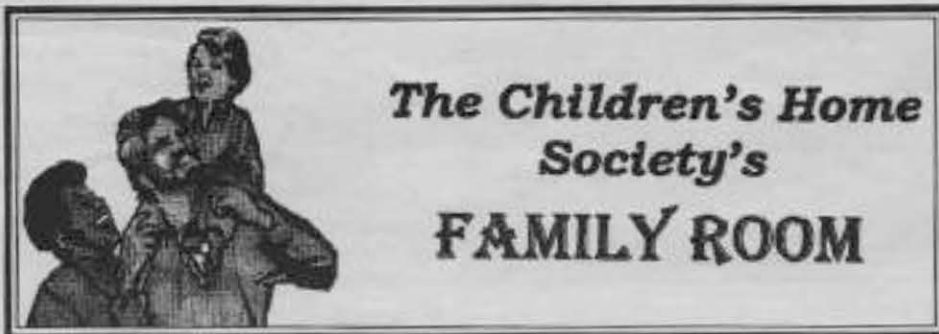
Test your skill at one of the free game booths, including balloon pop, bean bag toss and many more! Try your luck with a cupcake walk, straw hunt and fish pond for even the youngest angler! Guess what you are feeling as you experience the sensory area, complete with ooze and slime.

Other activities scheduled include face painting, pumpkin painting and a costume contest. To make this event fun for the whole family no scary or inappropriate costumes will be allowed. Stop by the Whitmore Room for some refreshments at the concession stand. Enjoy all of the many events planned for this fun filled night, including Marty (and Ann) and his Reptile Round-up!

The Fall Harvest Carnival promises to be great fun. Admission and games are free. To support the community, participants are encouraged to bring canned goods to donate to a local food pantry and "share the harvest".

See you at the Civic Center on Wednesday, October 31st from 5 to 8:30!





When a baby is born, life changes drastically for the mother and immediate family. Infants bring out a variety of emotions such as joy, love, wonderment and feelings of protectiveness. Also we can have feelings of uncertainty, exhaustion, post partum depression and many questions about parenting and child development.

At the Key Peninsula Family Resource Center we provide education, support, and resources to strengthen families through our home visiting programs and center based group activities. As the Public Health Nurse at the Key Peninsula Family Resource Center, I make home visits under the Maternity Support Program and Healthy Families program to promote healthy pregnancies and provide information to develop positive parenting skills. During pregnancy we will discuss the changes that are happening to your body, the stages of fetal development, danger signs, infant-feeding methods, signs of labor and your hopes and dreams as a parent. After baby is born, we talk about infant cues, how baby signals his or her needs through facial expression, sounds and body movement. We'll talk about the importance of being warm and loving and responsive to your baby; why parents need to talk, read and sing to their newborn. Also, why infants like routines and rituals. Realizing the importance that each child is unique and different. Never hit or shake your child, these forms of discipline can have long term negative effects — our focus is on positive parenting. Post Partum visits also include a growth and weight check, birth control options and printed information. We provide referrals to community resources.

I look forward to hearing from you and answering your questions.

Author: Kathy Harsch, RN, BSN
Public Health Nurse

Please call the Children's Home Society/Family Resource Center at Key Peninsula at 884-5433 for information on programs and schedules: Indoor Park – Toddler Art – Wee Play – Relatives Raising Children – Love & Logic – Little Buddies – Teen Night – ...and more!

The Children's Home Society/Family Resource Center at Key Peninsula is located in the lower level of the Civic Center. We can be reached between the hours of 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM Monday through Friday at 884-5433.

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The board of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association wishes to express its deep appreciation to these additional friends and neighbors who have generously contributed to the Civic Center tax fund:

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SHOW UP ***** SPEAK UP

Did you know that you are a member of the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association?

Everyone over 18 who lives, works or owns property on the Key Peninsula (in the area also known as Fire District 16) is automatically a member of this community organization. Sadly, only about 40 to 50 people actually participate in the governing body - the Key Peninsula Civic Center Association Board. With our growing population and all the talent and energy available - that's a shame. Running the Civic Center, with activities that many in the community attend and depend on, is a big job and important decisions must be made to keep things running. The whole process works best when many and diverse points of view can be included in those decisions.

Please note: KPCCA Board meetings are scheduled for the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Whitmore Room at the Civic Center and you are invited to participate. The next meeting is October 11.

It is time to begin planning the election of officers and representative board members for next year. A slate of officers is being developed now and people may also be nominated by mail. Candidates must accept nomination in person at a board meeting. The board members are also elected at this time, and everyone in the community has a vote at the annual election. It is important to have someone who represents you and your interests in this group.

Next Meeting - Thursday, October 11 at 7:00 PM - Whitmore Room, Key Peninsula Civic Center

K P Community Fair May Have Spawned An Urban Legend

By Marty Marcus

By the time this appears in print, many of you will already have heard about the giant snake that is supposed to have escaped from a car parked at the north edge of Volunteer Park. The car had been driven here from Iowa by one of the carnival employees who said he does not travel with the carnival.

He walked over to the Herpetological Society's booth and told us he had brought a nine foot Boa Constrictor with him, that it had been asleep in the car, but was not in any type of travel container. He said he had parked about 7 AM and left a car window partly open and when he returned to the car the snake was gone.

For the remainder of the time at the Fair, while he wasn't doing something for the carnival he was over at our booth handling our snakes. Although I believe that driving around with a loose snake in your car is very irresponsible, I felt sorry for the man because he said he had owned that snake for thirty years. I've had several snakes go for more than twenty years, but it takes a lot of care and good luck to have one for thirty years.

I went over with him to where his car was parked and together we looked for possible holes under the fence where the snake could have crawled through to get to the woody area on the north side of the park. We even looked under the other vehicles parked in that parking area. Two people went looking in the woods, but none of us came up with any sign of the snake. We told him to call us in a few days and we would let him know if our Herpetological Society Adoption Committee might have another big boa looking for a new home, but we have not heard anything from him.

