



# The Lummi Island Tome

March 2025 - Volume 60 No. 3



## Calendar of Events

### Weekly

Sunday	Island Chapel – Grange Main Building	9:30 - 10:30 am
	Worship Service – Congregational Church Sanctuary	10:30 - 11:30 am
Tuesday	Kundalini Yoga – The Gathering Place	9:00 am
	Island Chapel Ladies' Bible Study – 1759 Joans Ln / Zoom	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Elderberries Lunch (12pm), Games, and Coffee – The Gathering Place	11:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Island Chapel Family Bible Study – 1759 Joans Ln / Zoom	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Thursday	LIFD Volunteer Firefighting Training (except holidays)	6:30 - 9:00 pm
Friday	Coffee Shop and Games – The Gathering Place	10:00 - 11:30 am
Saturday	Preschool Story Time at the Library	10:30 - 11:00 am

**Ferry Refueling: March 6, 20; 12:10pm Gooseberry & 1:00 pm Lummi Island Runs Delayed**

### Monthly

1st Mon.	Emergency Siren Test - <i>Do not call 911</i>	12:00 pm
3rd Mon.	FOIL Board Meeting – Library, Hanson Meeting Room	6:00 pm
1st Tue	LICA Board Meeting - Library, Hanson Meeting Room	7:00 pm
2nd Tue.	WCFD 11 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting - Fire Hall	7:00 pm
	Camera Club Meeting - Grange Hall	6:30 - 8:00 pm
3rd Tue.	Resilient Lummi Island - Library, Hanson Meeting Room	6:30–7:45 pm
4th Tue.	Cemetery Commission Meeting - Grange Hall	4:00 - 5:00 pm
1st Wed.	Grange Meeting - Grange Hall	6:00 pm
4th Wed.	WCFAC Meeting - The Gathering Place	6:00 pm
2nd Thur.	Civic Club - Grange Hall	10:00 am
4th Thur	Library Book Club - Library, Hanson Room	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

**Garbage & Recycling: March 3, 17, 31**

### March Events

March 8, Sat	LIHT Annual Meeting, Grange Hall	6:30 pm
March 11, Tue	Parish Dinner - The Gathering Place, <b>See Pg 4</b>	5:00 pm
March 13, Thu	Whatcom Reads with Author Erica Bauermeister - Grange Hall <b>See Pg 6</b>	11:00 am - 12:30 pm
March 14, Fri	Bingo Night and Silent Auction - Beach School <b>See Pg 9</b>	4:30 - 7:30 pm
March 15, Sat	LIHT Tree Planting - Curry Preserve <b>See Pg 5</b>	
	Kokedama Plant Workshop - Grange Hall <b>See Pg 6</b>	1:00 - 2:30 pm
March 22, Sat	Musical Evening at the Library <b>See Pg 6</b>	7:00 - 8:30 pm
March 27, Sat	Collage and Conversation at the Library <b>See pg 6</b>	1:00 - 3:00 pm



**Ken Swanson, Realtor®, Broker**  
*Real Estate on Lummi Island*

A full time resident, representing buyers & sellers on Lummi, in Bellingham and throughout Whatcom County Please contact me to discuss the real estate market here. And visit the "Lummi Link" on my website.



[www.KenSwansonHomes.com](http://www.KenSwansonHomes.com)  
Cell/Text: 360-961-6066  
Email: [KenSwanson@Windermere.com](mailto:KenSwanson@Windermere.com)



### Experience 5 Star Service

- Vacation Rental Management
- Home Monitoring
- Vacation Concierge Services

Serving Lummi Island since 2013, we have the skills, experience, team of professionals, love of this island and a personal, welcoming approach to serving our clients and our guests.

With us, you won't worry about anything - your home is safe, secure and cared for.

**Jackie Granger, Founder/Owner**

[pnw-concierge.com](http://pnw-concierge.com)

360.201.9351

@pnwconcierge

We hope our fellow islanders are well. Remember dry dock is coming in April with dates to be set soon.

As with many Island Organizations the LICA board still needs additional members. Serving on the Board is a great way to meet your neighbors and learn about the Island Community. Please consider joining the board. Contact any of us to discuss what the board membership involves.

The Lummi Island road cleanup is set for Saturday April 5th. We will meet at the Grange 9AM for sign up and excellent pastries/coffee. The county provides pickers, bags, and vests. The Grange will be grilling burgers and dogs when we are done. Be sure and join us for this fun event.

The LICA Board meets the first Tuesday of the month 7PM at the island library. Guests are always welcome.

