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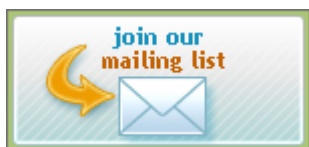
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Dear Jordan,

August is a great time in PT!

Port Townsend and the Olympic Peninsula come alive in the summer months. There are so many great festivals and events. We've compiled a list of local happenings (see below) and encourage you to check them out!

While your here, we invite you to stop by for a visit. With our Fall session just around the corner, now is a great time to check out the school. If you visit on the weekend, join us for Intro to Swedish.

To those of you who are considering enrolling in the fall, it's time to get those applications in. We still have open spaces, however, we are filling up fast. If you have any questions about our Weekday or Weekend programs, please feel to call 360-379-4066 or email susan@massageeducation.com.

*****IMPORTANT NOTE*****

The start date of the Fall Weekday class is Monday, September 15th. A few catalogs contain a start date of the 22nd, however that is incorrect.

The Fall Weekend class will begin on Friday, September 19th.

Enjoy the sunny skies!

Faculty Profile - Greg Bolton

What is your role at PTSM? I teach Deep Tissue and Clinical Treatments in the Weekend PLP.

What inspired you to become a massage therapist/instructor/part of the PTSM team? Massage therapist? It was a career change for me, from office work to something more personal and more directly related to helping individuals.



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My initial interest was sports massage due to my own sports activities. Over the years, this has shifted to doing more healing work involving chronic conditions, assisting with living more fully in the body.

I was fortunate to have gone through a massage school when the owners were seeking others to assist. I had originally gone to college to be a teacher, have a degree in education, so they asked me if I would be interested in training to teach in the massage program. I jumped at the chance, and have been teaching ever since, with just a 5-year hiatus from teaching when I was more involved with massage school administration.

When Fairin, the original owner, wanted to shift from an apprenticeship program to a formal school, she hired me as a consultant to help with curriculum development and working through the state licensing maze. I really liked what she was putting together, felt that the program was going to be very good, and when she asked me if I'd like to teach, I jumped at the chance. Over the years the school has been in place, I've taught every course except A&P and ethics. It's been terrific watching how the school has grown and matured over those years, and I continue to feel great satisfaction being associated with such a deeply heart-filled endeavor.

How are you currently involved with massage therapy profession, outside of PTSM? I have a full-time practice that includes a private office in the Medical-Dental Building in downtown Seattle, as well as outcall service to two retirement homes.

What is one of your greatest professional accomplishments? Just being able to do what I am doing after being in the business for close to 25 years. I like to think that over the years, with all the people who have passed through my classroom, I've made a positive difference in how massage therapy is practiced in western Washington. That has always been my goal - to make sure the profession is ethical, professional and legal for generations to come.

What are your hobbies? Books. I usually have two or three going at one time. I'm also a fan of certain TV programs that I use as research; Judge Judy is one of them!

What do you love most about your career? People

Tell us about your plans for the future. I'm not a big planner. I just like to be ready and available for whatever unfolds in front of me.

Any advice for those considering a career in Massage Therapy? Don't do it if your primary goal is to make a lot of money. Not that you won't or can't, but if your main focus is on what you can earn rather than how you can help, you'll probably be sorely disappointed . This is a business that requires the deepest part of you encountering the deepest parts of another being. Do your inner work, and have fun.

August is a great time to experience Port Townsend!

The Port Townsend Chamber of Commerce visitors center website is:

www.ptguide.com.

Coming in August

August 8-10, Jefferson County Fair
August 16, Uptown Street Fair
August 16, Kiwanis Classic Care Show
August 30 - September 1, Party in PT

[Centrum](#) offers the Centrum Blues Festival this weekend.

[Roots of Rock Intensive](#) - August 3-6

Cistern Concert - August 22

For more information, visit www.centrum.org.

[Key City Players](#) presents:

Shakespeare In The Park - As You Like It

This is a marvelous summer event. It opens the first weekend in August & performs thru August 17. Lots of folks combine dinner and theatre.

[Gallery Walk](#)

Gallery Walks are a favorite here in Port Townsend. Occuring the first Saturday of every month, galleries and venues in the downtown waterfront district show off the work of local artists. Informal and enticing, the Gallery Walks encourage exploring the many nooks and crannies of the town's historic center. The walks are sponsored by the many galleries and venues, and a consortium of artists. A truly unique happening and all you do is show up downtown and start walking!

One of my favorite things to do in the world is to go to the [Olympic Music Festival](#) near Quilcene. They have live performances every Saturday and Sunday into September. Pack a picnic, bring a blanket for the grass or sit in the big barn, and float away with the most beautiful classical music you can imagine. More information at www.olympicmusicfestival.org.

And, don't forget our incredible uptown farmers market,

Saturdays from 9:30-1:30 and Wednesdays from 3:30-6:30.
www.ptfarmersmarket.org.

Are you ready for a Life Changing, Life Enriching Career in Massage Therapy?

Get started today with [PTSM's Professional Licensing Programs!](#)

Beginning in September, the PTSM Weekend Program will meet approximately every third weekend. This 545 hour program makes school possible for those with regular work or family commitments.

Also beginning in March, our 650 hour Weekday program, which meets every Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday. If you're looking to finish in 9 months and can go to school almost full time, this is the program for you.

Ready to begin? [Click here](#) to visit our website, or call 360.379.4066.

Located on the scenic Olympic Peninsula, the Port Townsend School of Massage provides a thriving learning community which fosters excellence in natural therapies.

PTSM offers Professional Licensing Programs, Continuing Education and Advanced Certification in Orthopedic Massage. Our commitment is to recognizing, supporting and enriching each individual-at PTSM we strive for excellence - one massage therapist at a time!

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