# The Tome of Lummi Island

November 2026 - Volume 61 No. 11


## Calendar of Events

### November Events - Up to date information at OurLummiIsland.org

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| Ongoing Event | Harvest of the Heart Art Exhibition LIH&W Resource Center | 9:00 - Noon |
| Nov 3, Tue | Teen Art Hangout - Zine Making, Island Library, **See Pg. 8** | 3:30 - 4:30 pm |
| | Island Improv, The Gathering Place | 6:00 pm |
| Nov 5, Thu | SHIBA & Senior Services, The Gathering Place, **See Pg. 8** | 2:00 - 4:00 pm |
| Nov 7, Sat | Mushroom Foray, Otto Preserve, **See Pg. 3** | 9:30 am - 12:30 pm |
| Nov 8, Sun | Falling Inward, The Gathering Place, **See Pg 4** | 4:00 - 6:00 pm |
| | Spaghetti Dinner, Grange Hall, **See Pg. 7** | 5:00 - 7:00 pm |
| Nov 11, Wed | Veterans Day Celebration, Beach School, **See Pg. 7** | 10:00 am |
| Nov 12, Thu | Bio-Char in the Garden, Island Library, **See Pg. 8** | 5:00 pm |
| | AI 101: Managing Your Health Using AI, The Gathering Place, **See Pg. 4** | 6:30 - 8:00 pm |
| Nov 14, Sat | Aiston Fall Work Party, Aiston Preserve, **See Pg. 3** | 10:00 am - 2:00 pm |
| | Genealogy on the Island - Part 3, Island Library, **See Pg. 8** | 2:00 - 3:30 pm |
| Nov 14/15, Sa/Su | Artist tour, various locations | 11:00 am - 5:00 pm |
| Nov 16, Mon | Planning for Long Term Car, The Gathering Place, **See Pg. 4** | 1:00 pm |
| Nov 17, Tue | Foot Care Clinic, The Gathering Place | By Appointment |
| | Island Improv, The Gathering Place | 6:00 pm |
| Nov 19, Thu | Kids' Community Thank You Notes, Island Library, **See Pg. 8** | 3:00 - 4:00 pm |
| Nov 21, Sat | 2nd Aiston Fall Work Party, Aiston Preserve, **See Pg. 3** | 10:00 am - 12:00 pm |
| | Pre-Thanksgiving Day Dinner by the Island Chapel, Grange Hall | 5:00 pm |
| Nov 22, Sun | Meditative Sound Bath, The Gathering Place, **See Pg. 4** | 4:00 - 5:30 pm |
| Nov 26, Thu | Happy Thanksgiving Day! | |
| Nov 28, Sat | The Body Speaks, The Gathering Place, **See Pg. 4** | 12:00 - 2:00 pm |

### Weekly

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| **Recycling: November 8 & 22** | | |
| 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 | 10:30 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: November 12 & 26 - 12:10 pm Gooseberry & 1:00 pm Island Runs Canceled** | | |

### Monthly

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| 1st Mon | Emergency Siren Test - *Do not call 911* | 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 |
| 2nd Wed | Historical Society, Island Library - Hanson Room, Open to all | 6:00 pm |
| 4th Wed | WCFAC Meeting, The Gathering Place - Nov & Dec dates may change | 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 |

## LICA Presidents Corner

*By David Thorn*

The LICA board hopes you are all well and enjoying the fantastic fall weather.

In this issue of the Tome you will find an envelope to support the Tome for 2027. Many thanks for your continued support to allow us to keep the Tome published in print and available to all on the island as well as online. As always, any excess donated funds will be passed on to island organizations.

Your LICA board meets the first Tuesday of the month 7 pm at the library. Please join us if you would like to know more about LICA. We would also request that you put any questions/concerns/comments to the board in our drop box across from the post office.

Have a great Thanksgiving.