As this story as been told and retold, it has changed, the way these types of stories usually do. In the latest version I heard, for example, the snake has changed from a nine foot Boa to a nineteen foot Python. My own view of this story, based upon more than forty years of working with snakes and other reptiles, is that this "escape" never happened. Even if it did, it poses a much bigger problem for the snake than for the residents of the Key Peninsula. As the temperature starts dropping, tropical snakes don't hibernate, they go into a state of torpor in which they just lie around as their metabolism gets slower and slower. Eventually they get pneumonia or some other respiratory disease, from which they die, unless they get killed by a bear or cougar or stray dog first.

What will probably live on for years to come is the story of the giant snake that escaped from a car at the first Key Peninsula Community Fair.

SEPTEMBER 11, 2001: CAUSES & CONSEQUENCES

A forum for discussion led by Andrew Milton, assistant professor in the Political Sciences Department at Pacific Lutheran University, and Lisa Ferrari-Comeau, assistant professor in the Politics and Government Department at the University of Puget Sound, will be held on Saturday, October 27 from 1 PM to 3 PM at the Key Center Library. Both discussion leaders have a background in international politics.

A WORK IN PROGRESS



Artist John Jewell remembers finding his inspiration for the figures while watching children come and go outside the Key Center Library.



Friends of the Key Peninsula Library, Dick Bates and Molly Holmes, visited sculptor John Jewell's studio recently for a first viewing of his full size clay figures which will be cast in bronze and placed in front of the library.



Molly Holmes, whose suggestion led to the sculpture project, examines some details more closely. The books the children have are actual titles suggested by librarian, Dory Meyers.

Photos by Ann Waldo



John Jewell described the process of constructing the clay figures beginning with re-bar, filling out with styrofoam and clay and the attention he pays to detail, viewing the works in all kinds of light at all times of day. Transporting them to the foundry for casting is another whole problem.

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A View From Home

by Marty Marcus

I was in California, just getting ready to go to the airport for my return to Home (and a *KP News* staff meeting) when the news broke about the tragic events in New York and Washington, DC. I never did get to return via air as had been planned, but that's another story.

However, the slower return trip via Amtrak gave me the opportunity to try to fathom why so many people dislike our country so much that they were willing to destroy themselves in an attempt to cripple us. And I kept asking myself why supposedly intelligent people seem to find it so difficult to sit down at a table and work out their differences without resorting to killing one another.

Having spent several years as a negotiator and occasional mediator, as well as having taught "brainstorming", I realized that part of the problem is that there are some cardinal principles involved in successful negotiations that some people are not aware of or can't accept, and yet that are factors in determining whether the negotiations are to have a desired outcome.

To enter into negotiations with the idea that your side is going to get everything it wants while the other side has to yield on everything it's after is a waste of time and can only lead to increased animosity between the two sides. To enter into negotiations with the feeling that your side has to come out the winner while the other side has to be the loser is also a guarantee of failure. The object of negotiating has to be a win-win conclusion. Each side has to feel that it has gained something from the process.

Another problem negotiators often face is negotiating in public. If you've made speeches and issued press releases about how great your proposals are, it becomes very difficult to drop some of those proposals in order to get agreement on some of the others if the public or the media are "looking over your shoulder."

Negotiating in public also leads to statements being made to show how "heart-to-heart" we are and how intransigent the other side is. I can still remember a scene where the school district superintendent jumped up and paraded around the room while exclaiming, "Marty Marcus, you can think of more ways to mess up this district than anyone else I know!" A few years later, when I had decided to retire, he spoke privately with me and said that I was such a fair-minded person that even though I had represented the teachers, he would like me to sit in on future negotiating sessions as a "neutral observer" and make recommendations to both sides.

The question of why so many people around the world dislike the U.S. is one we'll look at next month. I need to delve into Howard Zinn's *A People's History of the United States* for some little-known historical events that may provide some clues.

Have A Safe Halloween!



KEY DATES 2001



BUSINESS / PROFESSIONAL GROUPS

KP Business Assoc. 1st Friday - 7:30 AM Home Port Rest
3rd Friday - Noon Horseshoe Lake Rm.
Fire Fighters Assoc. 4th Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.

CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

Ashes 1st Thursday at 10:30 AM Key Center Fire Station
Boy Scout Troop #220 Tuesday 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - KPCC Whitmore Rm.
Coodettes 3rd Thursday at 7:00 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCCA Exec. Comm. 1st Monday - 7:00 PM Civic Center
KPCCA Board 2nd Thursday - 7:00 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
KPCS Board 2nd Monday - 10:00 AM Comm. House - Home
KPHC Board 4th Thursday - 7:30 PM Health Center
KP Lions Club 1st & 3rd Wed. - 8:30 PM KPCC/Whitmore Rm.
VFW & Auxiliary 2nd & 4th Mon. - 7:00 PM CC/VFW Room/WM Rm.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

Adult Literacy Classes - Call for Appointment 851-6552 - Gig Harbor
Angel Guild 4th Monday - 10:00 AM Brones Rm./KC Library
Children's Home Society Family Resource Center - Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM, Key Peninsula Civic Center, Lower Level - Call 884-5433
Food Bank - Tues. through Fri., 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Comm. House - Home
Hot Lunch for Seniors on Wednesdays and Fridays at Noon
Community House - Home
Also food & clothing assistance. For More Information, call 884-4444.
Immunizations (FREE) Thursday, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at *Urgent Care, Gig Harbor*.

The Key Peninsula Well Child Clinic at the office of Dr. Ross every Tuesday at 9:00 AM.

Key Center Library 884-2242 - Hours: Tuesday & Wednesday 11 AM - 8 PM,

Thursday & Friday, 11 AM - 6 PM, Saturday, 11 AM - 5 PM.

KP Baptist Bible Study Wednesday - 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM KP Civic Center

Overeaters Anonymous Wednesday - 7:30 PM St. Nicholas Church

There Is Hope 12-Step Christian Support Group Thursdays at 7:00 PM at Lakebay Christian Assembly Church - 253-884-3659.