David

**Helpful Numbers**

<b>Aluminum Cans</b>	<b>360-223-6225</b> Contact Leslie Dempsey. <i>Recycle Bins Located in Grange Parking Lot</i>
<b>Church Rental</b>	<b>360-758-2060</b> Church <a href="mailto:office@LummiChurch.com">office@LummiChurch.com</a>
<b>Gathering Place</b>	<b>360-758-2060</b> <a href="mailto:info@ligatheringplace.com">info@ligatheringplace.com</a>
<b>Grange Rental</b>	<b>360-223-6225</b> Leslie Dempsey
<b>Library</b>	<b>360-758-7145</b> Tuesday 1:00-7:00pm, Thursday and Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm
<b>Free Notary Service</b>	<b>360-758-2559</b> Call David Thorn
<b>Post Office - New Number!</b>	<b>360-298-7584</b> Mon. - Fri.: 10:45am - 2:45pm, Sat.: 10:30am - 12:30pm, Lobby 24 Hours
<b>Hazardous Waste</b>	<b>360-380-4640</b> For Info & Questions. Open 9am-4pm Mon-Fri & 1st Sat of the month

<b>Past Rainfall Totals</b>		<b>2023</b>				
<b>Location</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Sept</b>	<b>Oct</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Jan</b>
Westshore - Sheila & Al Marshall	0.97	1.30	3.88	4.14	5.51	7.15
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	0.75	1.27	5.31	4.31	5.71	7.18
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	0.76	0.74	4.49	5.14	5.71	6.79
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	0.45	1.00	N/A	4.45	5.90	6.55
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	0.78	0.91	5.96	4.20	5.23	6.57

  

<b>Current Rainfall Totals</b>		<b>2024/25</b>				
<b>Location</b>	<b>August</b>	<b>Sept.</b>	<b>Oct.</b>	<b>Nov.</b>	<b>Dec.</b>	<b>Jan</b>
Westshore - Sheila & Al Marshall	3.30	2.18	6.60	5.67	5.50	2.93
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	3.26	2.14	5.96	5.17	5.21	2.78
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	3.56	1.82	7.81	5.03	5.65	2.82
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	3.46	2.00	8.28	5.65	5.28	2.45
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	3.09	1.89	5.96	4.90	5.06	2.65

**LINDY EARLY-ROSEN, L.M.P. Since 1984** - Lindy provides massage therapy to the island, once again. Her specializations include gentle deep tissue & myofascial release, based on more than 30 years of experience in medical offices. Please call **360-758-7452** for an appointment.

**Hale's Passage Home and Landscape Maintenance** - Specializing in handyman and landscaping services, both new installation and general upkeep, 25+ years experience, long time island resident, references available, text or message **Scott Hale (360) 932-1269**

**A VERY TINY GIFT & FARM STAND** - A rotating offering of: herbal products, starts, blueberries, soaps, fiber art, procured & 2nd hand goods, and a surprise or two! 2455 Tuttle Ln. Honor System



**THOMAS LUTZ  
FURNITURE**  
DISTINCTIVE WOODWORK SINCE 1994



www.thomaslutzfurniture.com  
tom@heartwoodjoinery.com  
360.220.5324



**HENRY WALTERS ARCHITECT**  
(206) 769-2665  
henry@henrywaltersarchitect.com



**SEXTON  
CONSTRUCTION**  
*New construction, remodels & repairs*

Mark Sexton  
General Contractor

1253 Jamison Street  
Lummi Island, WA 98262  
(360) 305-9390

Licensed - Bonded - Insured  
Lic. #SEXTOC\*965M8

**HAVE KNOT WANT NOT**  
*Massage by the Sea*

**Sarah Powell**  
**360-224-8549**

## Resilient Lummi Island

*By Robin Richardson and Lindy Early-Rose*

Think globally. Act locally. This approach can effectively grow climate resilience even when world leaders have lost sight of the urgency of the climate crisis.

Surprisingly, the biggest impact you can have is by eating a plant-based diet. It is mind-boggling that this single action is more impactful than going solar + driving an EV + locally grown organic food—combined! We don't need to approach this in an 'all-or-nothing' way. We can still move forward with 'more of this --less of that' manner. According to the UN, the seven best foods for a healthy climate are, in order: Nuts, legumes, bread & pasta, tofu, rice and grains, fruit and vegetables, and eggs--so base your menu plans on these foods. Next best things on the list: pork, poultry and fish. Milk, cheese, coffee and beef have sizable climate footprints, so use sparingly.

For Elderberries, Resilient Lummi cooked a delicious plant-forward meal in February. Many people said their favorites were the Pasta with Pea-Pistachio Pesto and the Chocolate Pudding made with silken tofu. We plan on giving Elderberries a taste of other yummy dishes in the coming months.

