

SEPTEMBER
2012

Peninsula Wilderness Club

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Peninsula Wilderness Club meets on the second Monday of every month at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Perry Avenue in East Bremerton. The public is cordially invited.

**September Program: An evening
with former Hike-of-the-Week
columnist for the Seattle Post
Intelligencer, Karen Sykes**

Monday, September 10th, 7 pm

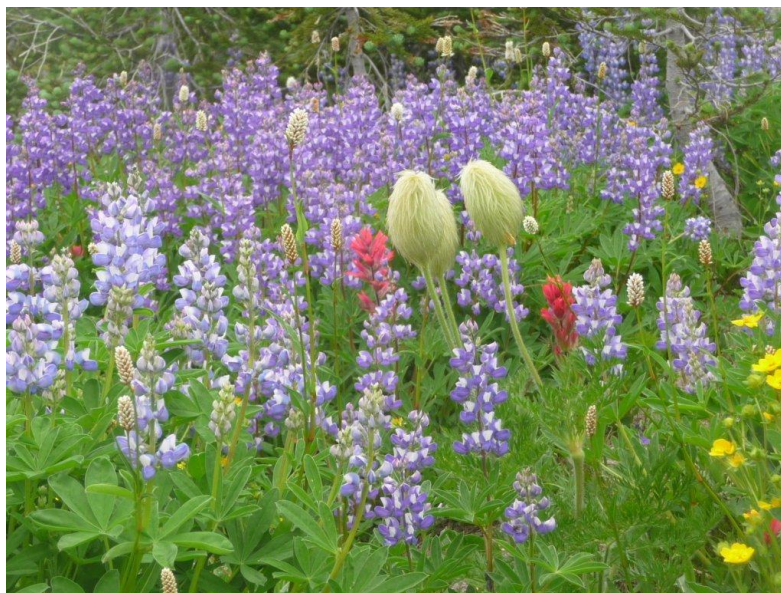
Karen will be talking about trails and wildflowers in/near Mount Rainier National Park, including recent hikes to the area. She will also talk a little about "abandoned trails" or "forgotten trails", which was the subject of her book titled "Hidden Hikes". Karen does not profess to be an expert in wildflowers, but will talk about when/where hikers can see them.

Karen has been writing since she was about 6 years old - her first grade teacher told her mother she'd be a writer when she grew up! In her younger years she wrote and published poetry. She started hiking in her mid-thirties when she went on a health kick - quit smoking in 1980 (used to smoke three packs a day) and joined The Mountaineers. She started leading hikes for The Mountaineers in 1982 and also wrote for the Signpost Magazine.

Karen says that undoubtedly the most amazing event of her entire life was getting a phone call from Greg Johnston at the Seattle Post Intelligencer who said he'd been reading her work in Signpost and liked her writing - he asked if she would like to try her hand at writing "Hike of the Week" for him. As a result of that phone call she wrote the "Hike of the Week" column for 12 or 13 years, until their presses stopped running. Also, her book "Hidden Hikes" was published by Mountaineer Books, and a little later she co-authored another Mountaineers book (with Art Kruckeberg) called "Best Wildflower Hikes". For about the last 4-5 years she's been writing for VisitRainier (an informational website about Mount Rainier and environs - focusing on hikes). Karen has also written a few articles for The Seattle Times, and occasionally writes for SeattleBackpacking.com. Karen sums it up by saying,

"When I'm not hiking, I'm writing about hiking." She's also had many of her photographs published (Seattle PI, print edition), The Seattle Times, and various magazines. Plans for the future? To keep hiking, writing and enjoying photography.

Photos courtesy of Karen Sykes



MAP: Monthly Activity Planning Meeting

Thursday, Sep 6, at 7 pm
Contact: Brian Steely, 360-297-3825

Discuss club business and help schedule outings at Cris and Brian's house in Poulsbo. All members are invited to attend.