WIC (Women, Infants & Children) Every Tuesday 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM Civic Center, in the VFW Room. Call: 884-3835 on Tuesdays for an appointment.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

KP Fire Commissioners 2nd Wednesday - 7:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
2nd Monday after 2nd Wednesday at 4:00 PM Key Center Fire Sta.
KP Parks & Rec. 2nd Monday - 7:00 PM Volunteer Park Annex

SELF-HELP GROUPS

Alcoholics Anonymous - Wed. at 7:00 PM and Fri. at 8:00 PM
At the Key Peninsula Community Services in Home.
Peninsula ALANON - King of Grace Lutheran Church, Purdy - Tuesday 1:30 PM
Contact Norma at 884-2205 for more information.
T.O.P.S. Tuesday Evening Weigh-in 6:15 PM - Meeting at 7:00 PM - Civic Center
T.O.P.S. Tuesdays at 9:00 AM at Fire Station, Home, WA

SOCIAL & HOBBY GROUPS

Bayshore Garden Club 3rd Friday of each month, for more information call Sylvia Retherford at 884-2487. Longbranch Improvement
KP Historical Society 1st Thursday - 7:30 PM KP Historical Museum
Museum Open Thursday and Saturday from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM.
LB Improvement Club 3rd Wednesday - 7:00 PM Longbranch Improvement
Peninsula Neighbors 2nd Tuesday - 10:00 AM Longbranch Fire Station #4
Lakebay Fuchsia Society 1st Thursday - 7:00 PM Brones Rm./KC Library
Ruth Circle Meeting 3rd Monday - 10:00 AM Bible Study, lunch and
Meeting at 12:00 Noon at the Longbranch Church.
Senior Society Luncheon Thursdays - Noon KPCC/Whitmore Room
Vaughn Bay Garden Club Call 884-5403 for more information.
Key Singers Tuesdays 7:00 - 9:00 PM Longbranch Comm. Church
Contact Jo Sturm - 884-1350.

Notice: If your organization is listed in our Key Notes 2001, please check to be sure the time and location are correct, so we can bring it up to date.

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At Home, the old Fire Truck with OUR FLAG flying makes a dramatic statement on September 13, 2001. Photo by Ann Waldo

INVITATION TO CHANGE

by Mary Nelson

People are stopping to appreciate the value of their lives. They are redefining what they want out of life. Many have found that some of their priorities have changed.

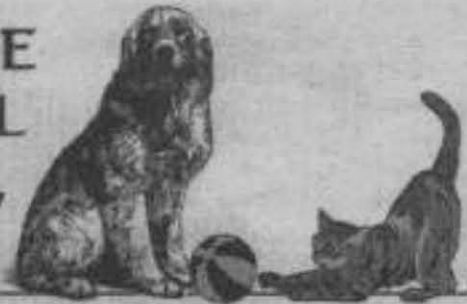
If you are one who feels that better health and more care for your body is higher on your list of priorities, you will be interested to hear about the Open House planned for you by your local Morning TOPS chapter. It will be held at the usual meeting place - the Home Fire Station on Tuesday, October 23 from 9:00 AM to 10:30 AM.

T.O.P.S. is a support group for people who want to lose weight. We have a suggested diet program, but encourage you to follow whatever plan your doctor recommends. With programs and contests, songs and speakers, you are surrounded with friends and fun. You will get encouragement and your presence there will be an encouragement to others. Men and women from 9 to 90+ years are welcome.

When you come, be sure to talk to our best losers of the month. Anna Johnstone came in first. She is especially appreciated for her warm smile. Her daughter-in-law, Kristen Johnstone, came in a close second. Keep up the good work ladies!!!

If you have any questions about the Open House or T.O.P.S. please call Ruth, 884-9606 or Dottie, 884-1712. Or just stop by on Tuesday and ask a TOPS loser.

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In Memory of Kenneth "Oodie" Krieg



Photo by Hugh McMillan

Biker buddies and many others gathered in Key Center recently to honor Kenneth "Oodie" Krieg, who was killed recently in a motorcycle accident on KPHN. Oodie was a member, formerly Road Captain of Washington State, of ABATE (Bikers Aimed Toward Education), and of CMA (Christian Motorcycle Association) and was well known in the KP community for his unofficial role as mentor and counselor to young people in the area. "He helped to keep them from doing stupid things, to stay out of trouble. He gave them direction", said friend and fellow biker, Ron Portz. Oodie helped at the food bank at the Christian Assembly Church in Home and worked with the church's AA program. He helped at the Key Peninsula Angel Guild's Thrift Shop in Key Center by hauling off and recycling materials surplus to the Guild's needs.

Oodie will be missed by many in the area.



Veterans' Voices By Eileen Young

At this point in time, our trials and tribulations, plans and joys seem small in comparison to world events. I find myself unable at the moment to express anything but disbelief and sadness at the events both local and countrywide.

This month please keep CARING for our own as well as for those who are suffering such losses.

FLY YOUR FLAG, LOVE ONE ANOTHER AND PRAY FOR OUR COUNTRY.

Learn to ID Salmon

If you have already volunteered to watch for salmon, there will be a training session on how to recognize the different types of salmon on October 6th at 10 AM at the Minter Creek Salmon Hatchery. Even if you have not volunteered to participate in this year's salmon watch, you can still attend this training session. It might even inspire you to volunteer to be a salmon watcher at one of the local creeks. Volunteers will learn not only how to identify the different types of salmon, but also how to recognize salmon nests (redds).

This Salmon Watch program is sponsored by the Fish and Wildlife Committee of the KP-Gig Harbor-Islands Watershed Interim Council, members of our community working together for a healthy watershed with the cooperation of Pierce County Water Programs, the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department, the Pierce County Conservation District and the Washington State Department of Ecology.

The KGI Watershed Council's purpose is to protect water quality and beneficial uses of water through activities which foster collaboration and involvement of all watershed residents. Their concerns cover such topics as shorelines, shellfish, septic systems, boating, stormwater, small farms, environmentally-friendly landscaping and, of course, salmon.

