



The Lummi Island Tome

May 2025 - Volume 60 No. 5



Calendar of Events

Weekly

Sunday	Island Chapel – Grange Main Building	9:30 - 10:30 am
	Worship Service – Congregational Church Sanctuary	10:30 - 11:30 am
Tuesday	Kundalini Yoga – The Gathering Place	9:00 am
	Island Chapel Ladies' Bible Study – 1759 Joans Ln / Zoom	7:00 pm
Wednesday	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	LIFD Volunteer Firefighting Training (except holidays)	6:30 - 9:00 pm
Friday	Coffee Shop and Games – The Gathering Place	10:00 - 11:30 am
Saturday	Preschool Story Time at the Library	10:30 - 11:00 am

Ferry Refueling: May 15 & 29th; 12:10pm Gooseberry & 1:00 pm Lummi Island Runs Delayed

Monthly

1st Mon.	Emergency Siren Test - <i>Do not call 911</i>	12:00 pm
3rd Mon.	FOIL Board Meeting – Library, Hanson Meeting Room	6:00 pm
1st Tue	LICA Board Meeting - Library, Hanson Meeting Room	7:00 pm
2nd Tue.	WCFD 11 Board of Fire Commissioners Meeting - Fire Hall	7:00 pm
3rd Tue.	Resilient Lummi Island - Library, Hanson Meeting Room	6:30–7:45 pm
4th Tue.	Cemetery Commission Meeting - Grange Hall	4:00 - 5:00 pm
1st Wed.	Grange Meeting - Grange Hall	6:00 pm
4th Wed.	WCFAC Meeting - The Gathering Place	6:00 pm
2nd Thur.	Civic Club - Grange Hall	10:00 am
4th Thur	Library Book Club - Library, Hanson Room	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

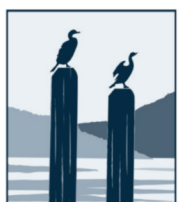
Recycling: No recycling during dry-dock, scheduled to resume Monday May 12th

May Events

May 1, Thu	Beach School Jog-a-thon, Beach School, See Pg. 9	9:45 am
May 3, Sat	Whatcom Reads: Make a Meander Book Workshop, Island Library, See Pg 6	1:00 - 3:00 pm
	Movie Shorts & Snacks, Island Library, See Pg 4	6:30 - 8:00 pm
May 6, Tue	Japanese Story Theater, Island Library, See Pg. 6	2:30 - 4:30
May 8, Thu	Senior Services Northwest Regional Council, The Gathering Place, See Pg 6	1:30 - 4:30
May 11, Sun	Whatcom Chief Returns!!!	
May 15, Thu	End of Dry Dock Party! Grange, See Pg. 8	5:00 - 8:00 pm
	Native Bees: Our Neighbors & Friends, Otto Resource Center, See Pg 5	
May 17, Sat	Civic Club Plant Expo, Grange, See Pg. 9	11:00 am - 1:00 pm
May 18, Sun	Native Plant Walk, Otto Resource Center, See Pg 5	1:45 pm
May 22, Thu	Noticing the Small Things, Otto Resource Center, See Pg 5	
May 24 - 25	Artist Tour, various locations, See Pg 11	10:00 am - 6:00 pm

Upcoming Events

June 9, Mon	Blood Drive, The Gathering Place	
June 10, Tue	Parish Dinner	
June 28, Sat	Foil Used Book Sale Opens, Island Library	10:00 am - 7:00 pm
	2nd Annual Field Day, Carriage House Gardens	1:00 - 4:00 pm
July 4, Fri	Church Rummage Sale	4:00 - 8:00 pm
July 12, Sat	Forest Fest, Otto Preserve	12:00 - 3:00 pm



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Lehr Miller was the organizer of the Lummi Island Community Club(LICC) and started the newsletter. The first issue of the “Lummi Island Newsletter” was mailed to all community club members in May, 1966, It was typed on one side of 8 ½ x 11” paper. The publication schedule was very erratic that first year.

The early newsletters were “people-centric” reporting on the comings and goings of the Islanders- births, marriages, illnesses, and travels. During the late sixties and early seventies there was a paragraph in each issue reporting on those folks who had medical issues (with details) severe enough to require surgery and/or hospitalization. There was also a monthly update on the whereabouts of the Island “boys” who were in military service. Miller, the editor of these early issues wrote without constraint and often used satiric misspelling of words for effect.

