

**OTTER POINT & SHIRLEY  
RESIDENTS & RATEPAYERS ASSOCIATION (OPSRRA)  
INFORMATION UPDATE January 2012**

**WISHING EVERYONE**



The Otter Point & Shirley Residents & Ratepayers Association (OPSRRA) is a registered non-profit society with an elected Board of Directors and strives to present the points-of-view of its members to local government. OPSRRA was founded in 1992 and has a membership of about **400**. Any resident or property owner in Shirley and Otter Point who are age 18 or over are eligible for membership.

**Lifetime memberships cost \$5.00 per person** and are available from OPSRRA directors—see our web site ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)) for further information and on-line registration. Associate (non-voting) memberships are available for persons who do not reside or own property in Shirley or Otter Point, but who wish to support the Association.

The purpose of our society is to:

- Ensure that the development of the two communities of Shirley and Otter Point takes place in an orderly way and in the best interests of its residents.
- Co-operate with local government and other public bodies in the furtherance of the objectives of the society and benefits to the community.
- Concern itself with the performance of government agencies.
- Encourage citizens to stand for public office.
- Promote community spirit and sense of identity by organizing or supporting appropriate activities.

Are you an OPSRRA member? Do you want to receive the OPSRRA newsletter and notice of meetings directly to your e-mail address? OPSRRA now emails this newsletter to over **300** of our members. Contact Arnie Campbell at: [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com) you want to receive this membership service.

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## 1. UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Contact Arnie Campbell at: [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com) or **250-642-3113** to have your community event listed in our monthly community events calendar.

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Sunday  
January 1

**Polar Bear Swim**  
**Sponsored by the Otter Point Firefighters Association**

Register by 11:30 a.m.  
12:00 p.m. start  
Whiffin Spit Park, Sooke BC

Warm up with hot chocolate after the swim!



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Wednesday  
January 4

**Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation Commission (SEAPARC)**

Monthly Meeting  
6:30 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Wednesday  
January 4

**Juan de Fuca Emergency Services**  
Monthly Meeting

7:00 p.m.  
JDF Search & Rescue Campus Training Building  
2028C Idlemore Road Sooke BC

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Saturday  
January 7

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Hike East Sooke Park, Iron Mine Bay area**

9:00 a.m.

Meet at the Pike Road parking lot in East Sooke Park

Start the year with a hike in East Sooke Park.

A 1 to 2 hour, easy to moderate walk in the Iron Mine Bay area. Good footing.

Pack a snack and dress for the weather.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.

Web site:

[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Tuesday  
January 11

**Shirley Community Association Meeting**

7:30 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall

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Tuesday  
January 17      **JDF Electoral Area Land Use Committee (LUC)  
Meeting**  
7:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Planning Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

Obtain the agenda the Friday before the meeting on the  
CRD website at:  
[http://www.crd.bc.ca/agendas/juandefucalandusecom\\_/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/agendas/juandefucalandusecom_/index.htm)  
Select the year and month of the agenda you wish to read.

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Saturday  
January 21      **Soup Lunch**  
11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

By donation  
Shirley Community Hall

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Monday  
January 23      **OPSRRA Board of Directors  
Monthly Meeting**  
**Members welcome!**  
7:30 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

Agenda available on request.  
Contact Arnie Campbell at [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com)

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Wednesday  
January 24      **Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Parks & Recreation  
Commission**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
5:00 p.m.  
JDF Electoral Area Services Office  
2-6868 West Coast Road, Sooke BC

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Sunday  
January 29      **Sooke Region Museum**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
2:00 p.m.  
Museum Service Building  
2077 Phillips Road, Sooke BC

Election of Officers and Financial Statements Review

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Wednesday  
February 1      **Sooke & Electoral Area Parks & Recreation  
Commission (SEAPARC)**  
**Monthly Meeting**  
6:30 p.m.  
Board Room  
SEAPARC Leisure Complex  
2168 Philips Road Sooke BC

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Saturday  
February 4

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Explore Sooke's urban trails**

9:00 a.m.

Meet at the old graveyard across from Double D Gardens on Maple Avenue in Sooke.

We will find our way from Maple Avenue to Phillips Road

Pack a snack and dress for the weather.

Phone Rosemary Jorna, 250-642-2767 or email [sid2767@shaw.ca](mailto:sid2767@shaw.ca) for details.