You are invited to join Resilient Lummi as we take local action to create resilience on this island. We meet at the Island Library every third Tuesday at 6:30 pm.



**Repair & Remodel**



General home repair, small remodel projects, 3D model design. Call or Text

 425-894-2025

**GET FIT. HAVE FUN.**



**lummiislandfit.com**  
Get on the list! (650) 269-2161



**Just a reminder:** We have durable medical equipment to loan to Islanders who are recovering from surgery or a twisted ankle a broken arm etc etc. Maybe you need crutches or a bedside commode, a bath bench or shower chair? a walker? A wheelchair? If you are 55+ and a resident of Lummi Island we can help you sign up for the Ferndale Food Bank every other Friday food distribution at the Church. If you have an emergent need, call 360 389-6697 for a voucher for the Islander. If you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, call us (hopefully a week in advance) and we can very likely find you a ride. Questions? Requests? Call anyone on the Parish Health Ministry team Ingrid 360 220-5860; Joan 360 739-0228; Lisa 360 201-0830 or Jane 360 389-6697, Thank you!



locally-owned vacation rental  
management for Lummi Island  
living and visiting

[www.stayandseavacations.com](http://www.stayandseavacations.com)  
[info@stayandseavacations.com](mailto:info@stayandseavacations.com)

**360.746.0805**

**SERENDIPITY DESIGN**  
creative interiors • events • floral design



Susie Wirth 206.940.3023 [susiewirthdesign@gmail.com](mailto:susiewirthdesign@gmail.com)

## Lummi Island Congregational Church

By Rhayma Blake

Our next Parish Dinner will be on March 11th at 5PM. We will be celebrating Irish culture through a meal of corned beef and vegetables, soda bread with honey butter, and lemon bars for dessert. A vegetarian option will be available. Live Irish tunes will be played by the band "Jimmy the Lock".

There won't be a Parish Dinner in April, but the community is invited to Easter service in the sanctuary at 10:30 followed by an Easter egg hunt in the cemetery (around 11:30) and potluck finger food nibbles and coffee in The Gathering Place.

Mark your calendars for the annual Rummage Sale on July 4-5. More details will follow.

- **YOGA** continues on Tuesdays at 9:00am in The Gathering Place.
- **ELDERBERRIES** gather Wednesdays from 11 to 2pm with lunch at Noon.
- **COFFEE WITH FRIENDS** Friday mornings from 10-11:30 in The Gathering Place. A great chance to visit.
- And, of course, **WORSHIP** in the sanctuary continues on Sundays at 10:30am. All are welcome.

Keep up with the latest on all these events at [www.lummichurch.org](http://www.lummichurch.org). Details about The Gathering Place are available at [www.ligatheringplace.com](http://www.ligatheringplace.com). And you can email us at [office@lummichurch.com](mailto:office@lummichurch.com) or [info@ligatheringplace.com](mailto:info@ligatheringplace.com) or call (360) 758-2060 with questions. Remember, *no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.*



*Designer • Craftsman  
of Fine Furniture*

Designing and building  
fine furniture &  
wood work since 1972.

**(360) 758-7452**

[www.alanrosenfurniture.com](http://www.alanrosenfurniture.com)



3913 Legoe Bay Road  
P.O. Box 6  
Lummi Island, WA 98262

[www.ligatheringplace.com](http://www.ligatheringplace.com)  
360-758-2060  
[info@ligatheringplace.com](mailto:info@ligatheringplace.com)

Happy March from the Lummi Island and gone, the vernal equinox is more minutes of light. Soon, if not species will flower: beaked hazelnut, opening the floodgates to the the gathering signs of the growing Preserve.



Heritage Trust! The late-winter freeze has come around the corner, and each day brings a few already, our earliest blooming native plant osoberry, skunk cabbage, and many others, splendor of spring. We hope you are relishing season as much as we are here at the Otto

To celebrate the arrival of spring, Saturday, March 15th at the Curry that didn't survive. We plan to welcome your help! This is a smaller To this end, please RSVP if you are [stewardship@liht.org](mailto:stewardship@liht.org).

the Trust will be hosting a tree planting party on Preserve to replace previously planted saplings establish 40 native tree species and would number of trees than planted in previous years. interested in volunteering for this event via

We are very pleased to announce the addition of two new members to LIHT's board of directors: Lisa Kremer Brown and Reena Kawal. Lisa and Reena bring great expertise and rich experience from their respective professional backgrounds, and a shared passion for the natural world. Their personal interests span an impressive variety of outdoor activities, including hiking, cycling, cross-country skiing, sailing, and diving. Both Lisa and Reena have been strong supporters of the Trust since making their homes on Lummi Island. We look forward to working with them in their new capacity as board members and have no doubt that the Trust and the island community alike will continue to benefit greatly from their contributions. To learn more about Lisa, Reena, and our current board of directors, visit our website at <https://www.liht.org/board-of-directors>.

