



The Tome of Lummi Island

October 2026 - Volume 61 No. 10



Calendar of Events

October Events - Up to date information at OurLummiIsland.org

Ongoing Event	Harvest of the Heart Art Exhibition LIH&W Resource Center	9:00 - Noon
Oct 1, Thu	Senior Services, The Gathering Place, Appointments suggested, See Pg. 8	2:00 - 4:00 pm
Oct 2, Fri	CPR Class, The Gathering Place	12:00 - 2:00 pm
Oct 5, Mon	Line Dance Lesson, Grange Hall, See Pg. 9	6:00 pm
Oct 6, Tue	Advance Care Planning, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 8	2:00 - 3:30 pm
	Improv, The Gathering Place	6:00 - 7:00 pm
Oct 7, Wed	Fall Prevention Workshop, The Gathering Place,	1:30 - 2:15 pm
Oct 9, Fri	Harvest Festival, Beach School, See Pg. 7	11:30 am
Oct 10, Sat	Living with Bears! Island Library, See Pg. 8	1:00 - 2:00 pm
	Civic Club Twice Loved Sale, Grange Hall, See Pg. 9	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Oct 11, Sun	Genealogy on the Island - Part 2, Island Library, See Pg. 8	2:00 - 3:30 pm
	Autumn Community Remembrance Circle, The Gathering Place	4:00 pm
Oct 12, Mon	Deadline to sign up for November Artist Tour, See Pg. 5	
	Line Dance Lesson, Grange Hall, See Pg. 9	6:00 pm
Oct 14, Wed	Flu Clinic, The Gathering Place	2:00 - 6:00 pm
Oct 15, Thu	All about Bats, Island Library, See Pg. 8	3:00 - 4:00 pm
	Piñatas! Grange Hall, Registration Required, See Pg. 8	2:00 - 4:00 pm
Oct 17, Sat	Free Movie, The Extraordinary Caterpillar, Beach School Gym, See Pg. 6	5:00 - 7:00 pm
	Oktoberfest, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 10	5:00 - 8:00 pm
Oct 19, Mon	Line Dance Lesson, Grange Hall, See Pg. 9	6:00 pm
Oct 20, Tues	Improv, The Gathering Place	6:00 - 7:00 pm
	Speed Puzzling Contest, Island Library, See Pg. 8	2:00 - 3:30 pm
Oct 24, Sat	BEPTO Halloween Party, Beach School, See Pg. 7	6:00 - 7:30 pm
	Fall Honky Tonk, Grange Hall, See Pg. 9	6:00 - 9:00 pm
Oct 25, Sun	Meditative Soundbath, The Gathering Place	4:00 - 5:30 pm

Weekly

Recycling: October 12 & 26		
Sunday	Island Chapel – Grange Main Building	9:30 - 10:30 am
	Worship Service – Congregational Church Sanctuary	10:30 - 11:30 am
Monday	Meditation, Church Social Hall	11:15 am
	Dance For Life, The Gathering Place,	4:00 pm
	Flow Yoga, The Gathering Place	6:30 - 7:30 pm
Tuesday	Wellness Yoga, The Gathering Place	9:30 - 10:30 am
	Island Teen Art Hangout, Island Library	3:30 - 4:30 pm
	Island Chapel Ladies' Bible Study – 1759 Joans Ln / Zoom Wellness Yoga,	7:00 pm
Wednesday	Tai Chi, The Gathering Place	9:00 am
	Elderberries Lunch (12 pm), 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	Radiant Flow Yoga, The Gathering Place	8:15 - 9:30 am
	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	8:00 - 9:00 am
Saturday	Hatha Yoga, The Gathering Place	10:00 am
	Pre-School Storytime, Island Library	11:00 am - 11:30 am
Ferry Refueling: October 15 & 29 - 12:10 pm Gooseberry & 1:00 pm Island Runs Canceled		

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	Foot Care Clinic, LIH&W Resource Center	By Appointment
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, Island Library, Open to all	6:00 - 7:30 pm
	WCFAC Meeting, The Gathering Place	6:00 pm
2nd Thur.	Civic Club - Grange Hall	10:00 am
	Resilient Lummi, Island Library	5:00 pm
4th Thur	Library Book Club - Library, Hanson Room	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

The LICA board hopes your dry dock experience went well. The new Island phone book is almost ready to send to the printers and will be available soon. The binding is new and improved. All islanders will receive a free copy with additional copies available for purchase.

