



The Tome of Lummi Island

August 2026 - Volume 61 No. 8



Calendar of Events

August 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
Aug 1, Sat	Library Auction, See Pg. 8	3:30 - 5:30
Aug 2, Sun	Spaggett-Together, Grange Hall	5:00 pm
Aug 5, Wed	Grange Picnic/Citizen of the Year Presentation, Grange Hall, See Pg. 7	6:00 pm
	Ferry Punch Card Sales & Exchange, Ferry Office	5:40 am - 2:40 pm
Aug 8, Sat	Cedar Weaving, Grange Hall, See Pg. 9	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Aug 9, Sun	Explore a Personal Preserve, See Pg. 4	3:00 - 5:00 pm
Aug 11, Tue	Parish Dinner, BBQ!, See Pg. 8	5:00 pm
Aug 11-14, Tue	Teen Dungeons & Dragons Camp, See Pg. 9	1:00 - 4:00 pm
Aug 15, Sat	Reefnet Festival	11:00 am - 7:30 pm
Aug 16, Sun	Meditative Sound Bath, The Gathering Place	4:00 pm
	Conserving Our Local Pollinators, Library, See Pg. 9	4:00 - 6:00 pm
Aug 18, Tue	Footcare Clinic, LIH&W Resource Center	By Appt
Aug 18 & 25, Tue	Family Parade Costume Making Workshop, Island Library, See Pg. 9	3:00 - 5:00 pm
Aug 21, Fri	Audiology Clinic, LIH&W Resource Center	11, or By Appt
Aug 22, Sat	Joy of Watercolor, Island Library, See Pg. 9	1:00 - 3:30 pm
	Ferry Punch Card Sales & Exchange, Ferry Office	6:50 am - 3:20 pm
Aug 25, Tues	Sea Mar Info Table, Island Library, See Pg. 9	2:00 - 5:00 pm
Aug 27, Wed	LIH&W Community Dinner, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 5	5:00 pm
Aug 29, Sat	Summer's End Parade, Line up at Beach School, See Pg. 10	10:00 am
	LI-Lapalooza Music Festival, Islander Grounds, See Pg. 3	12:00 - 7:00 pm
Aug 30, Sun	Yoga Nidra Meditation, The Gathering Place	4:00 pm

Weekly

Recycling: Mondays August 3, 17, 31		
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, The Gathering Place	4:00 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	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
	Hatha Yoga, The Gathering Place	10:00 am
	Dance For Life, The Gathering Place	1:00 pm
Ferry Refueling: August 6 & 20 - 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,	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 The LICA board hopes you are all enjoying summer on Lummi. The LICA board is working on the mission statement and by laws for your community association, We would like any input you might have for what LICA should do for the island.

We are working on the Island phone book to be published in early 2027. Please get any new phone numbers to us ASAP. The information can be put in our drop box across from the post office.

Your LICA board meets the first Tuesday of the month at the library 7 pm. Please join us.

David

LICA Community Directory

By Publication Team

Production is underway! The updated Island Directory is underway with the goal of having it printed and in your hands by the end of 2026. We will be reaching out to potential advertisers this summer. If you would like to advertise feel free to drop a note in the drop box across from the Post Office or email the publications team at publisher@LICA.us and one of us will get back to you.

All data from the 2024 directory is carried forward. To add/delete changes to your Personal Information or phone number for the 2026 Directory go to <https://Directory.LICA.us> and use the form to update your information, or use the email address above.

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).

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	1.63	1.13
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	4.10	1.90	4.97	1.52	1.70	1.24
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	4.90	2.51	5.53	1.39	1.67	1.47
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	5.21	3.02	6.71	1.27	1.99	0.46
Granger Way - Scott josiah	3.82	2.34	4.72	1.07	1.65	1.14
Scenic Estates - Crawford	4.50	2.78	5.58	1.16	1.87	2.00



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LI - Lapalooza Music Festival

By Livvie Marshall

A colorful poster for the LI-Lapalooza Music Festival. The poster features a central illustration of a man with curly hair playing a guitar, surrounded by a crowd of people. Text on the poster includes 'LIFE PRESENTS LI-LAPALOOZA MUSIC FESTIVAL', 'LUMMI ISLAND SAT. AUG 29TH, 2026 AT THE ISLANDER STORE 12-7PM', 'LINE UP: BABY CAKES, JG & DC, I FLY KITTIES, CREAKY TOASTIES, AMANDA WEST', 'FOOD: LOCAL FOOD & BEER, PHOTO BOOTH, DUNK TANK', and 'CRAFTS'. It also lists sponsors and ticket prices: '\$20 in advance (bit.ly/lila2026) or \$20 day of. Kids are free!'.