Their projects include, among others, septic system education, placement of watershed boundary signs, and Salmon Watch. For more information about this project and others sponsored by the KGI Watershed Council or how to be a part of the Council, call Barbara Ann Smolko at Pierce County Water Programs, 253-798-6156.

HEAR AND THEIR ON OUR KEY PENINSULA

by Keith Stiles

Members of the community and others gathered at the Longbranch Improvement Club on Wednesday evening, September 19, to say a reluctant "Good-bye" to John and Addie McMenamin, who are moving to a smaller home in a beach area of Southern California. Randy Carr, past president of the LIC, told the story of the McMenamin's lives and involvement with our Key Peninsula activities and organizations, including the vision, information gathering, photography, editing and production supervision of that wonderful book "Early Days of the Key Peninsula". Among other events he mentioned was John's formation of "The Filucy Bay Rowing Club", where the only membership requirement is the purchase of a \$6.00 hat, and club's greatest claim to fame is that it has never had a meeting in 15 years. The LIC members presented the McMenamins with a "thank-you" plaque, and John and Addie both responded with their messages of love for the local area and its water world, with John including some of his all-purpose cheers and songs. In other business, members of the LIC approved the appointment of a new building manager there, naming local resident Kris Sherman [not the one who writes for TNT, Ed.] to the task.

Other news from Longbranch included the word that The Ruth Circle of the Longbranch Church will be holding its Annual Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, November 3, at the Church with crafts, "white elephants", refreshments and a raffle.

Fire District 16 Chairperson Ruth Bramhall and Commissioners Jim Bosch and Fred Ramsdell are urging all District residents to purchase those "Vital" street number signs that you see popping up here and there. The signs, which are also easily visible at night, make it far easier for emergency equipment to find your home in time of need when seconds count. The cost is only \$12.50 for the sign, and the price includes the post and the Fire District folks will even come around and install the sign for you. For more information call the District Headquarters at 884-2222.

In other Fire District 16 news, we can report that from the beginning of the year through the end of August there have been 1088 responses by the KP Fire Department, including 762 Aid calls, 237 Fire calls and 89 Service calls, including 17 calls involving hazardous materials. There were 110 auto accidents, and 472 of us were transported to hospital facilities, including 7 by airlift. Some District rigs and crews have been serving on the fire lines over in Central and Eastern Washington. Chairperson Bramhall announced that the District had received an insurance settlement of about \$82,000.00 for earthquake damage from our recent shaker.

The Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary, "Ashes", will be holding a rummage sale at the Key Center Fire Station on October 13 from 9 AM to 3 PM. Donations will be welcome on Friday, October 12, and pickup arrangements can be made. Call 884-2222.

Hope you caught the Key Center Library Display "One Room Schools" during September. Melody Shinokis did a great job! Next on her busy schedule — "Snowmen" in January and "Watching Butterflies" in April — at the Library.

News in Shorts: Who won what? Winners in the Key Peninsula Community Fair raffle were reported to be Marilyn Lewis, Jeff O'Brian, Denise Hall and Louie Rousseau... In the Friends of the Key Center Library raffle Richard Cole won the Quilt, and the paintings went to Kim Klint and Marguerite Bussard... Mindy has moved her Cutterbug over to the KC Corral, says her hair-cutting days will be Sunday to Wednesday... The signs "For Lease", etc., all seem to be gone from the vacant "Key Central Plaza Retail Center" up on the KP Highway North near the Shell Mini-Mart; not too clear about what's going on with that property, but suspect we will hear more soon... Drive 302 [and other by-ways, Ed.] as if your life depended upon it; it probably does.

VETERANS OF THE BATTLE OF THE BULGE SEMI-ANNUAL LUNCHEON

All veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, as well as their families and those interested in World War II history, are invited to join together for the luncheon at the McChord AFB Officers' Club on Saturday, October 13 from 11:00 AM until 2:00 PM.

The Northwest Chapter of the Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge has arranged these luncheons to renew old friendships and the comradeship that resulted from the conflagration in World War II.

For reservations and information, please call Lois Wick at (253) 566-7665, Phil Robbins at (360) 674-7175 or Dick Rogers at (206) 242-9028. Due to the large number attending last March, the reservations must be received by October 9, 2001 as we are limited to 200 guests attending. Make your plans well in advance of that date!





IN THE LIBRARY

PROBING THE INVISIBLE UNIVERSE USING RADIO WAVES by University of Washington astronomer Andrew West, Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00 PM.

Andrew will discuss the basics of radio astronomy and how astronomers combine information from radio and optical telescopes to study a given astronomical phenomenon. He will talk specifically about how these techniques are used to learn about star formation in galaxies.

Andrew West has always loved astronomy. Growing up in northern California, he stayed up at night to watch the stars, the rings of Saturn, the moons of Jupiter and the craters on the moon. He describes his high school years as being "filled with the joys of math and physics." He went on to major in Physics and Astronomy at Haverford College in Pennsylvania, graduating with honors. He received his Masters from the University of Washington and is currently working on his PhD. His research interests are in the formation of galaxies, especially how gas plays a major role in that process. As a graduate student, Andrew teaches undergraduates at all levels and works on cutting edge research. He participates in the Upward Bound program at the university, where he gets to work with underprivileged high school students from Seattle, in the University Tutoring Services and in many astronomical outreach programs.

This is a free program sponsored by the Friends of the Key Center Library.

FAMILY STORYTIMES continues through November 4th each Wednesday at 2:00 PM. For more information call 884-2242.

Calling all **BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS**: The Pierce County Library has a new service of providing a kit of materials for book discussion groups. Each kit includes 15 copies of the same book title, author biographical information, reviews, discussion questions and more. For more details on how to reserve or for a list of titles available, consult the Pierce County Library website www.pcl.lib.wa.us or inquire at the Key Center Library.

