



The Tome of Lummi Island

2025 - Volume 60 No. 11



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
	LIH&W Wellness Yoga, The Gathering Place	9:00 am
Tuesday	Island Chapel Ladies' Bible Study – 1759 Joans Ln / Zoom	7:00 pm
Wednesday	LIH&W Tai Chi, The Gathering Place	9:00 am
	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
	LIH&W Chair Yoga, The Gathering Place	10:00 am
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
	Qigong, Grange Hall	9:00 - 10:00 am
Saturday	Preschool Story Time at the Library	10:30 - 11:00 am
	LIH&W Hatha Yoga, The Gathering Place	10:00 am

Ferry Refueling: November 13, 27 - 12:10 pm 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
3rd Tue.	Resilient Lummi - 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	6:30 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

Recycling: Mondays November 10, 24

November Events

Nov 2, Sun	Civic Club Twice Loved Sale, Grange Hall See Pg. 10	1:00 - 3:00 pm
	Blood Drive, Grange Hall	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Nov 4, Tue	Creating a Memory Map, Island Library See Pg. 6	1:00 - 2:30 pm
	Improv, The Gathering Place See Pg. 7	
Nov 6, Thu	Note Date Change: November Civic Club Meeting, Grange Hall See Pg. 10	10:00 am
	Veterans Day Brunch, Beach School See Pg. 4	10:00 am
Nov 8 & 9	Artist Studio Tour, Various Locations See Pg	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Nov 13, Thu	All About Owls for Kids, Island Library, See Pg. 6	3:30 - 4:00 pm
Nov 14, Fri	Island Evacuation Planning Community Meeting, The Gathering Place See Pg. 5	7:00 - 8:45 pm
Nov 15, Sat	Myria Jean Concert, Island Library See Pg. 6	6:30 - 8:00 pm
Nov 16, Sun	Sound Bath, The Gathering Place See Pg. 7	4:00 pm
Nov 18, Tue	LIH&W Foot Care Clinic, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 7	By Appt.
	Improv, The Gathering Place See Pg. 7	
Nov 20, Thu	Senior Services at the Health & Wellness Center, The Gathering Place See Pg. 7	2:00 - 4:00 pm
Nov 23, Sun	LIH&W Yoga Nidra, The Gathering Place See Pg. 7	4:00 pm
	Pre Thanksgiving Stomach Stretcher!, Grange Hall See Pg. 5	5:30 - 7:00 pm
Nov 27, Thur	Thanksgiving Day Potluck, The Gathering Place See Pg. 10	4:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Dec 4, Thu	Paper Star Ornament Workshop, Island Library See Pg. 6	2:00 - 3:30 pm
Dec 9, Tue	Parish Dinner - Tamales, The Gathering Place, See Pg	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Dec 11, Thu	Let's Make Presents - For Kids, Island Library See Pg. 6	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Dec 12, Fri	Santa Ship, Ferry Landing & Beach School, See Pg. 4	7:10 Ferry
Jan. 2, Fri	Blood Drive, Grange Hall	10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Check the Online Community Calendar for the most up to date information at OurLummiIsland.org

The LICA board hopes your Fall days are going well. As the year winds down LICA is hoping for your financial support to fund our ongoing activities in 2026. Please see the donation request, ad renewal and grant request form at the end of the issue or use the donation envelope that is included.

Upcoming in 2026 is updating the Island phone book. LICA needs your help getting it ready for publication. Please let us know if able to help. Just contact a board member or drop off a note to the LICA box across from the post office.

Your LICA board meets the first Tuesday of the month 7PM at the library. Those interested in who we are and what we do are always welcome to join us.