**Web site:**

[www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca](http://www.jdfcommunitytrails.ca)

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Saturday  
February 18

**Juan de Fuca Community Trails Society**  
**Annual General Meeting**

Time to be confirmed

Sooke Legion Hall

**Guest speaker:** Ray Zimmerman

**Topic:** The creation of the greenbelt between the Sooke River and Saanich Inlet

Everyone welcome

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Mondays

**Karate for all ages**

6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Contact Alida Long: 250-642-4631

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Tuesdays

**Kundalini Yoga**

6:45 to 8:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Cost: \$5

With Alanda Carver

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Wednesdays

**Fire Practices in Shirley**

7:00 p.m.

Volunteers always needed

Contact Fire Chief Donovan Ray: 250-646-2107

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Thursdays

**Shirley Quilters and Crafters**

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Shirley Community Hall

Everyone welcome

Contact Christien Shipton: 250-646-2687

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Thursdays      **Nia Dance / Movement Class**  
6:45 to 8:00 p.m.  
Shirley Community Hall  
  
Contact Melody Kimmell:  
250-646-2995  
[movingmelody@gmail.com](mailto:movingmelody@gmail.com)

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## 2. OPSRRA PRIORITIES FOR 2012?

The December membership meeting was an opportunity for OPSRRA directors to ask the membership their opinion on a list of priorities for the association for the coming year. A brief overview and discussion was held on each of the suggested topics and members were then asked to rate the priority as being high, medium or low for the association. The OPSRRA directors will review the member's comments and their rankings at their January meeting and prepare a report for the 2012 AGM.

If you wish to comment on these suggested priorities or have other priorities which you feel should be considered, contact an OPSRRA director or email your comments to [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com).

Here are the suggested priorities and the ranking given to them by some of the members at the December membership meeting:

Topic	Priority		
	High	Medium	Low
Do we support the establishment of a community forest somewhere in Shirley or Otter Point?	9	3	-
Does our present system of governance meet the need of the community?	9	1	1
Do we know enough about where our water comes from and how to protect it?	11	1	-
Are we satisfied with the proposed changes to the Otter Point OCP and how should we be participating in the Shirley/Jordan River OCP review?	6	-	-
Should we be participating in the review of the CRD's Regional Growth/Sustainability Strategy?	See note		

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**Note:** The topic regarding the CRD's Regional Growth/Sustainability Strategy was not fully discussed because of the limited time available at the meeting and therefore no priority was given.

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## 3. 2011 PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEAL DEADLINE

Your property assessment for 2011 taxes will be arriving in your mail the first week of January. If you do not receive your property assessment by 20 January 2012, call toll-free 1-800-668-0086 to request a copy.

The B.C. Assessment Authority is responsible for evaluating the value of all properties in British Columbia. According to the B.C. Assessment web site, the Capital Area Assessment Office serviced over 141,000 properties in 2011, valued

at over \$91.6 billion, in an area that comprises the Capital Regional District 13 incorporated municipalities and three electoral areas, including the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. Approximately 3/4 of the total value of the assessments is for residential properties (including single family dwellings, manufactured homes, apartment buildings, etc.) with an average residential property value of \$514,000.

Property valuation is based upon the B.C. Assessment Authority's best guess of your property's value as of July 1, 2011 based upon recent, comparable property sales and assessments in your neighbourhood. Other factors that may be considered are your home's age, quality of construction, current condition and recent improvements. Their valuation will be used by the local taxing authority to determine your 2012 property tax. If you feel that their valuation is incorrect or you want more information on how they arrived at your property assessment, contact the local B.C. Assessment Authority office.

An online version of the complaint form as well as a step-by-step handbook is available on their assessment appeal web site:

<http://www.bcassessment.ca/public/Pages/AppealingyourAssessment.aspx>

**Note: The deadline to appeal your 2011 property assessment is midnight on Tuesday, 31 January 2012.**

Contact information for the Greater Victoria Office:

Phone: (250) 479-7131  
Toll Free: 1 (800) 990-1159  
Fax: (250) 479-1849  
Email: [capital@bcassessment.ca](mailto:capital@bcassessment.ca)  
Address: 102-3350 Douglas Street  
Victoria BC V8Z 7X9

**Web site:** [www.bcassessment.ca](http://www.bcassessment.ca)

The Capital Office Management Team:

Assessor: Reuben Danakody  
Deputy Assessor: Gerry Marolla  
Deputy Assessor: Rick McMahon  
Office Manager: MaryAnn Pletz

Beginning January 3, 2012 the web site will provide a wide range of information related to this year's assessments. The web site also provides access to the assessed value of every property in B.C.

