

## Events

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, many events of our Chamber members as well as the Chamber have been postponed to future dates. Please check the Chamber Website for details and frequent updates: [www.jeffcountychamber.org/events](http://www.jeffcountychamber.org/events)



### Chamber Café

**Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
10 am-11:15 am on Zoom  
"The State of the City"

City Manager John Mauro  
and new Mayor, David Faber

The Mayor and City Manager will discuss the vision for the City of Port Townsend along with updates on current programs and projects in the City as well as future plans. There will be an extended QA to enable the City team to respond to your questions and concerns.

There is no fee to attend, and no membership is required.

Registration is necessary for zoom access [www.jeffcountychamber.org/events](http://www.jeffcountychamber.org/events)

### Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup>

The Chamber will hold a **Newcomers Meet-Up on Zoom from 9:30-10:30 am**. Always popular, these meetings are designed to assist new-to-the-community residents and businesses get off to a great start with resources and connection information.

Welcome Swag Bags are always available for pick-up at the Chamber after the event for those attending virtually.

Learn about opportunities, make new friends, connect with resources and ideas!

Have questions? [admin@jeffcountychamber.org](mailto:admin@jeffcountychamber.org)



FEBRUARY 2022

# Business Insider

Serving the Businesses and Citizens of Jefferson County

## Isol8: Environmental technology on the Olympic Peninsula

*Article and image courtesy of isol8*

Jefferson County is a great place to start up a technical company, and not just because it's such a nice place to live. We are surrounded by resources to help a business grow: the Chamber, Team Jefferson, business planning advisors, HR, accounting, web design, and marketing services. It's not hard to recruit professionals to such a beautiful area, a short hop from the big city. The local foundry, machine and welding businesses offer high spec capabilities, and shops across the sound can ratchet up to production volumes. Seattle's technology and manufacturing ecosystem offers enormous benefits with a wide variety of technical services, and the Washington universities and colleges are top notch resources. Global and regional logistics also mean you are only a day or three away from many regional and west coast suppliers.

Even for the oddball startup in, of all things, the oil and gas business, right here on the Olympic Peninsula.

What started as a US Department of Energy research grant to explore sealing technologies for deep nuclear waste disposal wells evolved into a unique expertise in the use of energetic materials to form high performance seals in oil and gas wells. As Olympic Research, we tested and modelled thermite energy sources to form 'magma' plugs in wells. In the process we learned a lot about these unique reactions, how to manage them thousands of feet down a water-filled well, and most importantly, how to use them safely. That led to interest by the oil and gas industry, particularly those charged with sealing wells being decommissioned. Not only is it imperative that these plugs are high performing and long lasting to prevent contamination to aquifers, but, as President Biden stated at the climate summit last fall, they are non-trivial sources of greenhouse gas emissions if poorly sealed.

We were contacted by a Scottish startup, isol8 Ltd, interested in combining our thermite expertise with their downhole tool engineering and field application skills. We had several exciting months of collaborative development and testing, and in 2019 merged the two companies. Our team is responsible for R&D and system testing, and the UK contingent manages engineering development, marketing, field operations, and provides overall corporate management and infrastructure.

So, this is a big deal, requiring innovations way beyond conventional approaches.

The oil industry is facing a surge in well decommissioning activities, and new technologies are needed to improve performance and drive down cost.

Several startups are developing sealing solutions with heat sources to melt and form metal alloy plugs in place. Our specialty is in the sophistication of our thermite systems and the metallurgical bond between the alloy plug and the well casing. We are essentially soldering metal plugs in place: big plugs, hundreds of pounds in weight, under thousands of feet of water. And to do this we use physics, chemistry, metallurgy, mechanical engineering, sophisticated modelling, and a lot of big hardware.

We've completed one installation in the North Sea (at 11,000 ft. depth!) and are planning several others in the very near future. It is a demanding, competitive business with global impact potential.

Right here.



