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<http://sequimbayyachtclub.org/news/>



Scuttlebutt

Newsletter of the Sequim Bay Yacht Club

Commodore – Jerry Fine



Hello dear SBYC members,

As most of you know I am sure, we lost Jim Richmond early in August, I know he is missed by all who knew him. I always enjoyed

Jim and his happy go lucky attitude. We all shall miss him around the club.

The VHOCC Raffle winners cashed in the "Fine Farm Experience" just few weeks ago. There was Doug and Margaret Schwarz and Ann Elliott and Mike McDonald, pictured with Marian Fine and about to enjoy their first Mimosa. The day was beautiful and they all left with canned goodies they helped can and a loaf of sourdough garlic bread. They also had full bellies of cedar plank salmon and fresh garden veggies. It was a very fun day for all, especially me.

I am not going to try and give you any update on Covid 19 as we are all pretty sick of hearing about it all the time. All we can do at this point is keep the faith and try to do all we can to stay healthy and happy. We live in a most beautiful place and "out of towners" are showing up to enjoy our area and leave a few of

their germs. So be extra careful when you have to go shopping or out for anything. I don't have much more to tell you about at this point so I will bring this to a close. However, if you are out and about and get the urge, stop by "Fine Farm" and say hello, I will probably be canning up in my shop. There might be a cold beer for you as well, it would be nice to see you. Until then.....

Vice Commodore – Jerry Oden



Well, we missed hosting this year's Small Boat Regatta. You all know why. But did you notice the weather on the 15th/16th of August? As I watched the weather that Saturday, I thought we could have had some great races with NW winds most of the time – but it was hot! I, for one, was relieved that I did not have to “bake-out” on the committee boat. As fine as Capt. Fine is on the committee boat as a skipper/host – it would have been marginally fun. Let's see what we are allowed to do-if anything-on the 19th/20th of September for the annual Reach and Row for Hospice events.

My only SBYC business this month was to contact our insurance agent to confirm that the club has insurance coverage in the event someone is injured on the club-owned float where some of our shells are stored and launched. So, using it to launch your own shell does not pose a risk to the club, according to our agent.

Rear Commodore – Anna Richmond

Thank you all for your support during this difficult time, Anna



James Patrick Richmond, a resident of Sequim, passed away unexpectedly at Swedish Hospital in Seattle, on August 6, 2020, at the age of 72.

James is a graduate of the University of Florida, B.A. and M.Ed., and the University of Puget Sound, J.D. He had a storied career, including serving as a merchant seaman, a transportation manager in Alaska during the construction of the pipeline, and over 35 years of legal experience as a civil defense litigator and educator.

He is survived by his wife, Anna, sons, Jason, Logan, and Chester; granddaughter, Isabella; and six siblings. He was predeceased by his parents.

For James' complete obituary, and to share memories and photos, please visit www.FuneralAlternatives.org.

To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#).

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Fritz Gruetzmacher



With sadness we have learnt of the passing of Fritz Gruetzmacher early Saturday morning August 23rd after an 11 year battle with leukemia which was associated with his exposure to Agent Orange during service in Viet Nam. Between 1967 and 1969 Fritz was awarded four Distinguished Flying Cross awards for rescuing others while piloting helicopters under heavy fire. He never told others of these awards. Marcia discovered them whilst sorting through his military records. He was a man who embraced life and sought to serve continuously. Marcia was honored to marry him one week prior to his death.