*David*

| **Past Rainfall Totals** | | | **2025** | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Location** | **April** | **May** | **June** | **July** | **August** | **September** |
| **Westshore** - Hutton/Byers | 1.72 | 1.14 | 1.22 | 0.16 | 1.27 | 1.00 |
| **North Tuttle Lane** - Nancy Simmerman | 1.75 | 1.66 | 0.92 | 0.17 | 1.17 | 1.03 |
| **South Nugent** - Jerry Brown | 1.73 | 1.45 | 0.80 | 0.10 | 1.26 | 1.08 |
| **Scenic Estates** - Leslie Dempsey | 1.72 | 1.69 | 1.16 | 0.12 | 1.72 | 1.43 |
| **Granger Way** - Scott Josiah | 1.75 | 1.46 | 0.80 | 0.13 | 1.02 | 1.02 |
| **Scenic Estates -** Crawford | 1.76 | 1.28 | 1.10 | 0.15 | 1.59 | 1.15 |
| **Current Rainfall Totals** | | | **2026** | | | |
| **Location** | **April** | **May** | **June** | **July** | **August** | |
| **Westshore** - Hutton/Byers | 1.47 | 1.63 | 1.13 | 1.07 | 0.50 | 4.67 |
| **North Tuttle Lane** - Nancy Simmerman | 1.52 | 1.70 | 1.24 | 1.20 | 0.51 | 4.13 |
| **South Nugent** - Jerry Brown | 1.39 | 1.67 | 1.47 | 1.47 | 0.52 | 4.17 |
| **Scenic Estates** - Leslie Dempsey | 1.27 | 1.99 | 0.46 | 1.46 | 0.50 | 4.11 |
| **Granger Way** - Scott josiah | 1.07 | 1.65 | 1.14 | 1.18 | 0.44 | 3.85 |
| **Scenic Estates** - Crawford | 1.16 | 1.87 | 2.00 | 1.03 | 0.44 | 3.51 |


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## Lummi Island November Artist Tour

*By Ed Lowe*

Multiple Lummi Island artists and crafters will be offering their works at the fall Studio Tour. Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 14 and 15, 11 am - 5 pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know some talented neighbors and support your local artists' community. Tour maps are available at The Islander store or on Facebook at Lummi Island Studio Tour. Put this on your calendar! Questions? Ed Lowe 206-625-9094 or Barbara Boulanger 530-680-5402.

## Lummi Island Heritage Trust

*By LIHT Staff*

**Mushroom Foray** November 7, 9:30am-12:30pm: It's fall in the Pacific Northwest, which brings beautiful changing of the leaves, banana slugs and, of course, mushrooms! Mushrooms: known as the great recyclers of the forest and the secret to a healthy, functioning forest. The fungi kingdom is a wild and wacky world to explore, full of fun and interesting finds. Vibrant colors and shapes with unusual scents, spikes and features.

Once a year LIHT takes "mushroom inventory" and curious mushroom-hunters of all experience levels help to tally our island's diverse fungi. Join us as we explore Aiston, Baker, Curry and Otto Preserves with experienced mycologists in a fun, informative event. We will collect and learn to identify these beautiful organisms. Space is limited for this popular event, please visit liht.org to reserve your spot or get on the waiting list.

**Work Parties-Aiston Fall Weeding and Seeding:** 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.

- **November 14—Weeding & Site Prep | 10:00 am-2:00 pm** Our first work party will focus entirely on preparing the planting sites for seeding. We'll be removing sweet clover and other competing vegetation around the young oak trees and getting the soil ready for native fescue seed.
- **November 21—Native Seeding | 10:00 am-12:00 pm** Our second work party will focus on seeding native fescues across the prepared planting sites. We'll spread the seed and help ensure it gets established in the areas around the young oaks.

For both work parties, please come prepared for the weather with sturdy work clothes and boots suitable for muddy, uneven terrain, and bring work gloves and water. We will provide the necessary hand tools, but feel free to bring your own favorite weeding tools if you have them. For questions or to RSVP, email skylar@liht.org or call 360-758-7997.