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## DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

This year is already speeding by with an exciting January and building even more with February's happenings. We started the year off with a fabulous Café featuring the State of the County with our own commissioners who provided fabulous insight into our current situation and our future. There are a great deal of innovative ideas, initiatives and programs running through County government and it is nice to see this focus on "Community CARE" with a very personal touch. The QA session at this Café brought many of their ideas and yours to the table. What an exciting adventure! This month, Port Townsend City Manager John Mauro will present the State of the City and provide many opportunities to share information and ideas in an extended QA.

You will see online at [www.jeffcountychamber.org](http://www.jeffcountychamber.org) our Nomination Form for the 2022 Jefferson County Community Leadership Awards, and the closing date for nominations. Please fill in the online form and use additional word docs if necessary. Please do not attach any other letters, forms, etc. to your nomination as they will invalidate your entry. Categories remain: Business Leader



Arlene Alen

of the Year, Citizen of the Year, Rising Entrepreneur, Young Professional of the Year and Future Business Leader (graduating HS Senior). These are community awards that we are honored to produce for Jefferson County annually. You do not need to be a Chamber member to nominate someone for the award nor to be nominated. Watch your inbox and our website for updates.

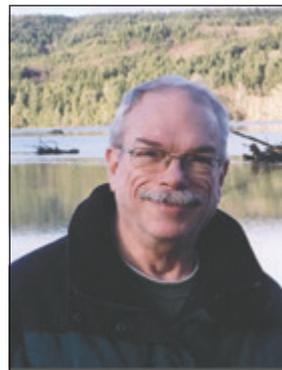
This month we roll out our second Community Development Fund Grant which is designed to assist in programmatic support for your business or nonprofit. Is there a program you would love to roll out this year that would significantly move your business forward, but you are just short of revenue goals to achieve that and are postponing your start? If that sounds like your business today, watch for this grant opening and apply.

2022 is an exciting year at the Chamber and we are excited about our expanded programs and new Port Townsend Leader Advertising Program and most of all having you as our community partners. Let's grow our future together!

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

2022 is upon us and many of us are wondering what kind of year it will be. I believe what we have learned over the past two years is that flexibility and the ability to pivot has become a requirement in our personal and professional lives. I am proud of our community in facing the pandemic and adapting how we do business in reaction to changing protocols and requirements. It has been very tough on our businesses, however. We have said goodbye to many long-standing businesses. Many friends have decided to close or retire. Staffing in all sectors has become a challenge. However, in the midst of closings are new beginnings. I am heartened by several businesses which have opened or morphed this past year. New ownership of our local taxi company has brought a rebranding and Priuses to the roads of Jefferson County. In addition to A Taxi Cab Company joining, PharmMade, Kinship HR, Forage and Feast, Thermographic Solutions and Hills and Valley Catering are all new members.

This year, your Chamber will be working to keep our local business community strong and provide the services we know businesses need. Membership provides a



Richard Tucker

vast array of services, from E-Commerce sites, business mentoring and workshops through our partnership with SCORE dealing with a host of topics including marketing, social media, employment, tax strategies for businesses among many, informative Chamber Cafes and grants for small businesses. These are just a few of the offerings to Chamber members and nonmembers. Please check out our website for current and future offerings!

2022 is also a time of transition. We are pleased to welcome Cindy Brooks, our newest Board member. Cindy is the new director of the EDC/ Team Jefferson. Cindy most recently worked at the North Olympic Development Council as the Economic Recovery Coordinator. Cindy also advised small businesses with her position with Washington State University Small Business Development Center. Cindy is also an entrepreneur and small business owner herself. We look forward to

having Cindy on the Chamber Board and are excited about developing a stronger partnership with the EDC to the benefit of Jefferson County businesses.

Thank you all for supporting local businesses!

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## Website “Overhaul” thanks to Chamber grant

Article and images courtesy of the PT Marine Trades Association

“Keeping skills and traditions alive through active practice is how the marine trades preserve our maritime culture,” says Robert D’Arcy of the Schooner Martha Foundation.

Once upon a time, simply doing one’s trade well was enough. Our tradespeople live and breathe their work designing, innovating, building, repairing, and refinishing the boats that bring fish to our tables, offer life changing experiences, and become floating homes and classrooms. In today’s digitized and gentrified world, someone needs to speak up on their behalf.