Get ready, Lummi Island — it's time to amp it up! Join us on Saturday, August 29th at The Islander Store from 12:00-7:00 pm for an unforgettable day packed with live music from incredible local musicians (on the new reefnet stage!!), arts and craft vendors, delicious food, and an ice-cold beer garden. Take a shot at our thrilling dunk tank, strike a pose at the photo booth, and let the kids dive into a zone full of face painting, bubbles, crafts, and games!

LI-Lapalooza is the grand finale of the Lummi Island annual Summer's End Parade where you'll be able to see the floats up close and cheer on the winners at the award ceremony, right before the music kicks off. All proceeds will support the Beach School and educational opportunities for kids on Lummi Island. Invite your friends and come celebrate the end of summer with us and your island neighbors!

Tickets are \$10 in advance (bit.ly/lila2026) or \$20 day of. Kids are free!

If you're a business and would like to join our sponsors circle or if you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to LiFoundationForEducation@gmail.com

Special thanks to all our generous sponsors, to Matt Thurber for the original artwork and to Michael Godshall for his help creating promotional materials!

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, sierrajeantomontoya@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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Explore a Personal Preserve, August 9th

You're invited to experience one island family's inspiring commitment to conservation. On Sunday, August 9th from 3:00 - 5:00 pm, Scott and Debbi Josiah will welcome guests to their beautiful 5-acre Personal Preserve for a guided walk through a remarkable landscape featuring ponds, wooded wetlands, a sedge marsh, pasture, and Douglas fir forest.

Learn how they are "rewilding" their property with native plants to support pollinators, birds, and other wildlife while building resilience to climate change. After the walk, enjoy light refreshments in their east-facing garden, alive with bees and butterflies.

Space is limited, and advance registration is required. Come be inspired by practical ways to create habitat and enhance biodiversity, right here on Lummi Island. Save your spot by emailing outreach@liht.org. Please include names and the number of visitors for the event.

You can find out more about Lummi Island Heritage Trust and the Personal Preserve Program on our website at <https://www.liht.org/personal-preserve-program>



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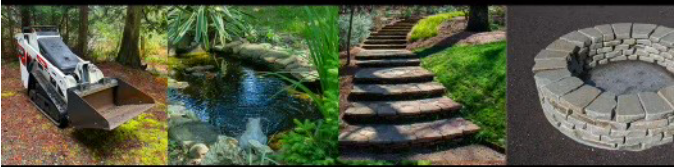
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Saturday Market

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.



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Lummi Island Health & Wellness (LIH&W)

By The LIH&W Team



What’s Happening at the Health & Wellness Resource Center?

If you stop by the Lummi Island Health & Wellness Resource Center on a weekday morning, you’ll quickly discover it’s more than a place for programs and classes. It’s where neighbors connect, questions get answered, and small acts of kindness happen every day.

Some visitors come with a specific purpose. They may have a telehealth appointment and appreciate help accessing MyChart or troubleshooting technology. Others stop by to ask about blood pressure checks, wellness classes, caregiver resources, free grab bars, or information about aging in place. Sometimes the answer is simple. Sometimes the question helps inspire new services for our community.

Throughout the week, people visit for many reasons. A neighbor may enjoy the Gratitude art exhibit before catching the ferry. Others linger after Chair Yoga or Tai Chi to visit with friends. Volunteers lend a hand, new residents discover local resources, and familiar faces reconnect.

Many visits begin with one question and end with an unexpected connection. A conversation about hearing or memory concerns may lead to an upcoming wellness presentation. A technology question may become a one-on-one appointment. These everyday interactions often become the bridge that connects people with services, and with one another.

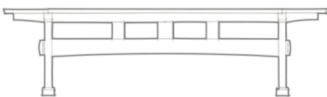
The Resource Center reflects the rhythm of island life. Summer residents return, new neighbors introduce themselves, and volunteers, instructors, healthcare partners, and community organizations strengthen the network of support that helps our island thrive.

This summer, hundreds of island residents shared their thoughts through the Community Health & Wellness Survey. Thank you to everyone who participated. Your input will help guide the future of LIH&W.