LICA will be sponsoring a candidate forum and hope you will join us at the Grange Friday October 9th 7pm. If you have any questions or comments for the candidates, please put them in writing and leave them in our drop box across from the post office.

The County has provided carts during dry dock to help with transporting bulky items on and off the passenger ferry. Unfortunately, some of the carts have gone missing. Help out your friends and neighbors and return the carts to the ferry when you are done unloading.

Our monthly board meetings are held at the library, 7 pm on the 1st Tuesday of the month. All are welcome to attend.

David

Past Rainfall Totals			2025			
Location	March	April	May	June	July	August
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	4.31	1.72	1.14	1.22	0.16	1.27
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	3.70	1.75	1.66	0.92	0.17	1.17
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	4.47	1.73	1.45	0.80	0.10	1.26
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	5.04	1.72	1.69	1.16	0.12	1.72
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	4.17	1.75	1.46	0.80	0.13	1.02
Scenic Estates - Crawford	4.82	1.76	1.28	1.10	0.15	1.59
Current Rainfall Totals			2026			
Location	March	April	May	June	July	August
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	5.31	1.47	1.63	1.13	1.07	0.50
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	4.97	1.52	1.70	1.24	1.20	0.51
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	5.53	1.39	1.67	1.47	1.47	0.52
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	6.71	1.27	1.99	0.46	1.46	0.50
Granger Way - Scott josiah	4.72	1.07	1.65	1.14	1.18	0.44
Scenic Estates - Crawford	5.58	1.16	1.87	2.00	1.03	0.44

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Just a reminder about ways in which Parish Health Ministry can help in a pinch: We help folks find rides to medical appointments (Please give us a weeks notice if possible:) We loan medical equipment and can even deliver. We have walkers (both two wheel and four wheel), shower benches, and shower chairs, wheelchairs and transport chairs, bedside commodes and crutches and canes and even two lift chairs. We can help out with food vouchers to the Islander if you have an emergent need.

If you need help for something not listed here, call and we can talk about it! Call the Parish Health Ministry team: Ingrid 360 220-5860; Joan 360 758-2178; Lisa 360 201-0830 or Jane 360 389-6697



Mushroom Foray and Volunteer at Aiston Preserve

Do you know the difference between a *Pleurotus pulmonarius* and a *Laetiporus conifericola*? How about a *Lycoperdon perlatum* and a *Boletus edulis*? Still not sure? Then join the Lummi Island Heritage Trust for our yearly Mushroom Foray on Saturday, November 7 from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. You will be led by mushroom experts while hiking our preserves in search of elusive fungi.



Over the past decade we have identified dozens of species on our four preserves with several uncommon ones. In 2024, a new specimen was found at the Otto Preserve, which was named after mycologist, Buck MacAdoo. It is now widely known as the *Agaricus buckmacadoo*! We catalog all this information adding to the growing body of baseline knowledge on our preserves. For more information and to register for the Mushroom Foray go to: <https://www.liht.org/events-calendar/mushroom-foray-1>

Over at the Aiston Preserve, we are continuing our planting and restoration work. We know that Oregon white oaks and native fescues have grown together for generations, with the oaks providing an open canopy while fescues and other native plants fill the sunny spaces beneath them. We’ve planted several young Oregon white oaks, but the planting sites are currently overrun with sweet clover, an invasive plant that can crowd out native species.