In the 1990s, a brochure featuring local marine trades businesses was used to market the marine trades in Port Townsend. By 2007, a website and motivated volunteers turned up the volume. In 2018, a maritime economic impact study (EIS) validated the industry in a major way. Today, the public and our elected officials rely heavily on the internet to inform important decisions and this reality has not been lost on the Port Townsend Marine Trades Association’s board. Overhauling a website (rather than a boat) has been alien territory however, and taken a back seat to “more pressing matters”.

In August of 2021, the PTMTA applied for and was awarded a Small Business Marketing Grant from the Chamber of Jefferson County. With the grant, a goal, and a deadline, the PTMTA has pressed forward to make long overdue updates to its website that would have otherwise remained wishful thinking. Board member Ashlyn Brown noted, “The website had become fractured after 15 years without structural updates. It’s a bigger project than we anticipated but exciting to clean it up and implement new ideas. Our project’s ‘web-guru’ Lindsey Moore has opened my eyes about today’s website expectations.” Lindsey also works in the trades at the Port Townsend Foundry.

Using both volunteer time and the \$1,000 grant, PTMTA.ORG is well on its way to a new look. The website focuses on three key areas;

a marine trades services directory, the economic benefits of the marine trades to the county, and a dynamic blog, the site's most important update. The new blog is intended to serve its members as a resource for association notices, jobs, rentals, classes, maritime history & current events. Now, a weekly newsletter with the latest posts is sent out automatically to those who sign up for notification. This allows members to opt in and reduces random or daily emails that can flood our inboxes.

Our marine trades encompass a “hands-on” community of people and businesses supporting each other through referrals and shared resources, often with a direct link between education at the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding straight into the workforce. Citing the EIS, the average trades wage is 27% higher than most service industry wages. Additionally, trades jobs typically become lifetime careers and independent businesses, making the marine trades collective a major economic development engine. PTMTA board member, Pat Mahon agrees that, “It is important to us that decision makers and residents embrace not only the beauty of the boats on the water that is all around us, and the craft being passed down through generations, but also the added value to the broader community.”

Diana Talley, a PTMTA founding member, shared, “Modes of communication are fluid, just like our own industry. We preserve our traditions by growing and adapting to new technologies. We are thankful for this grant that gave us the opportunity to keep pace.”

Learn more at [PTMTA.ORG](http://PTMTA.ORG)



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# Jefferson County BIPOC Businesses

Article courtesy of the Chamber of Jefferson County with assistance from Medhani Vaughn, Peter Mustin, Velda Thomas and Juri Jennings

“Port Townsend downtown is a challenging place to be a small business owner, but I really love this community, so it is worth the effort,” shared Medhani Vaughn of Talisman Body Piercing in Port Townsend. Medhani also participates in Social Justice support work for BIPOC and LGBTQ youth locally by working with them in farming and agricultural settings. “The challenges are centered around the small population and the seasonal shifts of tourist traffic. Being a specialty business with a long-standing, faithful client base has allowed me to thrive and grow here, but there have been many challenges. Typical things have occurred such as theft and vandalism, which I never take to heart or too personal. Just as a good reason to increase the security inside and

around my store. As a person of color very often I have clients and customers come in and express how much they feel our town lacks visible cultural diversity. My response is for them to help us change that by either visiting more or coming here and settling down in our community. Help us build community and opportunities for BIPOC folks by joining us here and supporting our BIPOC Small Business owners! Overall, I am very excited for the younger generations to be able to intermingle and have a more diverse experience, so I continue to build towards that.” If you’d like to support BIPOC businesses, here are some fantastic options in the county.



Photos courtesy Woodbridge Farm

## Woodbridge Farm

Woodbridge Farm is a 24-acre farm located along a salmon stream in the fertile Chimacum Valley of Washington’s Olympic Peninsula. Woodbridge was purchased in 2018 by Peter Mustin, one of rural Jefferson County’s only Black farmers and one

of its largest Black landowners. As a steward of the land, Peter’s vision of Woodbridge Farm is to cultivate community while caring for the soil, growing good food and flowers, and providing space for Black, Indigenous, and people of color to experience the life-affirming bounty nature provides.

