



### Become a Friend of Fidalgo...

Everyone is welcome! Help us make FPFC an even better place. Meeting times are at 5:00 p.m. the second Monday of every month. Next meetings: June 12, July 10, August 14, September 11, October 9, November 13 and December 11. Check the bulletin board for more information or e-mail Friends at [friendsoffidalgo@hotmail.com](mailto:friendsoffidalgo@hotmail.com).

### Special Appreciation:

- Thank you to everyone who participated in the Friends of Fidalgo Love Fidalgo and Spring Garage Sale fundraising campaigns! When you buy a raffle ticket or purchase something at one of our sales, you support Friends and special projects at FPFC.
- Many thanks to all the wonderful Friends volunteers and FPFC staff members who make these events happen!
- Thank you to the fitness instructors who opened their classes to the public during Love Fidalgo, and to the front desk staff who sold raffle tickets and collected sale items.
- Thanks to Safeway for providing a \$25 gift card for the floral department for our Love Fidalgo Raffle Basket!
- Thank you, Bayside Sweets and Treats for providing a basket of goodies for the raffle.
- Special thanks to Ed Sprauer for stocking the raffle basket with gift certificates for dinner and wine, and chocolates from Johnny Picasso!



### Spring Garage and Consignment Sale:

Friends raised \$903.50 at our Spring Garage Sale! Congratulations to Jeff Hambleton, winner of the raffle for a one-month combo pass for donating items. It's not too early to start saving items for next year!



**Stay Sun Safe!** Remember to apply a broad-spectrum sunscreen with an SPF (Sun Protection Factor) of 30 or higher whenever you spend time outdoors.



# Splash! News



### Executive Director Retires:

Marilyn Stadler, Executive Director of Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center, announces her retirement effective June 30, 2017. Marilyn has been with FPFC since 2008 where she serves as the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer under the direction of the Board of Commissioners. Marilyn leaves behind a host of accomplishments at FPFC including tackling deferred maintenance and repairs to bring the facility up to speed, working to bring the building into ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliance so the facility is more easily accessible to all community members, updating the upstairs group fitness room, adding a new fitness center, helping to position the Long Range Planning Committee to move forward with future plans for the facility, and helping the facility earn the award for Best Health Club in Anacortes for 2016.

Marilyn has enjoyed the opportunity to be a part of FPFC and considers it to be a valuable community resource, both now and in the future. While she will be sad to leave behind so many valued colleagues and patrons, she is looking forward to spending time with her husband and traveling. Marilyn plans to stay involved with FPFC through the Friends of Fidalgo.

We wish you all the best in your retirement Marilyn!



**Fall Plant & Garden Sale:** Calling all gardeners! As you are working in your garden this spring and summer, think about the plants you may need to dig up or divide this fall. The Friends of Fidalgo annual plant sale is on **September 30, 8:00 a.m. – noon**. We'll keep you posted on how you can help by donating plants and bulbs from your garden.

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- Friends at the Farmer's Market, September 2, 2017
- Plant & Garden Sale September 30, 8:00 - noon

## Meet the new Executive Director:



The Friends of Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center (FPFC) would like to welcome incoming Executive Director, Mitch Everton. At the April 2017 Board of Commissioners meeting, Commissioner Jeremy McNett announced the hiring of Mitch Everton to replace outgoing Director, Marilyn Stadler. Mitch will be around the facility learning the ropes, and he will officially take on the lead role of Executive Director on July 1.

Mitch is currently a partner with John L. Scott here in Anacortes. He also works as a consultant with school districts statewide on strategic planning. Previously he ran the Anacortes Chamber of Commerce for four years and operated a successful art gallery on Commercial. Prior to moving to town in 1998, Mitch was a principal with ProBusiness Services, a publicly traded company based in CA.

Mitch is married to Linda, a frequent user of the pool and fitness classes. Together, they have three grown children, plus a rescue dog.

When asked about his motivation in taking on the role, Mitch shared that “FPFC is an essential part of the city’s social fabric, a nexus for residents. The facility serves an important function in defining Anacortes and Fidalgo Island”. He continued: “I look forward to working with the Commissioners and our stakeholders in helping define the next fifty years. I am excited about taking on this new challenge and in meeting those of you I don’t already know.”

Outgoing Executive Director, Marilyn Stadler is retiring, but she will continue her support and leadership. She recently shared her feelings on the transition: “Mitch has the knowledge and work experience to strategically plan and execute the next stage of Fidalgo Pool's growth. He understands what must be accomplished to meet the wellness needs of our community. I'm thrilled to have him join us as our new Executive Director.”

You'll be seeing Mitch more and more around the facility. Please help Friends of FPFC welcome him.

**⚡ Did you know...** FPFC closes the pool during electrical storms? While regulations regarding the closure of indoor pools are changing, FPFC chooses safety first. To be safe during lightning storms a facility needs to be completely bonded and grounded electrically and have a lightning protection system in place. In our aging facility, the concrete and pool environment can compromise bonding, and the addition of lifeguard chairs, diving boards, and other metal objects common to all pools can affect safety. The good news is that statistics show no evidence of death by lightening in indoor pools, and we plan to keep it that way!

## Meet the new Commissioner:

Thanks Pam, Hello Christine.

Christine Mathes has filled the Fidalgo Parks and Recreation District Commissioner seat vacated by Pamela Taylor. Thank you Pam, for your commitment and guidance.



Our new Pool Commissioner, Christine Mathes, brings with her tons of experience at the pool and in the community. Her qualifications include a deep knowledge of the pool facility, personal relationships with pool patrons and supporters, a vested interest in seeing FPFC serve our community, and work with numerous community organizations.

Over the last 10 years Christine has invested countless volunteer hours, serving on committees and supporting causes ranging from co-chair of the FPFC Long-Range Planning Committee, as an officer on the Thunderbirds Aquatics Club Board and on the Friends of FPFC Board, as well as directing and hosting USA Swimming sanctioned swim meets at the pool. And, she's a proud Swim Mom.

Thank you Pam. Welcome Christine.

## ♥ Love Fidalgo Purchases:



FPFC Lifeguards Erica, Trevor and Brandon practicing lifesaving skills with a new CPR mannequin purchased with Love Fidalgo funds

This year the Love Fidalgo fundraising campaign raised **\$2033** to purchase equipment at FPFC! Thank you to everyone who participated and bought a raffle ticket or helped buy a special piece of equipment. Some of the new equipment purchases include: swim rings, yoga mats, squirt toys for swim lessons, diving bricks, CPR mannequins, weight plates, chairs for the staff break room, speakers, and bar floats.



New yoga mats



Swim lesson toys