We’re looking for volunteers to help weed sweet clover from the planting sites and seed native fescues. Your help will give these young oak trees the native understory they need to become part of a healthy oak savanna. We are planning a work party for some time in mid-October with specific dates to be determined. Contact our Stewardship Manager, Skylar Magee, skylar@liht.org, for more information. In the meantime, check out [liht.org](https://www.liht.org) and scroll down the page to A Visual Tour of the Lands We Serve. There you will find more about all our preserves including the Aiston Preserve.

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Resilient Lummi

By Ruchi Stair & Robin Richardson

Want to be part of creating climate resilience right here on Lummi Island? Join the conversation when Resilient Lummi meets on Thursday, October 8, 2026 at 5:00 PM in the Island Library. Drop-ins are welcome.

At our September meeting we brainstormed ideas for the coming months, such as:

- Election advocacy for candidates who support renewable energy.
- Sponsoring more movie nights during the winter months--we would love to hear your recommendations.
- We learned about two successful grants that the Swinomish community has obtained for solar power and battery storage for housing and their youth center. Maybe we could look into the feasibility of a solar bank here on Lummi Island or perhaps an EV charging station.
- There is also interest in supporting green energy at Cherry Point.

Seed Library:

We are looking for native wildflower seeds as well as vegetable seeds in the Seed Library, which is housed in the Island Library. Fall can be a wonderful time to seed plants that you want to naturalize, like natives, foxglove and poppies. You also might want to get some seeds for starting indoors this winter. Fall is also a great time to collect seeds from your favorite plants to donate to the library. Just wait until the seed head looks dry on the plant, cut it off and place upside down in a paper bag to dry further in a warm dry area. When very dry, clean off leaves and stems and put in a labeled glass jar with the date and plant name. You can bring it now or in the spring before planting. Please call or text Robin with questions. 360-255-3227.

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Lummi Island Health & Wellness (LIH&W)

By Constance Drake

More than a Class. More than Just an Island Having attended many yoga classes, as a student and a teacher, for decades, I can confidently confirm there is a thread woven into these experiences: community.

I see this in the shared silence at the beginning of most classes when seated on our mats, eyes closed, with intention to observe the body, breath, and movement in the mind as we practice being still and quiet. I see it at the end of class when students share conversation, even outside in the parking lot. Between the beginning and end, the thread of connection is felt in the room, when everyone practices together, yet individually in their own body.

I often sense a particular energy in the room. When that occurs, I am steadied by a combination of contentment, fulfillment, and purpose. This is part of a larger community we all share.

Our island, and the world at large, would be very different if community were not part of the whole. Granted, some island residents prefer living a more reclusive, solitary life; not to be mistaken for isolation. Island living is attractive due to the very nature of being separated from the mainland. It provides opportunity for a solitary life.

I wonder if knowing a strong community exists gives comfort and meaning to those who engage less in it, knowing there is help and support when needed and desired.

There are places in the world now referred to as Blue Zones, where community is one of the most important contributions toward longevity, happiness, and support. My observation from living on Lummi Island is that many island residents live well into their 80s and 90s.

As I experience myself aging, I see the need and desire for connection with neighbors and friends. Being older is different. It does not mean my interest is only in connecting with those of my generation. Having younger students show up for Wellness Yoga is uplifting to my heart. There is an assumption on my part they come because they are seen and nurtured in a class setting.

We share and learn together regardless of the skin we live in. Younger generations offer new perspectives and vibrancy. Elders offer life experience and wisdom. We need one another. And we have one another right here on Lummi Island.

This is part of what Lummi Island Health & Wellness hopes to nurture: more opportunities for connection, support, and community among the people who call this island home.

P.S. About Constance: Constance Drake moved to Lummi Island in 1990 and has taught yoga for more than three decades. She teaches Wellness Yoga for Lummi Island Health & Wellness, as well as Improv, where classes offer a place to be creative, move, breathe, be still, and connect with others.