All our thoughts and gratitude for the service to us from this wonderful man are to be with Marcia at this time

Thank you to all who have requested more information about this picture:

Fritz loved my dogter Maui and this picture captured his strength, humanity and kindness. He requested this picture be taken and as soon as he saw us coming down the dock he yelled out "Maui! Bring her to me!" in his inimitable and lovely accent. After he cuddled her, he said to me "Now you take our picture"
Love to him wherever he is right now and Marcia our heart grieves for your and all of our irreplaceable loss-Lisa and Charlie

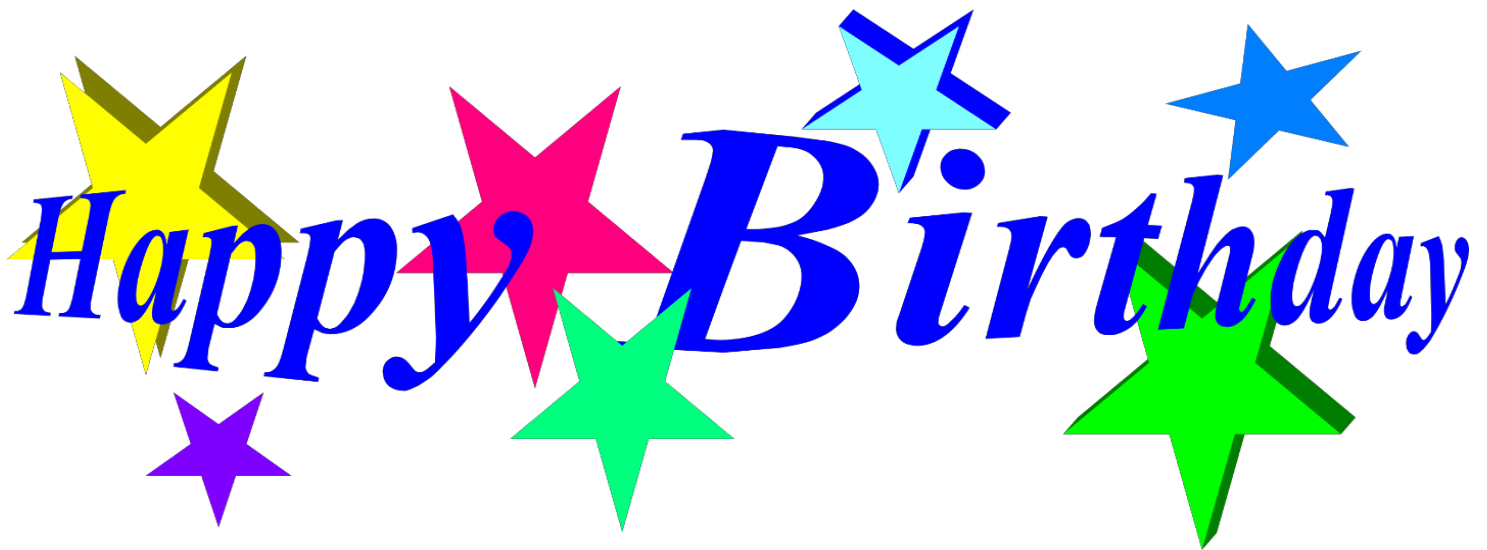
From the Membership Desk – Ann Elliot, Margaret Schwarz



The Board has decided to continue the practice of inducting new applicants to the Sequim Bay Yacht Club in absentia after the usual vetting. This process will continue as long as we are restricted from participating in our usual large group club activities. It is my pleasure to welcome Elizabeth Wickert to our membership at this time. We look forward to introducing her at one of our future events.

Since we have received no new applications for membership, there isn't any other news to report. I'm saving my cheerleading text for recruiting new members for the time when we can resume our club activities.

Your membership team, Ann Elliot & Margaret Schwarz



**Happy September Birthday to the following SBYC
Members:**

9-01	Amy Holms
9-12	Peter Raiswell
9-13	Gail Spurr
9-14	Viola Marshall
9-15	Durkee Richards
9-16	Marian Fine
9-17	Paul Crone
9-21	Debbi Soderstrom
9-21	Chris Shell
9-22	Luisa Hope
9-22	Neville Woodruff
9-24	Florence Dickerson
9-24	Mike Leibrich
9-25	Dan Currier
9-27	Margaret Schwarz
9-28	Erick Scheiderman
9-30	Jeanne Berger

Nominating Committee – Doug Schwarz

First and foremost, our hearts go out to anyone who's been impacted by the virus, either directly or indirectly. Our thoughts are especially with those who are sick, to whom we extend our heartfelt wishes for a full recovery.

