



# The Lummi Island Tome

April 2025 - Volume 60 No. 4



## 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: April 3 & 17; 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.	WCFA 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: April 14 & 28**

### April Events

April 1, Tues	Blood Drive at the Grange Hall, Give Blood - Save Lives!	10:00 am
April 5, Sat	Island Cleanup - Spruce up the Island for Spring! Grange Hall, <b>See Pg 8</b>	9:00 am
April 12, Sat	Weird, Wonderful and Worrisome Objects, Island Library <b>See Pg 6</b>	7:00 - 8:30 pm
April 17, Thu	Whatcom Reads: Buoy Painting Workshop, Island Library, <b>See Pg 6</b>	1:00 - 2:30 pm
April 24, Thu	Island Library Book Club, <b>See Pg 6</b>	11:00 am - 12:00 pm
April 26, Sat	Dry Dock Starts!	
April 30, Wed	LICA General Meeting, Grange Hall, <b>See Pg 2</b>	6:00 pm

### Upcoming Events

May 3, Sat	Whatcom Reads: Make a Meander Book Workshop, Island Library, <b>See Pg 6</b>	1:00 - 3:00 pm
May 15, Thu	End of Dry Dock Party! Grange, <b>See Pg 8</b>	5:00 - 8:00 pm
May 24 - 25	Artist Tour, various locations, <b>See Pg 5</b>	10:00 am - 6:00 pm



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The LICA General Meeting is April 30th at the Grange. There will be an Island wide pot luck at 6pm with the meeting at 7PM. There will be a report from the County Library on issues facing the library system. We will have an update on the ferry situation and Health and Wellness on Lummi.

We want to thank all our Tome advertisers whose support helps keep the Tome in printed form. We encourage islanders to support them.

The LICA Board meets the first Tuesday of the month 7PM at the library. Please join us if so inclined.

*David*

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<b>Past Rainfall Totals</b>	<b>2023</b>				<b>2024</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>Westshore - Sheila &amp; Al Marshall</b>	1.30	0.97	4.14	5.51	7.15	2.61
<b>North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman</b>	1.27	5.31	4.31	5.71	7.18	2.61
<b>South Nugent - Jerry Brown</b>	0.74	4.49	5.14	5.71	6.79	2.78
<b>Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey</b>	1.00	N/A	4.45	5.90	6.5	3.14
<b>Granger Way - Scott Josiah</b>	0.91	5.19	4.20	5.23	6.57	2.45
<b>Current Rainfall Totals</b>	<b>2024</b>				<b>2025</b>	
<b>Location</b>	<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>December</b>	<b>January</b>	<b>February</b>
<b>Westshore - Sheila &amp; Al Marshall</b>	2.18	6.60	5.67	5.50	2.93	2.62
<b>North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman</b>	2.14	5.96	5.17	5.21	2.78	3.32
<b>South Nugent - Jerry Brown</b>	1.82	7.81	5.03	5.65	2.82	3.34
<b>Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey</b>	2.00	8.28	5.65	5.28	2.45	3.37
<b>Granger Way - Scott Josiah</b>	1.89	5.96	4.90	5.06	2.65	3.27
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## Resilient Lummi Island

*By Robin Richardson and Lindy Early-Rose*

Resilient Lummi is committed to making our island community more sustainable. Today we are looking at small steps we can take that add up to more sustainability.

- **Battery Disposal** We all wonder what to do with our batteries. Regular alkaline batteries can go in your SSC trash bin. Rechargeable and lithium batteries, and car batteries, are all toxic waste. You can bring to the Disposal of Toxics (DoT) Facility in Bellingham at 3505 Airport Drive in Bellingham, for free.
- **Ridwell** is a private recycling service that actually recycles items that can't go in the bin--like batteries, textiles, plastic film and packaging. Ridwell is now expanding into the city of Bellingham. Curbside service is not yet available on Lummi Island, but we islanders can use Ridwell Express, a new mail-in program where we can send plastic film, plastic food packaging (also known as multi-layer plastic), and prescription pill bottles, with more items being added in the coming months. You can find out more and sign up at <https://express.ridwell.com/get-started> **Note:** Folks who use the curbside service absolutely love it. The best way to bring routes to our neighborhood is to join the waitlist (<https://www.ridwell.com/waitlist>) and encourage our neighbors and community to do so as well. That way Ridwell can better gauge interest.
- **Living Pantry** is a small family business with a vision to sell sustainable household products and reduce plastic and other harmful product consumption. It provides clean, local, refillable products that support a healthy circular economy. Local stores are in Fairhaven and Blaine. You can also shop online, with free delivery for orders over \$75. It is possible to put together an order with friends and neighbors to make the minimum for free delivery. Note: You can also refill containers with liquid soap, shampoo, lotion, laundry or dishwasher soap at Community Food Co-op, in addition to their many bulk food items. Refilling is even more sustainable than recycling.