**Giving Tuesday December 1, 2026** Mark your calendar and please consider supporting the Lummi Island Heritage Trust this year on Giving Tuesday, December 1st. Our preserves and open spaces are almost entirely funded by your generous donations. Your access to nature and open space is the direct result of the generosity of the community along with donors far and wide. Together we can ensure protection and conservation of our island's habitats and natural resources. Please look for our Giving Tuesday campaign, landing in your inbox or on our website at www.liht.org soon.

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## Lummi Island Civic Club

*By Carolyn Jewell Jenkins*




**Open to all Lummi Island women**, the Civic Club brings neighbors together to strengthen island life through service, engaging programs, and community grants. Our members' diverse experiences and adventures spark new ways to connect, contribute, and enrich life on Lummi Island.

**Twice-Loved Treasures** October was buzzing with Civic Club activity! On October 10th, the Annual Twice Loved Sale offered Islanders a wonderful mix of gently used and new finds. Thank you to everyone who came out to discover a new delight and support this important fundraiser. Proceeds help fund grants for Lummi Island groups and organizations—so every purchase gives back to our island community.

**Celebrating Across Generations** Civic Club members are also rolling up their sleeves for two favorite school traditions. For Beach School's Halloween Party, members provide cakes, mugs, and cheerful booth support—it is always a joy to see generations having fun together. Members will also bring food and helping hands to the

**Veterans Day Celebration** at the school on November 10th.

**Coming Up**: Outsmart Scams and Fraud Join us for our next meeting at the Grange on Thursday, November 12th, at 10 a.m. A detective from the Whatcom County Sheriff's Office will share practical ways to protect ourselves from identity theft, fraud, and scams. In an age of fast-moving digital technology and artificial intelligence, knowing how to avoid being hacked or scammed is more important than ever. Come ready to learn, ask questions, and leave better prepared.

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## Lummi Island Health & Wellness (LIH&W)

**November at LIH&W: Caring for Our Health, Mind and Well-Being.** As autumn settles over Lummi Island, November offers opportunities to learn, connect, and care for ourselves and one another. LIH&W presents two educational programs focused on healthcare and advocacy, along with three workshops that invite us to slow down and nurture our mental well-being.

**AI 101: Managing Your Health Using AI** Thursday, November 12 | 6:30–8:00 pm. Join Island resident and technology expert Robert Keller at The Gathering Place for an introduction to artificial intelligence (AI) and its potential role in healthcare. Learn practical ways AI can help older adults and families understand health information, prepare for appointments, and navigate conversations with providers and insurers. Questions and discussion are welcome. AI can be a useful tool, but it cannot replace healthcare professionals. A follow-up session entitled AI 102 will be presented on December 10 to explore how to use AI safely in everyday life. Donations will benefit The Gathering Place.

**Planning for Long-Term Care** Monday, November 16 | 1:00 pm. Erika Crichton, MSW, will discuss how personal values and goals shape care decisions as we age or live with serious illness. Topics include levels of care and options for funding long-term services. This presentation is especially valuable for family caregivers and anyone supporting loved ones.

**Make Space for Mental Well-Being this season: Falling Inward: Embodying Seasonal Transitions** Sunday, November 15 | 4:00–6:00 p.m. Join Gianna Carotenuto for seasonal yoga, reflection, and personal ceremony. Take time to reflect on the year, release what no longer serves you, and set intentions for the season ahead. This gentle gathering offers space to pause and reconnect with yourself as the seasons change.

**Meditative Sound Bath** Sunday, November 22 | 4:00–5:30 pm. Jennifer Martin offers soothing sounds and gentle vibrations to encourage relaxation, quiet the mind, and restore balance. Come get comfortable, listen, and breathe. Give yourself a peaceful pause from everyday busyness, bring a friend, and enjoy an opportunity for deep rest.

**The Body Speaks: Learning the Language of Your Nervous System** Saturday, November 28 | noon–2:00 pm. Cat Tiesteel leads an engaging workshop exploring how stress, connection, activity, and rest affect the body. Through accessible education, guided reflection, conversation, and simple embodied practices, participants will learn more about their nervous systems. Space is limited to eight participants, so register early. No previous experience is needed.