All of our lives have been interrupted by Covid-19, it has certainly impacted the normal operating structure of our yacht club. Because of this fact we are following the guidelines of our government officials and have not been able to have our normal monthly meetings as a group. We don't know how long this quarantine will last, therefore I ask for your indulgence in suspending our normal Bylaws with respect to nominating & voting for officers to serve our club next year.

According to our bylaws the normal sequence would be as follows:

1. Nominating Committee appointed by the Commodore in July.
2. The Nominating Committee will check with the current Board members whose term is expiring to determine if they wish to serve again. All discussions and communications will be held in strict confidence by Committee members and shall not be disclosed outside of Nominating Committee meetings.
3. The Nominating Committee shall submit a slate of eligible candidates for the Flag Offices, other offices, and Trustee to the membership at the October General Meeting.
4. Additional Nominations must be received in writing by the Club Secretary within seven (7) days following the October General Meeting signed by five (5) regular members in good standing, and be accompanied by the consent of the nominee.
5. Publicity of Nominations to the membership shall be made by mail or email not later than ten (10) days prior to the Annual Meeting in November.
6. At the Annual Meeting in November, election of officers and trustees shall take precedence over everything but the reading of the minutes of the preceding meeting. No further nominations will be accepted. If no additional nominees have been presented within the designated period, the nominations shall be closed, and the slate presented by the Nominating Committee shall be declared elected. If additional nominees have been presented, election for those positions shall be by secret ballot of those members present at the meeting. Election for those positions shall be by simple majority.

I would like to ask for your permission to suspend our bylaw requirements so we may complete this process by utilizing the Scuttlebutt newsletter to broadcast the proposed slate of officers to serve SBYC in 2021!

Please send an email to me with your THOUGHTS OR OBJECTIONS to this suggested process: dougschwarz@gmail.com. THANK YOU.

Update for 2020 Reach and Row for Hospice

Fellow SBYC members,

The usual ticket sales at monthly meetings and the annual picnic are not options this year. Copies of the flyer that show the quilted wall hanging with details about ticket purchases are printed....so if you know of a location that would help to increase visibility of this VHOCC fundraising event, let me know.

An electronic version of the flyer is also available for any organization newsletters that are sent out.

We need to publicize ticket sales!

Susan

Support
Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County
with the Sequim Bay Yacht Club quilt raffle

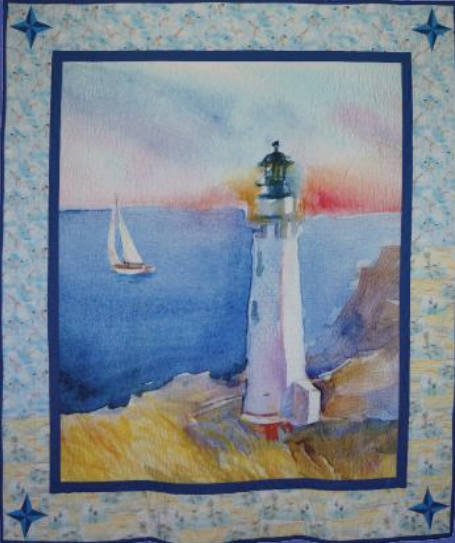
Each year SBYC fund raises for respite care for the hundreds of families served by VHOCC and now, more than ever, the help you can provide is important. Every dollar you spend on raffle tickets—\$5 each, 6 for \$25—goes directly to Volunteer Hospice, and your purchase may be tax-deductible.

