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MEMBER UPDATE

Wooden Boat Festival sets sail in September

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The Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival is returning for its 45th year this September!

This year's festival will feature a wide range of activities for wooden boat enthusiasts: three days of presentations to help kickstart life afloat, a new Adventure Stage showcasing daring endeavors, an area dedicated to woodworking, tools and craft, The Boatbuilding Stage once again presented by the Northwest School of Wooden Boatbuilding, tons of musical performances as well as a redesigned and expanded Kids Cove to keep your children entertained!

"The Wooden Boat Festival is a project of the Northwest Maritime Center, whose mission is to engage and educate people of all generations in traditional and contemporary maritime life, in a spirit of adventure and discovery," said Barb Trailer, Director of the Wooden Boat Festival. "This mission is at the heart of the Wooden Boat Festival—we bring people of all ages together for a fun, educational, and inspiring weekend celebrating maritime culture, history, and craftsmanship. The Wooden Boat Festival is for everyone—kids and adults alike—and we hope to see you there September 10-12, 2021."

As is the case with any great undertaking, preparation and hard work are key. With the past

year's ever-changing pandemic related restrictions, extra care was needed to ensure a successful event. "Getting the Festival gears back up and running after a year's hiatus is no small thing. There are so many details that go into an event of this size—I've been running the festival for 10 years, and yet in many

more important than ever this year as we navigate through COVID times," said Barb. "We not only have wonderful staff, but we also have a volunteer "Captain Team" that is amazing. They are the leads (or "captains") of all the different areas of the festival.

We currently have 78 captains who meet all summer long in my backyard to plan and prepare for the festival. And of course, our team isn't complete without the 650+ volunteers who help with everything from docks safety to pouring drinks, directing parking, and more. The volunteer turnout has been great so far this year! People are so excited to be back doing things. You can still sign up to volunteer at woodenboat.org!"

Aside from the great team of workers putting in the hours to prepare for the event, the Festival also partners with local businesses and organizations. "We partner with The City, The Port, and several local companies to run the Wooden Boat

Festival," said Barb. "We work hand-in-hand with the Police Department, the Fire Department, as well as The Jefferson Transfer Station and Students for Sustainability at the high school to do an incredible recycling program at the Festival."

The Port Townsend Wooden Boat Festival is a one-of-a-kind experience. Be sure to check it out September 10-12! Woodenboat.org



ways, this year is like starting over," shared Barb. "The past year has been an opportunity to rethink certain aspects of the festival and make some fun changes—some, of course, to address COVID safety, and some because we are always looking for ways to keep the festival fresh and exciting for attendees."

Helping ensure the event happens is a fantastic group of dedicated individuals. "The Wooden Boat Festival team is smart, funny, and creative—which is



DIRECTOR'S REPORT

It is difficult to believe we are starting to look at the holiday season again and still working through ongoing resurgences of COVID through so many variants and phases worldwide. We are so proud of being part of this community who have throughout these challenges shown the tenacity and spirit of community that has enabled us to fare so much better than most of the state and the county. No doubt that attitude will continue through recovery and revitalization and is demonstrated by the many positive changes in our organizations and businesses that are enabling them to grow sustainably toward our better future, while remaining safe and healthy.

Toward that end, this community has embraced the Chamber's social entrepreneurship programs and we are excited that soon we will be able to announce the successful businesses, membership was not a requirement, who were awarded grants through our first Small Business Marketing Grant program. We plan to offer another grant cycle soon and look forward to these grantees successful marketing campaigns designed to enhance and grow their businesses.

If you are seeking to utilize more of the Chamber business services, including extensive marketing

opportunities and are not yet a member, we have community businesses ready to sponsor your membership. Reach out to the Chamber for the brief application form. Sponsoring businesses will soon be featured in JeffConnects and on the Chamber website and we are grateful to those businesses for their commitment to the sustainability and prosperity of all our Jefferson County businesses.

Are you getting everything you can out of your Chamber membership? Is our MIC helping you? (Membership Information Center) So many members never use their credentials to access the MIC to post job opportunities, sales and discounts, events, photos, and logos or updating their business address, phone numbers and staff. Can't remember your credentials? Not a problem, just reach out to the Chamber office and we'll send you a link to reset them. We are going to begin regularly scheduled Chamber 101 orientation which includes walking



Arlene Alen

through the basics of MIC utilization and addressing any challenges you might have had interacting with our CRM system. Sign up on the chamber website for this no-cost short zoom workshop.