All events take place at The Gathering Place. Visit www.lummihw.org for details and registration information. Whether you're seeking practical guidance for healthcare decisions or a chance to slow down and recharge, we hope you'll join us. These November gatherings offer opportunities to learn with neighbors, strengthen connections, and care for your well-being.

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## WCFAC

*By Terry Diffley*

We send a huge **THANK YOU! to Rhayma Blake**, who has recently resigned from her position on WCFAC. She has been a very valuable and collaborative member, helping us all maintain focus on promoting the Ferry Tax District, and securing funding for the new ferry vessel. She also was a stellar and thorough minutes-taker for our meetings, which is no small feat! You will be missed, Rhayma, but thanks so much for volunteering your time.

Our ad hoc committees, the New Ferry and Docks Group, and the Service Alternatives Taskforce have been doing some seriously active research and gathering information for the significant ferry service changes expected in the next two years. Updates will be provided at WCFAC Meetings, and on a soon-to-be central online link. Also, look for surveys forthcoming to assess needs of families and businesses, especially for the long car service outage expected to begin in July 2028.

Please take the following short survey, to help us get a picture of how the 2026 Drydock worked for islanders. The County has limitations on what changes it can make, but the feedback may be useful. (Public Works hopes to get information on the 2027 Drydock timing by this coming January, and they have heard the requests to provide as much lead-time notice as possible.) Drydock Survey link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RX6DHGR

Our next WCFAC meetings are very near the holidays of Thanksgiving and Christmas, so November and December meeting time announcements are uncertain at this writing. 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







## Ferry Currents: Words from Your Crew

*By Michele Morrissey & Mandy Feutz*

You've likely noticed the dramatic changes in tides throughout the year. King tides occur when the gravitational pull of the sun and moon combines to produce exceptionally high tides. They can also bring unusually low tides, and local weather conditions can also affect water levels.

On any given day, tides may rise and fall by just a few feet or more than 10 feet. These changing water levels can affect ferry loading, especially for heavier vehicles and those with trailers or long rear overhangs.

If you're towing a trailer, driving an RV, or carrying a heavy load, please keep the following in mind:

- **Vehicle weight:** Vehicles over 40,000 pounds gross vehicle weight (GVW) are not permitted on the ferry when tides are below zero feet.
- **Trailers and long rear overhangs**: We strongly recommend traveling when tides are at least 4 feet. Lower tides can create a steep approach angle that cannot be corrected by adjusting the ferry ramp. This could damage your vehicle, trailer, or ferry equipment.

Please consider both your vehicle's weight and how far it extends beyond the rear axles when planning your trip. You can find more information on the Ferry Division's webpage: www.whatcomcounty.us/ferry. Search for "tide-related weight restrictions" for a list of specific dates and times that vehicles over 40,000 GVW are not permitted.
Thanks for helping us help you! We're all on this boat together.

And...Have a fun and safe Halloween!



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## Lummi Island Congregational Church

*By Pastor Jamie Kepros*

As we enter the season of "giving thanks," I have a long list of things to be thankful for. Many items on the list involve the community of Lummi Island. I am thankful for the many ways Islanders show up for one another in difficulty and in celebration. I am thankful for the commitment to the wider community so many exemplify through participation in the numerous Island organizations. I am thankful that the Congregational Church has long been one of these organizations that so many Islanders (regardless of creed or belief) support and appreciate.

I'm also thankful for Elderberries which makes every Wednesday special. All are welcome to The Gathering Place on Wednesdays from 11 am to 2 pm with lunch at Noon. Come on by and join the diverse and friendly group of folks who enjoy the camaraderie and a good meal. All are also welcome to The Gathering Place on Friday mornings at 10 am for coffee and conversation.