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Whatcom County has now officially signed the \$25 million Federal Grant Agreement for a new Lummi Island ferry! The U.S. Department of Transportation (with Congressman Rick Larsen as top Democrat on the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee) awarded the RAISE Grant in 2022. Design and planning and permitting processes, along with the new dedicated funding source provided by the Whatcom County Ferry District, has allowed for the official signing at this time.

The county will be bidding out terminal construction in November 2026, and is anticipated to be completed over the next two years. Shipbuilding bids should begin in January 2027, and a new vessel is presently forecasted to arrive in March of 2029! You can read the formal announcement at: <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/m/newsflash/home/detail/5704>

Our next WCFAC meeting will be Weds, October 28, at The Gathering Place at 6:00 pm. You can anticipate some initial reporting and more information from the New Ferry and Docks Subcommittee, and the Service Outage Taskforce at this meeting. All are welcome to attend.

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

By Michele Morrissey & Mandy Feutz

By the time this issue hits your mailbox, Dry Dock 2026 will soon be over, and the Whatcom Chief will be back in service. Here are a few things to keep in mind when you're boarding the ferry:

- Watch the hand signals and listen to instructions given by the deckhands and captain. We have our eyes on a variety of things— keeping your vehicle safe, parking you efficiently to allow for as many vehicles as we can safely carry, and leaving enough space for crew members to move between cars. If your vehicle has self-driving or driver-assist features, please disable those functions, if possible, when driving onto the ferry.
- Remember that the scheduled departure time is when the gate closes and the ferry pulls away. We typically start loading five minutes before departure. So, if the schedule says 10 a.m., we typically call down walk-on passengers at 9:55 a.m. and then begin loading vehicles.
- If you are walking or biking onto the ferry, stand near the gate, out of the lane of traffic, and listen for us to call you down. If you are near the gate, we can see you. Please do not start walking onto the ferry until you are called. Bicycles load last, after vehicle traffic, but again, stay near the gate so we can see you.
- If the person in line in front of you isn't in their vehicle and the ferry is loading, make sure it is safe, then go around them.

Thanks for reading, and thanks for helping us help you. We're all on this boat together.

Island Artists and Crafters

By Ed Lowe

October 12 is the deadline to sign up for the next Artists' Studio Tour, November 14-15. Email a short description of your work and where you will be showing to Sierra Montoya at sierrajeantomontoya@gmail.com. You may want to include contact info. Then put \$30 cash or a check payable to Sierra Montoya in an envelope with both her name and yours on the outside and leave it at The Islander Store.

If you produce your work on Lummi Island, please join the tour, November 14-15, 10am-5pm. Questions? Call Gayle Mitterer (214) 354-4460 or Ed Lowe 206-625-9094

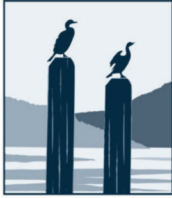


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Lummi Island Congregational Church

By Pastor Jamie Kepros

Thanks to the many volunteers and musicians who helped make our September taco Parish Dinner so great! It is always a joy to gather in community for a meal, a class, or event. The support and participation of islanders like you keep our community vibrant. We also give thanks for our freshly painted church building which stands as a part of the beauty and charm of the island.

Elderberries is every Wednesday at The Gathering Place from 11am to 2pm with lunch at Noon. If you've considered checking out Elderberries, come on by and join the diverse and friendly group of folks who enjoy the camaraderie and a good meal. And swing on over to The Gathering Place on Friday mornings at 10am for coffee and conversation.

Weekly
Sunday: Worship Service - Congregational Church Sanctuary, 10:30-11:30 am
Wednesday: Elderberries Lunch (12pm), Games, and Coffee - The Gathering Place, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
Friday: Coffee Shop and Games - The Gathering Place, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Visit lummichurch.org for the latest news, and stay up-to-date with what's happening at The Gathering Place (ligatheringplace.com), and Lummi Island Health & Wellness (lummihw.org). From Sunday service at 10:30am to events and classes throughout the week, we are a community focused congregation and YOU are welcome here.

