



The Tome of Lummi Island

July 2026 - Volume 61 No. 7



Calendar of Events

July Events - Up to date information at OurLummiIsland.org

Ongoing Events	Art Exhibition, Gratitude Mon-Thurs, LIH&W Resource Center	9:00 - 12:00 am
	Used Book Sale, Noble Barn at the Island Library, Daily	10:00 am - 7:00 pm
July 1, Wed	Rummage Sale Donation Drop Off, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 10	5:00 - 8:00 pm
July 3, Fri	Rummage Sale Rope Drop, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 10	4:00 - 8:00 pm
July 4, Sat	Pancake Breakfast, Grange Hall, See Pg. 7	8:30 - 10:30 am
	Rummage Sale Continues, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 10	9:00 am - 7:00 pm
July 5, Sun	Spaggett-Together, Grange Hall, See Pg. 7	5:00 - 7:00 pm
July 7, Tues	Kids Paint Rocks, Island Library, See Pg. 12	3:00 - 4:00 pm
July 11, Sat	Summer Music: Sleepy Alligators, Island Library Lawn, See Pg. 12	6:00 - 8:00 pm
July 12, Sun	Field Day Fun & Games, Carriage House Gardens, See Pg. 7	1:00 - 4:00 pm
July 14, Tue	Kids Book Swap, Island Library, See Pg. 12	3:00 - 4:00 pm
July 19, Sun	FIFA World Cup Final Watch Party, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 11	11:00 am
Jul 21, Tue	Foot Care Clinic, LIH&W Resource Center, See Pg. 5	By Appointment
	Kids' Let's Make Music and Dance, Island Library, See Pg. 12	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Jul, 26, Sun	Meditative Sound Bath, The Gathering Place	4:00 pm
July 28, Tue	Kids' All About Nature, Island Library, See Pg. 12	3:00 - 4:00 pm
July 29, Wed	LICA General Meeting & Potluck, Grange Hall, See Pg. 2	6:00 pm

Weekly

Recycling: Mondays July 6 & 20		
Sunday	Island Chapel – Grange Main Building	9:30 - 10:30 am
	Worship Service – Congregational Church Sanctuary	10:30 - 11:30 am
Monday	Meditation, Congregational Church, Social Hall	9:00 am
	Dance For Life, The Gathering Place, starting July 13th	4:00 pm
	Salsa Dance Lessons, Grange Hall, See Pg. 7	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Island Chapel Ladies' Bible Study – 1759 Joans Ln / Zoom	7:00 pm
	Wellness Yoga, The Gathering Place	9:00 am
Wednesday	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
Thursday	Chair Yoga, The Gathering Place,	10:00 am
	Library Knit Group, Island Library, See Pg. 12	1:00 - 2:30 pm
	LIFD Volunteer Firefighting Training (except holidays)	6:30 - 9:00 pm
Friday	Kids Dance, LICC Social Hall	10:00 am
	Coffee Shop and Games – The Gathering Place	10:00 - 11:30 am
	Qigong, Grange Hall	9:00 - 10:00 am
Saturday	Hatha Yoga, The Gathering Place	10:00 am
	Preschool Story Time at the Library except for July 4th	10:30 - 11:00 am
	Dance For Life, The Gathering Place	1:00 pm
Ferry Refueling: July 9 & 23 - 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
4th Tue.	Cemetery Commission Meeting - Grange Hall	4:00 - 5:00 pm
1st Wed.	Grange Meeting - Grange Hall	6:30 pm
4th Wed.	Historical Society, No Meeting in July	6:00 - 7:30 pm
	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

We hope summer finds all of you well and enjoying a beautiful island. Your LICA board enjoys seeing you at the Saturday Island Market. Please stop by at the LICA table and let us know of any issues questions you might have. Island Health and Wellness will also be there for any questions you might have for them.

The LICA summer island wide meeting will be Wednesday July 29th at the Grange. There will be a potluck at 6 pm with LICA providing hamburgers/veggie burgers. Pease join us for a fun event. The program will be presented by LIFE/BSPTO and will help us all understand what our island school is facing in the next school and how we can help keep our school strong.

Your LICA board meets the first Tuesday of the month 7 pm at the library. Please join us if so inclined. Please put any questions/concerns in writing and leave them at our drop box at the Grange.

David

Past Rainfall Totals		2025				
Location	January	February	March	April	May	June
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	2.93	2.62	4.31	1.72	1.14	1.22
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	2.78	3.32	3.70	1.75	1.66	0.92
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	2.82	3.34	4.47	1.73	1.45	0.80
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	2.45	3.37	5.04	1.72	1.69	1.16
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	2.65	3.27	4.17	1.75	1.46	0.80
Scenic Estates - Crawford	1.94	3.09	4.82	1.76	1.28	1.10
Current Rainfall Totals		2026				
Location	January	February	March	April	May	June
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	3.32	1.95	5.31	1.47		
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	4.10	1.90	4.97	1.52		
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	4.90	2.51	5.53	1.39		
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	5.21	3.02	6.71	1.27		
Granger Way - Scott josiah	3.82	2.34	4.72	1.07		
Scenic Estates - Crawford	4.50	2.78	5.58	1.16		

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All data from the 2024 directory is carried forward. To add/delete changes to your Personal Information or phone number for the 2026 Directory either drop a note in the dropbox, email the publications team at the email address above or go to directory.LICA.us.