Please join us for the All-Island Community Dinner on Wednesday, August 27, at The Gathering Place, where we’ll share the survey results, recognize the volunteers and community partners who make this work possible, and invite your ideas as we plan for the future.

Thanks to the generous support of PeaceHealth, dinner will be prepared by PNW Plateful. Seating is limited to the first 100 people who register. Register online or call the LIH&W office at (501) 817-4121 and leave a message.

Whether you need information, a listening ear, or simply a place to connect, the Resource Center door is always open. Sometimes the most meaningful part of the day begins with a simple hello.

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Angie Dixon, Serena Dabney
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By the time you read this, the County Council will have voted on the Tax Levy Rate for the new Ferry Tax District on July 28. The hope is that the approved rate will go a long way in supporting the County Road Fund, and the Ferry System, including the financing for a new vessel.

The Service Alternatives and Planning Sub-Committee is actively investigating challenges and solutions for the anticipated 12-week car ferry outage in 2028. There will be forthcoming avenues established for the public to engage with this important planning, with a possible survey and website to communicate information and concerns to, and from, islanders.

Our August WCFAC meeting will be on Wednesday, August 26, at the Gathering Place at 6pm. All are welcome.

Please remember that all WCFAC meeting agendas and minutes are posted on the County's WCFAC website: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/521/Whatcom-County-Ferry-Advisory-Committee>

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Ferry Currents: Words from Your Crew

Dry Dock is coming sooner than you think! The new planned dates are: **September 12th-October 3rd**, and now is the time to make a few preparations to help things go a little more smoothly.

Here are a few tips from the crew:

- Plan ahead for deliveries. If you rely on mail-order supplies, try to place those orders now and avoid deliveries during Dry Dock — especially large or heavy items like pet food or cat litter. Our USPS, UPS, and FedEx staff work hard to keep things moving, and a little planning can go a long way in helping them out.
- Be ready to lend a hand. If you do end up needing to order something heavy, consider meeting the ferry your delivery is arriving on and helping move it. If you can't make it, see if a friend or neighbor can step in.
- Give yourself extra time. Plan to arrive 5–10 minutes earlier than usual, especially if you're carrying groceries or other supplies. Give yourself time to park and walk. And if you're running late, it's okay — just catch the next boat. It's not worth risking an injury trying to rush.
- Use the tools available. There is one pull cart available to help transport goods — feel free to use it! The crew is also glad to help when we can. If you regularly carry heavier loads, you might consider bringing your own cart.
- Keep space in mind. There is limited room on the passenger ferry. If there's too much cargo, some items may need to wait for the next run.
- Pets: If you're bringing your dog onboard, please bring a "poop bag" just in case. We don't have bags onboard.
- Stay informed. Sign up for alerts from Public Works: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/CivicAlerts.aspx>
- Check the schedule. Ferry service operates on a different schedule during Dry Dock, and fueling days may also shift. Updated schedules will be posted on the county website, at the docks, and available as paper copies on the passenger ferry.

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

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Summer is in full swing and so is your Lummi Island Grange! We kicked off the summer with the successful Pancake Breakfast, enjoyed by hundreds of Island friends and visitors. If you missed this year's breakfast... never fear, we will do it again next year!

The recent Honky Tonk was packed with folks who enjoyed a great toe-tapping, boot stomping time to music and friends who bring a smile to your face. More dances are planned, so stay tuned for upcoming dates and times in the Fall.

The Annual Adult Field Day, held at the Carriage House on July 12th, was a delightful afternoon. A BIG thank you to Susie & Karl for sharing their beautiful property, and Jessie who headed up the amazing team of volunteers. Tasty food, drinks, fun games, and time with friends old and new is always a recipe for success. This year, the proceeds were donated to the Grange, to replace the outdated, well-used BBQ units. These will be a welcome addition for Grange events.

To keep the fun going, here is a lineup of Grange events for your enjoyment:

- July 24th – Salsa Dance lessons @ 6pm.
- August 2nd – The Island Youth host another Spghett-Together at 5pm. Adults \$15 and children eat FREE!
- August 5th – The Grange hosts the annal picnic and presentation for Citizen of the Year. Bring a food dish to share and join us at 6pm.
- September 5th – **SAVE THE DATE** – The Annual... Amazing... Delicious Salmon BBQ will delight your taste buds. Watch for details in August.