Visitors to our website may have noticed the recent addition of a "story map" to our home page, titled A Visual Tour of the Lands We Serve. Created by our Stewardship Manager, Skylar Magee, this virtual tour is not only visually compelling but supplies a rich ecological and historical background of each of the preserves we steward. It's a great way to explore the land from the comfort of your home on a rainy day in March! While you're on our website perusing the story map, take a moment to subscribe to our monthly Tidings newsletter if you haven't already. The recently introduced "Species of the Month" section of Tidings provides an informative dive into the ecological, etymological and cultural significance of seasonally relevant species that you can find on your meanders through the preserves during each season. The subscription form can be found at the bottom of our homepage, <https://www.liht.org/>, under "Stay In Touch."

We wish you a peaceful changing of the season and look forward to seeing you on the trails!

## Island Healing Arts

Michele Morrissey, LMT

Massage for:  
Relaxation  
Wellness  
Injuries



Deep Tissue  
Lomi Lomi  
Hot Stones  
Medical Massage

(360) 201-4765  
[www.lummiislandmassage.com](http://www.lummiislandmassage.com)



# ELM ELECTRIC INC.

Call today for a **FREE ESTIMATE!**

360-383-7160  
Eric Martin  
[eric@elmelectricinc.com](mailto:eric@elmelectricinc.com)  
[www.elmelectricinc.com](http://www.elmelectricinc.com)



GENERAC AUTHORIZED DEALER

# ELM ELECTRIC INC.

CALL SHAWN FOR YOUR ELECTRICAL NEEDS  
360.922.2045  
[shawn@elmelectric.com](mailto:shawn@elmelectric.com)



Panel Changes • Hot Tub Connections • Heat Pump/AC Connections • Remodels

**Hours:** Tuesday: 1:00 - 7:00 pm; Thursday & Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.:

In the Library Display Cabinet for March and April - Magdalena Herreshoff will be displaying her limited edition handmade books with original art and poetry. Magdalena was born in Holland and when she was 16, her family immigrated to the U.S. where she has spent most of her adult life. In 2011, nearing 70 years of age and ready for one last adventure, she and her husband moved to the Andes in Ecuador, where they lived for 12 years. In 2023 they returned to Lummi Island to be with family.

Magdalena's poetry/art books (most of them modeled after the simplicity of the 17th Century chapbook) are held in Special Collections at the University of Washington in Seattle and in book art collections.

## March Upcoming Events

**Island Library Book Club** - Everyone's welcome to Island Library's book club which meets monthly on the fourth Thursday of each month at 11 - 12 am in the Hanson Room. We read a mix of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-developed characters and rich settings. Library manager, Erin Suda, facilitates. Meets monthly on the fourth Thursday.

**Library Budget Listening Session** - WCLS administrators will review the library system's budget forecast and ask community members for their input about the library services that matter most to them and their families and their suggestions about how to move towards fiscal sustainability. Each session will include a brief presentation followed by a Q&A and hands-on interaction and discussion. Saturday, Mar 1st, 3:00 – 4:30 PM.

**Whatcom READS Presents:** Book Discussion with Erica Bauermeister. Join us at the Lummi Island Grange Hall for a lively discussion with this year's featured Whatcom READS author, Erica Bauermeister. Lummi Island bears a suspicious resemblance to a nameless island featured in this year's book, *No Two Persons* so it's only fitting that we gather there to talk about it. Space is limited and registration is required. This will be held at the Lummi Island Grange Hall. Thursday, Mar. 13th, 11:00 – 12:30.

**A Chat with Sheriff Tanksley:** Sheriff Tanksley "Tank" will discuss and answer your questions on topics such as law enforcement, emergency management, community caretaking, availability of resources, and crisis intervention. Saturday, Mar 15th, 6:30 – 8:00 PM.

**A Musical Evening at the Library:** Join us for a special musical evening at the library featuring coffee-house-style music performed by a variety of

Island musicians. In conjunction with the music, there will be a Baked Goods sale to benefit FOIL. So, please bring some of your own goodies to share. Saturday, March 22, 7:00 – 8:30 PM.

