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Special points of interest:

- Congratulations to Trish English on the opening of Trisha's Strait Shot Espresso
- Congratulations to Marcia on the opening of Hole Shot Coffee Stop
- Chamber Visitors Center will be open April as will Sue's Gallery and Espresso

Sunsets West Co-op



Fun at the Co-op

Spring is just around the corner meaning winter has almost gone. I am thankful to everyone who has made our transition into the new store a success and who have kept us busy over the winter months. It has been a happier winter for us with more space and the cozy wood stove; the power outs have been handled with comfort for us and our locals. Our Board has been way busier along with Terry and I. We have all been involved with completing building projects, dressing up the store, unpacking, ordering new stock and visiting with folk as they come to check it all out.

THANK YOU!

We have a lot of new and interesting stock, many new flavor ideas and items for your pantry.

Our consignment items are growing by the day bringing variety and appeal for most anyone.

To the right you can see Cassi Woodside showing off our new carts. They are new to me and new to our area, but tourists tell me that they are common place in Europe.

We have a wide range of sea glass jewelry from four different jewelry makers. We have classes and discussion groups happening regularly. Events and fresh new ideas constantly

on the go. Check out the notice board for current happenings and wonderful exchanges.



The Eatery will be a while before its opening, hopefully by summer. We have lots of equipment and it is being renovated, repaired and set in place; watch for a billboard on the curb to announce its opening.

Jane

Welcome to 'Compass Rose'

Bob Wall and his father Cub have been very busy for a long time. They have taken the lease on Clallam Bay Spare Parts and done a total makeover. They have made beauty out of the old and we are excited to welcome them to our 'block'. Bob has created a hunting and fish-

ing store with gifts and goodies. There is something there for everyone. Bob will open on April 2nd but the Grand Opening will be Saturday the 7th April. We hope you will join us all as we open to Spring together in



"Commerce Street" Clallam Bay.

Gardening



Herb Talk .. folk planted ed-



For the last four years, a group of enthusiastic gardeners have grown vegetables for themselves and for the Co-op at the **Co-op garden in Sekiu**. In 2009 just three weeks before the growing season the green house was installed and each year we receive around 280 lb. of fresh produce to sell to the public.

This has been made possible through the donation of land space by Neil Adams, our past

Vice President. This year we are revving up to the planting season.

The Co-op will this year be **stocking Territorial non-gmo seeds for gardeners** to use in the preparation of their own gardens.

On March 3rd, Michelle Simpson, who is our local Master Gardener presented a class on **Herb Talk**. She invited anyone interested to bring along a herb they like and to plant it in

the front garden along Hwy 112. This edible garden will be available for folk to use to enhance the flavor of the food that they enjoy cooking.

Herbs also have simple colorful flowers and should enhance our space. Later a **foot bridge** will be built over the garden to allow access from **Compass Rose to the Clallam Bay Business Center for foot traffic access**. We will have some seating there as well.

Chinese New Years The Dragon Parade

Each year the Chinese hold a New Years Celebration.

It was decided at a Poetry Night at the Gallery in the winter of 2006, to hold a Dragon Parade or Dragon Dance.

We put together the first Dragon, Poly was her name, stylish and orange, made from plastic table cloths and paper Mache.

She saw several outings and enjoyed them all.

But alas, she was eaten in 2010 by the local rat population!

Since then she has morphed into different forms, but she still takes 7 people to move her forward. Noise and action, color and enthusiasm moves her down the streets of little

Clallam Bay as she brings 'good business luck' to all the businesses that welcome her into their doors.

She then rests as her entourage join together in fun to celebrate an Asian feast in honor of the New Year Spirit. You can see the original painting of the first parade on the wall at the Visitors Center.



Building the Dragon head.

Memberships

The Co-op currently has 107 memberships and 179 members.

Membership entitles you to be part of a growing business in an economy that has not seen a lot of change over the past 15 years.

It entitles you to make Buyer's

Club purchases at only 10% on wholesale cost for some items.

It ties you to community development within your own community as you make suggestions through your membership to the board that represents you. As we develop we are looking at ways to make life

in our beautiful part of the world easier and more flavorful.