Go to MC.LICA.us in your browser to sign up for the **eTome**, **Brown Betty**, and our monthly **Publications Update** email (for folks who submit articles & events).



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We acknowledge and respect the treaty rights of the Coast Salish Peoples to the lands and waters of the Salish Sea and we recognize their stewardship since time immemorial.



Hello Friends and Neighbors, Garden of the Salish Sea Curriculum strives to provide K-12 shellfish education at Shellfish Growing Areas. Through hands-on learning with shellfish this STEAM initiative teaches marine science and stewardship to support a thriving Salish Sea and healthy oceans that feed us.

A Salish Sea watersheds Challenge helps students and the Garden of the Salish Sea Curriculum (GSSC), (<https://gardenofthesalishsea.org/>) is a small, impactful K-12 environmental science program, fiscally sponsored by the non-profit Pacific Shellfish Institute in Olympia. The program began at Beach School in 2012. Students take personal responsibility for practicing watershed healthy and climate-friendly habits. From kindergarten through high school and college internships, GSSC fosters stewardship action culminating in careers in

sustainable aquaculture. We want to instill youth with agency and tools to face an uncertain future by empowering leadership, nurturing the seeds of curiosity, and putting knowledge and science into action!

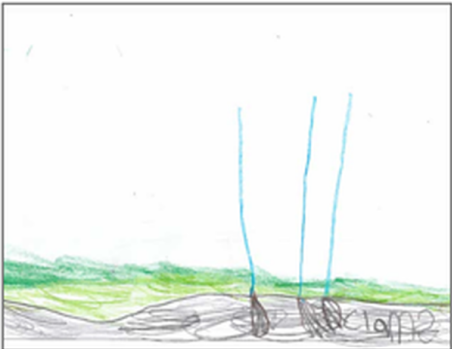
Since its inception at Beach School, GSSC has served more than 10,000 Whatcom County students and community members while prioritizing underserved communities; rural schools and participants with disabilities and English language learners. This spring Beach School students learned their clams and went on a low tide beachwalk led by a professional kayak guide named Izzi. It was pouring rain!

“Wet as everyone was, I think it actually just made it more fun for all of us! Defying the elements!” - Barbara Boulanger
“After going on these beach walks everyone genuinely understands the importance of being stewards of the Salish Sea to protect and take care of its plants and animals.” - Terri Cook.

Students take the *Salish Sea Watersheds Challenge to practice watershed healthy and climate friendly habits.*
We are grateful to LICA and LIFE for their generous donations which made this experience for Beach School students possible!

Please join us on a virtual **Marine Debris** pick-up from July 4-11 during fireworks season. Celebrate July 4th week.

- **Join** a virtual beach clean up!
- **When:** July 4-11-21
- **Where:** Any Whatcom County Shoreline
- **Take a picture** and send it to: garden.salishsea@gmail.com

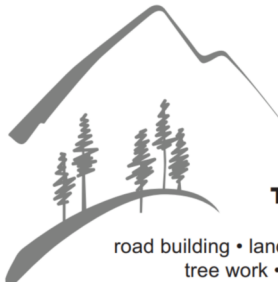


Island Artists and Crafters

By Gayle Mitterer

August 8th is the deadline to sign up for the **Labor Day Artists' Studio Tour**, Sept 5-6. Email a short description of your work and where you will be showing to Sierra Montoya, sierrajeannmontoya@gmail.com. You may want to include your phone number, email or website information in the description. Then put a \$30 check payable to Sierra Montoya in an envelope with her name on the outside and leave it at The Islander Store. If paying with cash, be sure to include your name on the envelope.

Questions? Call Barbara Boulanger, 530-680-5402 or Gayle Mitterer, 214-354-4460.



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A SUMMER OF STEWARDSHIP

WELCOME- We are pleased to welcome our newest Summer Stewardship Intern, Kathryn Drennan, to the LIHT team. Throughout the summer, Kathryn will assist with stewardship projects while gaining hands-on experience in conservation and nonprofit work. We are grateful to provide opportunities for emerging conservation leaders and look forward to introducing Kathryn to the community.

SUMMER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE- Our Summer Membership Drive is now underway! Membership support helps protect the lands, waters, and natural heritage of Lummi Island while sustaining the stewardship and community programs that make this work possible. If you're not yet a member or would like to deepen your support, we invite you to join us. Visit liht.org to learn how you can create a positive impact on Lummi Island. We thank you for everything you do.

PERSONAL PRESERVE PROGRAM- LIHT invites you to join the Personal Preserve Program (PPP), a community-driven initiative dedicated to helping you rewild your yard. Participants receive resources, education, and support to establish and maintain spaces within your own yard that focus on native plants and pollinators. Every garden, yard, and planting area contributes to a healthier and more resilient island ecosystem.