## Senior Services with Northwest Regional Council

**In-Person:** Sign up for a one-on-one meeting with Stacy Malone Miller or one of her associates from Northwest Regional Council to discuss your eligibility for in-home care, caregiver support, non-emergency health care transportation, and other senior services. Meetings will be held at Island Library on the second Thursday of January, February and March. Register at [WCLS.org](http://WCLS.org) or at the Island library for a half hour appointment. Drop-ins will be accommodated if space is available. Thursday, Mar. 13th, 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

**Kokedama Plant Workshop:** Explore the unconventional free form growing practice of kokedama! Participants will create their own kokedama using epiphytic plants, discuss which plants are best suited for growing without a pot, and chat about caring for and maintaining kokedama. All materials provided. Please note: This technique can be challenging and the use of fine motor skills is helpful. If you would like more information about this, please contact [claire.mcelroy@wcls.org](mailto:claire.mcelroy@wcls.org). Spaces are limited and registration is required. Saturday, March 15th, 1:00 – 2:30 at the Grange.

**Island Story Time:** For ages 2-6, 30 minutes. An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation. Meets every Saturday at 10:30 AM until May.

**Collage and Conversation:** Join your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of collage and conversation with Sam Wallin at Island Library. You will get hands-on practice working on a small collage project to take home. Sam has been making and sharing collages for about 12 years and will share some of the tips and techniques he's learned and some common and uncommon tools he uses. Get creative and make use of materials that would otherwise go into a recycling bin or landfill. Spaces are limited and registration is required. Thursday, March 27th, 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

**The Friends of Island Library( FOIL)** is a local non-profit that owns the Island Library property; supports the Library through fundraising and promoting the purposes and activities of the Island Library and its community.

The FOIL Board meets monthly on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be March 17th at 6:00 PM at the library. If you'd like to support FOIL's work, financial donations can be sent to PO Box 204, or made through Paypal on [www.friendsofisolandlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofisolandlibrary.org).





Our nine-member LI Health & Wellness Board is now moving into the program funding and implementation phases. Here's where we are now on the five priorities we set for 2025 most of which we hope to implement later this spring or early summer:

1. Creating a team of Health and Wellness Advocates trained to assist people with an acute or chronic condition who need help navigating the health system. We have submitted a grant request to a local foundation to fund the recruitment and training of volunteers. We expect to get a response by the end of April. In the meantime we will be reaching out to Islanders to generate interest in becoming health and wellness advocates.
2. Making regular access available to Islanders for quality, affordable, Non-Medical Foot Care. We have identified a foot care provider that is interested in coming to the Island on a once-a-month basis for services at The Gathering Place. Funds to subsidize low-income residents have been requested in a grant that we hope will be funded by early May.
3. Setting up a Telehealth Center at The Gathering Place for Islanders that need assistance in connecting to their providers remotely over the internet. Training of volunteers to assist people in creating a virtual connection with their health care providers is in process. Funding for most of the equipment to set up the Telehealth Center has been obtained thanks to LICA and the Civic Club!! We hope to begin serving Islanders this spring.
4. Expanding Wellness and Exercise Programs for Islanders and creating a resource hub for information and promotion. A menu of classes and activities is being developed and a request for funding instructors and space rental has been submitted. Collaborations with people and Island organizations offering classes and activities is an important part of the process. Look for announcements of activities this spring.
5. Organizing/securing added In-Home Resources and Information to enhance Islanders' ability to age in place safely. In collaboration with the Northwest Regional Council, we will prepare an inventory of in-home care providers and publicize the list around the Island to enhance access to care at home so we can 'age in place'. Look for this resource later this spring.

One initiative we are beginning to think about is having a small gym/workout space that would be available to all Islanders. A person credentialed as a fitness trainer is offering to set up equipment in stations similar to the Curves model. We are looking for 400 square feet for this gym, so if you have ideas, please let me know. [bobanderson6760@gmail.com](mailto:bobanderson6760@gmail.com)

## Island Chapel

By Tammy Immer

All are welcome to join us for Sunday morning worship service at 9:30 a.m. at the Grange Hall. Our Wednesday night adult bible study is at 6:00 at the Immer's house (1759 Joans Lane) or by Zoom. Ladies' bible study is Tuesday nights at the Immers or join us by Zoom at 7:00. Pastor Chris Immer can be reached at 360-296-4963. We are so blessed to serve this community!

**Law Office of  
Karl E. Malling, PS**



<p>Representing those seriously injured by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• car accidents</li> <li>• medical negligence</li> <li>• slip &amp; falls and trip &amp; falls</li> <li>• nursing home negligence</li> <li>• product liability</li> <li>• construction site injuries</li> <li>• other injury accidents</li> </ul>	<p>Estate planning including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• trusts and wills</li> <li>• directives to physicians (living will)</li> <li>• powers of attorney</li> </ul>
--	--

phone: 206-214-6815      email: [karl@mallinglaw.com](mailto:karl@mallinglaw.com)



*Heirloom Designs*

EST. 2010

Handwoven blankets,  
rugs, scarves, shawls,  
placemats & custom orders

Barbara Boulanger  
[bmboulanger@gmail.com](mailto:bmboulanger@gmail.com)  
call/text: 530-680-5402