For your chance at this exquisitely quilted 42 x 49.5-inch piece, ready to cuddle up with or use as a hanging, send your check (remember, payable to VHOCC) to:

SBYC
PO Box 1261
Sequim WA 98382

Include your postal or e-mail address so you can be sent a photo of your tickets, for a record of the purchase and ticket numbers. Questions? waquilt@aol.com

Since 1978, Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County has served the terminally ill and their families with physical, emotional and spiritual support—at absolutely no charge to any individual, any government agency, any insurance company. In addition to offering round-the-clock nursing care, hospice caregivers provide respite for families. Sequim Bay Yacht Club is VHOCC's largest continuing donor and in almost three decades, has contributed almost \$385,000 for respite care.



Raffle Date: Dec. 9, 2020
Purchase Deadline: Dec. 7, 2020

From Sequim Bay Yacht Club-Reach and Row for Hospice Committee

I am writing to you as the Chairperson of the Sequim Bay Yacht Club (SBYC) Reach and Row for Hospice committee to ask you to join hands with us to support Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County (VHOCC). Since 1991 the SBYC has sponsored an annual boating event in September that raises funds for the respite care fund of Volunteer Hospice of Clallam County. VHOCC earmarked this special account to ensure that every family of a VHOCC patient can receive brief caregiver respite breaks. As of last year, the SBYC raised almost \$385,000 (\$21,000+ in 2019 alone!) and we were confident that 2020 events would easily bring our overall total to exceed \$400,000.

In response to the Covid crisis, SBYC suspended all its in-person fundraising activities. This came at a time when VHOCC's own resources/financial needs became greater than ever. With this limitation in place, the committee is organizing a raffle of an exquisitely hand-crafted quilt hanging created by SBYC members. We ask for your help in supporting the sale of raffle tickets and encourage your friends and neighbors to also participate. Information on ticket prices, instructions on how to get your mail-order tickets and a photo of this wall hanging are with this message. Tickets can be purchased until December 7 and the drawing will be December 9, 2020.

If you are not interested in the quilted wall-hanging, there is a second option to support the VHOCC respite fund. Due to CoVid-19 and the federal CARES Act, each of us can deduct \$300 in charitable donations this year. This means that as an alternative to buying raffle tickets, we can write a check directly to VHOCC, and then document that donation when we file our taxes.

Whether it is a raffle ticket purchase or a cash donation of any size, your contribution goes directly to VHOCC. Raffle ticket purchases (check payable to VHOCC) should be sent to SBYC, PO Box 1261, Sequim WA 98382. If you choose not to participate in the raffle but want to donate directly to the respite fund, mail your check to VHOCC, 829 East 8th Street, Port Angeles WA 98362. Please make the check payable to VHOCC with 'Reach and Row for Hospice' on the memo line to direct your contribution to the respite fund account.

With my appreciation for your continued support of VHOCC.

Susan Sorensen

Not much club activity "fit to print" so see below for some new, interesting, and fun articles and information!

Member's new pets!



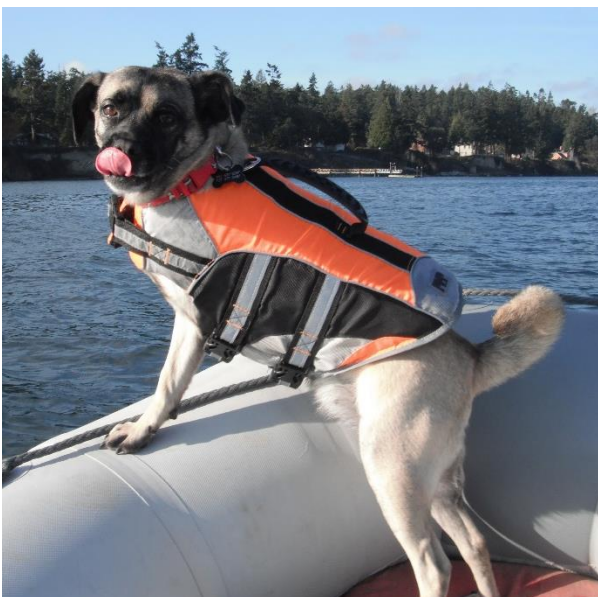
Hi, I'm Percy Richmond. I'm an eight-week-old chocolate lab, and I'm helping to heal my momma's heart. Her Jim got me for her birthday, shortly after he had heart surgery. Humans seem to know what's going on. I was born two days before my momma's birthday, and she got to hold me when I was one day old. The smell of her clothes hamper reminds me of that fateful day. Momma's been waiting three years for me. She got to know my mother, Percy Jo, when she would get loose and visit on occasion. I'm sure she loved the Spam! (Yummy, maybe I'll get some of that.) I was the last born of 3 litters and 23 puppies, and Percy Jo's only chocolate. I guess that makes me pretty special; at least that's what my momma tells me.