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Lummi Island Congregational Church

By Rhayma Blake

Here's how to do the Bunny Hop with us this **Easter**:

- Drop any small, pre-packaged, no-nut candies off at The Islander or at Elderberries by Friday, April 18th.
- Join our song-filled Easter Sunday service at 10:30am, April 20th in the sanctuary.
- Cheer the kids on when the rope drops at 11:30am in the cemetery. Yes, there will be an area for toddlers and another for the grade school children. Be sure they bring their own baskets!
- And all are welcome to share a potluck Easter nibble with us in The Gathering Place.

**Other Happenings?**

- **Rummage Sale** is coming up on July 4th and 5th
- Our next **Parish Dinner** is 5:00pm Tuesday, May 13th with an Italian themed menu - more to come soon!
- **YOGA** continues on Tuesdays at **10:00am** in The Gathering Place. Note the new time!
- **ELDERBERRIES** gather Wednesdays from 11 to 2pm with lunch at Noon. A shout out to our fabulous cooks who help make this happen as attendance continues to grow.
- And **Friday Coffees** from 10-11:30 in The Gathering Place. with treats and a chance to get to know your island neighbors.
- 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.*



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## Lummi Island Heritage Trust - Spring Updates

By LIHT Staff

Spring has sprung here at the Otto Preserve, and winter's end is heralded with particular vibrance by the bright blossoms of the red flowering currant (*Ribes sanguineum*) stationed just outside the front door of the Resource Center. This native deciduous shrub serves as an early nectar source for hummingbirds, butterflies, and bees, making it a vital plant for pollinators emerging from winter dormancy. The red flowering currant also provides habitat for moth and butterfly larvae, while its berries offer sustenance for birds and small mammals.



Indigenous communities have long appreciated this versatile plant, using its tart berries fresh or dried for food, as well as for their antiviral and antibacterial properties. Some Coast Salish peoples believed that picking the flowers would bring rain, indicating the plant's role in their cultural beliefs and practices. Today, many Indigenous communities are engaged in ongoing efforts to steward and restore wild populations, preserving both ecological integrity and cultural heritage. Want to learn more about the red flowering currant and other native plant species that you will find emerging with each shift of season on our LIHT preserves? Visit our website at [www.liht.org](http://www.liht.org) to sign up for the LIHT Tidings Newsletter, which delivers a Species of the Month spotlight and other LIHT news directly to your inbox.

Many thanks to those who participated in our Spring Tree Planting Party at the Curry Preserve in March! Despite the more-than-drizzly conditions of the spring morning, our dedicated group of volunteers planted almost 50 trees along the perimeters of the upper and lower fields of Curry Preserve, including Douglas Fir, Grand Fir, and Western Redcedar sourced from the Whatcom Native Plant Sale and Western Hemlock donated by a generous island gardener and Trust supporter. We are grateful for the enthusiasm, love, and care with which these little saplings were introduced to their new home and look forward to watching them grow into vital parts of the Curry Preserve ecosystem in years to come.



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## Island Artists and Crafters

By Gail Mitterer

April 26 is the deadline to sign up for the Memorial Day Artists' Studio Tour, May 24 - 25.

Email a short description of your work and where you will be showing to Sierra Montoya at [sierrajeantomontoya@gmail.com](mailto:sierrajeantomontoya@gmail.com). You may want to include your phone number, email or website information in the description.

Then put a \$25 check payable to Sierra Montoya in an envelope with her name on the outside and leave it at The Islander Store. If you are paying with cash, be sure to write your name on the outside of the envelope.