David

Helpful Numbers

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Church Rental	360-758-2060 Church office@LummiChurch.com
Free Notary Service	360-758-2559 Call David Thorn
Gathering Place	360-758-2060 info@ligatheringplace.com
Grange Rental	360-223-6225 Leslie Dempsey
Hazardous Waste	360-380-4640 For Info & Questions. Open 9am-4pm Mon-Fri & 1st Sat of the month
Library	360-758-7145 Tuesday 1:00-7:00pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm
Parish Health Ministry	Ingrid: 360 220-5860; Joan: 360 739-0228; Lisa: 360 201-0830 and Jane: 360 389-6697 Durable medical equipment to borrow; food vouchers to the Islander for food emergencies; blood pressure checks upon request; rides to your doctor appointment if you need it (Please give a a week's notice if you can). Call our team for help.
Post Office	360-298-7584 Mon. - Fri.: 10:45am - 2:45pm, Sat.: 10:30am - 12:30pm, Lobby 24 Hours

Past Rainfall Totals		2024				
Location	April	May	June	July	August	September
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	2.10	3.65	1.30	0.75	3.30	2.18
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	2.28	3.04	1.49	0.83	3.26	2.14
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	2.51	3.32	1.60	0.94	3.56	1.82
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	3.41	3.39	1.95	0.95	3.46	2.00
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	2.28	2.81	1.52	0.84	3.09	1.89
Scenic Estates - Crawford	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Current Rainfall Totals		2025				
Location	April	May	June	July	August	September
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	1.72	1.14	1.22	0.16	1.27	1.00
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	1.75	1.66	0.92	0.17	1.17	1.03
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	1.73	1.45	0.80	0.10	1.26	1.08
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	1.72	1.69	1.16	0.12	1.72	1.43
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	1.75	1.46	0.80	0.13	1.02	1.02
Scenic Estates - Crawford	1.76	1.28	1.10	0.15	1.59	1.15



Advisory Committee. The committee will need 2 new island members and will also need two members from unincorporated Whatcom County. Vacancies will be posted at the end of November on the Whatcom County site. <https://wa-whatcomcounty.civicplus.com/1585/Current-Vacancies> Applications will be due by 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 6, 2026. However, earlier is better!!! Additionally, there will be opportunities to join committees as we plan for the upcoming extended ferry outage.

PLEASE NOTE: November 19th is the date for our November meeting to avoid Thanksgiving. Check the minutes to see if this meeting will be in Bellingham at the Garden Conference room, 322 N. Commercial, or The Gathering Place on Lummi Island.



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Ferry Currents - Tips from your Crew

By Michele Morrissey

The purpose of this new column is to share information and to ask for your help in keeping us safe. You will hear from me this month, and can look for words from other crew members in the future, about ferry operations & facts (not funding or politics). Thank you for reading!

First some basics. When you pull onto the ferry, please watch the hand signals of the deckhands. We are doing our best to park you safely & efficiently. We want to ensure you don't collide with another vehicle, the ramp, or us! But we can only direct you if you are watching us and following our instructions. Please put down your phone and give us your full attention.

Once parked, turn off your engine and set the parking/ hand brake. This is really important! As you're aware, the ferry is quite small. Our ability to move around quickly is essential for efficient loading. Squeezing between rows of cars is only safe for us when you're parked and your parking brake is set. This is even more crucial in rough seas. We're all on this boat together, and your cooperation is vital to our collective safety. Please help us help you!



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The arrival of November typically brings the heaviest rainfalls of the year, knocking loose the remaining scattered leaves of our native deciduous trees. As they prepare for winter, these trees draw back nutrients and water from the leaves, breaking down chlorophyll and in the process revealing carotenoids — orange, yellow, and red organic pigments — already present in the leaves but no longer ‘masked’ by the green of chlorophyll. The senescence of leaves is one of the most visible signs of autumn — changing from green to gold, brown, and in some cases, orange and bright red.

In the Pacific Northwest the foliage of our deciduous trees forms a sodden, decaying mat on the forest floor, perfect conditions for redistributing nutrients within the forest ecosystem. In this period, the beauty of our forest ‘recycling team’ is on full display. Fungi are fruiting with a fantastic variety of forms and banana slugs are on the prowl. This cast of composters plays a vital part in the forest’s vibrant cycle of life and death, ensuring that nothing goes to waste.

