

Last week I was walking in downtown Poulsbo, and I saw the buildings and streets in a new way; I began to see the people and stories they contained. Right then, I decided to write the column differently, and Mary Anderson, the brains, beauty, and creative muscle behind the Kitsap Virtual Communities, gave me the go ahead. The column will now run monthly and will tell the stories behind Poulsbo and the people who own the businesses and the dreams which the storefronts represent. Of course, I will still feature events and happenings in the downtown area; so, you can rely on the column for the latest information and some information months in advance, for those planners out there.

And speaking of information, events, and dreams, Sons of Norway is hosting a Centennial Kickoff on Saturday, January 12th. From 10am to 4pm, you can walk through live and multi-media displays about Poulsbo's history. There will be interviews with residents, a re-enactment of the first council meeting (11am), speeches, Norwegian dancers, Cloverblossom Band performance, and photographs. This event is a wonderful way to learn about Poulsbo and its colorful past.

Be sure to check here at the beginning of February for upcoming events and the stories behind the storefronts. I hope to see you around downtown Poulsbo. Enjoy!

Weekly Events

Mondays

There is a writing workshop at The Poulsbohemian Coffee House. It might be full at the moment, so be sure to call and check for space and further information at 360-779-9199.

Tuesdays

Game Night at The Poulsbohemian Coffee House provides an evening of games for card sharks, Scrabble experts, Trivial Pursuit brains, chess strategists, and game lovers of all types; gallons of coffee will flow, goodies consumed, and terrific conversation, competition and rousing fun to be had for all from 7-8pm. There is a \$5 cover charge. For more info call The Poulsbohemian at 360-779-9199.

Wednesdays

On Wednesdays, Sons of Norway invite one and all to attend a Norwegian lunch with sandwiches, desserts, beverages, and sometimes soup. The lunch begins at 11:00am and ends at 2:00pm.

Wednesdays are open-mic music nights at Tizley's Europub. The mic opens at 8pm and stays open until 11pm, so grab your instrument or your best toe-tapping shoes and head over to Tizley's. For further information call 360-394-0082.

Sons of Norway hosts Bingo in their Marine Room starting at 6:00pm. Can you imagine hearing your own voice holler out “BINGO!!” and winning the grand prize of \$500.00?

On the first and third Wednesdays Heavenly Choices hosts a Reiki Circle. Jessa and Patti, Reiki Masters, welcome all people to their circles (regardless of level). The event is free and starts at 7pm.

Thursdays

From 4:00pm to 7:00pm Sip-N-Knitters join up and caffeinate or relax with coffee, tea, and goodies while adding to a scarf which will eventually be twenty-two miles long beating the world record held by some sweet little ol’ Scottish ladies. According to the sign-up sheet, to date, more than 200 men, women, and children have contributed to the effort.

Sons of Norway hosts a gathering of local beginner to master level wood carvers from 6:00pm to 9:00pm. The curious are invited to see what they are up to and to appreciate their craft.

Magnolia Tree House hosts a musician’s jam. Fantastic local musicians gather and entertain while attendees enjoy meeting, mingling, conversation, and delicious drinks. There is no cover charge.

On the third Thursday of each month Heavenly Choices hosts a Spiritual Discussion Group. Cindy keeps the group running with the topics participants select. There isn't any cost for the event, which goes from 6:30- 8pm.

Fridays

“Reel Time Fiddle Tune Jam” takes place at The Poulsbohemian Coffee House every second Friday from 7:00-10:00pm. Join in and play your favorite reels, jigs, waltzes, polkas, and take a cheap trip (\$2.00 cover charge) to Cape Breton, Quebec, New England, and abroad. Folks who can hold a stick, pick, pluck, or squeeze are welcome. For further info please call Jane Landstra at 360-697-6192.

Tizley’s Europub presents Rick May and Gil Yslas with the occasional guest player. This group is the perfect backdrop for a delicious dinner, desert, and a large variety of spirits. For further information call 360-394-0082.

Saturdays

Dancing Paint Brush hosts three different workshops from 10:00am until Noon. Each class is \$75 which includes the \$40 non-refundable deposit, materials, studio time, instruction, and firing. The Metal Clay Basics class teaches you how to make your own silver jewelry out of Metal Clay; in this fun class, artists twelve and up will learn to manipulate, dry, sand, and finish their pieces. Or artists twelve and up are invited to learn the basics of using frit, stringers & other techniques in the Fused Glass Workshop by creating a 7" plate. And artists of all ages are welcome to attend the Clay Handbuilding Workshop; in the workshop you will learn to slab and throw your own clay. Call Dancing Paint Brush today to sign-up for the class of your choice 360-598-3800.



Magnolia Tree House hosts live music every Saturday night - professional acts and no cover. Enjoy the wonderfully moody and intimate setting. Call today to get details about featured artists. 360-697-1447

Tizley's Europub features live music on Saturday nights. The pub boasts excellent spirits and an excellent selection of wine, beers, deserts, and meals. Start times vary slightly and artists vary, so give them a call at 360-394-0082 for specific dates, start times, and artist information.

January Events

Saturday, January 12th

Heavenly Choices hosts an Intuition Workshop with Teresa and Joanne. Call Heavenly Choices for more information at (360) 697-6765. And when you're there sign-up for their Tarot, Reiki, Spirituality, and Drum Making classes.

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At 6:30pm Sons of Norway will host a wine-tasting benefit for the Poulsbo Historical Society; the Johnny and Bonnie trio will wow us and students will perform a play, while we enjoy the centennial wine. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased at City Hall, Central Market, and the Poulsbo Chamber of Commerce.

February Events

Thursday, February 8th

It's Girl's Night Out on February 8th in Historic Downtown Poulsbo from 5pm to 8pm. This pre-Valentine event will offer special discounts and treats for the ladies. And, Liberty Bay Books will give special discounts on all "love" and "relationship" titles. For more information call 360-779-5909.

Friday, February 9th

Heavenly Choices features a Valentine Psychic Fair. There will be psychics available for to give readings and more. Call Heavenly Choices for more information at (360) 697-6765.