Monthly Potluck

Friday, Sep 28, 6:30 pm
Contact: Venita Goodrich, 360-471-0522

Potlucks are a great way to meet other members and learn more about the club. The host provides dessert, and attendees bring an entrée or side dish to share; and BYOB. See calendar for more details.

Date	Outing / Meeting	Contact
8/31	POTLUCK at Steve and Nancy's house	Steve & Nancy, 360-697-5982, steven_osburn@hotmail.com
8/31-9/3	Takeover of Mt. Baker Mountaineers Lodge	Doug Terry, 360-550-7911, doug@dougterry.net
9/5	Green Mountain Weekly After Work Hike & Social	Jay Thompson, 360-509-9918, jaythom1@hotmail.com
9/6	MAP Meeting at Brian Steely's house	Brian Steely, 360-297-3825, brianandcris@centurytel.net
9/9	Silver Lake day hike	Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648, gmyrick49@gmail.com
9/10	PWC General Meeting	Brian Steely, 360-297-3825, brianandcris@centurytel.net
9/11-14	Sunshine Trip: Pryor Mt. Wild Horse Refuge	Bob Brown, 360-569-2878, skipatrol10@hotmail.com
9/12	Green Mountain Weekly After Work Hike & Social	Jay Thompson, 360-509-9918, jaythom1@hotmail.com
9/14-16	Tatoosh Lake and Wilderness Backpack	Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648, gmyrick49@gmail.com
9/15-30	Fall 2012 Grand Canyon Trip	David Boyde, 360-692-9325, theboyde@aol.com
9/23	Camp Muir day hike	Greg Myrick, 360-649-1648, gmyrick49@gmail.com
9/28	POTLUCK at Venita's	Venita Goodrich, 360-471-0522, vmnotbf@comcast.net
9/29	Bicycle in Seattle, about 40 miles	Pam Sargent, 360-697-5545, pamsargent@rocketmail.com
10/4	MAP Meeting	Megan Thompson, 360-871-6014, belleterre2@earthlink.net
10/8	PWC Meeting	Brian Steely, 360-297-3825, brianandcris@centurytel.net

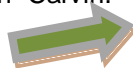
Notes & Announcements to Members:

- TRIP SPONSORS NEEDED!** Please consider sponsoring an outing. It's simple – just let the Calendarmeister (Paul Dutky) know what to include in the trip summary, and we'll get it into the calendar. See "Sponsor an Outing" on page 9 for information on how to get a trip listed. Outings are sponsored by outdoor enthusiasts LIKE YOU!
- Elections:** We will be taking nominations for the PWC club officer positions during the September meeting, and will vote in October. All positions are open annually, and we rely on fellow members to volunteer to serve the organization. Job summaries can be found under the "Membership" menu on the PWC website, and past officers are always glad to assist incoming officers in getting comfortable in the various tasks involved. Open positions include the president, vice president, three board members, the secretary, and the treasurer. If you are willing to help keep the club running, please volunteer!

On the Trail with "Boots" McFarland

Reprinted with permission of the artist, Geolyn Carvin. Check out her website at:

<http://bootsmcfarland.com/home.html>



Outings

A Word About Outings

All PWC outings and other activities are open to anyone, but if you enjoy our company and what we do, we would like you to become a member. The persons sponsoring trips should not be considered instructors or leaders. If you are unsure of your abilities, discuss the trip thoroughly with the organizer. Each participant is responsible for his or her own comfort and safety on any outing. Always carry the 10 essentials.

Please Call Early

As a courtesy to the sponsor of an outing in which you are interested, please try to call at least two days before the trip for single-day outings, and as soon as possible for overnight outings. This allows the sponsor time to make necessary arrangements, or alternate plans, should a trip be canceled for some reason.

Pet Policy

Please leave pets at home when attending PWC outings unless the trip is specifically listed as welcoming them.

Carpool and Ride Sharing

We strongly encourage carpooling and ride sharing as a way to reduce impact to trailheads, minimize our environmental footprint, and reduce costs. Please be considerate to your drivers, including situations when you ride with different drivers in each direction. The amount you contribute to your driver(s) should reflect the distance driven, the cost of gas, and tolls/parking fees – short trips might be \$5 per person, long trips could be considerably more.