Those of you who joined us last month for our annual Mushroom Foray witnessed this demolition derby revving its engine. For any who missed it: once a year LIHT takes “mushroom inventory” by harvesting single specimens of various species in each of our four preserves. Curious mushroom-hunters of all experience levels help to tally our island’s diverse fungi. Last year 85 species were found! Please note that we ask that visitors not harvest mushrooms outside of the annual foray.

While the branches of many trees are increasingly bare, for those who pay close attention the forest floor is brightened by a fall palette of its own: the leopard-spotted yellow of the banana slug and the vibrant orange underbelly of the rough-skinned newt. The banana slug is a master of decomposition, breaking down matter, including fallen leaves, with its radula, a rasp-like ‘tongue.’ Rough-skinned newts, often seen this time of year migrating to aquatic breeding sites or in search of a sheltered spot to overwinter, contribute to nutrient cycling in ecosystems primarily as secondary consumers (slugs are on the menu!) and indirectly through the breakdown of their own biomass after their life span. Sightings of both are indicators of a healthy and balanced ecosystem.



As we look ahead, we hope you will consider supporting the Lummi Island Heritage Trust on Giving Tuesday, December 2nd. We are setting a financial goal to help us accomplish our conservation mission, which includes stewarding the open spaces and lands that our community has preserved. Your support is critical for the continuation of this important work for our island. Please look for our campaign, landing in your inbox or on our website at www.liht.org soon.

In the meantime, please enjoy this photo of Tiny, a rough-skinned newt companion who lives at the Otto Preserve. Warning, Dad joke ahead! Why “Tiny”? Because it’s my newt. Photo Alika Herreshoff

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Beach School

By Tammy Immer



On behalf of Beach School, we extend our sincere gratitude to the community for the generous apple donation for the Harvest Festival. The community’s efforts resulted in ample cider for the upcoming school year’s events.

Furthermore, we thank BEPTO for their successful Halloween fundraiser; it was a memorable event for all. Please mark your calendars for BEPTO’s Trunk or Treat at The Islander on October 31st from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Beach School’s 5th-grade Leadership students will be hosting a **Veterans Day Brunch** on Thursday, November 6th at 10:00 AM to honor our local Veterans. We invite all Veterans to attend. We are deeply grateful for your service to our nation.

Please also note that **Santa Ship** will be arriving on Friday, December 12th, with Santa and his merry crew. They will be arriving on the 7:10 ferry. Free popcorn and cider will be available.

We are grateful for your continued support and affection for Beach School.



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Friends of Island Library (FOIL)

By Joan Keiper

The Friends of Island Library gratefully thank the Island Community for their support for our annual auction.. Whether a donor, a volunteer or a bidder, you all helped making the auction wonderful and successful.

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 Nov 17th, 6:00 pm at the library. All library patrons are welcomed.

If you'd like to support FOIL's work, financial donations can be sent to PO Box 204, or made through PayPal at <https://www.wcls.org/friends-island/>



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Island Chapel

By Tammy Immer

We would love for you to join us for our Sunday morning worship service at 9:30 a.m. at the Grange Hall. On Tuesday, we have a ladies' Bible study at 7:00 p.m. at the Immer's house (1759 Joans Lane). And on Wednesday, we have another Bible study at 7:00 p.m. also at the Immer's house.

It's that time of year again for the Pre-Thanksgiving Stomach Stretcher! It's happening Sunday, November 23rd, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Grange Hall. It's a free Thanksgiving meal with all the fixings made by the folks at Island Chapel. Open to everyone, so come join the festivities!

Whatcom County Fire District #11

By Michael Lish



Small Island, Big Plans

As a small island, we need to be prepared to support each other in a major disaster. Western Washington University's Dr. Rebekah Paci-Green is collaborating with the Lummi Island Fire Department to develop an on-island evacuation plan. Over the summer, she and several Western students surveyed 142 households about disaster preparedness and reviewed evacuation plans from other communities.