VOLUNTEERING- As our work continues to grow, so does our need for volunteers. Whether you enjoy working outdoors, helping at events, assisting with community programs, or lending your skills behind the scenes, volunteers play an essential role in protecting and caring for the places we all love. If you've been looking for a way to get involved, you can do so by reaching out to info@liht.org or by visiting our website.



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10th Annual Reefnet Festival

By Festival Committee



The 10th annual Reefnet Festival celebrating Reefnet Fishing on Lummi Island is fast approaching! Hope you can make it for a fun event featuring music by the Atlantics, great food, boat rides, beer garden, and more!

Saturday August 15th 11 – 7:30

Saturday Market

By Lynn Dee

Enjoy Saturdays browsing our very special Island Market - Every Saturday from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Market takes place every Saturday, all summer long, from 10 am to 2 pm at the Islander Field. You can count on finding veggies, fruit and flowers from several sellers, along with baked goodies, live music and activities for children. One booth is offering the opportunity to kids especially, to do a different crafty project every Saturday.

As usual, artists will be showing pottery, paintings, cards, woodwork and quilts. Also showing fiber arts, rock art, candles, jewelry and crafts from Island kids. The Market is a great place to buy gifts for weddings, graduation or special friends.

If you or someone you know would like to perform at the Market, please contact Patricia Coe at 619-403-0461.



New Faces, New Ideas, Your voice Matters: Lummi Island Health & Wellness (LIH&W) is growing, and this summer we’re excited to welcome new faces and new services while inviting the entire community to help shape the future of health and wellness on the island.

Welcome Program Director Jenn Varno: In June, LIH&W welcomed Jenn Varno as our new half-time Program Director. Jenn brings experience in community engagement, program coordination, communications, and volunteer development that aligns beautifully with our mission of helping Lummi Island residents of all ages thrive. In her new role, Jenn will help strengthen LIH&W’s growing initiatives, including volunteer services, Health Access & Support programs, wellness classes, home safety efforts, and caregiver resources. She will also help build systems and support collaboration among community partners so our programs remain welcoming, practical, and responsive to island needs. We are delighted that Jenn has joined the team. If you stop by the Resource Center this summer, be sure to introduce yourself and say hello.

Expanded Foot Care Services: Over the past year, D & L Essential Service’s helped launch LIH&W’s foot care program and demonstrated the value of bringing foot care services directly to island residents. With gratitude, and building on that foundation, we’re pleased to welcome Ashley Benem, RN, Certified Foot Care Specialist and Licensed Massage Therapist, who will begin offering monthly foot care clinics at The Gathering Place starting July 21. Ashley brings more than 30 years of healthcare experience and will provide professional medical foot care services right here on the island. Healthy feet are essential for mobility, balance, and independence, especially as we age. Appointments include foot and lower leg assessments, nail care, callus and corn treatment, ingrown toenail care, minor wound care, and shoe recommendations. Optional foot massage and reflexology services are also available. The basic appointment cost is \$50, and LIH&W can help subsidize services for islanders who need financial assistance. For information or scheduling, call (360) 389-6697.

Your Voice Matters: Community Survey Ends July 19. As LIH&W continues to grow and expand services, we want to ensure our future priorities reflect the needs of island residents. That’s why your participation in the Community Health Needs Survey is so important. By the time you read this, every island household should have received a postcard with information about the survey. This is an opportunity for every resident to share what is working well, what services are needed, and what priorities should guide future health and wellness programs on Lummi Island. Whether you regularly participate in LIH&W programs or have never attended an event, we hope you’ll take a few minutes to complete the survey. Every response helps us better understand community needs and ensures that future programs reflect the voices of the people who live here. Paper copies are available at the LIH&W Resource Center, the Islander Store, and the Lummi Island Library. If you need assistance accessing or completing the survey, we’re happy to help.

Save the Date: August 27 Community Dinner Mark your calendar for Wednesday, August 27, when we’ll gather at The Gathering Place for an all-island community dinner. The evening will include a presentation of survey results, updates on LIH&W initiatives, and an opportunity to celebrate the partnerships, volunteers, and community members who make this work possible.

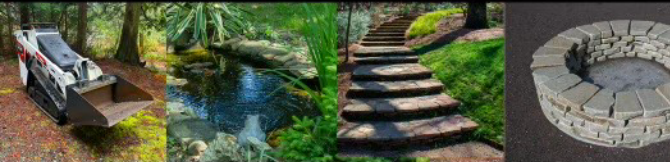
The health and wellness of our community is built neighbor by neighbor, conversation by conversation, and idea by idea. We hope you’ll share your thoughts through the survey, welcome Jenn and Ashley to the island, and join us in August as we continue building a healthier, more connected Lummi Island together.