#### **4. UPDATE: GOVERNANCE ACTIVITIES IN THE JUAN DE FUCA ELECTORAL AREA**

Following an October 2011 meeting with Minister Ida Chong, Regional Director Mike Hicks, CRD Board Chair Geoff Young and MLA John Horgan, representatives from OPSRRA were invited to meet with staff from the provincial Ministry of Community, Sport and Culture to review governance in the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA). An initial meeting was held in December and another is scheduled for some time in January. The purpose of these meetings is to review how governance presently works in the JDFEA and to work with ministry staff as they prepare recommendations for consideration by our elected representatives.

OPSRRA submitted the following priorities for discussion with ministry staff:

- Governance option study that would look at different governance models short of incorporation (e.g. Community Council, Commissions, elected Electoral Area Bodies).
- Alternative(s) to a committee of the CRD Board making land use decisions in the JDFEA.
- Removal of representation at the CRD Board by the JDFEA Regional Director for the Esquimalt and Songhees band lands.
- Ability of the regional director to delegate some responsibilities.

## 5. OTTER POINT FIRE COMMISSION ELECTS COMMISSIONERS

The **Otter Point Fire Protection and Emergency Response Service Commission** held its Annual General Meeting on December 13, 2011. Re-elected for another two year term were commissioners Marie-Ann Davidson (Secretary), Lloyd Heinemann and Harold Melville. Directors with another year remaining in their two year term are Kenny Jones (Chair), Bud Gibbons (Treasurer), Joanne Hemphill and Scott Hemphill (Firefighters Representative). The Juan de Fuca Electoral Area Regional Director also sits as a member of the commission.

The commission was established by the Capital Regional District (CRD) in 1980 and is the successor to the Otter Fire District Society. The commissioners are responsible to the CRD and the taxpayers of Otter Point for the general operation of the Otter Point Fire Department (OPFD) and appoint the Fire Chief who manages the day-to-day operations of the department with the assistance of a contracted services person. The fire department responds to a range of fire and other emergencies in the community including: motor vehicles accidents, where fire or trapped occupant(s) is a concern; hazardous material; alarm bells; rescue; medical assistance; open burning complaints and mutual aid to other local area fire departments.

The OPFD is supported by taxpayers who own property within the Otter Point Fire Protection District boundary. Some properties in Otter Point are not covered by the OPFD. The commissioners prepare an annual operating budget which is approved by the JDFEA Regional Director and the Finance Department of the CRD. The cost of operation in 2011 was \$236,620, including a \$51,760 contribution to the equipment reserve fund. The projected budget for 2012 is \$241,345 which is a 1.95% increase. The cost to individual property owners for fire protection and emergency response services appears as a line item on your provincial tax assessment.

The 2011 Otter Point Volunteer Fire Department annual report noted a significant increase in the volume of call-outs from 2010 with a year-to-year increase from 75 to 119. Most notable was the increase in First Response incidents which went from 40 last year to 60 this year and accounted for almost half of the fire department's total requests for service. First Response incidents are generated by 9-1-1 calls to the BC Ambulance Service who then request that the fire department also attend. More information about the OPFD and the Otter Point Fire Fighters Association can be found on their web site: <http://www.otterpointfire.bc.ca/>

## 6. SHIRLEY FIRE PROTECTION SOCIETY ELECTS DIRECTORS

The **Shirley Fire Protection Society** held its Annual General Meeting on December 11, 2011. Officers elected were Malcolm Taylor (President), Alan Gell (Vice-President), Guy McDannold (Treasurer), Jean Conway (Secretary) and Bob Black (Director at Large).

The Shirley Fire Protection Society is a registered charitable organization which supports the Shirley Volunteer Fire Department and its members in carrying-out their tasks by soliciting funds for use by and for the betterment of the Fire Department. It consists of 5 directors who are nominated and elected by property owners and/or residents of the Shirley Fire District for two year terms. The society meets on the second Sunday of September, April and December.