Through choice and happiness we combine our ideas to create the lifestyle that is known as Sunsets West Co-op. We are a large team now, working together for the greater good.



Jam Session Thursdays

Music, Music, Music is great for the soul! It is fun to share the styles and enthusiasm of different folk. Tastes and skills, singing and playing and just plain tapping along to the music. We have seen Guitars, a violin, banjo, mouth organ, Dobo, Hammered Dulcimer, Indian drums, African drum, voice and humming. It all works to make a Jam.

You are welcome whether you play, sing or tap.

We have had up to 15 people here at a session.

Music ranges from traditional to blues, Gospel to soul, Irish to folk, fast to slow and loud to soft.

Thank you to all the folk who are committed to coming along and sharing this event.

Let's keep it rolling 5.30 to 8.30 Thursdays every week.



'Menu for the Future' Second and Forth Tuesdays

This is a discussion group aimed at sharing experiences that form the habits we know as eating.

We will be looking at the relationship between food and health, community and sustainability. All very good values to understand and relate to our own health programs.

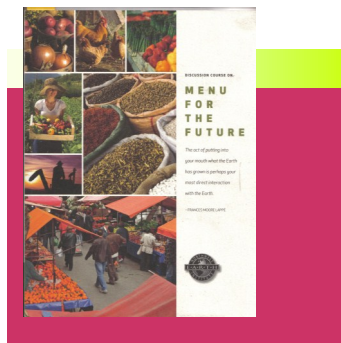
It asks pertinent questions and allows discussion time and

presentation by different members of the group.

Come along and share your world of experience with others as you prepare to move forward with the peoples revolution toward a healthy food system and the understanding that comes with taking control of our best outcomes.

Sustainability is the renewable aspect of living without de-

stroying the future benefits of natural resources and choices. The Co-op aims to support this through recycling and lower packaging, retaining local manufacture to reduce carbon use as in fuel and trucking, reducing packaging and time. This reduces the food value and purpose of fresh food. Menu for the future asks if you are an industrial or agricultural eater? Food for thought!



Laughter Yoga First Tuesday of the Month

What do I need to say, it just is, Laughter Yoga. Lots of fun and great outcomes. Led by Dr. Whitacre it is a popular event 6pm to 8pm.



Sunsets West Co-op

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The Place with Great Tastes



The ladder of success that is helping Al climb to the heights of our new cooler.

Al Pelletier ~ Cooler Craftsman

Starting from nothing and having a plan, the men of the Board found a cooler in the local vicinity.

It came to us, dirty and disassembled with a little rust. Their vision brought it forth with many hours of labor and creativity. The result is astonishing.

With the labor and support of Terry and the wisdom and skill of Al Pelletier, the muscles of Don Fishel and Tim Van Ripper, the aid of the internet, and the need of the Co-op the vision manifested.

We will be using it for the

kitchen and the produce section which we look forward to developing to full service once the equipment is in place. We are still looking for an 'up the wall' shelving style open frig for meat and produce, and a glass door commercial freezer.

The more of us who keep our eyes open the better off we will be.



Terry, cook stove and grill restoration.

Special thanks to Pioneer Propane for your support in adding propane and Propane exchange tanks to the mix.



Mission Statement

Our Co-op aims to inspire and encourage creative energy within the community.

We aim to engage people in living their dreams.

Sunsets West Co-op is organized to produce, purchase and distribute goods and services for the mutual benefit of its members and patrons,

offering a variety of healthy goods for patrons' choice.

FUNDS RAISED ARE RE-INVESTED IN THE CO-OP FOR GROWTH

We aim to encourage community members to co-operate with one another and nourish their community and its improvement; we aim to involve members in community garden and cottage industries.

A Co-op is a member (worker and customer owned) retail business that provides high quality grocery and retail items at the lowest prices to their customers.

Co-operatives strive to enrich their communities through consumer education, member/owner rebate programs, member ownership, and the creation of livable wage jobs.

Co-operatives integrate their communities by selling locally grown and produced goods from small family farms and businesses as much as possible.

THE CO-OPERATIVE IDENTITY