*Mary Sews Many Designs*



**Mary Barstow**  
360-758-2021 h.  
360-927-3651 c.  
Lummi Island, WA

Quilting, Home Decor and Embroidery

**CHAMBERS HOME TEAM**  
Brent & Shelly Chambers ~ REALTOR®



 Brent: 360.220.0381  
 Shelly: 360.981.8901  
 [shelly.chambers@hotmail.com](mailto:shelly.chambers@hotmail.com)  
 [www.yourkeytowhatcom.com](http://www.yourkeytowhatcom.com)

 Proudly Serving Whatcom,  
 Skagit & Island Counties





February 2025 brought us all new ferry rates. 25-trip punch cards have returned as opposed to the recent 20-trip punch cards offered since June. Current punch cards are available online or by mail as well as on Island during monthly sales. It is unknown if fares will be adjusted midyear, but it is possible. Ferry Code10.34 revisions passed last year will allow for punch card exchanges whenever rates are adjusted. We encourage all islanders to sign up for the alerts from Public Works about the ferry system and the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory committee. You can receive them by email text or both. Following is the link to sign up: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/382/Lummi-Island-Ferry> Sign up for both list names, Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee and (under News Flash labeled Public Works) Lummi Island Ferry and Roadways.

The WCFAC meeting on February 26th welcomed new members Tess Winds-Johnson and Rhayma Blake and set meeting dates for 2025. At the March meeting Public Works Ferry Manager Laura Frolich and Ferry Master Gary Poole will report on plans for 2025. Sign up for the alerts above to be notified of the March meeting date!!

**Thank you to everyone for your patience and courtesy as the ferry crew and county staff adjust to changing fares and processes.**

**Upcoming Ferry Punch Card Sales and Exchange Dates:** March 18th and 22nd at the Grange. Check the Public Works Website above for specific times or changes to the dates.

**LANGABEER & TRAXLER, P.S.**

**DANNON C. TRAXLER**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW

2701 MERIDIAN STREET  
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON 98225

(360) 671-6460  
FAX (360) 647-7871  
dtraxler@langabeertraxler.com

**Baker Mt. Ranch, Inc.**  
founded in 1938

**Charles Baker**  
bonded contractor  
WA State Lic #BAKERMR023DD

**Charles 360-961-3014**  
**Tom Kennedy 360-758-2285**

road building • land/lot clearing + development  
tree work • stumping + grading

## WFD #11

By Michael Lish, Fire Chief

Call For Volunteers! WCFD 11 is an all-hazards department but like most others around the country, we respond mostly to medical aid calls. Every year it seems like the fire service takes on more, and we are doing it with less people. I remember when I joined the Fire Department; the roster at the time was over 30 Islanders. Today the roster is 17. A favorite Fire Department adage is "many hands make light work". I'm proud of our Volunteers as they happily continue to carry more than they should have to, but the occasions where we only have two or even just one responder on a call really get my eyes opened wide. If you haven't yet considered volunteering, or the timing hasn't been right for you, check us out now! Whatcom County Fire District 11 is looking for committed and driven individuals to become Volunteer Firefighter/EMT's on Lummi Island. We will provide all of your initial and ongoing training at no cost to you and I will make every effort to work around your busy home and work life schedules. Our community needs more Volunteers. Find out how you can start making a difference today! Contact Michael at: [admin@wcf11.org](mailto:admin@wcf11.org) or call (360)758-2411 <https://lummiislandfire.com/volunteering>

You should have received a preparedness flyer in the mail recently, and I would like to invite you to call the station (360-758-2411) or email us [admin@wcf11.org](mailto:admin@wcf11.org) if you have any questions or would like some assistance finding extra resources.

  
**LUMMI ISLAND REALTY LLC**

- \* A team of resident real estate specialists serving all Lummi Island buyers and sellers
- \* Exceptional internet presence, accessibility and success
- \* Visit our website: [www.lummiislandrealty.com](http://www.lummiislandrealty.com)
- \* Call 360-758-2094 for property information, or a Free Market Analysis  
Angie Dixon, Serena Dabney  
Colleen McCrory

  
**ISLAND EXCAVATION**  
EST. 2005

**Excavation, Utilities, Land Clearing, & Septic Installation**

For information, email us at [islandexcavation05@gmail.com](mailto:islandexcavation05@gmail.com)

For more info about us, visit [www.islandexcavationinc.com](http://www.islandexcavationinc.com)



Even with the wind, the snow, ice and the freezing cold, many Civic Club members made it to our February meeting to be greeted with Valentine's decor and treats. We were especially pleased because we also met 4 new members who attended. It was a pleasure to have them join and learn about our club and the many philanthropic activities we do throughout the year. Welcome ladies! And thank you to our meeting hostesses Julia Lowe, Louise Kolstad, and Mary Ross. For our program, Victor Place, an avid photographer, presented an interactive slide show featuring some of his favorite photographs. He discussed how he perceives beauty and balance in everyday objects, which often go unnoticed by others, and shared insights into his collection of inspirational photo books.