Our Visitors Information Center continues to be very busy as is our outdoor kiosk. We have a training workshop upcoming for volunteers for the Community Concierge Cohort who are subject experts in hiking, biking, kayaking, sailing, area history buffs, foodie, music enthusiast and more. Think you have a few minutes or hours to accept a call, text or email from a visitor needing expert advice?

If so, we also have a few seasonal spots available on site to consult with our visitors on Saturdays through Fall. Applications for all are available through admin@jeffcountychamber.org.

We hope you have had a fabulous summer and we look forward to seeing you all soon!



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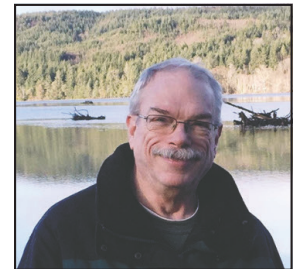
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we leave the dog days of summer I have been looking back at the past season. We've been enjoying businesses, including restaurants, which are more open than last year. The county is seeing more visitors and a number of new businesses are opening up. It has been promising to see, yet the cloud of new Covid cases is hanging overhead. While we are still in uncertain times, your Chamber has been responding to offer additional services to our community. We are

striving to be the go-to source of training, education, business support and other essential services that our local business community needs, especially during challenging times. Through our Community Development Fund, we are offering grants to assist businesses with marketing. Our partnership with SCORE is providing businesses with mentorship as well as classes in all aspects of business. Our new partnership with the Better Business Bureau

brings those services to Jefferson County. The list of our new programs is growing, and your Chamber will continue to support the community in the ever-shifting revitalization process.



Richard Tucker

MEMBER UPDATE

22nd Annual Port Townsend Film Festival

Article and photo courtesy of the Port Townsend Film Festival

The 22nd Annual Port Townsend Film Festival launches September 23, 2021 with both in-person and online events! We're thrilled and honored to bring the festival back to the community - everything feels new in 2021, so here we are with a new hybrid model that all can enjoy. The virtual festival is accessible across the globe. In-person events will be offered as single film tickets - less planning, less stress! Pick and choose from the outstanding and uplifting collection of films.

We're grateful to bring the festival back to the community this year and have prioritized uplifting films and in-person filmmaker events throughout the live-event weekend.

Join PTFF in historic downtown to experience the best of the festival live and in-person at the American Legion Hall Thursday-Sunday September 23-26 with screenings at 2pm and 7pm (\$15-\$30), and free community films screened outdoors on Taylor St. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings, September 24-26 at 7:30pm.

Highlights of the Live 2021 Festival include: "A Special Evening with Tom Skerritt", honoring his amazing career and streaming his latest feature *EAST OF THE MOUNTAINS* at the American Legion; the 2021 Documentary Feature, *LILLY TOPPLES THE WORLD*, with special guest Lily Hevesh, young domino toppler extraordinaire at the Outdoor Theatre on Taylor St.;

2021 Documentary Feature, *FANNY: THE RIGHT TO ROCK*, with director Bobbi Jo Hart at the American Legion; the 20th anniversary screening of *LEGALLY*

September 23-October 3. Unlimited virtual passes (\$120) offer access to every film that will be streaming and filmmaker interviews and are on sale now at

ptfilmfest.com. Single film virtual tickets will be available for \$15 once the festival starts. We're thrilled to offer a wide variety of programming and viewing options for all to enjoy.

This year's festival has been made possible by PTFF's staff, donors, volunteers, and all of our sponsors including Signature Sponsors: Windermere, Agents of Good Roots, The Leader, KCTS9, Kitsap Bank, The Mount Baker Block Building and Holley Carlson from Coldwell Banker Best Homes. PTFF is grateful for the years of support and encouragement from all in the community - your pass purchases, ticket purchases, and generous donations sustain our work and nurture artists from around the world. Interested in getting in on the fun and becoming a sponsor? It's

not too late! Contact KC@filmfest.com.

