



Become a Friend of Fidalgo...

Everyone is welcome! Help us to make FPFC an even better place. Meeting times are at 5:00 p.m. the second Monday of every month. Next meetings: 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.

Shut Down Party . . . Back in the Splash!



Plans are underway to celebrate the re-opening of the pool after the August shut down. Join us on August 21st^t to get back in the splash! Refreshments will be provided by Friends of Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center in the lobby area. Times and details to follow. Watch the bulletin boards, check the next newsletter, and like Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center on Facebook to find out more.

Find Fidalgo Pool & Fitness at www.fidalgopool.com or "like" us on FACEBOOK!



Fall Plant & Garden Sale:



Gardeners, get ready! The Friends of Fidalgo **Fall Plant & Garden Sale** is on **September 30, 8:00 a.m. – noon**, in the lower parking lot area of the pool. Friends will have available an excellent selection of plants, shrubs, seeds, and bulbs donated by patrons and local businesses, as well as other gardening related items. Enter to win gardening gift baskets packed with prizes donated by local businesses and Friends! Funds raised support Friends and special projects at FPFC.

As you are working in and enjoying your garden this season, please think about the plants you may need to dig up or divide this fall. We'll keep you posted on how you can help by donating any plants or bulbs from your garden you no longer need or want. We can help you dig!



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



Anticipated Work Plans:

John Little, FPFC's Maintenance Manager, and the rest of the FPFC crew have lots of jobs planned for the annual **August 12 – 20th shut down**. Each year, FPFC schedules a shutdown period during the summer months to attend to maintenance and repairs. Often these repairs are behind-the-scenes work that patrons might not notice, but are necessary for the safe and efficient running of the facility.

This year's repairs include: performing maintenance on the filter tank, inspecting and servicing the boiler, installing a new boiler fill backflow preventer, conducting tests, servicing the hot water tempering valve, repairing tile on the pool deck and in the locker rooms, painting the diving board base, making pool surface repairs, repairing shower columns, repairing toilet partitions, servicing the air dryers, repairing plumbing fixtures, servicing heat registers, servicing the HVAC system, and cleaning out the drain lines.

Thank you, John for looking after the facility, and we all look forward to returning after the break!



John Little, Maintenance Manager



Behind the Scenes Water Treatment

Annual Shut Down:



This year's annual shut down is **August 12th – 20th**. During this time, the pool and locker rooms will be closed but **the Fitness Center, upstairs group exercise room and the bathrooms upstairs will remain open and running.**



- Shut Down Party . . . Back in the Splash! August 21st. Watch for more details.
- Friends at the Farmer's Market, September 2, 2017.
- Plant & Garden Sale September 30, 8:00 – noon.

Large Fused Glass Panels a Community Endeavor

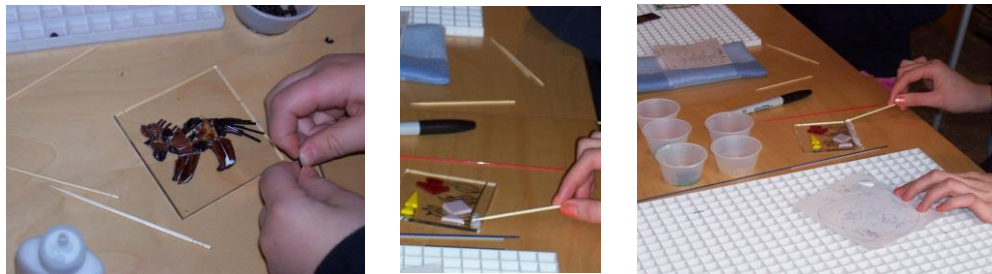


The fused glass panels in the lobby were a collaborative project featuring John Archibald (aka Johnny Picasso), the Anacortes Arts Festival, and Anacortes Community and Youth Arts back in 2005. The groups and Johnny invited children, families, and seniors from across the community to help create something unique for the Fidalgo Pool and Fitness Center.

“Open sessions at Johnny’s were effective at getting a nice cross-section of people involved” states Monica Oppel on the Board of ACYA at the time. “John set the concept, and each person got to create their own little part of it – each fish, boat, whale, seal was created by a different community member.”

John Archibald explains, “I had this large kiln that could fire these large glass pieces, and I said, ‘What the heck?’ It’s great to bring the community together to create something. I’m glad folks at the pool are still enjoying the panels.”

Special thanks to all those who helped create these beautiful pieces!



Spring Invitational



TAC swimmers make a personal record at the annual Thunderbird swim meet.

Left to right: Savannah Sparks, Alex Burns, Ellie Snowman, Kayla Pierce.

During May 19 – 21 weekend the Thunderbird Aquatic Club hosted the 41st annual Spring Thunderbird at Fidalgo Pool & Fitness Center, sanctioned by Pacific Northwest Swimming, Inc. and USA Swimming, Inc. All swimmers are with USA swimming and competitions are based on the age groups 8 and under, 9-10, 11, 12, 13 & over.

Some highlights from the meet: Out of six teams the Thunderbird Aquatic Club (TAC) took first. There were 320 swimmers of which 55 were TAC swimmers. Two TAC Team records were broken: Blair Drew broke the 9-10 girls 100m breaststroke record and Jacob Hoxie broke the 15 and over 200m breaststroke record. Four TAC swimmers won the high point award for their age group: Nathan Mathes in the 15 and over boy’s group, Kevin Burns in the 11-year-old boy’s group, Brennan Morgenthaler in the boy’s 9-10 group, and Blair Drew in the girl’s 9-10 group.