

~ THE MILEPOST ~

A newsletter for the STRAIT OF JUAN DE FUCA Scenic Byway

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Winter Newsletter for the SR 112 Community

Welcome New Member and Community Business ...

Nikki Bertoliatti has recently opened Joyce Headquarters Salon and Barber in Joyce next to the laundromat. The business is the newest member of the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association ... welcome Nikki and Joyce Headquarters! The salon is open Tuesdays through Fridays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturdays by appointment. Nikki offers all types of hair care for men, women and children and at reasonable prices to our community. Contact phone number is 360.461.5345.

On the Strait and Narrow ...

Be sure to thank our many road and emergency service people for their efforts to keep our travel paths safe for all of us. The work continues still to clean up from the storm last fall.

Belated as this posting may be, the scenic byway community offers its condolences to the families of WSDOT personnel Neal Richards who died November 2009 as he was clearing storm debris and Don Heikkila who died December 2009 of an illness.

Adventure Route Partial Closure ... The lower section of the Olympic Discovery Trail Adventure Route segment is closed from SR112 to Eden Valley until as late as July this year. Active logging of a DNR timber sale in this area makes it unsafe for all users to be in this section. The upper trail can still be used via the Joyce Piedmont access. Parking is available at Crescent School in the south end of the parking lot beside the PA-J-1000 road.

Adventure Route Brochure ... The new Olympic Discovery Trail Adventure Route map/brochure has been printed and is available through visitor centers and businesses. This was a cooperative project between the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association using a National Scenic Byway Grant, the Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau, and Clallam County.

Elwha River Bridge ... The planned temporary closure of the Elwha River Bridge was postponed from the scheduled February date to sometime in the future. The anticipated 21- day closure will allow workers to install a new rail as a safety precaution for bicyclists and pedestrians who cross the canyon on the vehicle deck rather than using the suspended pedestrian path.

Whale Trail ... The Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association has been working with the Whale Trail.org group first to recognize sites for land-based whale watching (and for other sea mammals) along Highway 112 and then to produce and print a brochure to raise awareness of these efforts. Watch for other Whale Trail projects to come in the future.



What's Happening? Duck Derby kicks off soon ... support the Olympic Medical Foundation and your Highway 112 scenic byway ... **BUY DUCKS!** from a board member.
Road thought for the day: "To read the papers and to listen to the news ... one

would think the country is in terrible trouble. You do not get that impression when you travel the **back roads and find that the small towns** where people do care about their country and wish it well.”

Charles Kuralt (American radio and television correspondent and journalist 1934-1997)

The “*Association*” ... News from the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Assoc.

New Grant Coordinator Hire ... The current Scenic Byway Grant Coordinator, Sande Balch, has tendered her resignation. Sande will continue to volunteer with the scenic byway as a board member and officer and as the Byway Leader for federal and state contact information. The position has been posted for applications to close February 26th with an interview and hire process to be completed in March.

Memberships Due ... Directory Listings

Membership renewal forms were due to be returned by January 1st. To date there are still many forms outstanding. It is important to respond to this renewal process to be eligible to serve on the Board of Directors, to be eligible to vote in director elections, and to confirm the listings for businesses in the business directory. The directory will be prepared for print next month. If you have not renewed and/or confirmed/updated your listings, please email or call Sande Balch for instructions. 360.457.1424 or sandrabalch@olympen.com

Meeting Schedule ... The upcoming meeting schedule is as follows:

March 22nd in Joyce

April 26th at Pysht

May 24th in Neah Bay

June 28th in Joyce

There are no board meetings in July or August.

Grant Projects Progress ... The grant completed in October provided for a photo library, web site planning, and cooperative print projects for the Whale Trail.org brochure, Clallam County Adventure Route trail segment, and the Elwha Bridge dedication historical booklet. A new grant is set to begin as soon as the new grant coordinator is in place. This grant will fund a redesign/print of the scenic byway brochure, the development of a scenic byway web site, and the design and installment of interpretive kiosks at the Clallam Bay, Pillar Point, and Freshwater Bay county parks.

Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association Board of Directors ...

Board members and officers for 2010 are as follows: Joe Murray (Pres.), Alex Stevens (Vice-Pres.), Bill Drath (Treas.), Sande Balch (Secy.), Margaret Owens, Diane Schostak, Bobbi Fuller, Greig Arnold.

Mission ... “To promote the Strait of Juan de Fuca Highway 112 Scenic Byway.”

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On the Strait and Narrow...

Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day

On March 30th, more than 29 American Legion Riders Post 29 and other veterans gathered at the Vietnam Veterans memorial sign on Highway 112 near Joyce to celebrate "Welcome Home Vietnam Veterans Day." Washington State Governor Chris Gregoire signed the proclamation setting aside a day to honor Vietnam War veterans.

Whale Tales and Flock Watch...

Progress continues toward the installation of four Whale Trail interpretive signs and markers along designated areas of HWY 112. Visit www.thewhaletrail.org

Local students are participating in a whale naming contest to name baby orca L112 born last winter in the Strait of Juan de Fuca. Names that have the best chance of being selected should have some relevance to the area we live in. The Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association will submit the selected names to the Whale Museum. Voting will take place for the general public in August - go to www.whalemuseum.org. If baby L112 is named with one of our student names, the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway will adopt the whale for the school - so that students can follow the life of L112.

Trail Tales...

Olympic Discovery Trail Adventure Route Segment partial closure continues from SRI 112 to Eden Valley (trail mile markers 0-6). Active logging of a DNR timber sale in this area makes it unsafe for users. Please stay off of the trail until an opening is announced in July or possibly earlier. Logging is also causing unannounced closures from trail mile markers 16-19 between the Joyce Access Road white gate and Joyce Piedmont Road. A new section of trail has officially been opened between trail mile markers 12-15. This new section replaces the 3 miles where you had to follow the Joyce Access road. Get out and enjoy!

What's Happening...

May 30

Fly in at Sekiu Airport: www.sekiu.com

June 19

Dedication of the Gossett Annex to the Joyce Depot Museum 1:30PM - see details next page.

Acoustic Jam at the Joyce Grange - musicians workshop 5-6PM, jam session 6-8PM - everyone welcome to play and listen!

June 21

Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association meets in Joyce - remember there will be no July/August meetings.

July 9 - 11

Clallam Bay-Sekiu Fun Days:
www.clallambaysekiufundays.com

July 19 - 24

Journey to Makah 2010: www.paddletomakah.org
find out more and order gifts/shirts

August 7

Joyce Daze Blackberry Festival
www.joycewa.com/joycedaze.htm

August 28 - 30

Makah Days: www.makah.com

September 11

Great Strait Sale - 3rd annual

Hwy 112 becomes a haven for shoppers and sellers - treasures stretch the 61 miles. Don't miss out... it's time to start planning. If you would like to volunteer or have questions please email Sande Balch, sandrabalch@olympen.com

Summer Hours

Joyce Depot Museum: 10AM - 4PM, M, TH, F and Sat from Memorial Day through Labor Day

Makah Museum: open 7 days a week year round,
makahmuseum@centurytel.net

Welcome to the highway...

In Neah Bay, there is a beautiful new place for overnight accommodations. Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association member, Linda's Wood-fired Kitchen and Motel, has opened two rooms above the restaurant - beautifully appointed with spectacular views. Call 640-2192



Joyce Depot Museum. Carriage rides, music and cookies will be part of the festivities starting at 1:30PM.

Celebration in Joyce...

Next year marks the 100th birthday of the Joyce General Store - the longest continuously operating general store in the country! Another celebration will take place this month in Joyce on Saturday, June 19th - the dedication of the John and Myrtle Gossett Annex to the

Sidewalks in Clallam Bay...

A new sidewalk along the North side of Hwy 112 from Murphy Road to Weel Road was completed in May.

The Association...

news from the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association

Welcome New Members...

- Joyce Headquarters Salon & Barbershop
- CresComm Services
- American Legion Riders Post 29
- Considerations
- Washburn's General Store - 1st Platinum Partner - thank you!

The 2010 Milepost Business Directory is now available with more member listings than ever before. Membership renewals:

Platinum \$500: Washburn's General Store

Sponsor \$100: Bruce Skinner and Associates, Sande Balch, Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau, Clallam Bay-Seki Chamber of Commerce, Olson's Resort, Spring Tavern, Salt Creek RV & Golf, Family Kitchen, Angel Crest Gardens, Elwha Dam RV Park

Associate \$25: Merrill & Ring, Bill Drath, la place sur la Mer, Bay Motel, Patti's Property Mgmt, Makah Cultural and Research Center, Raven's Corner, Makah Nation, Mike Doherty, Chito Beach Resort, American Legion Riders Post 29, CresComm Services Inc., Joyce General Store, Sunsets West Cooperative, Linda's Wood-fired Kitchen and Motel, Straitside Resort, Carol Schultz Realtor and Notary, Bullman Beach Inn, Droogee's Drums and Makah Art, The Cape Motel and RV Park, Straitview Self Storage, Strait Shots Coffee Shop, Ozett Associates LLC, King Fisher Enterprises, Neah Bay Chamber of Commerce

Scenic Byway Coordinator - new hire...