Come hear Western Washington University present the results of their survey, learn more about the challenges of evacuation planning for isolated communities, ask questions, and provide your input into their next steps.

What: Island Evacuation Planning Community Meeting

When: Friday, November, 14th, 7:00-8:45pm

Where: The Gathering Place

Raffle prize drawing from this summer's survey will be announced at the meeting!

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

Nov/Dec Upcoming Events

Island Storytime - For ages 2-6, 30 minutes. The fall story time series continues! An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation. Meets every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. from September 20th through December 13th.

Island Library Book Club - Everyone's welcome to Island Library's book club, which normally meets at 11:00 a.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Hanson Room. The schedule will be modified for the holidays with the November meeting falling on 11/20 and the December meeting canceled. We read a mix of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-developed characters and rich settings. Library manager, Erin Suda, facilitates. **Upcoming books: November 20th** ~ *A Day in the Life of Abed Salama: Anatomy of a Jerusalem Tragedy* by Nathan Thrall

Island Teen Corps - We need teens with community spirit to help out with our fall programs for kids. You'll support library staff and assist kids in all the making and doing while hanging out with friends. Teens in grades 6-12 can register at the library

Poultices, Compresses, and Infused Oils: A Hands-On Herbal Medicine Class - Come learn about herbal medicine in this fun and informative hands-on class. We will identify a variety of common medicinal plants that can be easily grown in a garden or found locally growing wild. Then we will explore ways to apply this plant medicine topically, including poultice and compress demonstrations. You can make an infused oil to take home with you, complete with instructions. Sonia Wollin has been a practicing community herbalist since 2010, helping people connect with herbal medicine, foods, self-care, and lifestyle choices that nourish each unique individual. Find out more about Sonia at soniawollin.com. Seating is limited, **please register** for this class. Saturday, October 25th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Drawing From Memory: Creating a Memory Map - Find inspiration in a creative exercise that taps into specific memories and develops them into a visual representation. We'll attempt to zoom in on a place from our past and draw every detail we can remember. The magic of this exercise is revealed as details emerge that we thought were long forgotten. Inspired by a method outlined in *Writing Life Stories* by Bill Roorbach, this workshop will provide an opportunity for anyone interested in exploring self-expression, whether to be shared or kept, written or drawn. Drawing and writing supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. This program is for anyone, regardless of our drawing ability, and whether you are an aspiring writer or not. Space is limited; **registration is required**. Tuesday, November 4th, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

All About Owls for Kids - Learn all about these nocturnal birds of prey, from diet to habitat to wingspan, and discover what you can do to conserve and protect them. For elementary-aged kids. Drop in on Thursday, November 13th at 3 – 4 pm.

Myria Jean Concert - Join us for an evening of soulful songs and musical storytelling with the island's own singer/songwriter, Myria Jean. Myria's songs are lyrically and poetically complex, telling stories rooted in nature, human compassion, connection, and activism. She will be giving a special acoustic/solo performance at the library and donating all funds to the Friends of Island Library (FOIL). Drop in on Saturday, November 15th at 6:30 – 8:00 pm. Donation suggested and refreshments provided.

Senior Services at the Health & Wellness Center – Sign up for a one-on-one meeting with Stacy Malone Miller from Northwest Regional Council to discuss your eligibility for in-home care, caregiver support, non-emergency health care transportation, and other senior services; or with a representative from SHIBA (Statewide Health Insurance Benefits Advisors) to navigate your Medicare options. Appointments will take place at the Health and Wellness Center on the east side of The Gathering Place on the third Thursday afternoon of November. Register at wcls.org or at the library front counter for a half-hour appointment. Drop-ins will be accommodated if space is available. Thursday, November 20th, 2:00 – 4:30 pm. This event is co-sponsored by the Lummi Island Health and Wellness Committee.