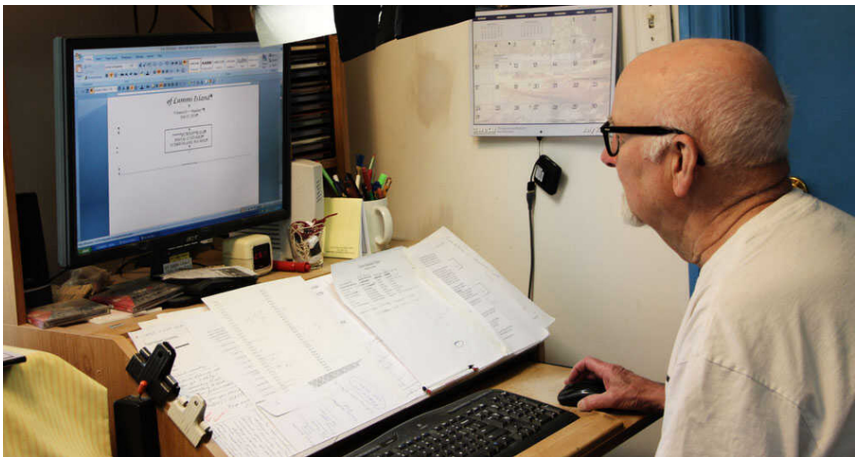
The newsletter continued to expand as the Island became busier - becoming the preferred method of reporting the “happenings” and activities of the numerous Island organizations, the school, the fire dept., the post office, and the library. Also, it was a good place to advertise your business. During the 80’s historian Peggy Aiston kept all aware of Island history by letting us know what had happened that month in previous years. Articles on Island history were continued by Beth Hudson and later Paul Davis. Obituaries have always had an honored and preferential space in the newsletter. Unused space was filled-in with cartoons, jokes or silly stories. It expanded to two sheets in ‘68, then 3 in ‘83. By May, ‘87 four sheets were required.

The newsletter has had many names. Most often it was labeled some version of “Lummi Island Community Club Newsletter”, but editor Paul Davis, looking for a more creative name, came up with “the LI Monthly Bird Cage Liner”, “The Rag”, “Lilliputian Press”, “The Lummi Island Casette”, “Lummi Island News and World Report”, “Lummi Island APauling Newsletter”, to name a few. In 2000, editor Davis felt the “use of ‘Newsletter’ as a proper noun for the name of our monthly epistle lacked the class and dignity that we richly deserved” and decided our newsletter would henceforth be known as the “TOME of Lummi Island”.

The tools used to produce the newsletter have evolved with the times. First entirely typed on a manual typewriter and printed by mineograph, later separate typed articles were submitted and pasted in place by the editor, then came the word processor. When Paul was editor, his “cut and paste” technique was so precise that it was unnoticed by the reader. This mock-up was first delivered to be photocopied then later to be printed. In 2021 Paul started to electronically deliver the TOME file to the printers – and the “eTOME” was born and delivered to anyone requesting it via email. Folding the TOME is still done manually by Island volunteers with 734 delivered by the post office and over 290 by email.

The main editors of the newsletter were Lehr Miller from 1966-1976 (Miller was assisted by Gus Johnson), Gerri Neuman ‘76 until May, ‘81. Paul Davis took charge as editor in Jun of ‘81 until Dec, 2022. Followed by Christine Green, Kris Sager, and currently Janice Holmes. Prior to computers, the editors were assisted by a number of typists: Shirley Aiston, Paula Gaines, Larry Van Dyke, Carol Stoufer and Terry Bedsworth.

A celebration of the TOME’s Anniversary will be in August at the Grange. Details to follow.



Long Time Editor Paul Davis.
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LICA Board Report: We hope dry dock is going well for all. The LICA Board is happy to report Jonathan Barry has joined the Board. Welcome Jonathan. We still need other islanders to join us on the Board. Please contact any of us if interested.

LICA will be hosting a “report from Olympia” at our July 30 General meeting with our local elected officials coming to Lummi Island. More details to follow.

The next LICA Board meeting will be Tuesday May 6th 7PM at the island library. Please join us if you have an interest.