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Free Community Movie Night

Featuring The Newly Released Film *The Extraordinary Caterpillar* The Lummi Island Heritage Trust Personal Preserve Program, Beach School PTO, Island Library, and Resilient Lummi invite the entire Lummi Island community to a free movie night.

Event Details
Date: Saturday, October 17
Time: 5:00–7:00 p.m.
Location: Beach School Gym
Film: The Extraordinary Caterpillar, shown from 5:30–6:30 p.m.

Why Caterpillars Matter
 Caterpillars are the engine of food webs: they feed birds, support pollinators, and help ecosystems thrive. Through this community-wide screening, the Heritage Trust’s Personal Preserve Program hopes to raise awareness and inspire people of all ages to restore caterpillar populations by planting native species in their own yards.

Before and After the Film
 Before the screening, visit caterpillar-themed craft tables hosted by the Island Library and explore reading selections from the Personal Preserve Program. We will also hold a quick Caterpillar Fun Facts trivia contest, followed by a brief Q&A after the film. This event is suitable for all ages—young and young at heart. We hope to see you there!

Watch the trailer here! <https://vimeo.com/1117213704>



We are so thankful for our second teacher! We could not do this without you. Thank you to LIFE, BEPTO, our donors, and the entire community for making this possible and for your continued support.

We are off and running this year with an added emphasis on salmon, plants, and dance. Beach School celebrated Peace Day with crafts, pottery, gardening, and music. Garlic has been planted!

Our Harvest Festival will be held on Friday, October 9, at the school. Students will create artwork and participate in three cooking stations: pressing apples, making stone soup, and baking cornbread. We invite the community to join us at 11:30 a.m. for a cup of cider and soup. We need apples (that have not fallen to the ground) for cider pressing. Please leave apple donations on the school porch.

Our annual BEPTO Halloween Party will be held on Saturday, October 24, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm in the school gym. We are looking for cakes, glassware for the coin toss, and booth volunteers. Setup will take place Friday after school, and cleanup will begin Sunday at 11:00 a.m. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with any aspect of this wonderful community event.

Leadership's Veterans Day Brunch will be held on Tuesday, November 10, at 10:00 a.m. in the school gym. If you know of any veterans on the island who may not be aware of this event, please invite them to join us for this special celebration.



Lummi Island Historical Society

By Joan Keiper



We had a wonderful opportunity to spend a few hours with Rodger Granger and his wife at our Village Marina museum space. He provided additional information about the photos, items, families, and life on the Island. This is one of the few items he could not identify, and we have been trying for a long time to do so. It is made of wood, 34” wide at the “tail” and 35” tall. If you know anything at all about it, please contact us at info@LIHS.us

The second session of Genealogy on the Island will be on Sunday, October 11th. For more details please refer to the Island Library column on the next page.

The Historical Society meets the fourth Wednesday of the month at the Island Library, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Next meeting: Oct. 28th, 6:00 pm. Open to all for fun discussions about Island History.

The Lummi Island Story by Frank M. Taft continued

BAD MEN OF THE SEA The story of Lummi would be incomplete without mention of one and his retreat—on Barnes and Clark's Islands, Lummi as well, where to evade the law he would hide out for a spell. This scurrilous rascal should have been in the clinks—I don't know his name, but he was a smuggler of Chinks. Across the line on the Canadian side, he would pick up his cargo, take them for a ride. Sometimes coast patrol would after them chase; when that happened, Boy, what a race! And if they got close, quick as a wink, down to Davie Jones' Locker would go the poor chink. Up high on the mountain on the very top, you can drive your car to the very same spot, and view the place where once there stood – the cabin that this man built of wood – and buried the gold that once he made, through years of pursuing his nefarious trade. I remember when fishermen there, digging for bait, found Spanish doubloons of an ancient date. Now no greater rascal told of before could compare with this gink of historical lore. Not even that “gent” who in our rum-running day could get by so easy, and make it pay (for even with help of some Island men, his load would get hijacked now and then). Not even the pirates that robbed fish traps (who would down the watchman if they opened their yaps), could be compared with this Son of Jove, whose Port of Call was Smugglers' Cove.

