

# In My View...



**It's official – summer is here. Took long enough this year, didn't it?**

**We did manage a few days in Seattle for the long weekend in May. Frankly, it was the coldest, wettest motorcycle trip we have ever experienced. On the Wednesday before the long weekend, we caught the 4:00pm ferry to Port Angeles (in the rain) and headed straight to Kingston, which is a small town on the Olympic Peninsula. Our reason for going to Kingston? We were having our motorcycle's seat adjusted to make it more comfortable for Alan. The Hood Canal Bridge is floating bridge, and it was really blowing a gale. Needless to say, I never want to cross that bridge again when it's windy. I was actually scared, and it takes quite a bit to scare me. In the end, we arrived safely in Seattle on Thursday afternoon and it was sunny. Found our nice hotel and then had two days of shopping, sight seeing and eating lovely food. No rain on the ride home! All's well that ends well.**

**This summer, we are in project mode and we have continued to work on our yard. We now have a very successful 'kitchen garden' in the front filled with herbs. It's too hot now, of course, but we had all kinds of lettuces through May and June. Our latest effort is the addition of a water feature on our deck, a wall-mounted lion's head that produces a soothing trickling sound day and night. I've wanted something like that ever since we bought this house in 2001.**

**We recently took another short motorcycle trip. We visited my aunt in Port Alberni to deliver pictures Alan took at a get-together we attended a few weeks ago in memory of my favourite uncle who passed away about the same time as my Mom. It took the form of a family reunion as well as a wake of sorts. It was also our eighth anniversary in July, so we treated ourselves to a night at the Beachclub Resort in Parksville (my home town, by the way). Beautiful place to stay and great fun!**

**Enjoy these lazy, hazy days!**

**Bonnie**