A RESCUE

On a quiet, finally clear evening recently, I looked out on Henderson Bay with disbelief as a small motor boat and its mooring buoy began drifting farther and farther from the shore. After a number of phone calls and other attempts to contact neighbors and to reach the after hours sheriff's line, Marty called Fire Commissioner Fred Ramsdell for help. By now, the boat was about a mile out into the water on its way to Purdy. Apparently Walt Schmidt, down the way, also called the Fire Department. About half an hour later, an amazing sight - two red Fire Department rescue water craft with personnel in yellow slickers came zooming out of Joe's Bay heading toward the sad boat, now almost invisible to us. They checked out the boat, secured a line (one of them in the water for awhile) and slowly, carefully towed it back to Joe's Bay.

Fire Chief Gary Franz confirmed that Captain Tracy Lyon and Fireman Ken Foss were the two rescuers, and what's more, the boat belongs to our golfing lawyer columnist, Mike Misner!

GREAT JOB - Done quickly, efficiently - and Mike's boat is back in safe harbor.

by Ann Waldo, Co-editor

T.O.P.S. NEWS

by Frankie Johnson

It is so exciting when our members are doing so well. This past month was exceptional as Manny Almeda lost 23 1/4 lbs to be our best of the month. Ellen Jackson was in 2nd place with a 9 lbs loss. We had five members who lost at least 5 pounds. As a group we lost 79 pounds. **OUTSTANDING!!!**

Misty Gablehouse as our weight recorder is really doing a great job of motivating the group. She does not accept any lame excuses, but gives us a positive incentive to do our best. Carol Bischoff and Colleen Spezia have reinstated the popular and effective weekly incentive program which builds on the weigh to go program.

At the end of the month we are scheduled to go to another TOPS gathering. The fall rally will be held in Bremerton on September 29 at the high school. As always this is a special event as we are honored locally for our group achievements. Ian McKnight will share his wonderful talent by singing God Bless America and then serenade the alumni KOPS. Ian is our 9 year old member with the big voice who is gaining a reputation as an extremely talented young man. We feel fortunate to have him and his mom in our group. Details next month. I hope we have more to brag about.

We congratulate our leader Jena Henak in her new position as office manager at the Civic Center. We are sure she will be a big asset to the Center. Jena knows how to get a job done.

With Halloween coming we are getting ready to decorate ourselves and our pumpkins and we will be volunteering at the Civic Center party for the kids.

There is a program every week at our meeting aimed to help you in your quest for normal weight. We want to invite you to sit in on any Tuesday evening at 6:00 PM and join the fun on your way to a good weight loss. We are in the VFW room over the small building at the Civic Center.

Gig Harbor Quilt Festival 2001 Continues in October

"Spirit of the Harbor: An Adventure in Quilts" is an Invitational Quilt Exhibition and Auction to Benefit Breast Cancer Research.

From October 3rd to 19th "Spirit of the Harbor" quilts will be displayed at Gig Harbor City Hall, 3105 Judson Street, and at Arrabella's Landing Marina, 3323 Harborview Drive. An Antique Quilt Exhibit of a dozen quilts, some dating back to the Civil War period and earlier, will be on display at the Gig Harbor Historical Society and Museum at 4218 Harborview Drive, from October 13th to 25th.

The Inn at Gig Harbor will be the scene on October 19th for Sew & Tell, quilters networking and a social time. Quilts made by young and old, novice and experienced quilters, will be on display in many shops and businesses for the Quilt Walk through historic waterfront Gig Harbor on October 19th to 21st. Maps showing the locations of these quilts are available throughout downtown Gig Harbor.

The Gig Harbor Branch of Tacoma Community College will offer quilt classes all day on October 20th. There will be a variety of classes offered by local teachers. National quilt author Joen Wolfrom will also be in attendance at that site. Pre-registration is required.

The Gig Harbor Best Western Wesley Inn will be the site of the Quilt Festival Gala and Auction on the 20th. Spectacular quilts, created especially for this event, will be auctioned to benefit breast cancer research. Tickets for this event are available by contacting Harbor Quilt Shop at 858-5414.

To register for any of these events or for more information contact Nancy Altman at 853-7990 or Patti Vincent at 858-5414. To participate by exhibiting a quilt in the event, please call Nancy Altman at 853-7990.



TAX TIPS
By
Marv & Myrtle
Kelzur, CTP

We are going to remind you that the tax laws are and have become the most complex that we have ever known. If you have a small business unless you are working with an accountant/tax-preparer you are in danger of failure because you don't know what you are doing. Most failures are because of lack of capital or not understanding how to properly handle the money.

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To Your Health

by
William F. Roes, M.D.

October is the only month of the year I always have a topic to fall back on — this year's Flu Vaccine. Each year the Center for Disease Control selects the three strains of influenza virus they feel are most likely to cause widespread infections. This changes every year, so the vaccine also changes, although it frequently has two of the three strains from the previous year. This year's vaccine will cover A/Moscow, A/New Caledonia, and B/Szechuan. You may recall the delays in getting the vaccine last year. They have supposedly "fixed" the supply problem, but we still haven't had any guarantees when the vaccine will arrive. We are making a leap of faith and plan to start giving the flu shots this year on Saturday, October 27th, beginning at 9:00 AM at the Key Medical Center, 15610 89th Street in downtown Key Center.

Once again, the vaccine is recommended for virtually everyone over 65, as well as younger residents with chronic health problems such as diabetes or lung disease. This year's strategy is to provide the vaccine to senior citizens first. The vaccine takes several weeks to take effect, and its protection usually lasts 4 -5 months.

We are also going to try a new approach to providing flu shots for the community and at the same time try to keep my bookkeepers sane by setting up specific times for community flu shot clinics. At these clinics anyone from the Key Peninsula can receive a flu shot for a nominal fee even if they are not our patients. The first will be on October 27th as stated above, and we will plan others at later dates at our office in Key Center, at Community House in Home, on Herron Island, and possibly down in Longbranch or other community locations where a number of people can be served. Look for info about this in next month's article or for a sign near the road in front of the Library announcing when community shots will be available.