Ten of our club members joined together to go off-island to attend the Bellingham Theatre Guild's production of "Hello, I'm Darling" on Sunday February 16th. This was the final day of this play's run and the theatre was full! We enjoyed lunch together at Anthony's Hearthfire Grill prior to the show. This play was humorous yet thought provoking. The Bellingham Theatre Guild is a nonprofit volunteer organization that has been producing theatre in Whatcom County, since 1929, including more than 700 productions with over 7,000 performances. We enjoyed it so much we will likely try this again in April for their next production, "Play On!", that runs from April 4th - 20th.

Our club offers opportunities to benefit other island organizations. This is what is currently on our slate:

**BINGO!!** Our next event include supporting the

Beach School Bingo on March 14th. The Civic Club will provide prizes for this event and support the evening with delicious "Pis" for Pi day (3.14).



**Garden Expo** Our own famous annual Garden Expo, Raffle, Gift Shoppe and snacks day will be on Saturday, May 17th from 11a - 1p. Set up will be on Friday, May 16th. We invite all islanders to participate and donate any extra plant starts you can share, thinned out

tubers, seeds for the Expo. As well, we would love your gently used garden accessories, decor, or extra items for the Gift Shoppe. The money raised here is used to support Grant requests to us from island organizations or actives that support our island.

**Elderberries Lunches:** We host lunches on the 5th Wednesday of any given month. Our next opportunity is April 30 where our hostesses will be Didi Wilson, Debbi Barnes-Josiah, and Pam Miller.

Two of our members, Joann Bowman and Anne Jewell, are currently residing at Summit Place, 2901 Connelly Ave, Bellingham, WA 98225. Joann recently experienced a minor stroke and is recovering well. They both would welcome visitors, cards or notes!

**Our next meeting:** Thursday March 20th instead of the normal 2nd Thursday of the month. Please be sure to update your calendars to the 20th, or you will instead be attending a Whatcom Reads Program by the Library. Although, I am sure Erin Suda would be happy to have you there! Our program for the meeting will feature Victoria Souzé with a discussion about the Marine Mammal Network of Puget Sound.

## Beach School

By Tammy Immer



Beach Elementary had its 100th day of school on February 12, and we're now on the short ride to summer! Afterschool enrichments are continuing after our winter break, with cooking, engineering, felting, choir, robotics, and pottery. We are thankful for our community for making themselves available.

**TIME TO ENROLL FOR 2025-26 KINDERGARTEN:** Online enrollment open for Ferndale School District. We need to up our Beach School enrollment so please spread the word and register online TODAY! Go to [www.ferndalesd.org](http://www.ferndalesd.org)

**Beach Happenings:** Our 3rd to 5th grade students have been raising 200 salmon to release into the Nooksack on March 26. They are working on science projects as well as sculpting. Our kindergarten through 2nd grade students are busy artists studying various artists and techniques as well as working on persuasive essays.

**Beach School's Math Olympiads:** On March 5, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., Beach School students will face the competition at Cascadia, putting into practice everything they've learned in their afterschool training.

**Fifth Grade Leadership:** Are putting on another Community Bingo/Silent Auction on March 14, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This one has an extra twist—because it is PI Day, they'll be selling pie by the slice! They are taking pie donations if community members want to help with this edible fundraiser. Any pie will do such as fruit, savory, pizza, etc. We are also accepting donations for the silent auction – just drop off at the school. Thank you for all you do for Beach Elementary!!



March 24-28th

# CLEANING WITH CARE

Licensed, Bonded & Insured

- ✓ Move out Cleaning
- ✓ Residential Cleaning
- ✓ Commercial Cleaning
- ✓ Air BNB Turn Overs

**CALL OR EMAIL TO BOOK NOW**

360-306-7078  
 1415 Undine St, Bellingham Wa  
 Cleaningwithcarebymichele@gmail.com




## FULL BLOOM FARM

~ The Farm Stand will re-open in April, 2025~

Join our Spring Flower Club to receive a beautiful weekly bouquet of farm fresh flowers!