The WEBSITE: A Source for Outings

Our PWC Website calendar is at:

<http://www.pwckitsap.org/content/117-pwc-calendar.html>

If you don't see something that interests you in this newsletter, check the website for additional trips and last-minute trips and updates. If you are a trip sponsor, have a new trip to list, or need to update an existing trip, please see the end of this newsletter for more information.

Upcoming Trips & Events:

POTLUCK at Steve and Nancy's house

Friday, Aug 31 at 6:30 pm

Contact: Steve & Nancy Osburn at 360-697-5982, or email: steven_osburn@hotmail.com

Visit with fellow PWCers at Steve and Nancy's home. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. The host will provide the dessert.

22848 Adams Road NW
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Takeover of Mt. Baker Mountaineers Lodge

Friday, Aug 31 - Sept 3

Contact: Doug Terry at 360-550-7911, or email: doug@dougterry.net

Doug is trying to fill up the Mountaineers Lodge on Mount Baker with Kitsap people of all types. The lodge opens on Friday and will remain open until Monday. The following details are provided for those who have not stayed in one of the Mountaineers Lodges:

Each person should bring a sleeping bag, lunches, personal gear, and a flashlight and/or headlamp plus a towel for the shower.

Bring the kids for this Labor Day three-day weekend at Mt. Baker Lodge for a great family holiday. Meals provided are dinner on Saturday and Sunday, plus breakfast on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. Summer at Mt. Baker Lodge offers wonderful hiking on a great variety of trails. Numerous trails are within walking distance or a short drive from the Lodge. Many are suitable for children. Artist Point is just 3 miles away at the end of a paved road, with panoramic views of Mt. Baker, Mt. Shuksan, and the North Cascades. Snowplay opportunities are usually abundant through the end of August. Trails usually are completely snow-free by mid-August, giving even inexperienced hikers access to some of the most spectacular scenery in the Pacific Northwest. Early fall provides all the above plus fine blueberry picking, so bring your containers. The lodge is open to all Mountaineers, non-club members and non-group members, with reservations on a first-come basis to the clubhouse (phone 206-284-8484) or through online registration. Payment at time of sign-up can be made with credit card or check. The lodge usually is open by 7 or 8 pm on Fridays. Call the host listed above if you want a more specific time of opening. Trail lights from the parking lot to the lodge are on until 10:30 each night.

Green Mountain Weekly After Work Hike & Social

Wednesday, Sep 5 at 6:15 pm

Contact: Jay Thompson at 360-509-9918, or email: jaythom1@hotmail.com

Weekly Wednesday after work Green Mountain hikes will begin starting May 9th and continue throughout the summer and into fall. Be at the Gold Creek trailhead at 6:10 pm and be prepared to hike by 6:15. Bring headlamps in early spring and late fall as a precaution. Hikes will occur every Wednesday evening, rain or shine.

These hikes have been very popular and are a great opportunity to meet hikers of all abilities from the Peninsula Wilderness Club, Kitsap Outdoors Meetup and the Kitsap Hikers Group on Facebook. We have had as few as 3 and as many as 22 hikers on past events. All are welcome to attend and share a snack or two at the summit.

Outings

A Discover Pass is required at the Gold Creek trailhead. You are responsible for bringing a Discover Pass, or riding with someone who has one if you intend to park a vehicle at the trailhead. The Discover Pass can be purchased at Walmart, Big-5, Fred Meyer and Wholesale Sports. As of this year (2012), the pass is transferable between two vehicles.

A good place to rideshare from is the parking area at the Wildcat Lake County Park (not to be confused with Wildcat Trailhead) as a park-n-ride. It's free to park there.

As the meeting host, I will try to make it to every hike, but please be prepared in the event that I am not there. If I can't be there, I will make an attempt to announce that on the Kitsap Hikers Facebook page sometime before the hike.