The Dolly Parton Imagination Library program is sponsored by your Lummi Island Grange, and is open to all Island children, from birth to age 5. Enrolled children receive a new award-winning children's book each month. The Grange pays for the program through the aluminum cans folks recycle at the Grange recycle hut. This is located in the back right corner of the Grange parking lot. Grange members bag the cans and take them to town sell to recyclers. So, when you finish that soda or beer can, pop it in a bag and come on by the Grange Recycle Hut. Your cans promote literacy for Island children! Contact Carolyn Jewell Jenkins for more information.

Lummi Island Historical Society

By Joan Keiper



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. The museum is in an internal room at the Village Marina. Entrance is at the back of the building. Look for our signs. Stop by and view a small collection of Lummi's past- families, lumbering, farming, and fishing.

Genealogy of the Island – Starting in September, the Historical Society and Island Library will offer 3 sessions on genealogy. Come and learn how to research your family history. The first two session will be presented by genealogy guru Jackie Marshall.

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

The second session – **Family Search** on Sunday, Oct 11th (2:00 – 3:30 pm) 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 the 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 our 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. Next meeting: Aug.26th., 6:00 PM . Open to all.

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

SPORTS CENTER: Lovers Bluff casts a shadow over Hawley's resort, where sporty sports fishermen fish salmon for the sport; cabins for guests to stay in if they wish, while they fish fish at Hawley's, there they'll haul in the fish. Here you'll see reefnetter boats in the bay; they're fishing for salmon in a primitive way. Their nets are let down between two long boats, and a lane is maintained by large cedar floats. A lookout is stationed in a crow's nest up high, to spy on the fish if they go by. And so the silver hoard, that gets near the net, is turned into gold when hauled in, you bet. This manner of fishing was the Indian way; chief Kwina first tried it, old timers say, when Village Point was a rendezvous of the Lummis who came in their canoes.

Next month – AN INDIAN LEGEND

FOIL ANNUAL AUCTION, Island Grange, August 1, 3:30-5:30 pm

Have a fun afternoon at the annual FOIL auction THIS Saturday August 1 from 3:30 to 5:30 pm at the Grange. With tasty nibbles and wine in hand (this is a 21 and over event), bid on unusual and rare opportunities and items at our silent and NEW live auction. Don't miss out on an authentic Japanese dinner, a private tour of Sculpture Woods, a photography class, sommelier wine tasting, Seahawks tickets, goody baskets, a cornucopia of massages, food, wine, art, objects and crafts.



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Lummi Island Congregational Church

By Rhayma Blake

The beloved all-island Rummage Sale has come and gone, but the memories of those days will linger for months to come...or at least until we start cleaning our closets, cupboards, garages and barns for next year.

Thank you, thank you to the league of volunteers who set up, sorted, arranged and folded, cooked, served, played music, and cleaned up at the end. Over 80 islanders volunteered in big and small ways to help make this year's event the best ever. You are appreciated!!

Thank you, thank you to those who donated treasures big and small: power washers, cement mixers, furniture, boats, bikes, appliances, dishes, jewelry, linens and clothing galore. You are appreciated!!

Thank you, thank you to those who shopped 'til they dropped and those who sat in the beer garden and watched the show unfold. You are appreciated!

In case you missed this year's rope drop, Robert Keller caught the scene on video. Watch the excitement here. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=G2kRninZHU0>

Mark your calendar for an exceptional **Parish Dinner** on Tuesday, August 11 at 5 pm at The Gathering Place when Kjell Rye will be serving his renown BBQ pork ribs with all the trimmings, coleslaw, baked potato, and a cookie for dessert. Suggested donation starts at \$15 for the 2-rib plate up to \$25 for a 4-rib plate. And yes, we will have just ribs for "take out". Vegetarians will have a special Portabella mushroom option.

There is so much happening at the Church! Visit our website to see all the weekly activities and events. <https://www.lummichurch.org/> or call (360)758-2060. From Sunday worship service to events and classes throughout the week, we are a community focused congregation, and YOU are welcome here.



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Due to this year’s dry dock schedule, Oktoberfest has been rescheduled. Put **October 17th, 5-8 pm** on your calendars for this fun, fall festival!

- Labor Day Artist’s Tour:** September 5th and 6th (Sat/Sun) 11 - 5
- Oktoberfest:** October 17 (Sat) 5 - 8
- November Artist’s Tour:** November 14th and 15th (Sat/Sun) 11 - 5

The Island Library - It Belongs to You

By Erin Suda

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

Can’t make it while we are open? Call and ask us to put your things in the library lock box to pick up 24/7!
Island Library 360-758-7145

August Upcoming Events

Storytimes are done for the summer and will begin again on September 19th.