Next month: Latter Day Saints

Regular Hours: Tuesday: 1:00 - 7:00 pm; Thursday, & Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Call us at: 360-758-7145

October Upcoming Events:

Senior Services at the Health & Wellness Center – Stacy Malone Miller will not be coming this month, so please call the library to schedule a separate appointment if you need to access general services like in-home care and transportation. Two SHIBA reps will be coming to help with Medicare issues, so there will be lots of support for health insurance issues. Register at wcls.org or at the library for a half-hour appointment. Drop-ins will be accommodated if space is available. Thursday, October 1st, 2:00 – 4:00 pm at The Gathering Place

Preschool Storytime - bring your 0 to 6-year-olds to the library every Saturday in October for stories, songs and fun with library manager, Erin Suda. Saturdays, 11:00 – 11:30 am

Advance Care Planning: Let's Get 'Er Done Workshop - Join us for an interactive workshop where trained facilitator, Hilary Walker, will walk you through completing a simple WA state Advance Directive where you can choose your trusted medical decision maker (aka: health care agent or Power of Attorney for Healthcare) and write down your values, preferences for care and end-of-life wishes. There will be a Notary available at every class to help "seal the deal". Let's do this together! Tuesday, October 6th, 2:00 – 3:30 pm at The Gathering Place

Island Teen Art Hangout - Join us for a fun afternoon of creative projects, music and snacks. Drop in - no experience required. Grades 6-12. Tuesdays, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Living with Bears in Washington State – Join us at the library to learn about the biology, habits, and status of Grizzly and Black bears in Washington. Representatives from the Conservation District and Department of Fish and Wildlife will be on hand to tell us everything we ever wanted to know about bears! Saturday, October 10th, 1:00 – 2:00 pm

Genealogy on the Island - Part 2: FamilySearch - The Lummi Island Historical Society and Island Library bring you a series of three programs on the subject of genealogy. The second session will go beyond ancestry.com, and Jackie Marshall will take you on an exploration of other websites such as the LDS family tree program, FamilySearch. Questions and discussion are encouraged at all sessions. Refreshments will be provided. Sunday, October 11th, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Kids' All About Bats - Learn all about bats with us! We'll bust some bat myths, learn about bat behavior, and come away with some love for these mysterious flying mammals. For grades K-5. Thursday, October 15th, 3:00 – 4:00 pm

¡Piñatas! - Celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month by decorating piñatas and learning about their history and cultural significance. Work on your own or create with friends or family. We will end the program by breaking a piñata together. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited; registration is required. Please enter the total number of people joining you. Saturday, October 17th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm at the Lummi Island Grange Hall PLEASE NOTE: We expect one piñata to take about 90 minutes to complete. It will require hand-eye coordination, scissors, and glue. Recommended for ages 5 and up. Children (ages 12 and under) must be accompanied by an adult who will assist with the project. This program will be conducted in English and Spanish. Call us at (360) 305-3638 for help in Spanish.

Ready, Set, Solve: WCLS Speed Puzzling Contest - Join the fun in the first ever WCLS speed puzzling competition! Teams of up to 4 people will compete to see who can finish a copy of the same 300-piece puzzle the fastest. Don't have a team? Register anyway and on the day of the competition we will pair you up with others looking for a team. The top team from each participating library branch will have the opportunity to compete at the WCLS Speed Puzzling Championship on November 8th at Open Book. Register your team at Island Library. Team names are welcome. Saturday, October 24th, 2:00 – 3:30 pm



Western Solar

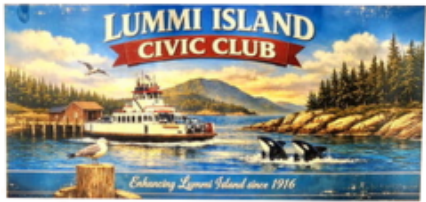
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The Lummi Island Civic Club is open to all Island Women, as we work together to improve life for the Lummi Island Community through service, programs, and grants. On September 10th, we kicked off the 2026~2027 season of meetings with a program of ‘Sharing Gifts from the Garden’. Members shared fruit, vegetables and preserves from their abundance, as this was a bumper year for fruit and vegetables...especially APPLES!!