Program, schedule, film synopses, passes and tickets will all be available online in the coming weeks at www.ptfilmfest.com. Please note that all live events are subject to change and may be cancelled at any time to prioritize community health in response to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.



BLONDE with screenwriter and Chimacum High School graduate, Kristin 'Kiwi' Smith at the Outdoor Theatre on Taylor St.

Pre-order single tickets for American Legion films will be available online, with rush tickets available at the door. Outdoor evening community screenings on Taylor St. are open to all, free of charge. Select films will be accompanied by filmmaker appearances, panels, and Q&As.

There's plenty to enjoy online, too! The festival's full program of nearly 100 films will stream on-demand



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Port Townsend Welcomes New School Superintendent

Article and photos courtesy of Port Townsend School District

This summer the Port Townsend School District welcomed their new superintendent, Dr. Linda Rosenbury to the area. A former middle school principal in New York City, Rosenbury spent the last three years as a full-time student in Harvard's Doctorate of Education Leadership program. Her studies included leadership and systems change at the Harvard Business School and Kennedy School of Government. This past year, she was in residence with Superintendent Susan Enfield in the Highline Public Schools. The Port Townsend School District attracted Rosenbury because of its place-based learning focus and supportive community leadership, including local businesses.



Linda Rosenbury

Rosenbury explains, "I was raised in a town in Iowa where high school football games and musicals were main events. Leaders in our town worked together to make sure children had opportunities to grow. I see that same collective focus in Port Townsend. We care about all of our children and want to make sure that each one is successful in life and contributes to our community. I look forward to building strong school-business partnerships and really expanding the role that schools contribute to the economic wellbeing

and workforce skills throughout Jefferson County."

Two years ago, Rosenbury traveled to Zurich to study the Swiss apprenticeship model. She was inspired by the collaboration among businesses to create real-world learning opportunities for students. Port Townsend School District's mission - "learning through a sense of place" - recognizes the importance of engaging students in making a positive impact in their communities. Rosenbury speaks passionately about the creativity and communication skills of the students. She welcomes businesses to leverage students' gifts through project-based learning and support their development by serving as guest speakers, mentors, and career advisors.

Rosenbury enters the district during a year of revisions to the five-year strategic plan. She will be working with the school board to launch conversations, create listening opportunities, and work directly with as many businesses, children, and adults as possible. She explains, "This year will be one of listening, learning, seeing things with new eyes and developing a clear focus for the future with measurable successes. What do we want for the children of Port Townsend by the year 2027? This year, we can chart the course for working together as partners to maximize the innovation, curiosity, and energy of our youth towards shared goals."

The Port Townsend School District has a strong foundation with the Maritime Discovery Schools anchoring learning in the local maritime community. Rosenbury wants to continue its success and expand the watershed focus to include issues such as food security, social justice, and technology. "We want to see more youth out in the community learning and we want to see more community members in the schools celebrating students' successes and achievements. We look forward to many conversations over the next year of developing our district plan to listen to priorities, and re-affirm the role and mission of the Schools in this community."

The schools invite businesses to prioritize engagement with our young people as we make this the greatest place for young families to raise their children. "We can integrate their smart minds, energy, and hope for the future into every sector of our community. We can ensure that they are versed in their skills and aptitudes, have developed strong critical thinking and problem solving skills, and have career education experiences to develop a plan for their future. I would encourage businesses to take

what steps they can to make space for students in your business either as interns, trainees, customers, or supported through scholarships, field trips, mentoring, and coaching. We will be successful when every student feels not only challenged and supported, but welcomed and appreciated."



Amidst the pandemic, Port Townsend schools worked hard to offer as much in-person learning as possible to all students. Their efforts supported families and our local workforce. This fall, they will offer in-person learning five days a week to all students. The district is also piloting a fully online program for those families who prefer to stay remote. Students in the online program will receive weekly coaching from district staff and have an opportunity to participate in extracurricular activities at the schools. Rosenbury is also ensuring the continued success of the OCEAN school, an independent study alternative learning experience with classroom and expeditionary experiences. These options support Rosenbury's vision of every family seeing a place for their children in public schools. "I want every family to experience their children thriving in our schools, both academically and socially and emotionally. I'm looking forward to meeting and getting to know more of community members and doing this critical work- to make Port Townsend the best place to grow up and raise a family."