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Photo courtesy Velda Thomas

## SvaraSound Body

Velda Thomas is a licensed massage therapist, author, artist, creative and educator. Velda offers massage, energy work and sound healing at her business SvaraSound Body in Uptown PT.

Velda established her thriving practice seven years ago with the intention of creating a unique modality combining the healing benefits of sound with massage. Velda offers a nurturing, intuitive approach through bodywork to her many clients. Grounded spiritual essence flows in her passion for the healing arts.

Last year she wrote, illustrated and self-published her first book, "Blended-Perspectives on Belonging."

2022 will see more of Veldas’ talents as she continues to develop multiple projects and collaborations in our community and beyond.

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## MEMBER UPDATE

# Jefferson County Home Builders Association: SAVE THE DATES!

Article and image courtesy of the Jefferson County Home Builders Association

## Jefferson County Home Show

Jefferson County Home Show is the local show featuring builders, designers & professional sub-contractors in many fields. The event includes seminars based on latest trends and technologies to remodel your house, and it also includes the types of accessories and landscaping that goes well with your dreams. Visitors can speak to professionals, while learning about new trends. The last two years have shown us that the housing market shows no sign of slowing down; so now more than ever it is imperative to maintain the personal investment which is your home.

The Jefferson County Home Show will focus on current trends featuring cabinetry, masonry, insulation, universal design, solar power and home automation technology. Builders, design professionals, inspectors and horticultural professionals will be on hand to answer questions regarding your home & how to maintain it. Featuring more than 45 exhibitors, the **2022 Home Show** offers an opportunity to meet experts and learn about new products and services that are available to add comfort and value to your home. Consider attending an energy presentation or community

roundtable on housing in Jefferson or stroll around and visit personally with one of our many vendors. But don't forget the garden! Plant specialists will be on hand to help you ready your soil, prune your shrubs and handle plant issues common to the Pacific Northwest. From landscapes pieces to solar panel, our show offers ideas



to turn your dreams into reality. Also on display will be electric cars and hybrids courtesy of the Wilder Auto of Sequim. Take a test drive in one of this year's EV models.

Thinking about solar power or pondering new technology for your home? Consider attending one of our energy presentations:

## "Electrify Everything!" with Hans Frederickson

A presentation on how to save money, improve air quality, and save the planet by replacing oil and gas appliances and machines with better electric alternatives, powered by clean energy. Learn about electric heat pumps for space and water heating, induction cooktops, electric vehicles, and solar energy systems with battery storage. Available incentives and rebates will be explained, followed by Q&A.

## Presentation: Spin Your Meter Backwards - Solar 101

Are you ready to utilize the sun to create your own clean electricity? Learn how solar works in the Pacific Northwest and how your investment in independent energy can help reduce your utility bills and possibly gain you a 26% Federal Tax Credit.

As always, the Jefferson County Home Builders Association sponsors this annual Home Show, so that residents may speak face-to-face with professionals in the field, free of charge.

Visit JCHBA.net to learn more about this annual free community event.

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## MEMBER UPDATE

# Port Townsend Film Fest

Article and Image courtesy of Port Townsend Film Fest

2022 has already been an exciting year for the Port Townsend Film Festival! After honoring retiring Executive Director Janette Force for her 12 years of service at the end of 2021, PTFE welcomed a new Executive Director, Danielle McClelland, this past January. Moreover, the staff has recently refreshed their offices and are opening the space up for community engagement of all sorts.

Danielle relocated from Bloomington, Indiana to Port Townsend, a place where she has many connections and history—including attending Goddard College at Fort Worden, where she earned her M.F.A. She brings 20 years of experience in community organizing in the arts. She was the Executive Director for Buskirk-Chumley Theater Management, Inc., the nonprofit which manages a 600-seat historic theater on behalf of the City of Bloomington, Indiana. Danielle founded and served for ten years as the producing director of the PRIDE Film Festival, Bloomington's annual LGBTQ film festival. She also has extensive success in development, having established partnerships with community leaders

in city management and academics. She developed an engaged and innovative approach to spearhead capital campaigns and achieve fundraising goals.