Angel Notes

By Frankie Johnson

The kids are back in school and the days are getting shorter. Don't you wonder where the time goes? Here we are again on the verge of the fall holidays. We started Halloween costumes in late September and they are flying out of the store. (On brooms?) There are plenty more, but do come in early for the best selection. Children's clothes and Halloween items will be highlighted this month. We are also accepting new members and there are several in training at this time.

At our September general meeting we were so happy to surprise Virginia Seavy with a birthday cake and celebration in honor of her 85th birthday. She is one of our founding members and works very faithfully every week in the sorting shed.

We get asked from time to time to take a check for a purchase. We have not been taking checks for several years. Nor do we accept credit cards. Both have an added expense that we don't want to pass on to our community. Cash is the only way to go at the Angel Guild Thrift Shoppe. We are more than happy to hold your selections for a short time. Our policy is to hold an item for one shift only. Since we are all volunteers, it gets hard to convey messages to the next shift. We do close at 4:00 PM on Wednesday through Friday and at 3:00 PM on Saturday. If you are still shopping at the end of the day, we do warn you that we are closing. And we do ask your cooperation to allow our volunteers to leave in a timely fashion. We hope you have not been inconvenienced by our established policies.

Remember, if your group or organization has a need, send your request, in writing, to the attention of the financial committee chairman. It will go to the committee and then our membership will vote on it. Two months is an ideal time for this to go through the process. Also, if you need assistance for clothing for your kids or any other worthy need, you only have to tell the people at Community House in Home or at the Children's Home Society office at the Civic Center to get a voucher to come in and shop for your needs. This procedure is always confidential.

Next month Christmas will be coming to the shoppe. There will be special sales and special days of openings to be announced. Come on in. It is fun!

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YESTERDAY'S TEENAGERS!

Key Peninsula Senior Society
by Jim Nolan @ 851-4847

Wow — we did it!! Observed the K.P. Senior Society's 22nd birthday. On September 20 we gathered for our regular Thursday luncheon and card session and were greeted by a veritable feast. We had several different kinds of salad, hot dishes and a HUGE Prime-rib, roasted by our former president, Chuck Williamson (who also carved). We had a decorated cake, too, and everyone ate like food was going out of style. Some 25 of us attended and we could have used more guests — you were invited last month in this space - remember ?? Our thanks to the small band of seniors who met and formed our group back in September of 1979, none of whom remain with us, sorry to say.

PS : We're available to any senior, FREE, so join us on Thursday at noon - Civic Center - Vaughn - for potluck and cards. We'd like to know you.

Back from summer travels: Erma Dunn, returned safely from the East Coast. Arminda and Vic Doggett, completed a few wonderful weeks of weather at their place on Lake Pend O'reille. Virginia Adkisson visited friends in Moses Lake and Pasco. (And her car made it safely all the way - but ask her about her experience with a new cell phone.) And Chuck W. visited his son in Chico, CA. (WARM !)

Incidentally, we still have some raffle tickets for the two beautifully crocheted table cloths done by Virginia A. for our fund-raiser. Better plan to purchase some. Drawing to be held in November.

Bea Emil made some small ribboned American flags and pinned one on each of us — which fit right into the mood of the country and the wave of patriotism which followed the World Trade Center and Pentagon incidents recently. Patriotism - yea, but jingoism - nay !!! We'll keep wearing the flags and thanks, Bea.


Stella Brennan spent many anxious hours after the crash in NYC trying to track down her daughter who was in New York. She couldn't locate her by phone but finally, after many unsuccessful calls, made contact. Seems her daughter was on the subway at the time and all the trains stopped so she was forced to walk 80 blocks back to her hotel. You KNOW Stella sighed a big breath of relief when she finally heard.

YOU'RE INVITED — to our HALLOWEEN luncheon meeting on October 25th. Wear black & orange or some scary outfit, if you like. Some of us look scary enough WITHOUT a costume. But come if you can - Potluck - and we'd like to see lots of Ghostly and Goblinish Seniors that day - or any Thursday.

How's this for a Want-Ad:

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That's it for now —more next month, God willin' and the crick don't rise.



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The following people have signed saying they support the re-election of Ruth Bramhall to the office of Fire Commissioner in District #16.

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PARKS

by Nancy Lind

Key Peninsula Park and Recreation District Board

The new officers for the KPPRD are Chair, Marilyn Tagert, Vice Chair, Pat Medveckus, Treasurer, Dick Granquist, Secretary, Nancy Lind. Fred Ramsdell is still on the board but has done more than his share as the outgoing chairman. The park phone is still 884-9240. Gerritt Voorhies is the groundskeeper and is doing the park proud.

Volunteer Park

Adult Softball is almost over. As of 9/20, Minter Vet is 1st, Hy-u-Hee-Hee and Henderson Bay are tied for 2nd.

Swap Meets are scheduled for Saturdays. Call the Park, 884-9240, or Nancy Lind, 884-3347, for dates.

Mud Bowl had their 17-team tournament the 3rd week of September. The first and second place winners were from Federal Way and Minter Vet and Hy-u-Hee-Hee were 3rd and 4th. This is a very nice tournament and they will be back next year.

Key Peninsula Community Fair has already been scheduled for the 4th weekend in August 2002. As a result of this year's Fair, the Park has upgraded roads, electric and water systems and more plans are in the works for next year. For a first year, the Fair was a big boost to our community and, while a lot of money wasn't made, all the bills were paid and some seed money was left over to start up next year. The work of the Fair board, the volunteers, the generous contributions from sponsors, the response from vendors, support from the community and overall good marks for a job well done was heartwarming. The Fair board is meeting already on a regular basis to get all the ducks in a row for next year.