The **Shirley Fire Protection and Emergency Response Commission** is a CRD commission which derives its authority from the CRD Board to operate the Shirley Volunteer Fire Department. It prepares the annual budget for the Fire department and it appoints the Fire Chief and Fire Department members. The Commission also has input into establishing the property tax levy that funds the operations of the fire department and is responsible for ensuring that the Fire Department has the resources to serve the community effectively and in a manner which is consistent with the standards set by the Provincial Fire Commissioner.

Upon nomination by the community, the Board of the CRD appoints 6 commissioners to the Commission for two year terms. The Area Director is the seventh member of the Commission. Nominees must be property owners or residents of the Shirley Fire Services District. The Commission has monthly meetings throughout the year. The Shirley Fire Protection and Emergency Response Commission held its Annual General Meeting in November 2011 and elected Rod Huszar, Ron Ramsay, and Tracy Snow for a two year term. Remaining for another year of their two year appointments are Harold Shipton, Gerard LeBlanc and Lloyd Reddington.

## 7. REPORTS FROM OPSRRA MEMBERSHIP MEETING

### OPSRRA Treasurer's Report March 27 to December 4, 2011

<b>OPSRRA Main Account</b>	
Debits	\$312.42
Credits (membership & donations)	\$305.00
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$223.90</b>
Petty Cash Balance	\$45.36
<b>Vision Account</b>	
<b>Balance (no activity)</b>	<b>\$1,201.75</b>
<b>Otter Point &amp; Shirley Signage Project Financial Summary</b>	
Cash Donations	
JdF Economic Development Commission	\$2,500.00
Butler Brothers	\$750.00
Sooke Business Park	\$325.00
3L Development	\$100.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,675.00</b>
Expenditures	
Warburton's Woodworks (cedar)	\$598.00

Barker Manufacturing (routing)	\$2,038.42
Murray Tomkins (materials & shop charges)	\$708.12
Black Press (advertising)	\$90.76
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,435.30</b>
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$239.70</b>

<b>In Kind Donations</b>	
<b>Home Hardware Sooke</b> assembly materials, glue and paint)	\$399.95
<b>Barker Manufacturing</b> (production cost reduction)	\$311.98
<b>Warburton's Woodworks</b> (cedar cost discount)	\$747.60
<b>Total In Kind Donations</b>	<b>\$1,439.53</b>

**Main Road Contracting** donated the equipment and labour to install the signs. There was no costing for this donation, but it would have been a significant project expenditure.

#### Closing Notes

There was a surplus of \$239.70 when actual expenditures were applied to the cash donations.

Because of the two types of donations, the total project costs would be the actual expenditures of \$3,435.30 plus the in-kind donations of \$1,439.53 which totals at \$4,874.83. Again note that this figure does not factor-in the sign installation costs.

Bob Phillips, OPSRRA Treasurer  
December 21, 2011

#### OPSRRA Membership Report

Membership at the time of the 2011 AGM in March 2011 was 376 members, with 58 from Shirley and 318 from Otter Point.

OPSRRA continues to keep its membership up-to-date. During the 8 months we have removed 4 members (moved, lost contact, deceased, requested removal, was listed twice), moved two to associate membership (moved or by request) and have added 8 new members.

Membership now stands at 378 with 58 being from Shirley and 320 from Otter Point. We also have 22 Associate members who do not reside in the Otter Point & Shirley area, do not have any voting privileges but support the association and wish to receive the monthly newsletter.

Prepared by Erik James.

#### Summary of OPSRRA Activities since the March 2011 AGM

1. OPSRRA directors held 7 monthly meetings.
2. 9 monthly newsletters were prepared and sent to about 300 members on e-mail.