Paper Star Ornament Workshop - Learn to make two different kinds of beautiful paper star ornaments. Library staff will demonstrate the steps to creating these lovely paper ornaments to enjoy for the holidays and all year long. Patience and care for detail are helpful for this craft. Materials provided. Space is limited, **please register** for this class. Thursday, December 4th, 2:00 – 3:30 pm.

Let's Make Presents for Kids - We'll have all the supplies and ideas you'll need to craft beautiful, meaningful gifts for loved ones in your life. For elementary-aged children. Drop in Thursday, December 11th 3:00 – 4:00 pm.




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Lummi Island Health & Wellness (LIH&W) - Program Happenings *By Bob Anderson*



LIH&W is ushering in a season full of new classes, connection, and wellness! As fall shifts into winter, Lummi Island Health & Wellness continues to thrive, grow, and extend its branches of outreach. Just as nature transitions with each new season, so does our commitment to your health and wellness. If you haven't had a chance to join one of our classes or events, now is the perfect time to connect with healthy habits and with your neighbors.

If you are wondering about anything associated with LI Health & Wellness you can now check our new website: www.lummihw.org. Other ways to learn about our programs and services are through our Lummi Island Health and Wellness account on Facebook or our YouTube channel where you can watch our short videos of classes and interviews. Just Google either one.

In November we will be bringing back by popular demand the deeply relaxing Sound Bath and Yoga Nidra classes and the nurturing Foot Care service. See the Calendar for details. And for those interested in Meditation, John Robinson is planning to offer a group gathering to learn about meditation as a practice for mindfulness and relaxation. More details coming next month. If you are interested please contact us. Julie Bredy and Kellie Moeller are available at the Health and Wellness office at The Gathering Place Monday through Thursday, 9:00 AM to Noon.

Ready to chuckle the stress away? Get ready for a series of Tuesday evenings packed with laughter at "Island Improv - Unleash the Fun!" Join us at The Gathering Place and unleash your funny bone! Classes start November 4 at 6:00 PM. Your delightful guides for the night will be our beloved neighbors - Constance Drake, Jenn Varno, and Holly Giffin. Remember, no acting chops needed! Just come with a will to laugh, learn and interact. Check it Out!

Medicare Enrollment Advice: It's the time of year when older adults need to enroll or re-enroll in Medicare and there have been lots of changes for next year that many of us are struggling to understand. If you have questions and want to get advice from an expert, sign up through the LI library for an appointment with a State Insurance volunteer advisor for an appointment on Thursday, November 20 from 2:00-4:00. You may also meet with a representative from Aging and Disability Services to get help with any social service needs.

Home Health Services: Due to the additional cost of serving LI residents and reductions in Medicare reimbursement by the government, Home Health services had been discontinued recently but have been restored by Signature Home Health. We have been working with Signature to find ways to reduce their costs of the ferry and waiting time and have their commitment to continue services on a case-by-case basis. It may take a while to finalize these plans but please know that LI Health & Wellness is being your voice for continuation of these essential services. If you are having a problem getting home health services, please contact Bob Anderson (bobanderson6760@gmail.com)


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Grange Matters

By Carolyn Jewell Jenkins

Things are hopping at our local Grange! With the building grant from the State Legislature, upgrades on our venerable, historic building continue. Next up are new windows, insulation, and a new heat system. This wonderful building has been part of the Lummi Island community for many, many decades and these improvements will allow the Grange to continue being the heart of our amazing Island events.

While the Grange organization has been in existence 1867 and the Lummi Island Grange since 1930, we continue to strive to stay relevant to our community needs and norms. The Grange of Lummi Island is unique as we are not an agricultural community. We are not singular in ethnicity, politics, or religion. It is a goal of the Lummi Island Grange to be inclusive for our community. To further that goal, we continue to review policies, procedures, and traditions, to determine which further the mission to enrich life on Lummi Island. All are welcome to join and participate in ensuring Lummi Island continues to be the best place to live.