The PWC website also has a detailed description of the Gold Creek Trail, including driving directions to the trailhead.

MAP Meeting at Brian Steely's house

Thursday, Sep 6 at 7 pm

Contact: Brian Steely at 360-297-3825, or
email: brianandcris@centurytel.net

All members are encouraged to attend this PWC event-planning meeting ("Membership Activity Planning"). Those present try to coordinate proposed outings to offer trips on most weekends. Trips that are agreed upon are subsequently published in the Penwicle and listed in the Calendar.

Brian Steely is this month's host. Feel free to bring snacks or drinks to the meeting to share.

8165 NE View Ridge Drive
Poulsbo, WA 98370

Silver Lake day hike

Sunday, Sep 9 at 8 am

Contact: Greg Myrick at cell 360-649-1648, or
email: gmyrick49@gmail.com

Hike a way trail, mostly in woods, to the larger of the Silver Lakes (3 miles and 2100' elevation gain), and then ascend the ridge to the west (.5 miles and 800' elevation gain), for great views. We will be returning by same route. Meet up at the Port Townsend turn-off park and ride at 8 am. Contact Greg for more details.

PWC General Meeting

Monday, Sep 10 at 7 pm

Contact: Brian Steely at 360-297-3825, or
email: brianandcris@centurytel.net

The meeting starts at 7 pm at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 4418 Perry Ave NE, Bremerton, WA

Sunshine Trip: Pryor Mt. Wild Horse Refuge

Tuesday, Sep 11-14

Contact: Bob Brown at 360-569-2878, or
email: skipatrol10@hotmail.com

Join Bob Brown on this car camping trip to Pryor Mountain Wild Horse Refuge near Bridger, Montana, Sep 11-14. The group will meet in Bridger on the 11th (we will meet at the gas station located on the east side of the highway that runs north and south through downtown Bridger at 11 am), then drive to the horse range for tent or vehicle camping.

Pryor Mountain is about 40 miles from Bridger. The campsite is near an old cabin on a large, grassy plateau where several herds of wild horses roam freely. Camp and walk among them as they migrate across the pasture through the day. The Bighorn, Beartooth, Absarokee, and Wind River Mountains frame the scene.

Our campsite is located at approximately 9000 ft, and there is no water available. The last 10-mile drive into the horse range is a rough rocky road. Bottom line, be prepared to drive a rough road (high clearance vehicle is required) and bring all the water you will need with you (do not underestimate the need to bring water, there is no water on top of the mountain, and nobody will want to drive down the mountain to get water). Expect wonderful wild horse viewing, kite flying, fossil hunting, and hiking.

Tony Abruzzo and Bob plan on leaving the morning of September 9th and driving to Missoula, MT (500 mile drive), then spending the night. September 10th they will drive 200 miles to Bozeman, do some sightseeing, spend the night, and stock up on food supplies before driving the final 160 miles to Bridger on the 11th. We will top off our gas tanks and water jugs in Bridger before heading into the mountains. If you would like to join the caravan getting to Bridger, give Bob a call prior to September 8th.

Weather-wise we should have warm sunny days with clear cold nights (great star viewing). If you want to extend your trip after the 14th, Cody, WY, is nearby, and Yellowstone N.P. is a short drive west of Cody. Other options include Glacier N.P. to the north, and other destinations in MT, WY and SD. (NOTE: The Black Hills portion that was originally part of this trip has been cancelled due to lack of interest – but the Pryor Mt. portion remains).

Contact Bob for more information at 360-569-2878 evenings.

Green Mountain Weekly After Work Hike & Social

Wednesday, Sep 12 at 6:15 pm

Contact: Jay Thompson at 360-509-9918, or
email: jaythom1@hotmail.com

(Please see the Sep 5th entry for more details on this weekly after work hike).