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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## Holiday Joy

**Bringing Holiday Joy** The to our unhoused neighbors…right here in Whatcom County. Every year Interfaith Coalition (a coalition of all the churches in Whatcom County) along with the Opportunity Council invite the residents of our county to share in bringing Holiday Joy to recommended families who are currently unhoused and struggling financially. These families get to share in the joy of the season by a shopping experience whereby parents can choose gifts for their children at no cost and parents themselves receive gift cards (e.g. pre-paid VISA to a store like Fred Meyer or Target) to take care of unmet needs like groceries.and clothing. Children receive toys/sports equipment with a total value of about $50. Teens can receive all purpose gift cards (e.g. pre-paid VISA to a store like Target) to spend as they like. The goal is $50 in toys or gift cards for each recipient. A list of good choices for toys (broken down by age) will be at the Library and The Gathering Place and the Church and on the Congregational Church web site).

The Congregational Church participates every year and this year we have a plan so any Islander can join in. After you purchase the suggested toy/sports equipment, you can bring it, unwrapped, to the blue barrel in the Gathering Place. Wednesday, December the 9th is the deadline so that all the gifts can be turned in on Thursday December the 10th. This gives time to arrange the shopping events and delivery of the gifts before the Holidays. If you donate a gift card you can take it to the Library which can accept the gift cards only as they have no space to store toys. Again the last day there would be Tuesday, December 8th so the gift cards can be delivered along with the other gifts by the Thursday December 10th deadline.

Last year 121 families, including almost 300 children were so gifted! Parents are sooo grateful to be able to give their children some joy of the season. Thank you! Call 360 389-6697 with any questions…

## Beach School

*By Tammy Immer*

On behalf of Beach School, we want to extend our sincere gratitude to the community for the generous apple donations for our Harvest Festival—thanks to you, we have plenty of cider for the upcoming school year and them some to sell! We also want to thank BEPTO for a fantastic Halloween fundraiser; it was a truly memorable event for everyone. We hope to see you all at the Trunk or Treat at The Islander on October 31st!

Additionally, our 5th-grade Leadership students would like to honor our local Veterans with a brunch on Tuesday, November 10th, at 10:00 a.m. We are deeply grateful for your service and look forward to celebrating you.

Please also note that the Santa Ship will arrive earlier this year on Friday, December 11th. Santa and his crew will be on the 6:30 p.m. ferry so they can make it back for the 8:00 p.m. departure. Join us at the dock to escort them to the school for holiday photos, toys, free popcorn, and cider!

Finally, if you have a skill you'd like to share with our students, we are currently looking for volunteers for our after-school enrichment program. Whether it's soccer, engineering, language, art, cooking, gardening, robotics, or music, we'd love to hear from you.

As always, thank you for your continued support and love for Beach School!

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## Lummi Island Historical Society

*By Joan Keiper*




The the upcoming Spaghett-Toygether fundraiser on Nov. 8 will also include a toy drive. The Historical Society has been asked to participate and will be one of the beneficiaries of this event. A pictorial history of Beach school will be on display. Along with some artifacts from "olden" school days. To promote the toy drive we would also like to do a display of vintage toys. We are looking for toys from the 50's, 60's etc- Tonka trucks, trains, Legos, Lincoln logs, early Barbies, Gumby, hula hoops. You get the idea. If you have a vintage toy willing to loan, please text Joan at (360) 739- 0146.

The Historical Society meets the second Wednesday of the month at the Island Library, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. Next meeting: Nov 11th, 6:00 pm. Open to all.

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

**LATTER DAY SAINTS** Ferguson, Bennett and also Grant, Syre and Hawkinson ran the steamer Brant. Hudsons, Willys, Austins and Fords—names of cars we couldn't afford. Hanning, Tappen, also Frank Coyle, Mike Christinson and M r. Insley who tilled the soil. Townley ,Eldrid, Halverson, Wood, Johnnie O'Rourke now live here for good. Fray Baker, MacMillian,McLain, Marie Boon, a hunter from Orcas who shot a coon. Biblical names we also record, like Mathew and Luke, also a Lord. I remember the logging of that early day, 'twas done on the Island the skid-road way. How it done by those early birds, I give you the dope in a very few words: They would roll over a log on the bottom side then hew off the bark, make what they called a "ride"; then covered the skids with grease to propel, down the shutes they would go like a bat out of a well. They would plunge in the water below, where a boom was made up ready to tow. Now in a nutshell I've told, how in early days they logged off the land so stock could graze, houses build, and gardens made, even cut down the trees they had left for shade. I recall a logger of those good old days, then horses were used on the greasy skid ways: a timber beast by the name of Vaughn – he made plenty of money, but soon it was gone.He'd ship his logs to the mills in town, then follow along, his cares to drown. With water you say? Not he, I don't think – that was one beverage he never would drink. He'd meet his old cronies and they'd stay till the end, of his hard earned money, he'd always spend. This would happen year after year, till the day he died.Now he's buried here.