I hope to meet you all someday soon! Right now, I gotta go chew on momma's toes.



Woody, the Jack Russell Terrier has come to live with Ted and Judy Shanks. Woody is four months old and is trying hard to learn all the Human Rules. His Sister, Gracie who is 16 is trying to teach him proper Dog Behavior. So much to learn! Woody was born at Forget Me Not Kennels in Emmett, Idaho. Woody loves people, playing with his toys, tormenting patient Gracie and being "Truck Dog" to Ted. As soon as we find a properly fitting life jacket, he will take his first boat trip. This little boy brings great joy to his new Family!

Woody likes to snuggle with Gracie and always wants her to play with him. She is usually very patient, but occasionally needs to remind him of proper Dog Manners with a hard stare or a snarl but never bites him. A little old at age 16 to start Mothering, but we think that is the role she has chosen to assume. Over the last 30 years we have learned that life with Jack Russell Terriers is never dull!



This is Kassie, She joined the Mitchells when we rescued her just over a year ago on a trip home. She's a Pug and Terrier cross and is now 2 ½ years old. She loves to ride in anything! About 2 weeks after getting her, we took the boat out for a week's cruise to the Islands and she loved it. As we spend most of our time "on the Hook" she soon learned firsthand what Bears do in the woods. In this picture we are returning from setting crap traps in the Bay. When you see her, don't mention that she's a Tripod, she doesn't know she is supposed to have four legs!



After checking for months for a small dog, we found Koko, a dachshund, on Petfinders. I saw her picture, and she looked like a standard dachshund, so I filled out applications for her. Our "references" were contacted, who of course gave us raving reviews. It turns out she was fostered through WAG (Welfare for Animal Guild) in Sequim. Several volunteers brought her to our house on May 28. It turned out the picture on Petfinders was not quite accurate; she is a mini dachshund. (Terry said, "What happened to the rest of her?") She is 3 years old, and for me, she helped me getting over losing our Stellie in Jan. She's been a joy to have, has bonded with both of us almost immediately, and has gotten me walking more mornings and evenings. I've spoiled her, something I hadn't planned on doing; she sleeps on our bed.

Terry felt since she is a German dog, she should have a German name so he calls her Edelgard. She answers to both Koko and Edelgard or Edel.

We recommend adopting an animal from WAG. It's a great organization!

Helga and Terry O'Brien

Please send a picture and short Bio of your pets to me at captnray@bellhill.net so it can be included in future issues of the Scuttlebutt.

Copy and paste the following links to enjoy funny and heartwarming stories on the internet. All are family orientated and NON POLITICAL!

Animals

https://static.knittingparadise.com/upload/2020/8/20/573774-mot_in_the_mood.mp4

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DG_s4Ehe7ko

Just click on the file below to open.



[JustReturningHomeFromaFamilyOuting.mp4](#)

Last month I asked members to contribute a story to the Scuttlebutt. Here's Janice Warrens. Thank you Janice! "La Dolce Vita!"



I really don't have anything informative or interesting to write about.....just some rambling mundane comments about my life as a ragsailor during these CV-19 times. And a poem I've always admired. I know our members are mature and stable enough to captain and survive the Tsunami of negatives that seem to be pounding our lives this year. More to come for sure I reckon, but we soldier on.