3. Continued to up-date the OPSRRA web page ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)), added on-line membership and business listing services and created an email point-of-contact for all directors using Gmail ([opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com)).
4. Maintained 24 Community Notice Boards in Otter Point.
5. Met with provincial and federal elected representatives re possible options to acquire the Juan de Fuca Marine Trail Holdings lands as park land.
6. Wrote the CRD expressing support for acquiring the Marine Trail Holdings lands as park land.
7. Wrote the Chair of the CRD Board of Directors expressing concern that the JDFEA Land Use Committee meeting recommending that the Marine Trail Holdings proposal go to public hearing proceeded with incomplete information.
8. Following a poll of members, spoke at the public hearing in opposition to the Marine Trail Holdings rezoning application. Concerns included the process followed; incomplete information provided to LUC and outstanding fire and highway safety issue.
9. Met with the Regional Director, MLA, Chair of the CRD Board and the provincial Minister for Community, Sport and Cultural Development re governance options for the JDFEA.
10. Participated in the finalization of a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the District of Sooke and the JDFEA.
11. Successfully lobbied the JDFEA Regional Director to have the Electoral Area budget available for public viewing on the JDFEA web site.
12. Successfully fundraised about \$6,000 in cash, donation of material and services for 5 **Welcome to Shirley** and **Welcome to Otter Point** signs now installed along Highway 14 and Otter Point Road.
13. Directors attended all of the meetings and workshops of the Otter Point OCP review committee, commented through-out the process and made a submission.
14. Sponsored an All Candidates meeting for nominees for School Trustee, Regional Director and Land Use Committee.
15. Attended meetings of the JDFEA Land Use Committee, Advisory Planning Commission, Agricultural Advisory Planning Commission, Parks & Recreation Commission, Economic Development Commission, Kemp Lake Waterworks District, Shirley Fire Commission and the Jordan River Community Association.

Submitted by Arnie Campbell, President, OPSRRA

## **8. CHANGES PLANNED FOR THE JDFEA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**

Juan de Fuca Electoral Area (JDFEA) Regional Director Mike Hicks has informed the OPSRRA newsletter of a change to how the JDFEA Economic Development Commission (EDC) will operate in 2012.

Rather than the current system of 6 meeting per year, meetings will now be held in the last week of March and the last week of September. Additional meetings, if necessary, may be called by the chairperson. According to Director Hicks, the reduced meeting times will hopefully reduce the administration costs while meeting

the demand for applications. The change in the number of meetings will require a change to the EDC Bylaw.

Applicants are encouraged to visit the CRD web site [www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/economic/economic.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/jdf/economic/economic.htm) or phone the JDF office 250-642-1500 for application forms.

The Economic Development Commission allocates funds to support community initiatives that improve the economy and create jobs. Projects are expected to be self-sustaining following the initial grant; ongoing activity is not normally supported. The Juan de Fuca Economic Development Commission funds local area projects that further the commission's objectives. It presently has a budget of \$45,000 per year – part of which is used to cover the commission's administrative costs. Efforts are underway to identify what portion of the commission's budget is used for administration.

The following grants were made by the EDC in 2012. Details of the grants can be found in the minutes of the EDC at:

[http://www.crd.bc.ca/minutes/juandefucaeconomicde\\_/2011\\_/index.htm](http://www.crd.bc.ca/minutes/juandefucaeconomicde_/2011_/index.htm)

Sooke Region Farmer to Farmer Institute Building Project	\$2,000.00
Circle Route Web Site Project	\$5,000.00
OPSRRA Community Signage Project	\$2,500.00
Implementing the Economusee Approach in B.C. Project	\$6,000.00
Sooke Region Tourism Association	\$6,000.00

## 9. **PIECES OF JORDAN RIVER HISTORY DONATED TO SOOKE REGION MUSEUM**

The Sooke Region Museum has received a donation of Jordan River artifacts and archival material which spans the 40 year era of the community's most active time as an industrial, residential and social centre west of Sooke. The material from the early 1910s to the early 1950s includes trophies and record books from the Jordan River Athletics Association as well as journals, drawings and other material from the Vancouver Island Power Company which in 1909 began the task of harnessing the Jordan River to provide electric power for the City of Victoria.

The Sooke Region Museum is a community service supported, in part, by the taxpayers of the District of Sooke and the Juan de Fuca Electoral Area. Donations of artifacts and archival material to the museum contribute to an understanding of our local history and allow the museum to add to its collection of First Nations and pioneer exhibits and archives.

More information about the museum is available on its web site:

<http://www.sookeregionmuseum.com/>

## 10. **DID YOU KNOW THAT ...**

**An Otter Point sawmill operated under two different names between 1948 and 1958?** It was located in what is now the 8600 block of West Coast Road, at the east end of Gordon's Beach. The mill was on land that was originally part of the historic Tugwell Farm, later named Seaside Farm by the Filippo brothers who farmed part of the property between 1951 and 1962.