If you produce your work on Lummi Island, please join the tour, May 24 - 25, 10 am - 5 pm. Lummi Island artists and crafters ONLY please!

Questions? Call Lynn Dee (360) 758-2815 or Gayle Mitterer (214) 354-4460

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

**Annual Used Book Sale:** FOIL is requesting books for their annual used book sale. Preferably, drop your books off during the days and hours that the library is open. On alternate days, please set them in front of the double door entry to the Noble Barn. We need clean, gently used books. FOIL is asking that you please find another home for out of date computer books, text books, dictionaries, travel books older than 3 yrs, VHS tapes and old encyclopedias. These have all exceeded their "use by" date, even at a used book sale.

The sale will open Saturday, Jun 28th, 10:00 AM-7:00 PM. Funds raised at the book sale are used to maintain the building and grounds and to sponsor events and programs at Island Library.

**In the Library Display Cabinet during April:** Magdalena Herreshoff will be displaying her limited edition handmade books with original art and poetry. 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.

## April Upcoming Events

**Weird, Wonderful and Worrisome Objects in Washington State's Libraries** with Harriet Baskas from Humanities Washington. Saturday, April 12th, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. In this talk, explore a wide range of hidden objects found in the back rooms of museums in our state and around the country. Examples include a Spokane institution that holds Bing Crosby's toupées and a museum in Lynden that's home to a 150-year-old pickle. When possible, we will have local museum curators on hand to answer questions, participate in our discussions, and unbox a few hidden treasures. Harriet Baskas is the author of nine books, including 111 Places in Seattle That You Must Not Miss and Hidden Treasures: What Museums Can't or Won't Show You. She writes about airports, museums, travel, and a variety of other topics for outlets such as NBC News, The Points Guy, and her own site,

**Island Library Book Club** Thursday, April 24, 11:00 – 12:00 in the Hanson room - Everyone's welcome to Island Library's book club which meets at 11 am on the fourth Thursday of each month 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.

**Whatcom READS Presents: Buoy Painting Workshop** Thursday, Apr 17th, 1:00 – 2:30 pm - In the 2025 Whatcom READS selection *No Two Persons*, water is present throughout the novel in a variety of ways. Whatcom County Library System has teamed up with the folks at Bellingham SeaFeast for a program that celebrates our connection to the water. Each attendee of this workshop will be given a small buoy and as we decorate the buoys, we'll engage in a fluid discussion of the book, *No Two Persons*. The buoys will then be collected and incorporated in the Community Net Project, Bellingham SeaFeast's initiative to unite diverse communities in Whatcom County through creative, hands-on activities that address plastic pollution and celebrate maritime heritage. This traveling art installation will be displayed at the 2025 SeaFeast celebration, as well as other locations across Whatcom County. Spaces are limited and registration ([wcls.org](http://wcls.org)) is required. For adults..

**Whatcom READS presents: Make a Meander Book Workshop** Saturday, May 3rd, 1:00 – 3:00 pm Join us at the Island library where you can learn how to make a 'Meander Book' and engage in a discussion of the 2025 Whatcom READS featured title *No Two Persons* by Erica Bauermeister. Puget Sound Book Artists and Whatcom READS are sponsoring this free workshop for adults. Book artist Fran McReynolds will guide you in learning the skills to make a book that is created with just one sheet of paper. All levels of experience are welcome in this beginner course. Supplies are included. Space is limited; registration is required. Go to [www.wcls.org](http://www.wcls.org) to register. For ages 15+.

**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.

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 April 21st 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.friendsofislandlibrary.org](http://www.friendsofislandlibrary.org).

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**GREAT NEWS!** We just heard we will be receiving a \$10,000 grant to fund a half-time Program Coordinator to lead our Health & Wellness Program. The Mt. Baker and Chuckanut Health Foundations responded to our request for funds saying: *We recognize the dedication and effort you have put into your proposal and commend your commitment to advancing community health in Whatcom County.*

Our Health & Wellness board will begin advertising the contract position and recruiting candidates in the next few weeks. The main responsibility for the position will be to implement and oversee the health and wellness programs developed by the H&W board in partnership with volunteers. Details to follow.

We have submitted three other grant requests for Foot Care (see companion article), Wellness Activities, Home Modification Assistance and additional funding for the Program Coordinator position to cover a full year at half-time. Decisions on these requests will be known later this spring.