I mainly want to write about is how happy I am to have a boat. I'm sure you are too. It's a wonderful release to feel the wind in your hair and escape ugly TV news isn't it? I have no Internet or TV reception in my small marina on the Hood Canal, 90 slips, always full. No transients or visitors here like the big marinas, no cruise-outs, so we know all our neighbors, a nice community of likeminded sailors, all different size boats - power & sail. We're just happy to be outside working on our boats or cleaning catch, cooking up crab & clams, both of which have been good this year. We've been hitting/digging the beaches regularly & having good luck w/the pots so there's always plenty of activity at the cleaning

stations. That's a popular spot for the kids, but this year there are fewer folks bringing their kids & Grandkids. I spend half my life living on board "Sun Dazzler", and half at home in Sequim. I'm grateful to have the boat. Keeps me busy.

If boating was inaccessible.... well, I would be mostly home, weeds driving me crazy this year, and bored with actually catching up with house chores. At least the Spit is open again for hiking now & beaches for my dogs. The news, well, I pause & hold my breath when I return home & grab the remote to check TIVO.....it's all very sad.....no politics here, IMO it's just sad. And my birth country of England is in the same boat as USA with CV-19. We're leading the world. Guess Brits & Americans are more alike than we thought! Only grocery shopping in Sequim and only when necessary.....what's the fun in that. But, we adapt, slap that mask on, gather our spirits and journey on. It could be worse.

So yes, I am happy to have a boat. It's not as busy as usual on the Canal this year, folks are out fishing etc. w/their trailer able boats but some are struggling with slip fees and sadly a few friendly neighbors are having to get out of boating; and it's not really a good time to sell. Or is it, there appears to be an exodus of sorts from the City (can you blame them?) and my realtor is screaming busy here in Sequim.

So for me having a boat keeps me sane & very busy. There's always something to do to keep "Sun Dazzler" shipshape, something to figure out, get help, varnish, replace or fix, walk the dogs etc. and thankfully our marina never did close down. We have a common area w/picnic tables under cover, fish cleaning stations, barbecues, crab cooking pots, so any time of the day there are folks chilling out, someone to discuss & socialize with, have a brew, and talk boatshit. No politics. It's a very sociable thing for us all as we keep our distance, usually only 4 to a long table....strange. We're all very glad to have the distraction of our boats and something else to talk about.

We wear masks walking up and down the ramp, but once on board its good, just like at home, and being out on the water is amazing. Boaters are a friendly bunch, someone always has something going on to talk about, or coming & going & need you to grab their lines.....you know how it is. So yes, I'm happy to have a boat.

Sailors wouldn't be sailors if they weren't hooked on life on the water. It's a sickness really, but one that I'm happy to be totally afflicted with.....and a hobby that's hopefully keeping all you SBYC members mentally afloat in these difficult times and soldiering on.

It doesn't look like we will be opening any time this year, so I hope everyone is staying healthy, getting out on their various craft and enjoying this delightful weather of late. I look forward to being able to visit with you all whenever we open up for various functions, and talk boatshit. Did I mention I love having a boat?

Take care, bless you all.....here's to good sailing.....and may the wind at your back NOT be your own..... :-))

Janice Warren
svsundazzler@yahoo.com

" INVICTUS "

Out of the night that covers me, black as the Pit from pole to pole,
I thank whatever Gods may be for my unconquerable soul.

In the fell clutch of circumstance I have not winced nor cried out loud.
Under the bludgeoning's of chance my head is bloody, but unbowed.

Beyond this place of wrath and tears looks but the Horror of the dark,
and yet the menace of the years finds, and shall find me, unafraid.

It matters not how straight the gate, how charged with punishments the scroll.
I am the master of my fate: I AM THE CAPTAIN OF MY SOUL!

'Wm Ernest Henley'

Congratulations!