The annual **'Haunted Hog Dog Stand'** will make its Spooky appearance at the Grange, on October 31, starting at 5:30 pm. For just \$5, you can enjoy a hot dog, chips, and a drink. Spooky food will be served at the Grange Kitchen Door, by the parking lot. If weather permits, your meal can be enjoyed around the campfires in Alf's Place. So come on by and see if YOU can determine which are sweet Trick-or-Treaters and which are creepy Spooks!

Haunted Hotdog Stand: October 31st 5:00 to 6:30 pm (or when we sell out). A drive through, take away \$5.00 meal of hotdog, chips, and beverage served at the Spooky Kitchen Door of the Creepy Grange Hall. Weather permitting, there may be an outdoor eating area. Please delight us with your costumes - we'll show you ours

Artist Studio Tour

By Gayle Mitterer

Lummi Island artists and crafters will be offering their works at the last Artists' Studio Tour of the year, Saturday and Sunday, November 8 and 9, 10 am - 5 pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know some talented neighbors and support your local artists' community. Tour maps are available at The Islander store or on Facebook at Lummi Island Studio Tour. Put this on your calendar! Questions? Gayle Mitterer 214-354-4460 or Lynn Dee, 360-758-2815.



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Lummi Island doesn't have a City Hall, but for nearly a century, it has had the Lummi Island Grange. This old building has served our community in a vast number of ways, and islanders have been both helped by the Grange, and offered their help in support of it and the community. Due to a generous grant, our Grange Hall is preparing for some major structural improvements, including new thermal windows, insulation, heating, and siding. This past year, the area behind the Grange was transformed into "Alf's Place", a venue for outside events.

Some Grange events that many are familiar with include the Pancake Breakfast, Salmon BBQ, Blood Drive, Physical Fitness activities, Public Meetings, Memorial Services for island families, and Honky Tonks. The Grange provides a venue for County meetings, Chapel Services, birthday parties, private rentals, Island Cleanup, and many more. Many of the events at the Grange are provided by volunteering Grange members, and community members who support the efforts of the Grange, in serving the community. Many in our current membership roles are slowing down after the passage of many years of contributing, and we need to seek new members to continue the vital service the Grange provides to island residents.

While the Lummi Island Grange is a member of the Washington State Grange, and the National Grange organization, we are truly unique among local Grange's in the country. While many Grange organizations in the state and nation continue their historic meetings with rituals and procedures followed since its beginning, the Lummi Island Grange members decided many years ago, that our Grange would become an Action Grange, and forgo the rituals & pomp that the others employ, and be merely a Community Support organization, with monthly social/business meetings, with members voting how to better support the people living on our small island.

Our monthly meetings begin with refreshments and visiting, followed by a one hour meeting, with minutes of previous month, budget report, and pending activities and ideas, before adjourning. We would like to invite all islanders who have seen the value the Lummi Island Grange provides to the community, and would like to contribute to our efforts, to come attend a meeting, the first Wednesday of each month from 6:30 for coffee and visiting; our business meetings begin from 7pm to 8pm. If you are a recent arrival to our island, I have often said, that joining the Grange cuts 20 years off the process of being considered an "Islander"!



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The Gathering Place

By Sahara Burton & Becca Rettmer

Fall Artist Tour! Celebrate Local Art and Flavors!

The Gathering Place is delighted to once again be part of the Fall Artist Tour, welcoming the community to explore, connect, and celebrate creativity on Saturday and Sunday, November 8-9 at 3913 Legoe Bay Road from 10:00am-5:00pm.

This fall, seven talented island and regional artists will fill The Gathering Place with color and imagination — featuring painting, jewelry, textiles, ceramics, photography, and handcrafted gifts. Visitors are invited to browse, meet the artists, and take home a special piece of local art. Artists showing are Barbara Boulanger, Marlana Dougherty, Sharon Grainger, Ed Lowe, Gayle Mitterer, Rachel Smersh, and Nancy Uding.