### Telehealth Center

We are proceeding to set 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 is scheduled for Friday, April 25. If you are interested in being a volunteer trainer, please contact Tom O'Brien at ([tomob@proguard.org](mailto:tomob@proguard.org)). The equipment to set up the Telehealth Center has been obtained thanks again to LICA and the Civic Club! We hope to begin serving Islanders later this spring.

### Wellness and Exercise Programs

Shristi Reddy, a member of the H&W board, is developing a list of Exercise and Wellness classes/activities to be offered at the Gathering Place and elsewhere on the Island. A request for funding instructors and space rental has been submitted to a foundation. Collaborations with people and Island organizations offering classes and activities is an important part of the process. Stay tuned for announcements in a couple months.

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 her equipment in stations similar to the Curves model. We are looking for 400 square feet or so to set this gym up, so if you have ideas about this, please let me know. [bobanderson6760@gmail.com](mailto:bobanderson6760@gmail.com)

## New Foot Care Service

By Jane Phillips

The Lummi Island Health & Wellness Board is arranging to offer non-medical footcare on our Island starting with once-a-month sessions. Having a skilled professional soak your feet and gently trim your toenails is just one part of caring for your feet ...and your whole body. In fact regular attention to keeping your feet healthy is very beneficial in maintaining balance and mobility and ultimately independence.

As we age our feet lose some of the protective fat pads and they widen out. In addition the skin can dry and form callouses which can crack allowing infection to occur. Diabetes and arthritis and poor circulation can hinder healing while neuropathy can keep us from knowing we have a problem.

The footcare specialist will inspect your feet and alert you to any problems. Catching problems early can make a positive difference in healing and preventing pain and swelling and impaired walking, leading perhaps to the use of a walker or a wheelchair.

The cost will be \$35 per treatment at the Gathering Place Telehealth/Resource Center. There will be a reduced price for folks who have needs-based ferry passes. We will announce a schedule for the monthly sessions as soon as final arrangements are made with the provider, probably beginning in May, and you can sign up at that time. For now if you're interested or just have questions, call Jane Phillips at 360 389-6697.

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**Alf's Place Fundraising Appeal:** Something exciting is going on at the Grange... Have you heard?

First a little history... In 1939 Alf's tavern, rumored to be a speakeasy during prohibition, was sold to the Lummi Island Grange for \$800. And since that time this eccentric, charming and lovingly cared for gathering place is a mainstay for social get-togethers: weddings, pancake breakfasts, salmon BBQs, community classes, island non-profit fundraisers, and life celebrations for passed islanders in Lummi Island.

Last summer the Grange, needing more area for outdoor events, created a temporary venue. This was such a success that it's now going to be converted it into a permanent space. An Island architect designed the plan and an island contractor will build the space with fixed fencing to match the Grange's deck, gates, and a cement pad for barbecuing.

This new space called "**Alf's Place**" will provide more space for free community events, like the 2nd annual End of Dry Dock (EODD) party.

Gone are the days of barn-raising but the Grange would love everyone to be a part of building **Alf's Place** so we welcome donations to help close our fundraising goal and complete the project. The Grange is a 501c(8) non-profit and so your donation will be tax deductible.



Come and see the plans at the Grange front notice board and if you want to help out with a donation please call, text or email Leslie Dempsey 360-223-6225, email: [lesliedempsey@live.com](mailto:lesliedempsey@live.com) or simply scan this QR code to make an on-line donation.

### End of Dry Dock Party:

The Thursday after the end of drydock (so May 15th) 5 pm to 8 pm. The Grange is hosting another **End-Of-Drydock Party!** We'll spring for a keg and lemonade; you do potluck on the food side. Any musicians want to play? This is a private party and the guest list is everyone!

**Line Dance Lesson Update:** Jesse and Susie have conspired to bring us even more fun!

- **New Location:** Instead of the Grange Hall we will be dancing at the Carriage House Garden's Barn. Please park in the treed area at the bottom of the drive.
- **Time:** Instead of morning, line dance lessons will be from 4 to 5 pm.
- **Dates:** April 1, 15, 29 May 6 June 3, 17 (any changes will be posted on Nextdoor)

Everyone is welcome and it's free. The Grange will have a donation box and appreciate donations towards paying a band for our Fall Honky Tonk (date TBD).