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 D&D Camp - 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 short 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

Conserving Our Local Pollinators - Learn more about our local pollinators and what we can do here on Lummi Island to support them. Alike Herreshoff and Meredith Moench will give a presentation exploring the wide range of pollinators and their habitat requirements. Specific information will be provided and books recommended for further information – many are available in Island Library’s new Personal Preserve Program Collection! Sunday, August 16th, 4 – 6 pm

Family Costume-Making Workshops for the End of Summer Parade – Become part of Snap E.’s family by making your dragon costume at the library! We will provide all the supplies for your dragon capelet – or get creative and become your own kind of creature. All are welcome to march with Snap E. in the parade! Tuesdays, August 18 & 25, 3 – 5 pm Look for dragon mask-making at the Farmers’ Market Kidspace to finish your costume!

Joy of Watercolor with Annika Sheck - Join local artist and instructor Annika Sheck at the Lummi Grange Hall for a guided watercolor workshop featuring an Orca painting project. This workshop welcomes all skill levels — no prior experience is required. All supplies are provided, and participants will take home their completed painting and a reference guide from the artist. Space is limited; registration is required. Location: Lummi Island Grange Hall Saturday, August 22nd, 1 – 3:30 pm

Sea Mar Info Table - Sea Mar staff will set up a small resource table to provide information about health insurance enrollment and basic food, as well as answer general questions about resources available in Whatcom County - please stop by to find out more. Tuesday, August 25th, 2 – 5 pm

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

- August 27th ~ Beautyland by Marie-Helene Bertino
- September 24th ~ The Postcard by Anne Berest

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Summer’s End Parade

All are Welcome! A celebration of community, creativity & the changing season. Parade begins at the Beach School and ends at the Islander Field.

- Make a Costume
- Build a Float
- Bring an Instrument
- Blow Bubbles
- Decorate your Bike

Join in or watch the spectacle!



Helpful Numbers

Aluminum Cans	360-483-3951	Recycle Bins Located in Grange Parking Lot
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	360-483-3951	
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

Ramblings on the Rock



Reefnet Fishing: Essentially Lummi Island are the reefnet gears that are out on the water on Legoe Bay every summer. Steve Thatcher, a commercial fisherman, has been fishing on reefnets since 1974 and is currently the President of the Washington Reefnetters and is the Alternate Representative to the International Frasier River Panel which determines the dates for fishing as well as the catch limit based on the anticipated number of fish returning to assure that a sufficient population remains for future fishing.

When Steve started fishing on Lummi Island there were 32 gears and the fishing season would last from June to September. At it's height reef netting probably employed 100 people on the island. The number of gears was reduced in 2000 through a voluntary Federal/State buy back program designed to reduce the amount of fish taken to increase the amount available for sport fishing. Under current regulations no new gears will be licensed, though the remaining gears should continue long into the future so long as there is a good market for quality, sustainably fished salmon. Now there are only 8 remaining Lummi Island gears, with 3 additional in the San Juan archipelago, and there is a short fishing season in August, and another few weeks in late September/early October.

Commercial fishing as a way of life requires a multi-faceted approach. From reefnet season to seine fishing on the Hood Canal, crabbing, oyster farming and, sometimes, even a side gig and has long been an integral part of Lummi Island life as well as other Salish Sea communities. Reefnetting is a sustainable method of fishing based originally developed and used by many indigenous cultures in the Salish Sea. Salmon are generally on a 4 year return cycle. Pinks return every 2 years in odd numbered years; sockeye every 4 years; kings are interspersed throughout; while the coho run is in the fall. All salmon that return to Lummi Island waters are Frasier River salmon.

This year the season opens on August 8th for sockeye, and an opening in the fall for coho. The gears will be actively fishing from just before low tide to high tide when the fish swimming in the current will naturally swim into the nets. Any unwanted or restricted fish are sorted out and the the remaining are held in a live well until processed, transferred to a skiff where they are packed up to be sent off island. Or, you can sign up to buy fish on the beach and get the best and freshest salmon available. Sign up at legoebayfreshfish.com There are many others who also run reefnet gear and sell fish. They can be found along Legoe Bay or through an internet search.

Many thanks to Ed Lowe for sharing such great pictures of reef netting in action.



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