While you're here, enjoy a \$10 homemade box lunch, freshly prepared by Lummi Island residents. This event, each lunch includes hearty soup and a slice of house-baked sourdough focaccia bread — a comforting and delicious way to refuel between studio stops. And, be sure and check out the home baked goods at the Bake Sale table. Seating will be available inside for those who'd like to linger and share conversation, or you can take your meal to go and enjoy it by the beach.

The Gathering Place is proud to host this event as part of the island-wide celebration of art and community. Come support local makers, enjoy a warm homemade meal, and make a day of it on Lummi Island!

See you at The Gathering Place for the Fall Artist Tour!



With so many different community organizations on Lummi Island, we would like to highlight how the Lummi Island Civic Club supports our amazing community. Two times each year, we host fundraisers. In the Spring the club sponsors the Civic Club Island Plant Sale, and in the Fall the fun continues with the Twice Loved Sale. These two events raise the money the Club uses to support charitable, educational, and cultural services on our fabulous Island. Recent recipients of Civic Club donations include the Health and Wellness Group, Beach School, and the Ferry Cam. Grant request forms can be obtained from Civic Club Board Members. Service projects this Fall provided school supplies for Beach School students, providing support for the school Halloween Party and the Veteran's Day Lunch. Another important contribution to our community is Civic Club members who provide lunch for the Elderberry Group. We are always looking for ways to enhance our amazing Island community, and all Island women are welcome to join us in that endeavor.

For our October meetings, the club offered a different meeting time, to allow women who work from home to attend an afternoon meeting. To make the Civic Club accessible to as many Island ladies as possible, we plan to do another afternoon meeting sometime in the Spring.

Each month we have a special program, and Kellie Shepherd-Moeller was our presenter for October. Her artistic ventures with calligraphy, photography and mixed-media art are exceptional. She even generously donated a piece of her art for the Club door prize.

On Sunday, November 2nd, from 1-3pm at the Grange, the Civic Club will host the annual Twice Loved Sale. This event highlights gently used, much loved items that are ready to find continued use in new homes. Donations should be items that are in good condition and still have life to them. Clothing in good condition is welcome, along with household items that are still in useful condition. Small furniture and art items are favored options. Shoes, tired clothing, electronics, and worn household items are not accepted for this sale. If you have items to donate, you may contact Linda Smith or Robin Aspmann-O'Callaghan to arrange a drop-off time. There will be limited opportunities to drop off items on the day of the sale. Questions about the sale can be directed to Debbie Barnes-Josiah and Robin Aspmann-O'Callaghan.

Important Meeting Date Change: for November! Due to construction at the Grange, our November meeting will be held on Thursday, November 6th @ 10:00am. This is a change from the original date of November 13th.

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Lummi Island Congregational Church

By Rhayma Blake

Lots to be grateful for! The Congregational Church will be sharing this gratitude with our potluck Thanksgiving Dinner at 4pm Thursday, November 27th in The Gathering Place. It's a joyful way to give thanks with neighbors and lots of good food. Reach out to me rhayma@me.com if you can bring a favorite holiday dish to share. Last year's dinner was over the top and we ran out of some items early!

No Parish Dinner in November, but put Tuesday, December 9th at 5pm on your calendar for our annual Tamale Parish Dinner. New Mexico Tamale Company tamales headline the menu with a tamale (your choice of flavors), enchilada sauce, pinto beans, Mexican rice, and a Mexican hot chocolate cookie for dessert all for a suggested donation of \$15. We usually have extra tamales to purchase or for you to take home to see you through the holidays.

Elderberries continues from 11-2 on Wednesdays except for November 26th, the Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Games, fun, and hot lunch at Noon. Thanks to the many cooks who help make this happen. Reach out to me if you can help with this special time of community.

And of course, Sunday worship happens weekly at 10:30am in the church sanctuary followed by coffee and refreshments.

Keep up with all the latest at www.lummichurch.org or www.ligatheringplace.com. You can always email us at office@lummichurch.com or call (360) 758-2060. Remember, no matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey, you are welcome here.