**Next month**: Industries

# The Island Library - It Belongs to You

*By Erin Suda*

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

**November Upcoming Events**

**Teen Art Hangout - Zine Making** - Join us at the library for an afternoon of zine making! Be it collage, comics, poetry, or anything else that's on your mind, these mini magazines are a fun and ultra-accessible way to make your voice heard. All materials are provided. For grades 6-12. Tuesday, November 3rd, 3:30-4:30 pm for Zine-Making, and all other Tuesdays in November for Teen Art Hangout with other materials

**Senior Services at the Health & Wellness Center** – Stacy Malone Miller, of Northwest Regional Council, will be coming this month to advise about in-home care, transportation, and other services available to seniors. She will be joined by a SHIBA rep who will help with Medicare-related questions – you can sign up for a half-hour in-person appointment with either or both.
Register soon at wcls.org or at the library. Drop-ins will be accommodated if space is available.
Thursday, November 5th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm at The Gathering Place

**Community Helpers Storytimes** - We will host special guests at two upcoming Saturday Storytimes at the library. Community helpers do all kinds of work to support and protect the people of Lummi Island - bring your little ones to these special events and see the people, vehicles, and pets close up!

- Sheriff Storytime - November 7th at 11 am
- Pet Helper Storytime - November 14th at 11 am

All the other Saturdays in November will be regular Storytimes filled with the usual books, songs, movement, and of course fun!

**Genealogy on the Island - Part 3**: Digitize-It - The Lummi Island Historical Society and Island Library bring you a series of three programs on the subject of genealogy. The final session will be presented by Everson Branch Manager, Paul Fullner, and will feature the Digitize-It Kit, which is available to reserve from the library and includes a variety of library resources for scanning documents and photos, and ways to digitize video recordings from VHS, film and other bygone formats. Join library staff to learn about the available equipment and the basics of how to use it. Please register at wcls.org or at the library. Saturday, November 14th, 2:00 – 3:30 pm

**Island Library Book Club** - Everyone's welcome to Island Library's book club, which meets at 11:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of November 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.

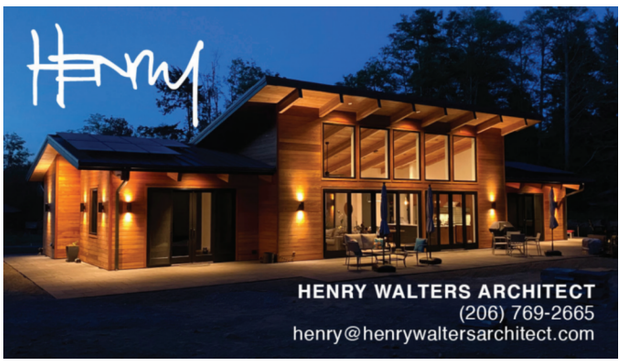
- **Upcoming**: November 19 - The Emperor of Gladness by Ocean Vuong

**Kids' Community Thank You Notes** - Join us for a program to create and share thank you notes with the people and organizations in our community that make the world a better place to be. We'll supply the cards, stamps, and stuff for decorating. You bring the gratitude and good wishes. For grades K-5 Thursday, November 19th, 3 - 4 pm

**Mindfulness in Art:** Handmade Cards - Discover the calming power of creativity! Participants will explore soothing watercolor and learn the meditative practice of Zentangle drawing—simple, structured patterns that encourage focus and flow. No experience needed—register at wcls.org or at the library front counter to hold your spot! Saturday, November 21st, 1 – 3 pm









# Resilient Lummi

*By Robin Richardson*

Many of you attended our event last spring when PSE came out and talked about their programs. If you are interested in Energy Rebates or Financial Assistance, now is the time to visit PSE's webpage to learn more and apply.