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Past Rainfall Totals	2023			2024		
Location	October	November	December	January	February	March
Westshore - Sheila & Al Marshall	0.97	4.14	5.51	7.15	2.61	N/A
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	5.31	4.31	5.71	7.18	2.61	1.55
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	4.49	5.14	5.71	6.79	2.78	1.61
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	N/A	4.45	5.90	6.5	3.14	1.77
Granger Way - Scott josiah	5.19	4.20	5.23	6.57	2.45	1.37
Current Rainfall Totals	2024			2025		
Location	October	November	December	January	February	March
Westshore - Sheila & Al Marshall	6.60	5.67	5.50	2.93	2.62	4.31
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	5.96	5.17	5.21	2.78	3.32	3.7
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	7.81	5.03	5.65	2.82	3.34	4.47
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	8.28	5.65	5.28	2.45	3.37	5.04
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	5.96	4.90	5.06	2.65	3.27	4.17
Scenic Estates - Crawford	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.94	3.09	4.82

Helpful Numbers		
Aluminum Cans	360-223-6225	Contact Leslie Dempsey. <i>Recycle Bins Located in Grange Parking Lot</i>
Church Rental	360-758-2060	Church office@LummiChurch.com
Gathering Place	360-758-2060	info@ligatheringplace.com
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Library	360-758-7145	Tuesday 1:00-7:00pm, Thursday and Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm
Free Notary Service	360-758-2559	Call David Thorn
Post Office - New Number!	360-298-7584	Mon. - Fri.: 10:45am - 2:45pm, Sat.: 10:30am - 12:30pm, Lobby 24 Hours
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Resilient Lummi

By Ruchi Stair

What is resilience? It is springing back from changes-- successfully adapting to challenges with flexibility. It is nourished by community connections. One of the most effective ways we can support climate resilience is to talk about it.

Movie Night!!! Join us for an evening with movie shorts and yummy snacks! We'll be watching the informative Story of Stuff, and then an uplifting short film about showcasing ways real people are already creating sustainable 'circular' businesses. We will take time to discuss any ideas they inspire for our island community. Join us at the Island Library on Saturday, May 3 from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.

How else can we accelerate climate resilience—even in these challenging times? Check out this kit of eight effective ideas put together by NPR. I am going to try out their suggestion use the freezer: to freeze produce before it goes to waste, and also to keep compostables from smelling up the kitchen. Tackling food waste is a way to tackle climate change.



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Parish Health Ministry

By Parish Health Ministry

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Live music again by "Jimmy the Lock" at our Parish Dinner at 5pm, Tuesday, May 13th. We'll be serving up spaghetti with meat sauce (vegan alternative offered), bread, veggies, and cream cheese bars with dark sweet berry sauce for dessert. Come inside for your take-out orders and patio dining will be offered as well. Suggested donation still just \$15.

- Other happenings?
- **Rummage Sale** is coming up on July 4th and 5th.
 - **Parish Dinner** on June 10th will feature Orange Chicken and fried rice.
 - **Yoga** is on Tuesdays at 10:00am in The Gathering Place.
 - **Elderberries** continues every Wednesday, 11-2 in The Gathering Place. Conversation, games, and hot lunch at Noon.
 - And **Friday Coffees** are from 10-11:30am with treats and a chance to get to know your island neighbors.

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



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Lummi Island Heritage Trust - Spring Updates

By LIHT Staff

May has arrived on the crest of a slow-moving spring, bringing with it a dizzying ensemble of flowering plants and their most zealous fans: bumble bees, hummingbirds, and butterflies. As spring flourishes around us, we are thrilled to introduce an exciting and timely speaker series: Native Plants & Native Pollinators. Our first two guests, Peter Abrahamsen, Native Bees: Our Neighbors & Friends, and Jenny Harris, Noticing the Small Things: Native Plants from the Ground View, will be joining us here at the Otto Preserve Resource Center on May 15th and May 22nd, respectively. For more details about the speaker lineup and events, visit our website at: <https://www.liht.org/events>.

Can't get enough native plants? Join us for an introductory native plant walk on Sunday, May 18th sponsored by the Koma Kulshan Chapter of the Washington Native Plant Society! Co-lead by LIHT's very own Executive Director Alika Herreshoff and WNPS member Sky Bressette, this walk will take the group through the forested hillsides of Lummi Mountain, home to ephemeral streams and wetlands, towering maples, and scattered rocky bald habitat. The group will meet at the Otto Preserve at 1:30pm and carpool to the Inati Trail, beginning the walk at 1:45pm. Parking is limited, so please consider carpooling! Visit our website at the link above for more details.