The mill was started by brothers Frank and Allan Boon who operated it as Seaside Sawmill from 1948 to 1952. Douglas fir, spruce, hemlock, cedar and alder were supplied to the mill from the forests above the mill, above Gordon's Beach and

from the Kemp Lake area. The Douglas fir was milled for railway ties, cross-arms for B.C. Electric hydro poles, and construction lumber. Some lumber from the mill was used in the building of Knox Presbyterian Church in Sooke. The mill also supplied spruce cants for the Dalziel Box Company, which was located on Bridge Street in Victoria. Dalziel Box then recut the cants into smaller strips which were used for making berry boxes and clinker boats. Spruce from the mill was also used to make the seats in the original Victoria Memorial Arena. The alder went to a mill in Esquimalt where it was used in the manufacture of furniture. Because of the size of some of the logs, the mill used a top or head saw (along with the usual bottom saw) to cut from two directions with a slight offset so the blades would not touch. Because of the remoteness of the mill's location, at that time, there was accommodation provided in a small bunk house on the site.

Herman Kaulitz, who cut timber throughout the Shirley and Otter Point area in the 1940s and 50s and owned a small sawmill just south of Point-No-Point in Shirley, ended-up cutting timber for the Boon sawmill. He subsequently bought the mill from them in 1952 and operated it as the Kaulitz mill until about 1958. The old logging road which Herman Kaulitz used to bring timber from the forests above down to the mill is still there but a house was built on top of it in the 1960s. The location of the house is just about where the timber was unloaded and then rolled down a slight incline to where the sawmill was situated. Both the mill and the bunk house are gone.

This month's **Did You Know That?** was prepared using information from *4,000 Years—A History of the Rainforest* written and published by the Sooke Region Museum, a map drawn by Jerry Filippo who lived at Seaside Farm in the 1950s and a conversation with David Boon whose dad and uncle owned and operated the Seaside Sawmill from 1948 to 1952.

Do you have local historical information that you would like to share, or questions that you would like answered? If so, let us know and we'll try to help. Contact Arnie Campbell by phone (250-642-3113) or by email [opsrra@gmail.com](mailto:opsrra@gmail.com)

## 11. OPSRRA SMALL BUSINESS LISTINGS

**Do you operate a small business?** Are you an OPSRRA member? OPSRRA is offering a free business listing service for members, on its web site: [www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca). We will list non-members for a suitable donation!

The purpose of this service is to provide an opportunity for businesses in Jordan River, Shirley and Otter Point to advertise their goods and services to their local community. We anticipate having listings for accommodation, farm produce, art, furniture-making, fishing charters, eco-tours, firewood, knitting, soaps, landscaping, bookkeeping, sewing, spas and more. More information, businesses already listed, and an on-line registration form are available on OPSRRA's web site ([www.opsrra.ca](http://www.opsrra.ca)) under **Business Listings**.

**Note:** OPSRRA does not accept responsibility for the services provided. Always check references and ask for confirmation of Work Safe B.C. Registration if applicable.

**Support local businesses. The OPSRRA web site has more information about the following business listings**

1001 Welding & Equipment Repair

Accent in Grooming

A Point of View B & B  
ALM Organic Farm  
Beaches West B & B  
Bear Home Remodelling  
Birds Edge Press  
Bridge over Troubled Water Autism Intervention & Respite Service  
Eagle Cove Beachfront Guest Suites  
Farmer Notary—Shawna Farmer, Notary Public.  
Full Circle Seeds  
Heron's Rest B & B  
"In A Fix" Bookkeeping & Accounting Services  
Jambo Pet Sitting Service  
Kirsten Sykes, Realtor  
Knotty Beds by Nature  
Le Sooke Spa  
Malahat Farm Heritage Cottage  
Ocean Wilderness Inn  
Otter Point Beach House  
Otter Point Electrical Service  
Reflexology by Marlene Barry  
Rhythm's Edge Percussion Shop  
Road's End Construction  
Sandy's Drywall Ltd  
Smiling Goat Farm Sitting Service  
Stick in the Mud Coffee House  
Straitview Ridge Bed & Breakfast  
Three Sisters Farm  
Tugwell Creek Honey Farm

Tugwell Creek Meadery

Welcome Wagon

Wood Visions

## **12. BACK ISSUES OF THE OPSRRA NEWSLETTER**

Back issues of the OPSRRA newsletter are available on the OPSRRA web site.

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