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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Eat Local First

Olympic Peninsula Collaborative to Celebrate Local Food and Farming in September

Article and photo courtesy of Eat Local First Olympic Peninsula Collaborative



With the 2021 growing season underway, farmers markets in full-swing and communities reopening, the Eat Local First Olympic Peninsula Collaborative is pleased to announce September is Eat Local First month. This is the second year the Collaborative will sponsor this campaign. Partners in the Collaborative include The Food Coop, Port Townsend,

Jefferson County Farmers Markets, North Olympic Development Council, Olympic Culinary Loop, Washington State University Extension Regional Small Farms Programs and The Local Food Trust. This year, Eat Local First Olympic Peninsula will join the American Independent Business Alliance (AMIBA) and thirty other partners to highlight Eat Local First months happening around the country during August and September.

Campaign promotion will be done through various social media online channels and through the Collaborative's website <https://eatlocalfirstolympen.com>. Applications to participate in the campaign are now being accepted. To register please visit <https://eatlocalfirstolympen.com/application-form/>

Producers, businesses and community organizations that promote locally sourced food are also encouraged to create a profile or update their existing one on the Washington Food and Farm Finder.

Throughout the month each day of the week will feature businesses and organizations committed to engaging consumers about local food resources and availability. Through our social media outreach the community will be invited to connect with our region's local food system through farmers and farm stands, restaurants, farmers markets, local grocers and retailers, food banks, seafood producers, and more. Consumers from across the region will be encouraged to post and share photos about their love for and experience with local food for

a chance to win a number of prizes including, a picnic basket filled with locally sourced treats and dinner and a hotel stay on the Olympic Peninsula.

September is a great time to enjoy the bounty of goodies produced by our many local farms. From fresh dairy products, to delicious vegetables and fruits, to high quality meat and eggs, shoppers can meet virtually all their grocery needs buying directly from farms and local retailers right here on the Olympic Peninsula. By supporting local farmers, consumers are building meaningful relationships with the people who grow their food, they are ensuring more dollars stay in our local communities, and they are supporting the health and longevity of our farmland for many years to come.

Follow us on FACEBOOK and INSTAGRAM to get connected to our local food scene. @EatlocalfirstOlypen
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NEW MEMBER

Tee off at the Port Townsend Golf Club

Article and Photo courtesy of the
Port Townsend Golf Club

Port Townsend Golf Club has been a peninsula gem since 1927. A beautiful, serene, challenging course just waiting for your enjoyment. Gabriel Tonan is the course manager. He began managing the course in 2003, but his experience at the course began in the 1980's.

Port Townsend Golf Club is a nine-hole course open seven days a week, offering golf equipment, apparel, pull and power carts and instruction. The clubhouse also has a small bar serving beer and wine. And before the COVID outbreak, a wonderful café business drew many locals and tourists. Numerous tournaments, and fun golf activities for all ages, are provided throughout the year. The Men's and Women's Clubs offer friendly competitive golf games and social events.

Recently, the PTGC Players Club was established to enhance the golf course

property. In coordination with the golf course manager, a large group of volunteers, men and women golfers and non-golfers, have made a number of improvements on the course property: flowering plants around the clubhouse, new & repaired benches, sand traps improved with extra sand & edge trimming, new tee box markers. An attractive and informative PTGC website has been designed (porttownsendgolfclub.com) to reach interested golfers far beyond our local areas.

The energy and ambition of the Player's Club is the result of last year's realization that the golf course property was in jeopardy. Owned by the City of Port Townsend, the property was being considered for alternate uses due to the course's low revenue. After community feedback with extensive surveys and meetings, the City Council decided to keep the golf course as is, and extend the golf manager's contract for three years. The Players Club is working hard to attract more local golfers and tourists, hoping that increased use will help ensure the course's economic viability into the future.

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MEMBER UPDATE

Port Townsend Marine Trades Association

- A Brief History with Long Term Impact

Article courtesy of the Port Townsend Marine Trades Association

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Port Townsend's Working Waterfront dates back to the beginning; from ship building & repair in the 1800's to a major renaissance in the 1960's and '70's, largely powered by a group of young shipwrights helping each other with shared tools and advice. Those same shipwrights have grown businesses and mentored new generations of skilled workers and entrepreneurs, presently known and respected worldwide.