Rocky Creek Conservation Area

The fourth annual Make-a-Difference Day takes place on Saturday Oct. 27 at 10:00AM. This is the anniversary of when the park was leased to the Key Peninsula Park Board. This year we will be putting up the sign on Highway 302 and 150th that points to the park, installing a new picnic table that Scout Mathew Macaras built, putting in an off-set fence to limit the creek trail to walkers only, pulling 8 inch scotch broom from around the little trees we planted last spring and clearing trails. We will put out a table of sandwich makings, coffee, punch and dessert around noontime. Everyone is welcome to come to this park on a beautiful day (and it will be nice, we promise) and join us in these projects. This experience of working in the woods in the fall is truly a worthwhile experience. Look for the new signs on 302 and 150th. Call Nancy Lind at 884-3347 for more information.

PARCS (Park and Recreation Council)

I discussed the PARCS Council (an umbrella group of all park and recreation activities) last month and I would like to keep the community updated on what is happening in this area. PARCS right now is very concerned about the Zoo/Trek park and recreation tax revenues that were voted on last year and how these taxes are going to be allocated. The decision at the county level is to take the \$2 million a year that will be generated throughout the county to produce a \$25 million bond to pay for big projects now. That would take all the money for 20 years. At this time the school district is lobbying for \$3.5 million, our share of these funds, to be used to make general repairs to three athletic fields in the Peninsula School District. The reasoning is that the GH/KP has no big regional park to spend that chunk of money on. The language of Proposition 1 when we voted was to provide for parks, period. Athletic fields are not parks unless you feel that in a sense they are and then you have to ask why can't the general public get into them until after 6 PM. We are very concerned about this, as it would seem that our smaller parks would be shortchanged again in the county revenues for parks, as has been the pattern here on the GH/KP.

State Issues Final Drought Review

Washington continues to be in a state of "drought emergency" that was declared on March 14th. That declaration will remain in effect at least through December 31st.

Washington considers its "water year" to run from October 1st through September 30th, so by the time you read this we will be in a new water year, but not necessarily in a wetter one. The water year that just ended was one of the lowest on record for all the rivers in the state. It was the lowest ever recorded for the Wenatchee River.

We seem to have made it through the most difficult months of this year's drought, now that the usual irrigation season is past, according to Doug McChesney, the Ecology Department's drought coordinator. "Now we are waiting to see what the coming months hold for replenishing our water supplies for people to drink, generating electricity and for other uses." Washington requires a lot of water in the fall and winter months for electricity. There is no specific indication yet that the weather in the coming fall and winter months will be unusual, but it is too early yet to predict whether the drought will continue into 2002. One number that doesn't look good, especially for farmers dependent upon irrigation, is the amount of water in storage in the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation's five reservoirs. 50,000 acre-feet now, 300,000 acre-feet at the same time last year.

If you've been conserving water and electricity, keep on doing so. If you haven't been, start now!

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Questions & Answers
Financial Focus

Submitted by Connie R. Rose

Stay the Investing Course to Weather World Crisis

As the horrifying events surrounding the September 11 attack on the United States gripped the nation, financial matters were not the first priority. Peoples' thoughts and concern were with our nation, and particularly with the victims of the tragedy and their families and friends. Yet, individual investors faced an uncertain investment market with many unanswered questions about their own investments. As an investor, what should you do?

During periods of uncertainty, it's more important than ever to remember the basic rule of successful investing.

Stay the Course

Now is not the time to get out of the market. Sadly, there have been other national tragedies in the past, although arguably none as horrific as the events of September 11. Thankfully, we live in a nation that is resilient, and the financial markets have historically reflected that.

Stay with Quality

Stocks issued by companies with histories of solid growth can endure periods of market uncertainty and continue to grow in value.

Stay Diversified

Portfolio risk can be reduced by spreading your investment dollars among a variety of investment types, including stocks, mutual funds, bonds and other investments. By owning a variety of investment types, your portfolio will be well-positioned to weather most market crises.

Stay Focused

When it comes to investing, long-term performance is what counts. It's difficult not to dwell on the recent tragedy; but, with regard to your investments, it's important to look forward.

Stay Calm

Investment decisions should never be made based on emotions. Rather, they should be based on long-term needs and goals.

By following these timeless investment rules, you can stay on course during even the most turbulent market and reach your long-term goals as planned.

When Bad News Is Really Good News

Peninsula Light Company announced an 11.3% rate increase, effective October 1st. That's the bad news. The good news is that they had previously thought they would have to plug in a 43% increase to cover their increased cost of wholesale power from BPA and to resume the program to improve system reliability.

PenLight CEO Rob Orton said that while the percentage increase is less than anticipated, it still will have an impact of about \$8 a month in the summer and about \$15 a month in the winter. The company will continue to help its members reduce their usage through conservation as well as continuing to offer other financial assistance programs, such as the 25% (up from 10%) low-income discount for seniors and disabled households.

In spite of BPA's efforts to reduce demand for electric energy, members should anticipate fluctuations in electric rates for the next few years because of weather uncertainties, competing regional interests, too little power being generated and rising costs of transmission. PenLight's contract with BPA calls for rate reviews every six months for the next three years, which could lead to more rate increases but could also lead to some decreases as well.

While the rising cost for wholesale power is the main factor in the October 1st rate

increase, restoring the efforts to improve system reliability is also a factor, since members have often said they want power available when they need it. And that's no small task when you consider service is provided to 26,000 members over 880 miles of power lines.

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Living and Learning on the Key Peninsula

Key Peninsula Historical Society

By Dale Skrivanich

The Historical Society's Fall Social for members and guests will be held on Thursday, October 25th, at the Key Peninsula Civic Center. The Social starts at 6:30 PM, followed by the business meeting and the program at 7:30. The Museum will be open from 6:00 to 6:30 and also after the program.

This program will be the last in a series on the cemeteries of the Key Peninsula. Joyce Niemann and Peggy Dervacs will present the history of the Vaughn Cemetery.

The Museum will be having a booth at the annual Christmas Fair at the Key Peninsula Civic Center on November 17th. This will be a great opportunity to purchase books, mugs or Museum tote bags.

If you would like to become a member of the Historical Society or volunteer at the Museum, please call Barb at 884-4399 or Shirley at 884-2481. The public is invited to attend the monthly Board meeting on the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 PM at the Museum.