[fullbloomfarm.com/flowerclub](http://fullbloomfarm.com/flowerclub)

## LICA Blood Drive News

By Molly Forman



As soon as it's collected, your blood works to save lives! Within hours of donation, your blood is taken quickly to the Bloodworks Northwest lab for comprehensive testing and processing. Whole blood is processed and separated into component parts—red blood cells and plasma. Apheresis collections of platelets, red cells and plasma are tested and readied for use by patients. Usually within 24 hours, your blood is available for local hospitals.

The final step is transfusion to patients in need. Your blood donation could be used in trauma care for people in accidents, or in surgeries and organ transplants. It might be needed by people receiving treatment for cancer, bleeding disorders, blood diseases or immune system condition. Your donation can save lives and makes the community a better place in so many ways. Bloodworks is your local source for blood, and you are helping to support a lifesaving blood supply to 95% of Pacific Northwest hospitals.

The next Lummi Island Blood Drive will be on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at the Lummi Island Grange Hall. The first donation of the day will start at 10:00 a.m. and finish up at 4:00 p.m. Many folks that donated at our January 23rd have already registered for the next one on April 1st, but even with 24 people already signed up, there is still room for you! We would be pleased to welcome any first time donors too! The registration link is [https://donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/schedules/drive\\_schedule/75731](https://donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/75731) and I will also be posting the information on NextDoor and on the LICA Calendar. You are also welcome to contact me directly with questions or to help you get registered at [mlforman@comcast.net](mailto:mlforman@comcast.net) or 206-310-4809.



**Legoe Bay Reefnetter**  
 SERVING SALISH SEA SEAFOOD  
 Visit our food truck at The Islander Store on Lummi Island  
 Spot Prawns and Chips • Reefnet Salmon and Chips  
 Fish Tacos • Pike Place Chowder  
[riley@salishcenter.org](mailto:riley@salishcenter.org) | 1-360-296-2105 | [legoebayreefnetter.com](http://legoebayreefnetter.com)



**L.I.D.**  
**LUMMI ISLAND DIVERS**  
 Inspections, repairs, video, moorings, charters  
 360-296-4963



## Upcoming Events

---

**April 1st** - Blood Drive at the Grange Hall, Give Blood - Save Lives!

**April 5th** - Annual Spring Roadside Cleanup. Meet your friends and neighbors for coffee and pastry, clean up the island roadways and beaches. Have lunch!

**April 20th** - Easter Services at Island Chapel and Lummi Island Congregational Church. Easter Egg Hunt at the Cemetery

**May 17th** - Civic Club Garden Expo at the Grange Hall. Buy plants, fun stuff for the garden and raffle tickets!



**Are you ready to explore solar? We are.**

 **Western Solar**  
INTEGRITY & CRAFTSMANSHIP

360-746-0859 [westernsolarinc.com](http://westernsolarinc.com)



**ISLAND VETERINARY SERVICE**  
*WILLIAM T. BAZLEN, D.V.M.*

Lummi Island, WA 98262  
(360) 758-4008 (360) 746-1126

Available By Appointment  
House Calls



# The Tome

\*\*\*\*\* ECWSS\*\*R-014  
POSTAL CUSTOMER  
LUMMI ISLAND, WA 98262

## Spring forward

Don't forget to set  
clocks ahead  
one hour  
at 2 a.m.  
Sunday.  
March 9th



### The Tome

Lummi Island Community Association  
LICA, P.O. Box 163, Lummi Island WA 98262

LICA does not endorse advertisements that appear in any of our publications. Opinions of contributors to **The Tome/eTome** or other LICA publications do not necessarily reflect those of the Officers, Directors, Editors or Volunteers of the Lummi Island Community Association. LICA reserves the right to edit admissions and to publish as space allows.

President: David Thorn      Vice President: Julia Lowe  
Secretary: Erin Deinzer      Treasurer: Jonathan Atwood  
Members at Large:  
Dan Deshpande, Danit Fried, Jim McCaughan

Provided by & Copyright © 2024 Lummi Island Community Association (LICA) ([LICA.us](http://LICA.us)), All Rights Reserved.

Lummi Island Community Association (LICA) is a non-profit community service.

We rely on generous donations from islanders to help cover our operating costs and community grants. A form to contribute is available at the Lummi Island Library or via [Fund.LICA.us](http://Fund.LICA.us)



### The Tome, The eTome and Brown Betty

We send the Tome via the USPS controlled Bulk mail list (any address and PO Box on the Island). You may request one sent to your off-island address as well. Request the eTome, Brown Betty, or Publications Updates (only for folks Submitting Tome Articles or Advertisements) at: [MC.LICA.us](http://MC.LICA.us)

**The total Tome circulation, printed and digital, is about 1,050 households each month.**

For information on advertising or to submit news or articles, contact [Publisher@LICA.us](mailto:Publisher@LICA.us).