PT Foundry owner Pete Langley remembers how, in the early 1990's, maritime businesses organized to create a printed directory to promote the success of the Port of Port Townsend's boat yard. Boat shops also organized to help pay for the 300 ton travel lift to attract larger work boats. Boat Haven was already home to maritime businesses of all sizes including sole proprietors, too small to be tenants but critical to serving the needs of boat owners. Port policy at the time was fickle, at best, but when the two largest boat shop's requests for expansion were turned down by the port, stakeholders agreed, "It was time to act", as recalled by founding member and shipwright, Diana Talley. The Port Townsend Marine Trades Association was formalized in 2006 as a 501C6 to give the collective a voice at the table.

By the end of 2007, founding member David Griswold presented a list of achieved goals; "PTMTA founders took basic bylaws and through new member input, built a working Association, Created



a logo & website, Put a human face on the marine trades by engaging the Port and media, raising public awareness, Worked on behalf of the independent contractors, negotiating with the Port for a workable agreement, Wrote letters on behalf of PTMTA Members during lease negotiations, Conducted a survey of Port tenants to establish approval rating of Port's services, and regularly attended Port meetings."

In that same year, the PTMTA, "set-up a Wooden Boat Festival booth, Established a working relationship with NWMC/Wooden Boat Foundation, finding common ground in education and Port issues, Held a fundraiser raffle and selected the recipient of the Boat School Scholarship, Joined the JC Economic Development Council, Helped spark the Moorage Tenants Union to form, Held a Port Commissioner Candidates Forum, and polled Membership to endorse a Port Commissioner Candidate."

PTMTA members have participated in citizen advisory committees volunteering time and resources to do legwork on lease policy, yard pricing, BMP, and marketing studies that help inform Port policy. In 2018, the PTMTA contracted a professional maritime Economic Impact Study, (EIS), spearheaded by Gwendolyn Tracy and now Port Commissioner Pam Petranek, and paid for by generous public donations. The study put numbers to what many knew in concept but were amazed and proud to have proof of: that the maritime sector matters, making up 20% of Jefferson County's economic base, contributing millions in living-wage dollars to the county's coffers. Since then, the industry has only grown, even during a pandemic year. This EIS has been a valuable tool for local government as well as the State with its successful creation of the first National Maritime Heritage Corridor and Blue Economy agenda.

The all-volunteer PTMTA is led by people with their own businesses to run, families to raise, community to support, and a passion for our maritime culture. Port Townsend is being noticed as a model working waterfront by other coastal municipalities. After 15 years, the PTMTA is seeking to establish a dedicated office and expand the Association's commitment to partnerships with the Port and community, advocating for sustainable economic development & equity in our maritime sector long into the future.



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► Port Townsend Golf Club continued from pg. 5

Port Townsend Golf Club offers a variety of community outreach activities. Annual tournaments are held to support local organizations.... the Rhody Festival, Kiwanis, Rotary, and Alumni associations. On August 28th, PTHS and CHS Alumni Associations are having a fundraiser tournament to provide new uniforms for the newly formed combined athletic programs of East Jefferson high schools. The course is used regularly by the high school golf team and is reserved for multi-school cross country meets.

Golf is a sport suited to our current times and conditions. Played outdoors, it allows social distancing

to be easily maintained. Lifelong friendships are made, and it's known for reducing stress and anxiety and increasing mental alertness. We live in a community with an above average number of retirees, and golf plays an important role for health and longevity.

The Port Townsend Golf Course is just waiting for your enjoyment. Check out our website, porttownsendgolfclub.com. Tee times can be made by calling 360-385-4547.

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COMMUNITY UPDATE

Olympic Music Festival set to kick off 38th season

Article and photo courtesy of Olympic Music Festival

Celebrating its thirty-eighth season, the Olympic Music Festival (OMF) is one of the Pacific Northwest's premier chamber music concert series, presenting concerts at Fort Worden State Park in Port Townsend, WA. Featuring an array of world-class performers at the pinnacle of their artistic careers, the OMF cultivates an appreciation for chamber music while intellectually and artistically engaging its audience. Audience enthusiasm is demonstrated through the continued commitment to the Festival, the eager work of volunteers, and the generosity of passionate donors.