One of her first projects with PTFE is to re-imagine the use of the "Balcony Theatre," the organization's spacious and beautiful downtown 4th-floor office space. The space features breathtaking water and downtown views, room for small gatherings, and the capacity to screen films in a theatre-quality setting. Thanks to two generous donor gifts, the theatre received a 'face lift' to include state-of-the-art technology and new chairs for screenings.

PTFE initiated the redesign to make the offices a true community gathering place. McClelland's goal is to "make the space accessible to other community groups and businesses" for meetings, receptions, and screenings. The Festival has a robust archive of films, many of which can be screened to help further the work of community organizations. It will also be a place for burgeoning filmmakers to review and showcase their work.

Throughout 2021, PTFE partnered with local nonprofits for the "PTFE Pics" program to bring films to the community that shed light on the causes of these

organizations. These partnerships have proved valuable for all parties—introducing PTFE to a broad audience, providing the nonprofits a new resource for community engagement, and sharing filmmaker work year-round. The Balcony Theatre will provide a physical space for these rich experiences.

The Port Townsend Film Festival has reinstated office hours Monday-Weds 10am-3pm. All are encouraged to stop by, tour the space, and meet Danielle and the staff. If you're interested in utilizing the Balcony Theatre, please contact Administrative Director, Christy Spencer at [Christy@ptfilmfest.com](mailto:Christy@ptfilmfest.com).



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## Pacific Northwest Timbers

Article courtesy of the Chamber of Jefferson County, images courtesy of Pacific Northwest Timbers

Pacific Northwest Timbers, LLC. in Port Townsend has been utilizing reclaimed timbers as a building resource since 2009. They provide reclaimed wood needs for interiors, exteriors and furnishings in residential and commercial projects.



“It’s a very precious resource,” shared Jake Jacob, Operations Manager at Pacific Northwest Timbers.

“Almost all the wood that we recover is from 1st growth trees and that kind of wood is just generally not available today. The greater Pacific Northwest was completely built with large Douglas-fir, western hemlock and western red cedar. That’s what we recover and try to repurpose into something of merit.”

One of the practical reasons for utilizing reclaimed wood is it has already undergone a natural drying process and is fully seasoned. “It’s very challenging to accelerate the thorough drying of timbers, so that is what pushed me to seek out salvaged wood, because

it was already air-dried and had come mostly from commercial structures,” shared Jake. “It was allowed to dry in situ. When these buildings are dismantled to make way for new structures, that wood becomes a valuable resource.”

As may be expected in working with reclaimed wood, some of the timber recovered has historical significance, in this case particular to the maritime history in Jefferson County. Pacific Northwest Timbers was able to salvage timber from ships that sank off the west coast of America. “Those ships were carrying large Douglas-fir ‘cants’ out of British Columbia and they sank in storms,” shared Jake. “The timbers that were cargo popped to the surface decades later after the chains holding them to the deck degraded and broke. We only have about six of those large timbers left. The timbers are literally pickled Douglas-fir. Air dried Douglas-fir weighs about 2.8 lbs. per board foot. These ‘shipwreck’ timbers weigh almost 6 ½ lbs. per board foot. They are stable, but ironically a little bit brittle. We treat them more like artifacts.”

Pacific Northwest Timbers, LLC. is the sister company to Crossroads Recycled Lumber LLC out of North Fork, California. Pacific Northwest Timbers employs four employees total and looks to improve productivity in 2022. “We’re looking to get a new saw to add to our machinery, it is a production resaw. It should help us streamline and make our timbers into plank stock more efficiently. We look forward to that,” said Jake.

Pacific Northwest Timbers has taken a niche form of woodworking and found a home for itself in the already unique collection of craftsmen in Jefferson County. “I find it to be satisfying, maybe because it is off the beaten path and is an unusual way to work with wood in a very vast industry,” shared Jake. “I think that in this community, it’s another interesting aspect of woodworking that adds to the woody flavor of Port Townsend in general. We have a lot of great carpenters and shipwrights and this is a wonderful little community of woodworkers.”