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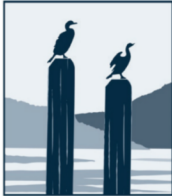


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Angie Dixon, Serena Dabney
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WELCOME: Jonathan King, from Lynden, has volunteered as our new WCFAC Off-Island, Incorporated member.

DRYDOCK: The shipyard bid was approved by the County Council; at this writing we still only have TENTATIVE dates of September 12 - October 3, 2026

FERRY TAX DISTRICT: On June 2, 2026, the County Council Committee of the Whole had their first Work Session to look at Specific Levy Rate scenarios. Several options were discussed, based on anticipated revenue from different Levy Rates (0 - \$.10/1,000), and what those ferry-related funds would be directed toward. The central items are securing financing for a new ferry, and supplementing the county's 45% ferry operating costs, thus reserving needed Road Fund monies for maintenance of the other 900+ miles of county roads. The Council is aiming for Public comment at the July 28, 6 pm Council meeting, and a deciding vote on the proposed rate. There will be one more Council of the Whole work session on July 14.

If you're interested, many more Levy Rate details are elaborated on in the following:

- June 2, 2026 Council of the Whole Meeting AGENDA with several supporting documents: <https://whatcom.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=8039741&GUID=F44D1CAA-D46F-4B82-8F71-077D2824716F>
- June 2, 2026 Council of the Whole Meeting MINUTES, with comments from KPFF Ferry consultant Carla Sawyer: <https://whatcom.legistar.com/View.ashx?M=M&ID=1416825&GUID=19CDBF14-CD9D-40D0-8C2B-CE5C695AA5A4>
- The Public Works Levy Rate June 2 Slide-Deck Presentation to Council is posted on the Lummi Island Ferry website, under "New Ferry Vessel - Presentations": <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/3432/New-Ferry-Vessel#docaccess-790beb96af8ffb3d1a458b56ed1c4f5>

Last, Our July WCFAC meeting will be on Wednesday, July 22, at the Gathering Place at 6PM. All are welcome.



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Ferry Currents: Words from Your Crew

Summer is here! It's a glorious time on Lummi Island, but it also brings more cars, bicycles, and pedestrians to the ferry. We appreciate your patience with drivers and riders who may be unfamiliar with ferry operations.

If you have visitors walking onto the ferry, please remind them that walk-on passengers load before vehicles. This is also true on busy days when the ferry is making extra (unscheduled) runs. The extra time it takes to board after vehicles have loaded may seem small, but it adds up over the course of the day.

When driving onto the ferry, if you ever feel unsure or unsafe, please wait for a deckhand to help guide you. We can't be everywhere at once, but we do our best to get everyone parked safely and efficiently. Watch for bike racks or trailer hitches extending from the rear of vehicles. When tides are especially low, as they have been recently, it can be difficult to see loading activity from the ferry line. Please watch for the captain or purser waving you forward, especially toward the end of loading.

For the safety and comfort of your ferry crew and fellow passengers, please turn down your music while on the ferry. And if you have a nervous or aggressive dog in your vehicle, please roll up the window when crew members are passing by. Unfortunately, bites have occurred.

Reminder of rules for transporting fuel:

- Must be transported in a vehicle
- Gasoline is limited to two 6-gallon Coast Guard-approved containers
- Propane is limited to 100 lbs (approx 25-gallons) in no more than 2 freestanding tanks.

One final note: On the following 5 holidays, the ferry operates on the weekend/holiday schedule: Independence Day (July 4), Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day.

Thanks for helping us help you. We're all on this boat together!

Summer is rolling in, and the Lummi Island Grange is ready to help Islanders stay active, connected, and smiling. From boot-stomping music to hearty community dinners, your ACTION Grange is keeping the calendar full and the fun coming. If you missed May’s Honky Tonk or the last two Spaggett-Together dinners, don’t worry: there is plenty more food, laughter, and neighborly good cheer ahead.

This summer’s lineup has something for families, friends, visitors, and anyone who loves a reason to gather. Mark your calendars, round up your favorite people, and come celebrate the season with us.



Kick off July 4th with the Grange’s annual Pancake Breakfast. Start your celebration with fluffy pancakes—plain or blueberry—plus scrambled eggs, link sausages, lemonade, coffee, and tea. Bring family, friends, and hungry houseguests from 8:30–10:30 a.m. Adults are \$10, and kids 12 and under are \$5.

Salsa Dance Lessons: If you like to swing and sway, come to the Grange on Monday nights in July at 6 p.m. The Grange is sponsoring free Salsa Dance Lessons with Chris Johnson. Whatever your age, keeping knees and hips limber matters, and dancing is a joyful way to do it.

Field Day: On July 12, the Carriage House is hosting an adults-only Field Day from 1–4 p.m., with proceeds donated to the Grange to help replace our old, well-loved BBQs. The new grills will arrive just in time for the Salmon BBQ. For tickets, contact Leslie Dempsey at 360.233.6225. This popular event sells out fast, so don’t wait.