Outings

Tatoosh Lake and Wilderness Backpack

Friday, Sep 14-16

Contact: Greg Myrick at cell 360-649-1648, or
email: gmyrick49@gmail.com

Hike to the lake (3.5 miles and 3750' elevation gain/500' elevation loss), located in the Tatoosh Wilderness, just south of Mount Rainier National Park. This is yet another beautiful area of Washington, with great views of Mount Rainier. We will stay two nights, and do some exploring the second day, hiking out on day three. Local area information at: <http://www.nwhiker.com/GPNFHike07.html>. Meet-up location and time to be determined. Contact Greg for more information.

Fall 2012 Grand Canyon Trip

Saturday, Sep 15-30

Contact: David Boyde at 360-692-9325, or
email: theboyde@aol.com

The Grand Canyon and Zion National Parks trip has been finalized. The plan begins with an optional 22-mile Rim to Rim day hike via the North Kaibab and Bright Angel Trails on Sep 17 or 18. This will be followed by a 45-mile, 7-day/6-night Grand Canyon backpacking trip from Sep 19-25. The Grand Canyon route will be the Royal Arch Route, which includes a 20-foot rappel and several optional day hikes, including Elves Chasm, Lower and Upper Copper Canyon, Mt. Huethawali and the Darwin Plateau. Following this, we will move on to Zion National Park. At Zion, we will begin with a 12-mile day-hike of Huber Wash, the Chinle Trail, and Coalpits Wash on Sep 26. Next, there will be a 16-mile, 2-day Zion Narrows backpack trip on Sep 27-28, mostly hiking in the Virgin River. Finally, there will be a 16-mile, 2-day West Rim backpack trip on Sep 29-30, which includes an optional side trip to the top of Angel's Landing. This trip is currently full with 7 people.

Camp Muir day hike

Sunday, Sep 23

Contact: Greg Myrick at cell 360-649-1648, or
email: gmyrick49@gmail.com

Hike to Camp Muir (4.5 miles, 4700' elevation gain), with spectacular views of Mt. Saint Helens, Mt. Adams, Mt. Hood, and also, the Tatoosh Range. Local area information at: <http://www.bodyresults.com/e2hike-to-camp-muir.asp>. Meet-up location and time to be determined. Contact Greg for more information.

POTLUCK at Venita's house

Friday, Sep 28 at 6:30 pm

Contact: Venita Goodrich at 360-471-0522, or
Email: vmnotbf@comcast.net.

Visit with fellow PWCers at Venita's house. Bring an entrée or side dish to share. The host will provide the dessert.

167 N. Lafayette Ave
Bremerton, WA

Bicycle in Seattle, about 40 miles

Saturday, Sep 29

Contact: Pam Sargent at 360-697-5545, or
email: pamsargent@rocketmail.com

Take the ferry to Seattle and bike around. Distance about 40 miles. Call Pam for itinerary.

MAP Meeting

Thursday, Oct 4 at 7 pm

Contact: Megan Thompson at 360-871-6014, or
email: belleterre2@earthlink.net

All members are encouraged to attend this PWC event-planning meeting ("Membership Activity Planning"). Those present try to coordinate proposed outings to offer trips on most weekends. Trips that are agreed upon are subsequently published in the Penwicle and listed in the Calendar.

Volunteers offer to host the meeting at their house. Feel free to bring snacks or drinks to the meeting to share. October's MAP meeting location is at Megan Thompson's house:

6001 Wilson Creek Road SE
Port Orchard, WA 98367

Directions: From Hwy 16, take the Sedgwick road exit and go east towards the ferry. At 6.25 miles, turn right on Wilson Creek Rd. (just past the church). The blacktop will end at 1 mile. Keep going on the gravel another 0.2 miles to a log house on the left.