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## MEMBER UPDATE

### Start Your Day with a Dash of Inspiration at the 2022 Jefferson Land Trust Virtual Conservation Breakfast Event!

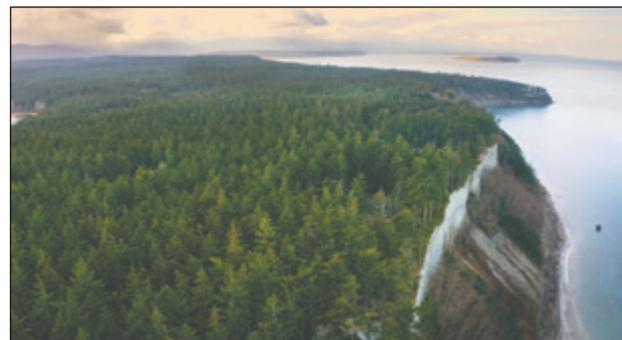
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Each spring, Jefferson Land Trust hosts its popular (and free-of-charge) Conservation Breakfast. The annual gathering offers an opportunity to learn more about community-powered conservation and ways to get involved in protecting the farms, fish, and forests of Jefferson County.

Conservation Breakfast 2022 will take place on Thursday, March 17 from 9:00-10:30 am on Zoom. Guests are encouraged to grab a warm morning beverage and/or something yummy for breakfast and then log in and enjoy the program.

“The great thing about having the event online is that so many more people can participate whether they live locally or not,” said Land Trust Executive

Director Richard Tucker. “In the past with the in-person event, we’ve had challenges accommodating all those



Protecting land in the Quimper Wildlife Corridor and Cappy’s Trails is the longest-running project of Jefferson Land Trust. Photo by John Gussman.

the sky’s the limit in terms of capacity and geographic location of our guests. We’re excited to have a broader and more inclusive way of gathering for people interested in our work and our region.”

Conservation Breakfast went virtual for the first time in 2021, when more than 275 Zoom guests kicked off their days by learning about 25 years of protecting a local community treasure in Port Townsend — the Quimper Wildlife Corridor and Cappy’s Trails. The event was the kickoff to the Quimper Wildlife Corridor Challenge, a wildly successful community-supported campaign to protect additional land in the corridor. You can learn more about it at [www.saveland.org/corridor-challenge](http://www.saveland.org/corridor-challenge).

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Photo: Diane Urbani De La Paz at Peninsula Daily News

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## Jefferson County BIPOC Businesses Peddler PT

At Peddler PT they believe ‘good health starts with good food’ and they offer personal shopping and delivery services from the PT Food Co-op and Aldrich’s. Peddler PT is a human-powered bike delivery service and the power behind the pedal is Juri Jennings.

“Peddler Port Townsend hopes to bring a bit of ease into your life by taking care of your errands like grocery shopping, picking up your farm CSA share, or delivering pre-made meals,” shared Juri. “At the same time, you will be reducing your carbon footprint because we do this all by an electric bike. Enjoy goods magically delivered to your front step, and instead spend that time on a hobby or something you love doing. Sit back and relax - we’ll take care of the haul.”



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The 2022 Breakfast promises another inspiring conversation about land use and stewardship in our region, the ethics of land conservation, and actions we can all take to ensure that the natural beauty and productivity of Jefferson County endure forever. Whether you’ve been supporting Jefferson Land Trust for years or you’ve never heard of this local, nonprofit conservation organization, you’ll enjoy a dash of inspiration to start your day at the 2022 Virtual Conservation Breakfast.

Learn more and register (for free) for Conservation Breakfast 2022 at [www.saveland.org/breakfast](http://www.saveland.org/breakfast).

About Jefferson Land Trust:

Jefferson Land Trust ([www.saveland.org](http://www.saveland.org)) is a local, nonprofit land conservation organization dedicated to preserving the rural character and iconic landscapes of Jefferson County. In partnership with the community, the Land Trust has helped to protect more than 17,400 acres of our area’s most important places.