Thank you Jesse & Susie!

## Annual Roadside Cleanup

By David Thorn

With Spring around the corner, it is time for the cleaning of our roadsides. This will happen SATURDAY April 5th. We will meet at the Grange 9am for fresh homemade pastries and coffee. The pastries are amazing and free. The signup for your route will be at 9:30am. Vests, bags and pickers are available, but please bring your own gloves. Each road section will have a truck assigned to their route. (We might be short a truck, so please bring one if able). Back to the Grange with your trash, LICA and the Grange will provide a hamburger/hot dog/veggie burger lunch for your enjoyment, also free.

## Beach School

By Tammy Immer



The Beach School Math Olympiad Team had some big wins! Our 4th Grade team took 4th overall and our 5th grade team took 5th overall. There are 159 students from 4th through 7th grade on 46 teams in the district, so our small school taking both awards plus individual placement is a huge deal! Individual awards: Parth Deshpande for 5th grade took 7th and Amiirah James for 5th grade took 4th. We are so proud of our Olympians: Parth Deshpande, Kade Wentzel, Javier Escalante, Leona Machalski, Amiirah James, and Troy Kawakone for all their hard work and dedication. Thank you, Arria Merrill, Paul Brown and David Loepky, for teaching our students the love of math.

Bingo was a huge success - thank you from 5th grade Leadership for all who turned out to support them, who donated silent auction items, and who baked a pie for Pi Day!

**Upcoming events:** April 2 Art show 5:30-6:45 All are welcome to attend.

- **Spring Break:** April 7-11
- **May 1 9:45-11:15:** Running Wild Jog-a-Thon! Pledge a student and come join the fun. Please RSVP if staying for the BBQ.
- **May 6 at 6:00** 5th grade Exhibition - All are welcome to come listen to their presentations.

We continue to thank our Lummi Island Community for loving Beach School. We cannot do this without you!





Carol Chaudiere lived a full and inspired life and passed peacefully at 93 years on January 20, 2025. Her childhood home was in Harrington Park, NJ but her family spent summers at her grandparent's home in Tiverton, Rhode Island. She was the daughter of a seaman, and descendent of the notable Mayflower couple, John and Priscilla Alden. She attended college and finishing school, as did the "finer" ladies of her time. Though like her mother, who broke the norms as first female sailing instructor in the Tiverton area, Carol had an adventurous, creative and energetic spirit, and never felt particularly confined by society norms. Some of her money-earning adventures included commercial clamming, herring baiting aboard a fishing boat, and cooking at a coal mine. She was a force to be reckoned with.

Carol married her first husband, high school sweetheart and "radio man", and pioneered to the West Coast where they raised four precocious children in Seattle and Edmonds. Carol was an unorthodox wife and mother. In fact, her children rarely recall a time when their mother wasn't singlehandedly remodeling their home or garden in some way, engaging in deep conversation with strangers, or loading them all up into the old station wagon for an extended camping road trip, zig-zagging all along the way in an effort to enrich them with exposure to notable national parks, museums, and landmarks.

Later in life, on a visit to Seward, AK to reconnect with her life-long college friend and fellow artist, Dot Bardarson, Carol's life took another big turn. Carol met her soulmate, Stu Clark, a man of similar roots, she married within 3 weeks, and with whom she would live, laugh and love for over 25 years, until his passing. They initially thrived in the Seward social, art, and political scenes, when they decided to change things up completely by relocating to Lummi Island. Here they enjoyed life together for the rest of their golden years, ever engaging in creative design projects, family activities, and as keen members of their Lummi Island community.

A gifted landscape designer, gardener, architect and creative visionary, Carol achieved formal Interior design accreditation in her 50s. Her home designs were unique, visually gorgeous and functionally sound and often with complex roof lines. She put her garden and home dreams down on paper in detailed architectural drawings and made them come to life. Carol was always excited, ready and willing to help guide anyone with her lifelong passion for garden and landscape design. You'll see her designs, plants, trees, rocks, driftwood, arbors and art installations all over Lummi Island. While living in Seward for 10 years, she designed 10 new houses, each of them different. As a Lummi Islander, Carol will be remembered as an inspired creative and social participant. She was an active member of the Ladies Civic Club, and generously volunteered many hours to the annual Garden Expo, Summer Theater Camp and decorating The Grange for Boys and Girls Club auctions, and Heritage Trust and Beach school events.