The much-loved **Spaggett-Together** dinners will keep bringing Islanders around the table all summer. Tara Bock and her team are leading the Island Youth Collective as they prepare and serve delicious spaghetti dinners at the Grange. The next dinner is July 5th, from 5–7 pm, with a suggested donation of \$15 for adults; kids eat FREE! It’s a tasty meal, a warm gathering, and a wonderful way to support island youth as they build skills and take part in community life.

Salmon BBQ: Looking ahead, save September 5th for the Fall Salmon BBQ. This time-honored favorite brings delicious salmon, skillfully prepared for discerning Lummi Island palates. It’s a joyful way to close out summer, welcome fall, and ease toward dry-dock season together.

The Lummi Island Grange is open to all. We are a non-partisan, non-religious organization dedicated to strengthening our rural community at the local, county, state, and national levels. We meet on the first Wednesday of each month, starting at 6:30 pm and wrapping up by 8 pm Come on down to the Grange, bring your ideas and community spirit, and help carry forward a proud legacy of service, connection, and island fun.

Spaggett-Aboutit!

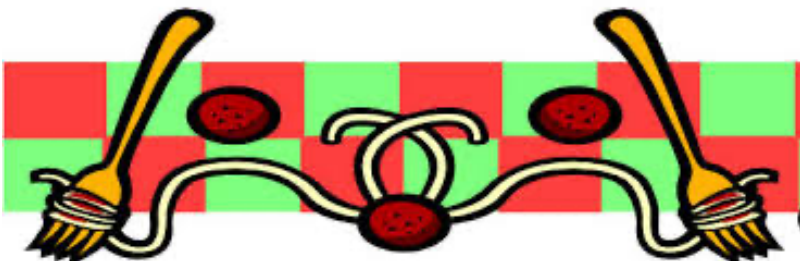
By Jennifer Hensens for Tara Bock

Gathering with friends and neighbors over a bowl of noodles has been a time-honored way to feed your soul while feeding your belly. Over the last two months, the Spaggett-Together team has been doing just that. Those of you who have joined us know we have our hearts in the right place—our stomachs! From marinara, cheesy pesto, or meatball pasta to Caesar salad & garlic bread, our buffet is abundant while music, smiles & hearty laughter light up The Grange.

Spaggett-Together was built on a dream to support our island youth—by providing opportunities to learn new skills, grow in character, experience ownership and have fun. Fast-forward and WOW! Our island kids have not only risen to the occasion, they are fully empowered as servers, greeters, planners, emcees, artists, hosts—you name it and they are running it.

On Sunday, July 5, from 5-7pm, make sure you head over to The Grange for Spaggett-Together (take three!). For a \$15 suggested donation (kids under 12 are free), you will have a fantastic meal, make lasting memories, and most important—you will be showing up to support our future leaders. Funds go directly to youth educational and mentorship programs in affiliation with The Lummi Island Grange.

In the August Tome, we look forward to sharing more about Island Youth Collective, which organizes **Spaggett-Together**, highlighting their dream, goals, and how they are shaping this event—and others—to advocate for our island youth. Thank you for your continued enthusiasm and support!





The Lummi Island Civic Club enjoyed a rewarding 2025–2026 year, continuing its mission of enriching life on Lummi Island through financial, practical, and moral support for local groups and organizations. Through service projects, fundraising events, educational programs, and seasonal celebrations, members strengthened community ties and supported island needs.

The year opened in September with a Back-to-School drive, collecting supplies for Beach School students and staff to help cover needs not included in the district budget.

In October the Twice Loved Sale gave Islanders a chance to pass along gently used items while raising money for grants. Members also enjoyed a presentation by Kellie Shepherd Moeller, and one attendee won a piece of her art.

November brought an afternoon meeting designed to make attendance easier for women whose work schedules prevent them from joining morning gatherings. Several new members were welcomed.

December featured the annual Christmas luncheon and gift exchange, a joyful tradition celebrating friendship and community during the holiday season.

In January, members honored the women who work aboard the Whatcom Chief. Their stories offered insight into the rewards and challenges of ferry service and deepened appreciation for this essential part of island life. February’s meeting focused on meaningful objects shared by members, creating an atmosphere filled with memories and personal connection.

March lifted winter spirits with a Hawaiian-themed afternoon gathering, where members arrived in bright tropical attire. Ken Swanson also presented ideas for home improvements that can add value.

In April, the Ferndale Heritage Society shared its mission and annual activities, including Old Fashioned Christmas and Old Settlers events, with a strong emphasis on education.

May brought one of the club’s biggest successes: the annual Plant Sale, Gift Shoppe, Bakery, and Raffle. Thanks to island gardeners, artists, and bakers, the event raised over \$2,000 for grants and generated \$1,050 from the raffle for Island Parish Ministries. A \$250 grant was also awarded to the Library for a children’s mask-making class, hopefully to be enjoyed in the Fall Parade. Members also took part in the annual Island Scavenger Hunt organized by Jan Granger.

The June luncheon brought the year to a gracious close. At the final meeting, the club awarded a \$1,000 grant to Beach School for items not covered by the district budget. Surrounded by summer decorations at the Grange and food prepared by members, everyone reflected on a meaningful year and looked ahead to future activities.