It is also an excellent time to plant garlic. From garlic donated by Gail Felton, Scott Josiah Barnes grew out a wonderful crop of garlic for our Seed Library, which is located at Island Library. Please do not take more than 2 heads per household and consider growing some to donate back to the Seed Library.

And speaking of gardens, at our next meeting on Nov.12 , 5pm at the library, Michael Byers, of West Shore Farm, will talk to us about creating Bio-Char and using it in your garden for added soil health and productivity. All interested are welcome to attend!

Watch for film events this fall and winter, regarding resilience on Lummi Island. We are happy to get recommendations for documentaries of interest to our island community for future screenings and discussions.

# Lummi Island Action Grange

*By Carolyn Jewell-Jenkins*

**Fall Fun at the Grange**! Fall is bursting with colors, crisper air, and frolicking fun! The boot stomping, line dancing Honky Tonk was a roaring success on October 24th. A big thank you to Tara Bock for organizing this event and for everyone who pitched in to make a great evening of music and dance.

**Rooted in Community** The Lummi Island Grange is unique amongst the Granges of Whatcom County. While other Granges are based in the rural, agricultural areas of the county, we started in a fishery and logging based rural area. Our founding members did not have large tracts of flat land to farm, but they knew how to harvest timber, and fish from the sea. What was common to all Granges at the start and what continues today, is the united belief that by working together, we can enrich the quality of life we enjoy in Whatcom County and especially on Lummi Island. This year, more than 20 Islanders have joined the Grange in the commitment to maintain the values that keep our Island special. We are diverse in our religions, politics, and lifestyles, and that is what makes us a strong organization. If you would like information about joining the Grange, please join us on the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm.

**Books for Island Children** The Grange sponsored Dolly Parton Imagination Library is adding new children each month. This amazing program provides free books each month to children from birth to 5 years of age. The Grange pays for the book costs through their Aluminum Can Recycling Program. When you bring your cans to the recycle shed, at the back right side of the Grange parking lot, you are supporting literacy for Island children. A gift that benefits everyone, so thank you for your donations. For more information, contact Carolyn Jewell Jenkins at 360.303.7070.

**Christmas Bazaar** The Christmas Bazaar will be held at Beach School on Saturday, December 5, from 10 am to 2 pm. Contact Carol McKinney to sign up for a table.

**Rent the Grange** The Grange is available for rent for meetings, events, classes, and celebrations. Leslie Dempsy is the rental contact and now is the time to set up your dates for 2027.



***HOLIDAY BAZAAR***

***The Lummi Island Grange will be holding its Annual Holiday Bazaar at the Beach School December 5th from 10-2 o'clock. If you are interested in reserving a table please contact Carol McKinney carol.mckinney@gmail.com. The cost is $25.00 dollars.***


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*By TGP Board*

**Oktoberfest 2026** What a wonderful fall celebration at The Gathering Place's annual Oktoberfest! On a crisp fall evening, indoors or on the patio around the firepits, islanders enjoyed a tasty meal, delectable dessert, and festive beer while Bryan Thurber and Friends played world class music. Special thanks go to Kulshan Brewery, Ralf's Bavarian Bakery, Costco, Thrivent, Full Bloom Farm, LIFE, Lummi Island Dahlias, and all the volunteers who contributed to making the event extra special. Oktoberfest helps support the annual operating costs of The Gathering Place. Yes, it was a fundraiser, but the community spirit was priceless.