Michelle Little was hired in mid-March as the new Scenic Byway Coordinator. Sande Balch will continue in her role as Byway Leader and Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association Secretary. You may have seen Sande and Michelle out visiting friends along the HWY last month - introducing Michelle to the community and showing off the projects that the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway has partnered with and accomplished. Michelle will be working on the new grant which includes the development of a website for the Strait of Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway, re-design of the scenic byway brochure and three new interpretive kiosks at Clallam County Parks.

Sightings...

Cape Flattery and Highway 112 made national coverage as the feature in the Editor's Rambler of the Spring 2010 issue of "American Road" magazine. Executive Editor, Thomas Repp fondly remembers his yearly trips, "a rite of spring" to the most northwestern point of the lower 48.

Did you see the Douglas Fir flowers blooming in May?

There was an abundance of the erect pink buds at the Pysht Tree Farm.

No summer highway projects have been announced. Go to <http://www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/> for current road alerts.

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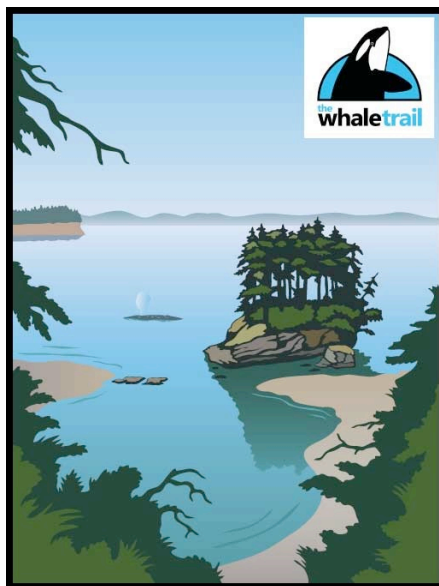


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On the Strait and Narrow...

Spectacular celebration...

Please join us at the Tongue Point overlook at Salt Creek on August 31st from 1-3pm for a program and dedication to celebrate the installation of the four whale trail site signs along our own Hwy 112. Interpretive signs and markers have been installed at these land based viewing areas: Salt Creek, Freshwater Bay, Sekiu Overlook and Shipwreck Point. One of the many goals of The Whale Trail Organization is "to



connect visitors to orcas, other marine wildlife and their habitat." We hope you will come to the August 31st event to learn more and to celebrate the work that The Whale Trail and its partners have done. Everyone is welcome - there will be a brief program, kids activities, refreshments and the opportunity to meet the partners of The Whale Trail organization. This event is free and open to the public.

Vote!

You may remember reading about the student whale naming contest in the last newsletter. Baby orca L112 was born last winter near the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association submitted over sixteen of the student names as well as a few names submitted by our members to the Whale Museum for consideration. One of our member names was selected for the vote now open to the general public: Rejoyce! How cool would it be for baby L112 to receive this name? Please go to www.whalemuseum.org and from the middle of the home page look for "It's time to name the babies, click here." This link will show you the ballots for all four whales being named. We strongly urge you to vote for Rejoyce. Submit your eballot by August 31st and tell all your friends and family to vote - it's open to everyone.

Trail Tales...

Olympic Discovery Trail Adventure Route from mile 0-6 is now re-opened after being closed several months for logging. A big thank you to Sound Bikes & Kayaks (trail adopters) and Lorrie Campbell's Thursday volunteer crew for getting the trail back into shape by clearing debris. A beautiful Adventure Route brochure and trail map was printed last Spring as a joint project with Clallam County, Peninsula Trails Coalition, Olympic Peninsula Visitor Bureau and the JFSBA. The maps are popular and if you are a business along Hwy 112 and would like some, please contact Michelle Little (contact info on back side of newsletter).

What's Happening...

August 31st

Whale Trail Sign Dedication

August 28 - 30

Makah Days: www.makah.com

September 11

Great Strait Sale - 3rd annual

Hwy 112 becomes a haven for shoppers and sellers - treasures stretch the 61 miles. Don't miss out... it's time to secure your site or tell your friends to mark the date for a big shopping day! For more information, please email Sande Balch, sandrabalch@olypen.com.
Also, see separate article in this newsletter.