Trip Reports and Photos



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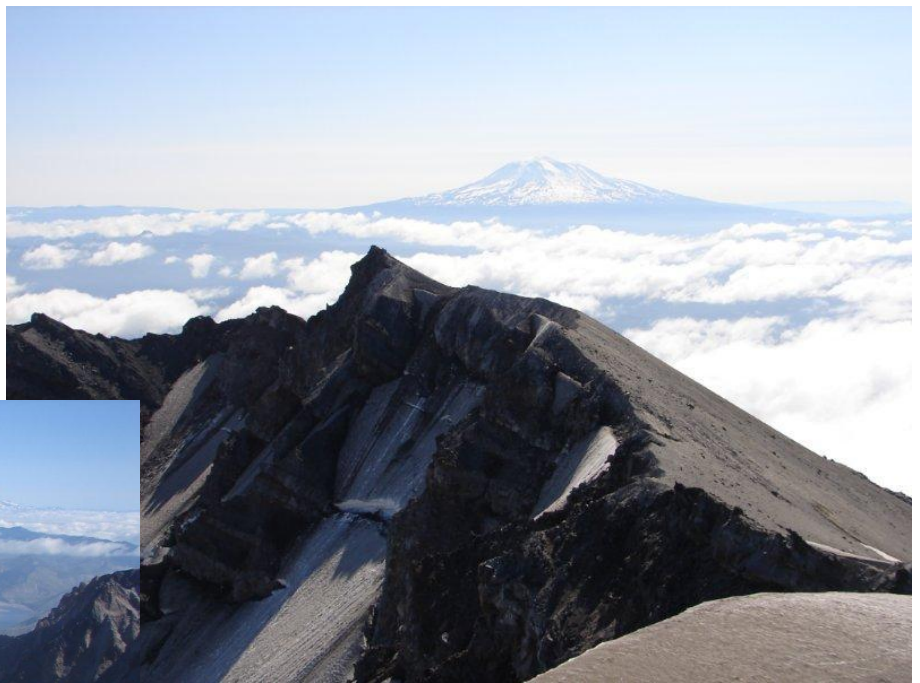
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Spray Park (Aug 11), Photos by Jay Thompson

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Glacier Peak (Aug 4-7), Photos by Isaac Sun

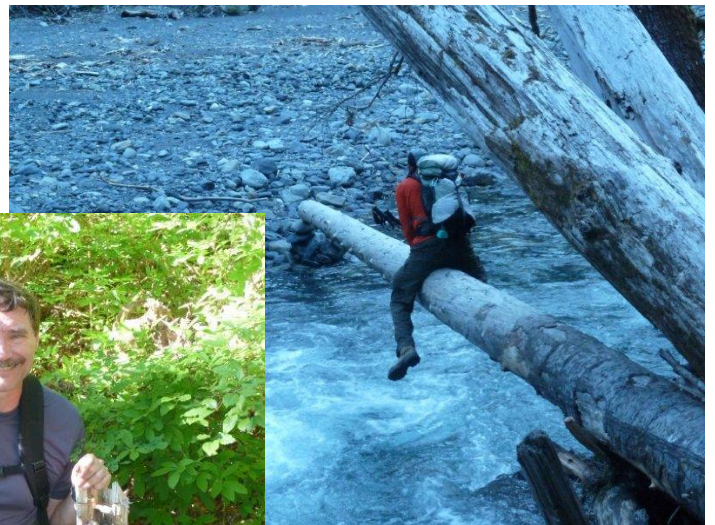


Mt. St. Helens (Jul 28), Photos by David Boyde

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Cape Alava (Jul), Photos by Jackie Lovely



Low Divide (Aug 4), Photos by David Boyde

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Enchantments, Photos by Paul Dutky (Jul 19-22, above),
and by Jay Thompson (Aug 5-7, right and below)

PWC Host

Are you a new member or guest? Look for the person wearing a "PWC Host" name tag, 15 minutes before the General Meeting and during the break. The host can answer questions and point out members that share your interests. Barney Bernhard will be the September host.

PWC Online... <http://www.pwckitsap.org/>

Go to the website to find upcoming trips, trip reports, photos, a discussion forum, and more.

Meeting Refreshments

Thanks to all who have brought snacks to meetings! Contact Tom Broszeit at 360-621-3683 or tomsmai123@msn.com if you would like to help bring snacks to the next meeting.