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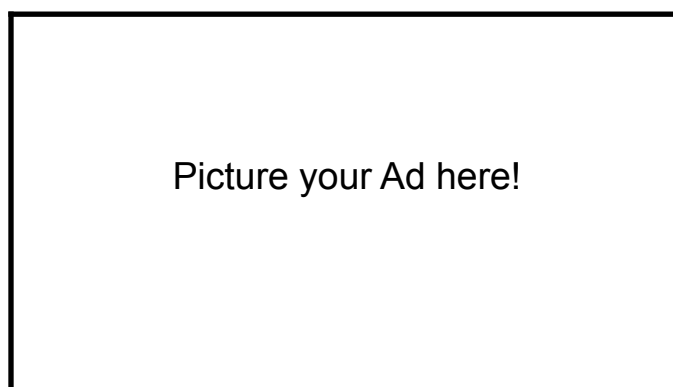


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- Meals on Wheels deliveries
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- Publication of the Tome / eTome and Brown Betty email notices
- Publication of the Island Directory
- Annual Roadside Cleanup
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Community Grant Application

It is the policy of LICA to provide grants, if funds are available, in support of other Lummi Island organizations and entities, as determined appropriate by a vote of the board. **One project per form, please PRINT, and before filling out, read the Life Cycle of a LICA Grant below.**

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 Name of Project: _____
 Date of Application: ____/____/____
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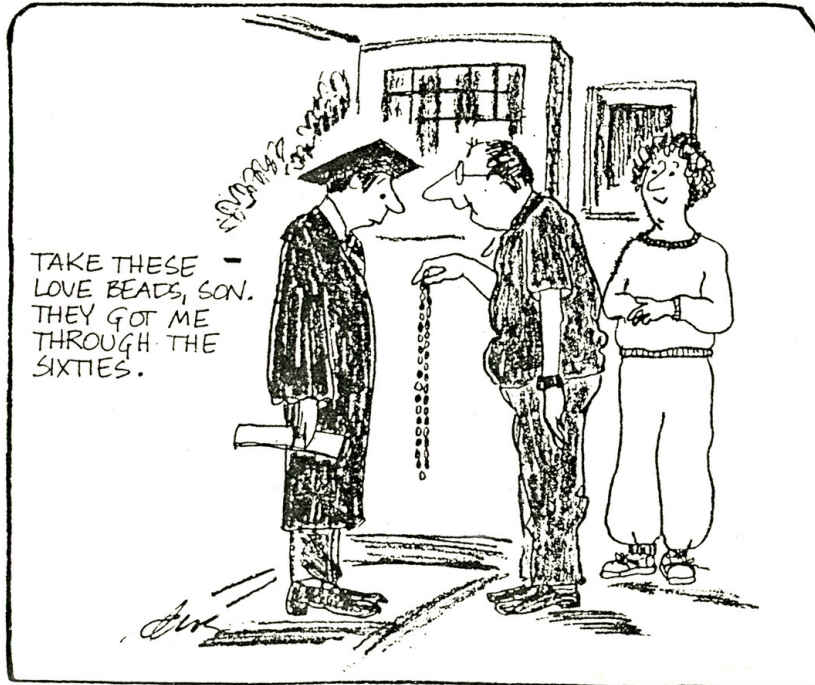
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- December 15th** Your **completed application form must** be received by LICA.
 Mail it to: **LICA Grants, P.O. Box 163, Lummi Island, WA 98262-0163**
(one form per project, but you can send multiple forms in one envelope)
- January Board Meeting** LICA Board of Directors reviews applications.
 In deciding whether to approve a grant, the board must be satisfied that the proposed project provides a specific **benefit to the community**, and that it will **not jeopardize LICA's tax-exempt status**.
Requests will not be approved for any project supporting personal, religious, or partisan political purposes.
- January Annual Meeting** LICA membership votes on which applications to approve.
- February 15th (or earlier)** LICA treasurer disburses funds for approved grants.
- December 31st** **Grant end date** by which terms must be satisfied.
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