Education is a central component of the OMF mission. Since 2015, the two-week **Olympic Chamber Music Fellowship** program has served as a critical link for musicians transitioning from college life into professional careers. The fellows are among the best musicians in the world in their



age group and gain valuable experience collaborating with renowned performers. In addition to rehearsing for performances, there are casual group discussions that address critical areas of professional life from applying for academic teaching positions to how to negotiate a concert contract.

Now, the Festival's thirty-eighth season is underway, with a live, outdoor opening celebration at Fort Worden on August 29, followed by **Virtual Salon Concerts**, September 5–22, 2021, online at www.olympicmusicfestival.org. Virtual programs include

a wide range of classical music performances and behind-the-scenes artist discussions, curated by **OMF Artistic Director Julio Elizalde**. This year's artists include violist **Ayane Kozasa**, member of the GRAMMY-nominated Aizuri Quartet; legendary Juilliard School piano professor **Robert McDonald**; and violinists **Jennifer Frautschi** and **Yoojin Jang** make their festival

debut.

The Fellowship program was put on pause in 2020, so we are particularly thrilled to bring it back in 2021 as a part of the Virtual Salon Concert Series. The faculty artists and fellows travel to Port Townsend to create four virtual performances including masterworks from the classical era through the early 20th century. Olympic Chamber Music Fellowship (virtual performances, premiere dates: September 8–19; on Sundays at 5:00 PM and Wednesdays at 7:30 PM)

The Olympic Music Festival was founded by violist Alan Iglitzin of the Philadelphia String Quartet, with concerts beginning in summer 1984 in Quilcene, WA. In the fall of 2014, Iglitzin named Julio Elizalde as his successor, and Elizalde became the second artistic director in the history of the festival. In 2015, Iglitzin officially retired, and the Olympic Music Festival moved to Port Townsend, where it continues to present vibrant performances on the Olympic Peninsula.



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MEMBER UPDATE

Get back to nature at Wilderbee Farm

Article and photo courtesy of Wilderbee Farm

This is the 19th year Jefferson County celebrates local farms with Farm Tour September 18-19. Having a vibrant agricultural economy means the community sustainably supports locally grown food, flowers, fiber and farm-made goods. Local independent grocers stock farm-fresh produce and value-added products, and restaurants offer menus full of local flavor. Farm Tour is all about inviting the community to engage with their local farmers and learn how these foods and goods are grown and crafted.

Wilderbee Farm is owned and operated by Casey and Eric Reeter, whose mission – founded in the idea of a simpler, better way of life – is to offer a relaxing place to explore and enjoy simple pleasures on the farm. Located in a pastoral neighborhood four miles from the heart of Port Townsend, Wilderbee was built in 2011 with visitors in



mind, offering u-pick lavender, flowers, blueberries and pumpkins. The farm also raises honeybees and a conservation flock of rare, primitive British Soay sheep for wool. Each summer the Reeters hand-harvest and distill lavender for pure essential oil offered at the on-farm store among lotions, soaps, and balms, as well as unique woodcrafts and farm-made gifts. With an appreciation for all things handcrafted, they also host ceramics classes and open studio time in the loft above the farm store.

This year Wilderbee is expanding essential oil production with a new, larger 50-gallon copper pot still crafted in Germany. Visitors will be able to view and learn how the still works and how pure essential oils are extracted. The Reeters are expanding lavender production and plan to offer custom distillation services.

On weekends, visitors shouldn't miss a stop at The Mead Werks meadery and tasting room at the farm. The

meadery specializes in small-batch handcrafted traditional, barrel-aged, and pome fruit meads crafted dry to sweet using distinct varietals of honey and aged to give unique layers of flavor and character. Experience mead tastings, flights, pours, as well as art shows and live music.

The Reeters are committed to stewarding the land organically and aesthetically, and providing healthy habitat for wildlife and pollinators. They believe in life's simple pleasures and aspire to create such experiences for their visitors. Bring a picnic. Feed the sheep. Explore the nature trails. Relax and enjoy a day on the farm.

Wilderbee Farm is open Wed-Sun 12-5pm May-October. The Mead Werks meadery and tasting room is open Saturdays and Sundays 12-5pm year-round.



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