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## MEMBER UPDATE

# Habitat For Humanity East Jefferson County

Article and images courtesy of Habitat for Humanity

In mid-November, a gentleman walked into the Habitat Store in Port Townsend and found a picture of a pheasant in mid-flight. Birds occupied a special place in his home. “It’s going to fit right in with my other pheasant pictures,” he said. “In fact, I might have to take some down to make this fit. I have so many.” Clearly pleased, he carried his new purchase out of the store. Not only did he find a piece of art that spoke to him, but by making the purchase, that gentleman was helping fund housing for people in East Jefferson County.

Every year, Habitat receives around 150 pieces of donated pictures ranging from original paintings to more common commercial art. Currently, Habitat has about 350 pieces of wall-hanging art in inventory; most are framed. Almost one-third of those pieces are highly collectible originals or numbered and signed prints by local and internationally renowned artists. The most valuable piece in the Habitat collection is an original oil by Troy Dalton, with an estimated sale price of \$2,500.00. Value, however, is in the eye of the beholder. Some artwork is priced at less than \$10.00. Yet the joy people experience when they find that perfect piece that will liven up their homes, or offices, or make a thoughtful gift is priceless. William Laidlaw, a Habitat volunteer who curates all of the artwork, says, “We have art for kids’ rooms and for boardrooms. Every sale makes the buyer smile and helps families in our community. Everyone wins.”

With more than 350 pieces of artwork in inventory, not all pictures are on display at once. Artwork is rotated periodically in the store. Additionally, the Habitat EJC store hosts an art show about once a quarter to showcase more of its artwork than is normally on display. The next art show is scheduled for Saturday, March 26, 2022. Habitat staff and volunteers will be on hand to discuss the artwork and help shoppers find the perfect complement for their homes. Even if you’re not in the market for new art, come in for some art therapy and enjoy browsing the store.

The Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County Store was founded in 2001 and has been located at 2001 West Sims Way since 2005. The store exists to support Habitat’s Mission: to bring people together to build homes, communities and hope. Donations of household goods and appliances come from generous people all over East Jefferson County and even further afield. “Every item we sell, be it a couch, a refrigerator, or simply a small

glass vase goes toward helping build homes for people in need of affordable housing,” says Store Manager Jeff Flammang. “We are very fortunate to have such an engaged and giving community. People feel good that their donations will be cared for and get a second – or third or fourth – life in a different home.”



Volunteer and Board Member William Laidlaw inspects and researches artwork to establish whether it is an original, print or reproduction.



L to R: Volunteer Genevieve Peterson, Delivery Lead Jerimah Salmon and Volunteer Jim Upshaw create a vignette of donated items at the Habitat for Humanity of East Jefferson County Store in Port Townsend.



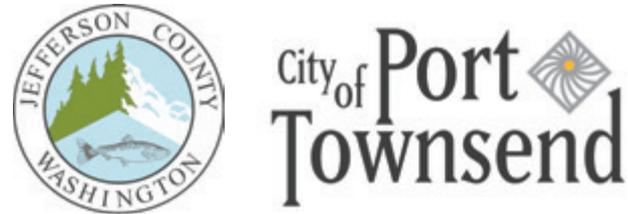
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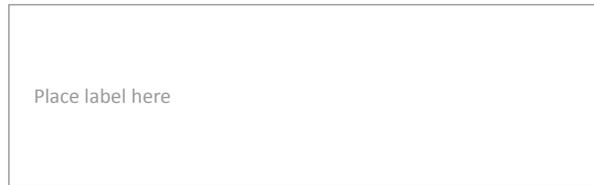
## President's Circle



## Community Visionaries



## Community Investors



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Don't forget to enter the many raffles that take place throughout this event!

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Are you a foodie? An adventure seeker? A trail hiker? A local wine connoisseur? The Chamber of Jefferson County is looking for passionate volunteers who would be willing to spend a few minutes answering emails or having brief phone conversations with visitors interested in the exciting experiences our community has to offer. If you love your hobby and want to share it with others, please reach out to the Chamber to discuss this fantastic Community Concierge opportunity. Invest a small amount of time, or spend a few hours at the Chamber once the state allows it. To volunteer or get more information, contact: [director@jeffcountychamber.org](mailto:director@jeffcountychamber.org).



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