Beyond regular meetings, Civic Club members supported the Wednesday Elderberry Group. During months with five Wednesdays, three dedicated members prepared and served hot meals for fellow island residents, continuing the club’s tradition of quiet, steady community care.



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LIHS Museum - We will have the museum at Village Marina open in conjunction with the Reef Net Festival. Sunday, August 15th. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Genealogy of the Island – The Historical Society and Island Library will offer 3 sessions on genealogy. Come and learn how to research your family history.

During the first session – <https://www.ancestry.com> on Sunday, Sept 13th (2:00 – 3:30 pm) we will explore the library edition of the website.

The second session – **Family Search** on Sunday, Oct 11th (2:00 – 3:30) we will explore other Internet sites such as the LDS Family Search Family Tree. We will also talk about off-line sources that are available locally.

The third session – **Digitize It** on November 14th (Saturday, 2:00 – 3:30 pm) will be presented by library staff and will feature the tools available through the library to gather your documents, photos, stories into one, neat digital package to share with your loved ones and preserve for posterity. Join library staff to learn about the available equipment and the basics of how to use it.

The Historical Society meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Island Library, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. **Please Note: No July meeting.** Open to all.

The Lummi Island Story by Frank M. Taft *continued*

PEDAGOGUES: There came to us from the college seat—eminent instructors, hard to beat. They came the best of intentions to try—ondf deportment and learning to fill the young fry. I remember a few, if I named them all, be here till the work was all done next fall. There, Patton, Breakey, Taylor and Brown; they taught before the school house burned down. That was when in battle array, the North and South ends had entered a fray, and folks who think we’ve a cold war now, should have been here then and heard that pow wow. Now how it started I’m sure I don’t know, I think it began long years ago. Anyhow shooting battles they tried to avert, and ’twas only the feelings of folks that got hurt. Everett, Deightman, Mayhew, and Beach, Nichols, Charroin, came early to teach.

Many young girls got caught in a net—married Island guys, and live here yet. Hugo Johnson taught here, and three McKees; Sue and her mother were alike as two peas. Other young men who were liked a good deal Oscar Nelson, Paul Anson, and Allan McNeil. Oscar still teaches as he did before, McNeil is manager of a hardware store. Kaufman, Tuckett, Baker and Bayes, Reeves, Philbrook, Granger, got praise. Ryther, Deitz, Sherwood, and Bond—they were some of whom children were fond. Ruth Nordeson, Cutts, Laura Smith from Ferndale—when their pupils got bad, these the teachers would whale. Our first teacher Geo. Austin his name, then came Baccus, Norman, and Splain; later others to teach did come, our Mrs. Ford and Mrs. Walstrom.

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Friends of Island Library (FOIL)

By Barbara King

FOIL ANNUAL AUCTION, Island Grange, August 1, 3:30-5:30 pm TWO FOIL AUCTIONS IN ONE THIS YEAR!

Don't miss this year's FOIL auction on August 1st from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at the Island Grange. This annual event raises money to maintain the Island Library buildings and grounds and to support library programming.

In addition to the silent auction with art and crafts, gift baskets, homemade foods and classes, there will be a live auction at 4:15 pm featuring special one of a kind items and experiences. Don't miss out on snagging a boat trip, theme dinner, weekend stay, wine tasting, photo class, sculpture garden tour and much more. Wine and tasty handcrafted nibbles (a 21-and-over event).

Book Sale: Don't forget to check out the used book sale in the Noble Barn behind the library. Beginning Saturday June 27th and ongoing all summer daily 10 am to 7 pm until Labor Day, September 7th. All proceeds go to support our Island Library. Be sure to check it out!

The All-Island Rummage Sale rope drop is 4 pm, July 3rd. The ultimate in music, fun, food, and the recycling of treasures continues on the 4th of July. Those across that start line are usually the BIG winners, but there's also plenty of time for more leisurely shopping. Hilary will make sure we've got some music. And there will be open mic music and entertainment on Saturday, Noon-2 pm...something new!

You can start dropping your donations off at 5 pm, July 1st. Remember, no large appliances, mattresses, hot water heaters, sofas, large recliners, electronics...anything huge and heavy. And if you reach out to Jane at (360) 389-6697 to volunteer, she'll be sure you get a \$10 voucher to go shop for those fabulous bargains of clothing, tools, kids' games, linens, small appliances, you name it. And remember, you can spend it at the beer and wine garden or grab a brat or hot dog off the grill. We'll have some ice cream treats available as well.

We'll be hosting an exceptional **Parish Dinner**, Tuesday, August 11th at 5 pm at The Gathering Place featuring Kjell's Special: BBQ Pork ribs. More details to come.

Coffee continues every Friday at 10 am at The Gathering Place except during the Rummage Sale. Take time to visit with fellow Islanders and enjoy tea, coffee, and one of those sweet treats.