Carol is survived by her four children, Wayne, Dale, Diane, and Karen Chaudiere, as well as her grandchildren, Ashley Keithley, Aron Chaudiere, Fletcher Kurita, and Hunter Kurita. She will be remembered for her legacy of home and landscape designs. Carol's energetic spirit and creativity will be deeply missed by all who knew her.



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**DRY DOCK**

Don't forget to make sure that you have ample supplies for our annual "mini isolation drill". Use this annual event to make sure that your preparedness plan is sound. Do you have enough food and water, gas or fuel, and is your propane tank topped off? Try to schedule appointments around this time if possible. This year is expected to be much shorter than last, but preparedness is still of utmost importance. Burn conditions will again be changed to HIGH while the ferry is away no matter how wet it is outside. All written burn permits will go on hold during this time. Recreational fires and residential fires less than 4 feet are still allowed. Thank you for your patience, understanding, and for being responsible to keep the Island safe during vulnerable times.

**OTHER BIG NEWS**

Your Fire Department is in good financial health and living within it's means. Even when grant requests are not funded, we are still planning for future financial success. Staying true to long-standing history of not taking loans, but paying cash for major purchases, your Fire District continues trying to improve safety for the Volunteers while always striving to improve levels of service to the Community. The District has an Apparatus Replacement Fund and a plan for cash purchase of new apparatus projected out twenty years. This year we are happy to announce the purchase of two new response vehicles that will bolster our response model and improve levels of service making it possible for us to get to you faster. Based on logistics of the call and available Volunteers, our Battalion "Duty Officer", and Chief will have the ability to respond directly to the call and provide support sooner. There are a few factors that have to be in place, but we are very excited about this potential improvement in service.

We just recently took possession of all new SCBA's (our firefighting backpacks that provide fresh air). Funds have been set aside in the Districts "Reserve" account for over three years to enable this critical purchase. Our current SCBA are out of compliance and replacement was dictated by Federal and State laws. The new SCBA are much safer and will serve us for another fifteen years.

We are also working on safety upgrades to the facility. Construction will be starting very soon on our new restroom. The plan is to provide a shower for the Volunteers along with a small "kitchenette" to separate our "clean" space from our "decon" space. As per Federal law, it will also be and ADA compliant restroom improving services during public events. None of this would be possible without your continued support. It is truly a blessing for us to be able to provide 911 service to the Island.

**The Gathering Place**

By Sahara Burson

**The Gathering Place Vendors List.** In an effort to support the island's vibrant community of small businesses and to make Lummi Island a more convenient and attractive location for weddings and other events, The Gathering Place is starting an initiative to gather and share information about trusted island vendors. While not a full-service wedding planning facility, we aim to serve as a valuable resource by connecting renters with local caterers, florists, Airbnb hosts, bakers, dressmakers, officiants, event planners, DJs, sound technicians, photographers, etc. If you have a craft or business you would like to offer, please contact us at [info@ligatheringplace.com](mailto:info@ligatheringplace.com) to be added to our list.

Additionally, we are making efforts to collect photographs of events that took place at The Gathering Place, the church, the beach, or any of the other areas of our beautiful island to share on our website and social media. If you have photos you are willing to share, please send them to [info@ligatheringplace.com](mailto:info@ligatheringplace.com).

**Rentals.** As a reminder, we are offering island non-profits a special rate of 50% off one rental in 2025.

The Gathering Place on Lummi Island provides a charming and versatile venue for events and meetings of all kinds. This 2,600 sq. ft. space can accommodate up to 191 guests, with seating for up to 96 people. Ideal for weddings, birthdays, or corporate meetings, the venue boasts beautiful views of the San Juan Islands and Mount Baker.

Have your ceremony at the beach or at the on-site beautifully historic church and your reception at the venue's hall which includes a commercial kitchen for catering, three restrooms, and ample space for dining and dancing. The venue is fully equipped with tables, chairs, and sound systems, with the flexibility to bring in your own vendors. Whether hosting a wedding or community gathering, this location provides a rustic yet romantic atmosphere with all the modern amenities, ensuring an unforgettable experience. Contact us at [info@ligatheringplace.com](mailto:info@ligatheringplace.com) with questions or to schedule a tour.