September 18

Motorcycle Poker Run

Registration 10am - Noon at the Family Kitchen where the route begins. Registration fee: \$20 for riders, \$10 for passengers - includes bbq and prizes. For more information call Mark (360) 808.0175 or Angie (360) 808.2300. All proceeds go to the Crescent School Scholarship Fund.

September 27

JFSBA Meeting, Pysht

October 25

JFSBA Meeting, Joyce

All members are invited to attend. Contact Michelle Little for meeting time and directions michelledlittle@gmail.com.

Museum Hours

Joyce Depot Museum: after Labor Day, the museum will only be open Saturdays 10AM - 4PM

Makah Museum: open 7 days a week year round, makahmuseum@centurytel.net

Great Strait Sale...

Saturday, September 11th, 9am - 4pm

Plans are underway for the 3rd Annual 61+ mile yard sale along Hwy 112. Please come out and support this event as a seller or a buyer (or both!). The event includes yard sales at residences, sales at community central locations in Joyce, Clallam Bay and Neah Bay and promotions at businesses. If you would like to purchase an ad on the flyer or need more information about setting up your site, please contact Sande Balch at sandrabalch@olympen.com or 457-1424.



New Visitor Center in Clallam Bay...

Wow! The doors are open, the flowers are blooming, the brochure racks are full and visitors are flocking to the new center. Congratulations to the CB tourism committee and everyone who worked so hard to make this move.

Volunteers are always needed for staffing the center. Please get in touch with Brian Harmon, Chito Beach Resort (360) 963-2581, if you can spend a few hours each month greeting tourists.

Joyce Daze...

It was the wettest day of the summer, but the rain did not take away from the fact that the best blackberry pies on earth were served. Thank you to everyone who worked tirelessly on this annual celebration.

The Association projects...

Coming Spring 2011: the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association will be ready to unveil its new website. The job has gone out to bid and interested web developers need to submit their bid before September 15th. Details about the website bid as well as the bid to redesign the byway brochure can be found at www.scenic Hwy 112.org.

Work is continuing on the three new kiosks being designed for installation at Freshwater Bay, Pillar Point and Clallam Bay late next spring. This is a cooperative project between the JFSBA and Clallam County. The interpretive topics will include Communities, Logging and Forestry and Shipwrecks.

News from the Association...

Welcome New Members...

- Michelle Little
- Robert and Charlene Engel

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Sightings...

Welcome Paddle to Makah participants... The Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association purchased a full page welcome sign in the PDN - thank you to everyone for showing your support by placing the welcome sign in your window. Congratulations to the Makah for hosting a beautiful celebration.

Here comes the Bride... Weddings have kept lodging operators busy this summer as many brides and grooms have chosen the spectacular community center in Sekiu for their special day. Linda at the Straitside Resort said these are not just locals, but "people from out of the area who have found this incredible spot to celebrate their special day."

Last Dam Summer... Olympic National Park is offering many tours and talks this summer getting ready for the historic removal of the two Elwha dams. <http://www.nps.gov/olymp/naturescience/elwha-ecosystem-restoration.htm>

Some highway improvements are causing short delays. Go to www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic/ for current road alerts.

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News from the Association...

Membership Drive

It is once again time to renew your membership with the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association. Your support and interest in promoting the byway and the businesses and communities along the Strait of Juan de Fuca are greatly appreciated.

Your cooperation in completing and returning your renewal form in a timely manner will save many hours of time for the volunteer board of directors. Renewal forms were emailed in mid-October.

Why be a member? Currently, the Board of Directors is working with the new scenic byway coordinator (Michelle Little), to create a web site as well as an updated brochure for the byway community. Interpretive signs will also be installed in 2011 at Clallam Bay, Pillar

Point, and Freshwater Bay County Parks. Recently, cooperative projects have resulted in a brochure for the ODT Adventure Route Segment, a historical/dedication booklet for the new Elwha Bridge, and Whale Trail signs and brochures. Your membership helps with these projects. Your listing in the annual Membership Directory also keeps travelers informed as to the resources that we have along the byway.

Membership team,

Sande Balch, Secretary sandrabalch@olympen.com

Bill Drath, Treasurer drathwa@aol.com

Michelle Little, Scenic Byway Coordinator michelledlittle@gmail.com

On the Strait and Narrow...