Elderberries meets every Wednesday with hot lunch at Noon and three different game tables from 11-2 pm. Join us every Wednesday except July 1st as we set up for...oh, did we mention there's a Rummage Sale July 3rd and 4th????

Join us for **Church Service** at 10:30 am Sundays. Reach out to the Church Office (below) if you want to receive the weekly emails to know how to connect via Zoom during these busy summer months.

Wellness Yoga, Tai Chi, Chair Yoga, Hatha Yoga, Kid's Dance, and Dance for Life all continue this summer. Find more details at www.lummichurch.org, www.ligatheringplace.com, and www.lummihw.org. Email us at office@lummichurch.com or call (360) 758-2060 with questions.

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Beach School

By Tammy Immer



Wishing everyone a wonderful summer! June was a month filled with excitement as our students successfully concluded the school year. We enjoyed a variety of activities, including field trips, a Community Sing with Amanda West, a field day at the Harmony's, and our 5th-grade graduation ceremony.

Congratulations to our graduates: Ellie Bettis, Benjamin Justice-Specht, Troy Kawakone, Amiirah James, Willa Godshall, and Quinn Morgan.

Our students also participated in the "Bikes for Books" program, sharing their reading recommendations through informative posters and booklets. We are pleased to announce that five winners were selected to receive new bicycles, courtesy of the Lynden Masons. Furthermore, our BEPTO/LIFE Silent Auction was a tremendous success, raising over \$6,000 to assist with upcoming staffing needs. While we remain hopeful to secure two teachers, we are preparing for the possibility of one.

We are deeply grateful for the community's generous support, donations, and enthusiasm; your contributions truly demonstrate how much our community values the kids. Thank you for your continued dedication to Beach Elementary. Online registration is open at ferndalesd.org. The first day of school is September 3.



Those who attended the Super Bowl LX Watch Party in February had such a great time, that The Gathering Place is hosting a FIFA World Cup Final Watch Party Sunday, July 19th, 2026. The doors will open at 11:00 am, and kick-off is at 12 noon. Admission is free (donations gladly accepted!), and you may BYOB and snacks. An all-inclusive Taco Bar and dessert will be available for \$15 per person. The Taco Bar will include both corn and flour tortillas, beef asada and el pastor (pork), beans, queso (cheese sauce), herbs (cilantro) roasted corn, pickled red onions, both mild and hot salsa, and crema. Flavored seltzer water will be available for purchase. Come and enjoy the game, and if you’re so inclined, join us for dinner, too. Hope to see you there!

The Gathering Place is now booking weddings for 2026 & 2027! Did you know that you can book both the Lummi Island Congregational Church and The Gathering Place for your wedding? Everything you need for your special day in one location! Visit our website at <http://ligatheringplace.com> or contact info@ligatheringplace.com for more information.

For those planning other private events, The Gathering Place offers competitive pricing for meetings, retreats and fundraisers, baby showers, birthday parties, family reunions, memorials and other celebrations. With its large main hall, state-of-the-art kitchen, restrooms, ample parking, and beautiful outdoor patio and access to the beach, we’ve got you covered!!

The Gathering Place would also like to promote a “Lummi Island Preferred Vendor List” for those who offer on-island event services. For example: event planning, catering and other food services, photography, accommodations, flower arrangements, personal beauty care, transportation coordination, childcare, dressmaking/ alterations, etc. If you offer any of these – or if you think your service is a fit for this list – contact us at info@ligatheringplace.com – and we’ll contact you about being added to the list.

For information or questions, ask one of our friendly board members (Barbara Boulanger, Julie Bredy, Sahara Burson, Robert Keller, Judy Olsen, Tom Philpot, Rebecca Rettmer, Kjell Rye, Hans Trieselmann) or visit our website at <http://ligatheringplace.com> and/or email info@ligatheringplace.com for answers to your questions.

TGP Events - Save the Date

- **FIFA World Cup Final Watch Party:** July 19th, (Sun) Doors open at 11:00, kickoff is at noon (more info coming soon!)
- **Labor Day Artist’s Tour:** September 5th and 6th (Sat/Sun) 11 - 5
- **Oktoberfest:** October 3rd (Sat) 5 - 8
- **November Artist’s Tour:** November 14th and 15th (Sat/Sun) 11 - 5



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July/August Upcoming Events

Storytime - For ages 2-6, 30 minutes. The summer Storytime series runs in July only, plus we miss one due to the 4th of July holiday, so please mark your calendars for **July 11th, 18th and 25th**. Special storytimes will be Firefighters on the 18th and Teddy Bear Picnic on the 25th - bring a special stuffed animal for this one! Note that the start time is changing to 11:00 am. Saturdays in July, 11 – 11:30 am.