Ted and Judy Shanks are recognized by Commodore Fine
On 20 years membership in SBYC.



Kathryn Haskell celebrates her new
United States CITIZENSHIP

Public Announcements

The logo for the Virtual Wooden Boat Festival features the word "VIRTUAL" in a stylized, outlined font at the top, flanked by two arrowheads. Below it, "WOODEN BOAT" is written in large, bold, blue letters with orange outlines, with a black anchor symbol replacing the letter "N". Underneath, "FESTIVAL" is written in orange letters with blue outlines, flanked by two black ship's wheels. At the bottom, the date "SEPTEMBER 12TH 2020" is written in blue letters.

VIRTUAL WOODEN BOAT FESTIVAL SEPTEMBER 12TH 2020

For many Olympic Peninsula boaters, September means a trip to Port Townsend for the Wooden Boat Festival. Seeing all the boats in the harbor is cool, but the chance to meet with experts, attend seminars, how-to classes, and travel presentations are even more important for many attendees.

Like most public events this year, Covid-19 has meant the cancelling of the Wooden Boat Festival for 2020. But the good news is, it has gone virtual! The planners will have hours of footage, stories and adventures online, plus live master classes with live Q&A with the presenters.

Go to <https://virtualwbf.org/> for more information and to buy tickets. If you have a smartphone, tablet or computer, and internet access, you can stream the available content. If you want to participate in the Q&A sessions, you will also need to have Zoom installed on your device.

New Programs on KSQM 91.5 FM

Your community radio has added two new programs that you might find entertaining and educational. There are two ways that you can tune into KSQM 91.5 FM; tune your radio to 91.5 FM or listen online at www.ksqmf.com. Another listening option I use on my phone is to download the Simple Radio application for on-line listening.

The first program is '**Gardening with Ciscoe**' and it is broadcast every Saturday from 09-10AM. Yes, you read it correctly.....The well-known gardening guru with the signature phrase of 'Oh, La, La' is on-air with me every Saturday morning. If you have gardening questions, send them to office@KSQM.com and they will be added to the list of questions that will be read on-air to see if you can stump Ciscoe.

The 'Gardening with Ciscoe' program started on 15 August 2020 and Ciscoe is so excited to be part of the KSQM family. For the first broadcast, Ciscoe was in Sequim but for the 22 August broadcast he was home and connected by phone! Some of the on-air topics have been the cause of thick skinned tomatoes, tips to eradicate horsetail, guidance on cutting back butterfly bushes, watering requirements for newly planted apple trees,

pruning guidelines for hydrangeas, the need to compost horse manure before using it on vegetable gardens and features to look for when thinking of getting a greenhouse. If it is gardening related, Cisco has the answer!

The second KSQM program is "**Healthy Living with Diabetes**" and is broadcast on the first Tuesday of the month from 1-2pm. As a registered nurse, I have coordinated the monthly Sequim Diabetes Support group for several years. The one hour free support group usually meets at Shipley Center on the first Tuesday of the month from 10-11A but because of Covid restrictions, the last group meeting was in March 2020. After numerous inquiries of when the meetings would re-start, I suggested the need for an on-air diabetes support group to the KSQM Program Director and he agreed.

The initial broadcast of 'Healthy Living with Diabetes' was July 2020 and covered an overview of diabetes with statistics and facts that explained the impact of diabetes on your body. The August topic was blood glucose monitoring; why test your blood, how to do the home test, and what to do with the glucose testing numbers.

For September, I decided to tap into the gardening knowledge of Ciscoe so the topic is "Gardening Safely". I am still working on the text but it will be helpful information that enhances safety for all gardeners, not just those people with diabetes. For diabetes questions, call KSQM at 360-681-0000 and I will try to answer them on-air.

KSQM is our community radio that is available 24 hours a day/7 days a week. Tune in and listen to music, not mayhem. Comments and suggestions are welcome and can be sent to office@ksqmf.com.

Susan Sorensen

KSQM Public Relations

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