Sponsor an Outing!

If you are a club member and interested in leading an outing, let us know about it so we can post it! Even if you list your trip in other forums, including it as a PWC event helps connect people and groups, and helps the club stay active. To sponsor an outing, come to a MAP meeting to discuss your trip! You can also fill out the form on our website, email or call the info directly to the Webmaster, Jay Thompson, at pwcadmin@pwckitsap.org or 360-307-0037; or you can email or call our Calendarmeister, Paul Dutky, at pdutky@gmail.com or 360-479-2683. Any of these options will get your outing listed on the PWC Calendar online.

We Need Your House!

Each month the club's MAP meeting and potluck dinner need volunteer hosts willing to share their home for an evening. If you can handle a small home invasion, please contact the club secretary, Megan Thompson, at 360-871-6014.

Your Trip Photos Wanted!

Do you have some great PWC trip pictures? Each month we need your trip photos to share during the club meeting slide show and in the Penwicle. Please contact Paul Dutky (pdutky@gmail.com), the PWC Dropbox manager, to find out how to send us your pictures – it's easy, and helps us a lot!

Scrapbook Photos Wanted

Sue DeArman is also looking for photos of PWC activities. Please send photos, include your name, details of the trip (people and places) to Sue at dearmans@comcast.net.

Update Your Email Address

Contact Venita Goodrich to update your email address and other contact information. Contact Venita by email at vmnotbf@comcast.net, or call 360-471-0522.

Joining/Renewing your Membership

The PWC General Meeting is held the second Monday of each month, 7 pm, at the Kitsap Unitarian Universalist Fellowship in East Bremerton. To join or renew, please see form on the back of this newsletter. Receive a discount on select merchandise or services at the following businesses with your PWC membership (check with vendor for details):

- Olympic Outdoor Center, Port Gamble, <http://www.olympicoutdoorcenter.com/>
- Silverdale Cyclery, Silverdale, <http://www.silverdalecyclery.com/>
- Commander's Beach House Bed and Breakfast, Port Townsend, <http://www.commandersbeachhouse.com/>
- Ajax Café, Port Hadlock, <http://www.ajaxcafe.com/>
- Kitsap Sports, Silverdale, <http://www.kitsapsports.com/>
- Wilderrest, Bainbridge Is., <http://wilderrestoutdoorstore.com/>
- Poulsbo Running, Poulsbo, <http://www.poulsborunning.com/>
- Back of Beyond, Bainbridge Is., <http://www.tothebackofbeyond.com/>

New members will receive a membership card with their New Membership packet. All members can pick up a card at the monthly meeting.

Member Address & Phone List Changes

Address changes should be sent to Venita Goodrich at:

Peninsula Wilderness Club

P.O. Box 323

Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

or email vmnotbf@comcast.net, or call 360-471-0522.

PENWICLE Submissions

Submissions to the PENWICLE must be received by the Wednesday after the General Meeting to ensure a place in the next issue. Please contact Steve Osburn at penwicle@hotmail.com if you have a submission.

Officers and Staff

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Join or Renew Membership

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The Peninsula Wilderness Club is an informal organization for persons interested in active outdoor pursuits. Main activities include hiking, backpacking, mountain climbing, rock climbing, skiing, kayaking, and bicycle riding. All outings, from casual hikes to technical mountain sports, are initiated by individual members. These members are volunteers who generously offer to make minimal arrangements so an outing can take place. They do not accept responsibility for the safety or care of any participant. The PWC does not conduct instructional programs and members are expected to have whatever clothing, equipment, skills, and physical conditioning are appropriate for the outing they wish to join. Members are expected to practice responsible environmental stewardship and must accept that there are dangers and a risk of injury in most outdoor activities.

Dues are \$25 per household per year. Send a check or money order to:
Peninsula Wilderness Club
P.O. Box 323
Bremerton, WA 98337-0070

Please check if: New Member(s) ☐

Renewing Member(s) ☐

Change of Address ☐

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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