La Nina

From the Seattle PI, August 5, 2010: "It's the news rain fans, snow fans and skiers love to hear: La Nina conditions have officially formed, meaning perhaps a cool and wet/snowy winter is in the offing around here. For the Pacific Northwest, La Ninas tend to bring cooler and wetter than normal conditions for autumn and winter. It doesn't necessarily mean a big, snowy winter (although 2008-09 was a La Nina winter) just that the odds of bringing cold and wet together at the same time are higher."

Travel Safety Tips...

- vehicle maintenance - check your tires and windshield wipers and visit a local mechanic for an oil change and fluid top off if needed.
- your vehicle emergency kit should include: flashlight, booster cables, flares, work gloves and it's not a bad idea to have a bag of warm clothes, water and snacks.
- check the weather and road reports before you leave the house: www.wsdot.wa.gov/traffic
- let someone know where you are - carry a cell phone.

What's Happening...

November 22

JFSBA Meeting, Pysht, 5pm - 7pm

November 25

Thanksgiving Day

Community potluck dinner at Sekiu Community Center at 2p.m. Bring a side dish to share.

November 26

Festival of Trees, Port Angeles

Support the OMC Foundation and bid on the tree with these special premiums: farm tour and lunch with Joe Murray, Merrill & Ring Tree Farm (Pysht) and Hobuck Beach overnight stay and Neah Bay tour with Greig Arnold, Makah Tribe.

December 7

Santa arrives at the Clallam Bay Post Office.

January 24

JFSBA Annual Meeting - election of officers

All members are invited to attend. Contact Michelle Little for meeting time and directions michelledlittle@gmail.com.

Museum Hours

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Whale tales and flock watch...



Baby Sooke...

Baby L112 has a new name. Thank you to all who voted to name baby L112 Rejoyce. After 7500 votes were counted by the Whale Museum in Friday Harbor, it was announced that the one year old orca would receive the name Sooke. Sooke is a very active female orca and has been spotted staying close to her mom Surprise! and older brother

Pooka. Sooke is now available for adoption from the Whale Museum... go to <http://www.whale-museum.org/programs/orcadoption/whalelist.html>

Are you interested in whale sighting updates? Stay connected to the whales this winter, by adding your email to the automatic sightings update through orca network: <http://www.orcanetwork.org/>

Have you been along the Whale Trail yet? There are four sites to visit from Hwy 112: Salt Creek, Freshwater Bay, Sekiu and Shipwreck Point. The Whale Trail was also listed in the new Olympic Peninsula Visitor Guide. Land based whale watching is a big attraction to travelers and the Hwy 112 corridor is now on this map!

Other News...

Great Strait Sale...

The 3rd annual Great Strait Sale was held September 11th. Highlights of the day included lots of baked goods available to keep shoppers going, and a big turnout for the sale at the Crescent Lions Club. Improvements for next year will include a downloadable map of sale sites on the new byway website!

Holiday decorating...

Gather rosehips, snowberries and noble fir to make the perfect centerpiece for your holiday table.

Holiday shopping...

Eklektas Design and Market Place has just opened in Clallam Bay. Managers Kathleen Haney and Martha Ireland offer a beautiful selection of gifts as well as a learning center devoted to bringing happiness, joy, light, life and enlightenment to the NW Olympic Peninsula. Visit their website: <http://eklektas.com/>

The Association projects...

Coming Spring 2011: the Juan de Fuca Scenic Byway Association will be ready to unveil its new website and brochure. The board is busy gathering content and sorting through the photo library. Work is continuing on the three new kiosks being designed for installation at Freshwater Bay, Pillar Point and Clallam Bay late next spring. This is a cooperative project between the JFSBA and Clallam County. The interpretive topics will include Communities, Logging and Forestry and Shipwrecks.

Sightings...

Peninsula Daily News October 10th: Bobbi Fuller, owner of Elwha Dam RV Park, and her crew were recently recognized as being selected for the 2010 Best of Port Angeles Award in Recreational Vehicle Parks. This award honors local companies that enhance the positive image of small business through service to their customers and community. Congratulations, Bobbi!

Beach log danger: When storm watching this winter, stay mindful of the surf and beach logs. Recently, a Blaine woman visiting Fourth Beach was slammed by a log in the shallow waters. Her leg was badly crushed and emergency crews were called to her aid.

Elwha River levels always changing as work continues to prepare for the dam removal:

<http://www.nps.gov/olym/naturescience/elwha-ecosystem-restoration.htm>

Hoebuck Hoedown last month drew a big crowd of surfers... This recreational group continues to grow and the secret surf spots are getting discovered.

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