REMEMBER THE MUSEUM IS OPEN THURSDAYS AND SATURDAYS FROM 1 TO 4 OR BY APPOINTMENT. TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT PLEASE CALL TIM KEZELE AT 884-4538.

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Donations can be brought to the Fire Station on Friday, October 12 from 10 AM to 1 PM and some arrangements may be made for pickup.

For more information call the Fire Station at 884-2222.

Special Interactive Musical Program Coming

"God is Faithful" is a musical and fun interactive program for children of all ages coming to the Key Peninsula Lutheran Church on Sunday, October 14th at 9:30 AM. Performed by master songwriter and musician Eric Ode, this program will delight and inspire children to feel good about themselves and each other. Eric has a special gift for communicating with children. He is the director of DEEP ROOTED MUSIC, a puppet and music ministry from Sumner, Washington. He performs in public schools and churches everywhere. There is no cost for this program and the community is invited.

The Key Peninsula Lutheran Church is located at Lackey Road and the Key Peninsula Highway. Call 884-3312 for more information.

Trunk or Treat Provides Safe Fun

Lakebay Community Church will provide safe, fun activities again this year on Halloween night with its annual Trunk or Treat. Cars will fill the church parking lot, open their candy-filled trunks topped with inspirational pumpkins while children make the rounds for treats. A variety of games and hot apple cider will be available inside the church. The festivities will begin at 5:30 PM and run to 7:00 PM. All are welcome. Come join the fun. For more information, call the church office at 884-3899.

This Month's Mystery

From time to time strange things happen around the Key Peninsula and we ask people to call us with an explanation. It could be someone flying around, or golf balls on the beach, or giant snakes escaping from cars (see the Urban Legends story on page 2). This month it's a headline we found in another city's newspaper. The mystery is, how did they find out about Keith? Here's the headline:

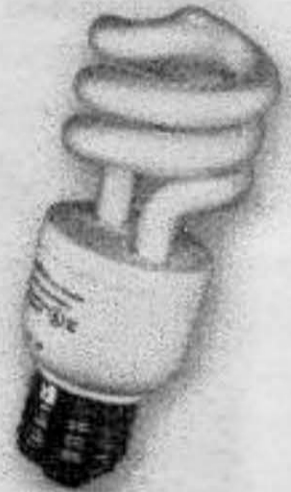
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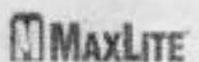


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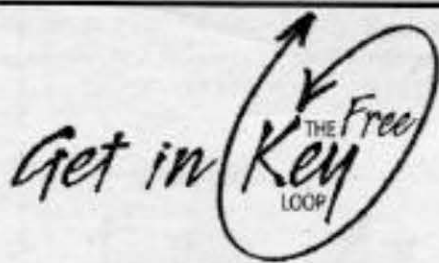
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Next to Walt's In Key Center

The Garden In OCTOBER 2001

by Sylvia Retherford
(253) 884-2487



This Puget Sound climate is such that with a little planning it is possible to grow flowers and vegetables the year around. Now is the time to plant spring bulbs so they will be ready for early bloom. Lilies and irises can be trimmed and moved now also. Leave the dry stalks protruding to show where they are located. Some weeds are beginning to grow and need to be controlled all winter long.

Chrysanthemums, tall fall asters in pinks and purples, six foot tall monkshood (*Acronitum*) with its stalks of deep blue blossoms and *Schistostylus* are in full glory. This gladiola-like lily bears pink or white blooms at this season. The primroses that did not give up during the summer are showing blooms and will improve as winter and spring come along. Even the impatiens are happier now that the slugs, snails and chewing insects have retired.

Summer and fall fruits such as apples, plums, pears, peaches and figs are harvested and stored in the the cool basement or are in the freezer. Winter squash is stored in the basement bedroom and will provide many a dinner until April.

The winter garden, planted in late June as rows of seeds, is now beginning to provide broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, cabbage, kale and many root vegetables. Although a severe cold snap may discourage them for a short while, we have never lost these crops to snow or freezing.

BAYSHORE GARDEN CLUB

The Bayshore Garden Club will meet on Friday, October 19th at the Longbranch Improvement Club at 10 AM to begin with an ornament making workshop. Members should bring moss and dried plant material or other small decorative material. Lunch will be at 12, provided by hostesses Joyce Bischoff and Anita Dougherty. After the usual business, Doris Boudreau will talk about Japanese Anemones and Jean Humphreys will present a design. Doris Boudreau will also talk about Conservation.

There will be a **Plant Sale**, open to the public, and we are seeking **new members**. Anyone interested should drop by to see what we are doing. There is always plenty of lunch for more.

VAUGHN BAY GARDEN CLUB

The October 17th meeting will be at the home of Elsie Olson. Co-hostesses will be Phyllis Anker and Joyce Niemann.

Joyce will demonstrate making leaf molds.
For more information, call 884-5403.

ANOTHER VIEW

by Liz Kassler



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November 17th

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Dinner
November 22nd

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Dinner
December 25th

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TUNES & TALK

October 2nd & 3rd
October 16th & 17th
October 30th & 31st

W.O.W. PROGRAMMING THEMES

October 9th & 10th - "Curious Kitties"
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October 6th - Slime Time

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October 13th - Fall Foliage Coasters

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October 20th - Bats in the Belfry

Learn about these nighttime garden visitors and how their eating habits benefit us, plus make a fun take-home project.

October 27th - Halloween Treat Bags

Make a silly, spooky ghost print bag to carry all your Halloween loot!! Free with admission.

CURIOSITY CORNER THEMES:

Each week the museum's Curiosity Corner features a new theme.

October 2nd - 6th - Delightful Dinosaurs

Learn fun facts about these prehistoric creatures and make a "dino" mite hat too!

October 8th - 13th - Face Painting

Practice your face painting skills and take a recipe home to make your own face paints.

October 15th - 20th - National Magic Week

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