Island Library Book Club - Everyone's welcome to Island Library's book club, which meets at 11:00 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. **Upcoming books:**

- July 23rd ~ Sociopath by Patric Gagne
- August 27th ~ Beautyland by Marie-Helene Bertino

Library Knit Group - Join us in the Hanson Room of Island Library for group knitting, crocheting or whatever. Bring your own project. All skill levels are welcome. Thursdays, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Teen Corps - We need teens with a community spirit to help out with our summer 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 wcls.org, or inquire at the library

Kids' Let's Paint Rocks - Join us for rock painting fun! We'll provide all materials necessary. Paint a new rock friend, a beautiful addition to your garden, or whatever your imagination inspires! Tuesday, July 7th, 3 – 4 pm in the Hanson Room

Whatcom Grooves Summer Music Series: Sleepy Alligators - Celebrate summer, music and libraries at free concerts hosted across the Whatcom County Library System. Island Library is pleased to host the Sleepy Alligators, a beloved Bellingham Grateful Dead tribute band! Come out and dance to their big sound, combining harmonizing vocals, three-piece percussion and trombone with masterful guitar, bass and keyboards. The concert takes place in the backyard of the library. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chairs to get comfortable and enjoy a summer evening of local music. This concert is sponsored by a generous donation from Island Library patrons. Saturday, July 11th, 6 – 8 pm.

Kids' Book Swap - Attention Kid Readers! Do you have books you're done with? Are you looking for new books for your shelves? Good news - the library is hosting a book swap. Bring a gently used book (or 5) to trade and take home someone else's once-upon-a-favorite. You'll have a chance to share about the book(s) you brought (if you want) and you'll get to decorate a canvas tote to get your haul home again. Tuesday, July 14th, 3 – 4 pm in the Hanson Room.

Kids' Let's Make Music and Dance! - Join us to create simple musical instruments. Then we'll form a band and practice some fun dance moves! Tuesday, July 21st, 3 – 4 pm in the Hanson Room.

Kids' All About Nature - Join us as we explore the natural world around us. Learn about our local flora and fauna and create a nature journal to take home. Tuesday, July 28th, 3 – 4 pm in the Hanson room.

Cedar Weaving - Learn about cedar weaving from Lummi artists Lee Plaster and Toshi Simmonds. In this class, you will weave a small friendship basket or headband. Participants should wear clothing they are comfortable getting stained. Space is limited; register online or call the Island Library at (360)758-7145. This event will take place at the Lummi Island Grange Hall. Saturday, August 8th, 1 – 3 pm.

Teen D&D Camp - Join us for a four-day camp of questing comrades, magic, battles, monsters and more. Whether you are a Dungeons & Dragons expert or a complete beginner, this camp is for you. We will explore how to play the game, create a character, and play through a one-shot campaign. Snacks and all materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your lucky dice! Registration is required. Grades 6-12. Tuesday-Friday, August 11th – 14th, 1 – 4 pm daily.

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Ramblings on the Rock

Labyrinth: A labyrinth is an ancient spiritual practice of a walking meditation found in many faith traditions. The labyrinth movement became known in the United States in 1991. Since then, labyrinths have spread across our country, in hospitals, schools, parks, yards, churches – and on Lummi Island.

In 2010, a group of islanders wished to create a labyrinth on the Lummi Island Congregational Church property. The pastor, Rev. Cindy Bauleke, was a trained labyrinth facilitator, and was excited by this. The vision was to place the labyrinth in an open space in the church woods, surrounded by beautiful tall trees. Task force members worked together to create a unique labyrinth designed for the chosen area based on the style of other traditional labyrinths. There was much discussion about how to clear the area and suitable materials to use. Islanders came together to clear the area and stones from the church beach marked the circuitous path, with one way into the center and the same way out again. People were invited to bring a beach stone to mark the path, joining in the creation of the labyrinth.

On a spring afternoon in 2010, there was an official opening of the labyrinth. A simple explanation of how to walk the labyrinth, being mindful of others in meditation, was given. Harp music accompanied the sun’s rays shining down through the tree branches.

The labyrinth remained in place until 2018 when a new septic system had to be installed for the soon to be constructed Gathering Place. The surrounding landscape was disturbed, and drainage patterns were changed, so a vision for rebuilding the labyrinth was needed. Ideas and plans percolated as The Gathering Place was under construction, and islanders came together to rebuild the labyrinth. A wooded area behind the church was cleared and leveled, ground cloth and gravel wad laid, and the new labyrinth was outlined in chalk. Beautiful green crushed alpine rock was placed over the chalked design and pressed into place. River rock from the Nooksack River was placed along the outline and people were welcomed to place stones on the labyrinth lines. The new labyrinth is designed with a classical seven-circuit pattern, paths are wide for accessibility, materials are natural and low maintenance. Stones have been added from the church beach, and the labyrinth continues to evolve. Volunteers keep the labyrinth in good condition, clear of weeds and debris. Anyone is encouraged to pluck a few weeds or toss out fallen branches as you walk the labyrinth. Bring a rake and do a raking meditation! Move stones that have migrated off the path or add new stones to fill in blank spots.

The labyrinth, while on Lummi Island Congregational Church property, is open to anyone at any time, for walking meditation and contemplation. We only ask that all treat it with respect.

The Lummi Island Labyrinth is a community treasure.



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