Our next meeting will be Fall/ Halloween themed on the AFTERNOON of October 8th, starting at 3 pm. We have two afternoon meetings each year, to provide an opportunity for women whose schedules do not allow time for morning meetings. So put on your Fall or Halloween attire and join us at the Grange for colorful Fall Fun!

It takes a community to have FUN and the Civic Club participated in the Island Parade and won First Prize...by the toss of a coin to settle a tie for first place! The prize was the pride we all feel about being winners and a Dahlia Lei for our coordinator! Thank you to Carol McKinney for her vision and coordination for our participation. Additional thanks to Linda Smith, Ricky Bousman, various members that helped build the ferry float, The Chambers for their golf cart. For those that helped with the dead battery and the three folks who helped push it, Stu (Beach school bus driver), Raquel (Stu’s wife) and Alicia (Fire Dept).

Our Next community event is the Annual Twice Loved Sale, on Saturday October 10th, starting at 1pm and ending at 3pm. Gently used items in GOOD condition will be accepted at the Grange between 9am and 11am. This event is an important fund raiser for Civic Club as funds are used for grants to Island organizations. Molly Forman is the coordinator, and more information will be coming soon to Next Door, so start gathering your useful items that could be enjoyed by your Island neighbors. The Civic Club will also provide a Bake Sale, so even if you do not need to buy more stuff, you can buy and take home wonderful treats for your enjoyment.



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Even though the Reefnet season was not as great as predicted, the annual Salmon BBQ at the Grange was a delicious success. It takes an amazing team to organize, set-up, cook, serve and clean-up for this event, so a BIG THANK YOU to all who contributed their time and efforts... you are appreciated. Funds from this event are used to maintain and upgrade our historic and well-loved building, so thank you to everyone who came out to support your Grange.

With seasonal changes, we look for ways to celebrate Fall, so get your boots ready for our next event, the Fall Honky Tonk! This boot stomping, line dancing, fabulous music event is scheduled for Saturday, October 24th. Food for purchase will start at 6pm and the Max Miller Band will kick off the dance at 7pm and go to 9pm. Line dancing lessons will be provided at the Grange, starting at 6pm on September 28th, October 5th, October 12th, and October 19th. Contact Tara Bock for additional information.

The passing of Dolly Parton brought sadness to the hearts of those who loved her music, outlook on life and her amazing commitment to literacy through her Dolly Parton Foundation and the Imagination Library. Her legacy will continue throughout the world AND here on Lummi Island, as the Grange continues to sponsor the Imagination Library for all Island children between the ages of birth to 5 years old. If you have or know of a child who is not yet receiving their free Imagination Library books, please contact Carolyn Jewell Jenkins at 360.303.7070 for signup information. The Grange sponsors the Imagination Library with funds raised from recycled aluminum cans, so bring your cans to the little recycle shed, located at the back right corner of the Grange parking lot. Together we make a positive difference in the lives of Lummi Island children!

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Oktoberfest 2026 At The Gathering Place Saturday, October 17th, 5 – 8 pm

Come celebrate the changing of the seasons at the 3rd Annual Oktoberfest at The Gathering Place, October 17th, 5 – 8 pm. The doors open at 5 pm. There will be food and drink, a photo booth, and Bryan Thurber and his band will play from 6 – 7:30 pm. This year’s menu includes: Brats and all the fixings (w/a veggie/GF option), German potato salad, Black Forest cake, corndogs and apple cider for the kids, soft pretzels, beer and other drink options. Hope to see you there! \$20 tickets for dinner\$5 tickets to purchase beer and soft pretzels *** Tickets available at the door ***