**November Artist's Tour at The Gathering Place**. The Gathering Place will be a stop on the November Artist's Tour, Sat/Sun, November 14th and 15th, 11 am - 5 pm. We will host seven artists, box lunches will be available for $10, and we will have another fantastic Bake Sale Fundraiser. Proceeds will go to support this community facility. The artists that will be showing at The Gathering Place are: Barbara Boulanger, Sharon Grainger, Ed Lowe, Carol McKinney, Gayle Mitterer, Rachel Smersh and Steve Thatcher. After visiting with artists and enjoying lunch and baked goods, take a walk to the beach or explore the island labyrinth!

The Gathering Place has launched our new website. The Gathering Place has a freshly redesigned website. Check it out at ligatheringplace.com. If you are a Lummi Island vendor, we want to promote your event services on our updated website. Are you an event planner, photographer, accommodations host, florist, hairdresser, tailor, caterer or cake baker? If you would like to be included on our Preferred Vendor list, contact us at info@ligatheringplace.com.

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## Ramblings on the Rock



Recently spotted in an around the neighborhood by an open meadow on several occasions the Cooper's Hawk are found year round in this part of its range.

As one of the bird worlds most skillful flyers these hawks are often found in wooded habitats and are known to feed mostly on small mammals such as chipmunks, tree squirrels, ground squirrels and mice; and medium sized birds, generally the size range of robins, jays, and flickers. Hunting by stealth and when crossing large open areas, such as meadows, rarely flap but instead glide flying close to the ground and quickly up and over any obstructions in order to surprise any prey that might be on the other side. These hawks may be reason behind prey birds seen flying tinto home windows, particularly this time of year.

Their habitat is generally mature forest, open woodlands, and wood edges. Nests are found in either deciduous or conifers 25-50 feet above ground. Often on top of a pre-existing bird or squirrel nest.

Be sure and keep your eyes open on your ramblings around the island to catch a glimpse of this hawk.

Thanks to Cheryl Bachus for the picture.

## Helpful Numbers

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| **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 |

## Election Day November 3rd!!!

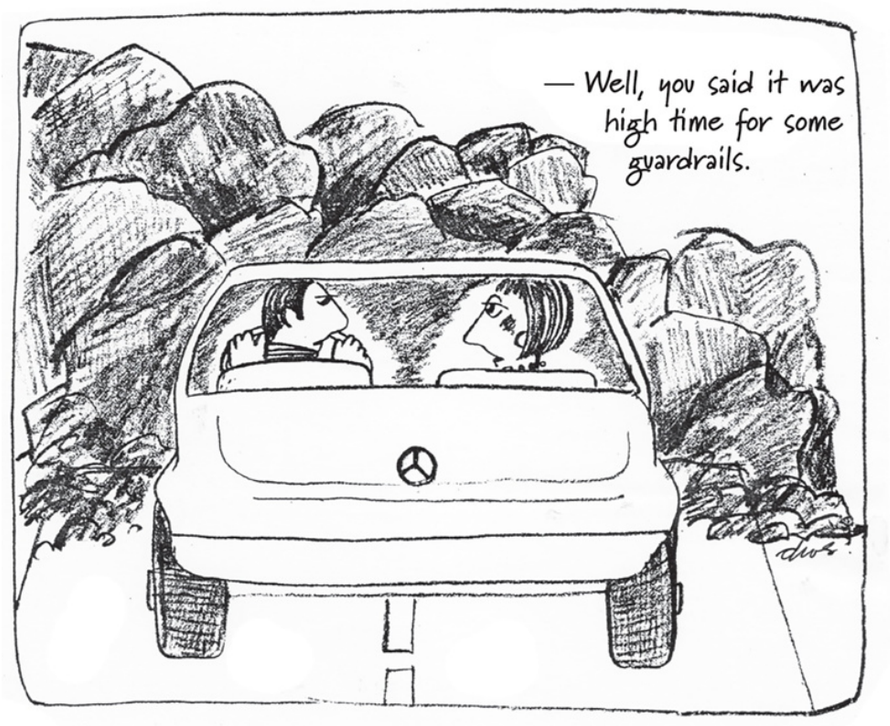


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