It's a busy time for the Civic Club as we prepare for our annual Civic Club Plant Expo on Saturday, May 17th. We are pleased that it does



not coincide with drydock this year. The sale will be at the Lummi Island Grange from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. and will include all the same great offerings as in the past. Plus, it will be a great opportunity for you to see the new outdoor event space area at the Grange! We will sell plants, starts and seeds in the Plant Expo area outside, new and lightly used gifts and gardening supplies inside in the Gift Shoppe, and have a café serving pie, hotdogs and coffee. Oh yeah, and my favorite, the FREE root beer float stand!

We always appreciate the generosity of the island when it comes to stocking our shelves for the annual Plant Expo. Please look through your garden, home and shed as we will need:

- Plant starts, adult and thinned plantings to be re-homed, seeds, in-door plants, etc for the Plant sale area
- Raffle prizes of a nice quality for the Raffle. Sandra Clavero is the new coordinator for this year's raffle. More information will be coming about points of sale prior to the Expo.
- New and gently used indoor or outdoor decorator items, planter pots, garden/patio furniture, garden tools & supplies, your nice craft items. These all will be for sale in the Gift Shoppe! These items can be stored with Pat if you need to move them prior to the sale.

Donations for the sale can be dropped off on Friday May 16th from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. or on Saturday morning 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. prior to the Expo.

We had a lively meeting at the Grange on March 20th where we approved a financial grant to the Grange to help them offset the costs of their exterior event space. It will be great to use the new garden and event area for the Plant Expo on May 17th. The Grange will also be the beneficiaries of our Plant Expo raffle to help offset the extensive costs they have to improve the workability of this area for the Civic Club and all organizations that use their facilities. It also benefits the Grange events for all islanders like the Pancake Breakfast, Salmon Bake and the End of Drydock Party!

Our next meeting will be held on our normal second Tuesday in April. In addition the meeting agenda, where we'll discuss Plant Expo plans and regular business, we will be holding Jan Granger's annual photo-safari-scavenger-hunt of Lummi Island. So islanders, be aware that women of the island will be in cars taking pictures of fun things as they figure out the clues to all the hidden sights of the game list. All members should be able to participate in this event as it requires sitting in a car. Teams & car groups will be decided at the meeting. All Island ladies are invited to our next meeting at the Grange on April 10th!

**Civic Club Calendar Dates:**

- April 10, 2025: Civic Club Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- May 8, 2025: Civic Club Meeting 10:00 a.m.
- May 17, 2025: Civic Club Plant Expo 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- June 12, 2025: Civic Club Meeting 10 a.m.
- Summer Hiatus for July and August. - See you in September!

**Whatcom Ferry Advisory Committee**

By Pam Gould

The County Council has added another new member to WCFAC. Marcis Stidham from Bellingham fills the open incorporated slot. We still have one unfilled slot for an off-island member from unincorporated Whatcom County. Currently meetings are in person, monthly, with 2 meetings yearly scheduled for off island. By the time you read this we will have received an update from Ferry System Manager Laura Frolich, Ferry Master Gary Poole and Whatcom County Council Rep. Jon Scanlon scheduled to report at the 3/26 WCFAC meeting. If you were not able to attend, Draft Minutes are posted on the Whatcom County official WCFAC site as soon as possible after the meetings.

A lot has happened in the last year. Fares are being adjusted for the third fares time in less than a year. Punchcard exchange opportunities are ongoing. Look to the official Whatcom County Ferry System site for updates on dates and times. Outstanding issues include, progress on the Whatcom Chief replacement vessel planning and funding, current financial outlook for the Ferry System, timeline for the Island side dolphin replacement, costs associated with maintaining the current docks and vessel so far this year, among others. Out standing court cases from both Whatcom County residents and Whatcom County itself remain unresolved. Stay up to date by checking <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/382/Lummi-Island-Ferry> and <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/521/Whatcom-County-Ferry-Advisory-Committee>

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9 am at the Grange Hall for coffee and Pastry  
10 am head out to clean up the roads and beaches  
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