The Labor Day Artist’s Tour was a hit

Lummi Island was a destination on Labor Day weekend this year, and the weather was PNW perfect! Artists from all over the island set up their studios or joined others at communal locations, the Islander Field Saturday Market was booming and local food vendors offered plenty of options for refreshments. The Gathering Place hosted six artists, sold box lunches and held one of Lummi Island’s favorite bake sales whose proceeds benefit this vital community facility. Thank you to all who participated and came out to support our local artists and vendors. Mark your calendars for the next Artist’s Tour, Sat & Sun, November 14 & 15.

The Gathering Place will be launching our new website soon. The Gathering Place is in the process of updating its website. If you are a Lummi Island vendor, we would like to promote your business on our updated website in our “Lummi Island Preferred Vendor List”. If you are an event planner, photographer, offer accommodations, flower arrangements, personal beauty care, childcare, dressmaking/alterations, caterer or other food service, 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.

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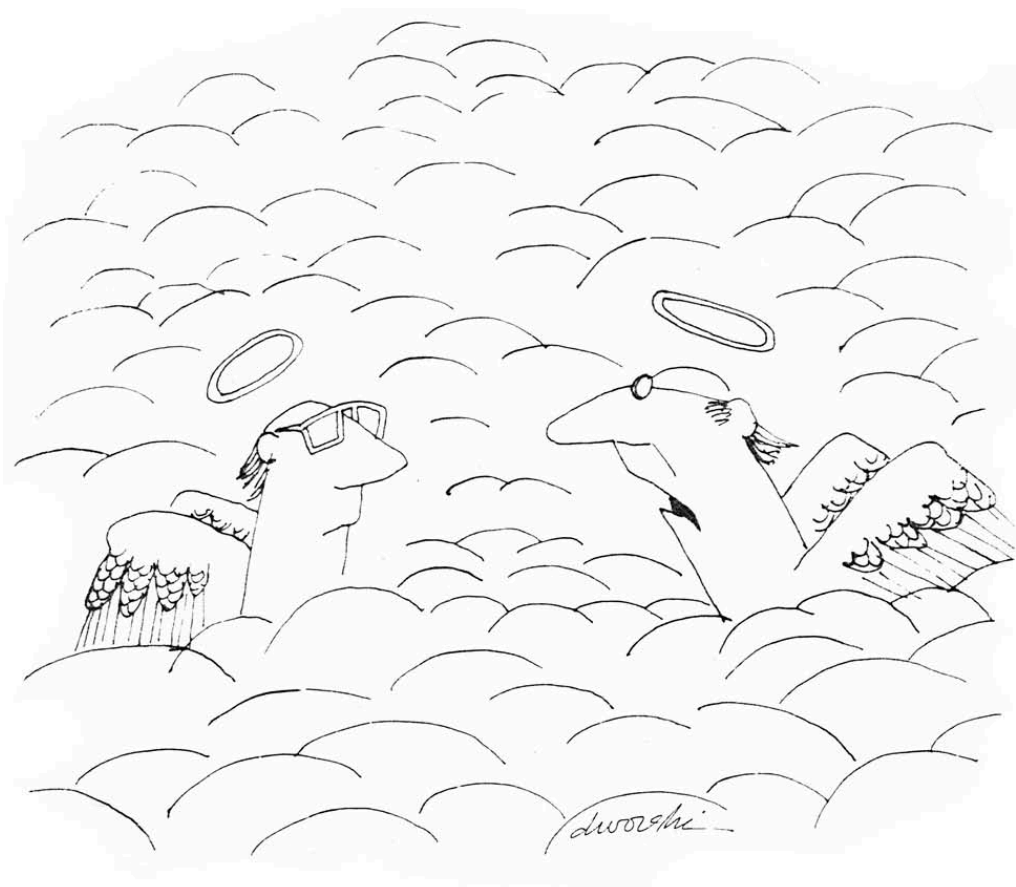


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