Finally, we invite you to celebrate the arrival of summer by joining us for a wine tasting on Wednesday, June 18th at Full Bloom Farm with Lummi Island's very own sommelier, Steven Brown. Explore the diversity of regionally produced wines while supporting a great cause: LIHT's ongoing land protection and conservation work! RSVP is required, and tickets are by donation – to register and for more information, visit <https://www.liht.org/events>.

Save the Date: Forest Fest 2025 will be taking place on Saturday, July 12th from 12pm-3pm at the Otto Preserve. Stay tuned for more details!



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Annual Used Book Sale: FOIL is requesting books for their annual used book sale. Preferably, drop your books off during the days and hours that the library is open. On alternate days, please set them in front of the double door entry to the Noble Barn. We need clean, gently used books. FOIL is asking that you please find another home for out of date computer books, text books, dictionaries, travel books older than 3 yrs, VHS tapes and old encyclopedias. These have all exceeded their "use by" date, even at a used book sale. The sale will open Saturday, Jun 28th, 10:00 AM-7:00 PM. Funds raised at the book sale are used to maintain the building and grounds and to sponsor events and programs at Island Library.

May Upcoming Events

Randy Mohr - Hurdy-Gurdy & Cigar Box Guitar - Randy will be playing both instruments and talking about their history and his experiences & love of playing them. We will have a handout at the program about the instruments. This is a really special night you should not miss. Refreshments & Nibbles. Saturday, May 17th, Island Library, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Sponsored by FOIL.

Senior Services with Northwest Regional Council - Sign up for a one-on-one meeting with Stacy Malone Miller or one of her associates from Northwest Regional Council to discuss your eligibility for in-home care, caregiver support, non-emergency health care transportation, and other senior services. Meetings will be held at the clinic rooms on the east side of the Gathering Place on the second Thursday of May and June between 1:30 and 4:30 pm. Register at wcls.org or at the library front desk for a half hour appointment. Drop-ins will be accommodated if space is available. Thursday, May 8th, 2025, 1:30 – 4:30 PM, Gathering Place. This event is co-sponsored by Lummi Island Health and Wellness.

Island Library Book Club - Everyone's welcome to Island Library's book club which meets at 11 am on the fourth Thursday of each month in the Hanson Room. We read a mix of fiction and nonfiction with an emphasis on well-developed characters and rich settings. Library manager, Erin Suda, facilitates. May's book is *Of Time and Turtles: Mending the World, Shell by Shattered Shell* by Sy Montgomery. Thursday, May 22, 11:00 – 12:00 in the Hanson room.

Island Teen Corps - Japanese Story Theater - We need teens with a community spirit to help out with our Japanese Story Theater program for kids. You'll help pass out supplies and assist kids in all the making and the doing. Teens in grades 6-12 can register at WCLS.ORG or at the Island Library. Tuesday, May 6, 2:15 – 4:30 PM.

Island Japanese Story Theater - Come to the library to experience Kamishibai, traditional Japanese story theater, and make a set of your own Kamishibai cards. For kids, Tuesday, May 6th, 2:30 - 4:30 PM.

Island Story Time - For ages 2-6, 30 minutes. An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation. Meets every Saturday at 10:30 AM until May 17th.

The Friends of Island Library(FOIL) is a local non-profit that owns the Island Library property; supports the Library through fundraising and promoting the purposes and activities of the Island Library and its community. The FOIL Board meets monthly on the third Monday of the month. The next meeting will be May 19st at 6:00 PM at the library. If you'd like to support FOIL's work, financial donations can be sent to PO Box 204, or made through Paypal on www.friendsofislandlibrary.org.

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Island Chapel

By Tammy Immer

All are welcome to join us for Sunday morning worship service at 9:30 a.m. at the Grange Hall. Our Wednesday night adult bible study is at 7:00 at the Immer's house (1759 Joans Lane) or by Zoom. Ladies' bible study is Tuesday nights at the Immers or join us by Zoom at 7:00. We had a wonderful Resurrection Sunday Celebration with brunch and fellowship ending with the kids Sunday school egg hunt. Thank you to all who attended!

Summer Camp: Barnes Island Family Camp August 1-10. Come join us for a boat ride to the island and free camping. Bring your tent, sleeping bags and food for a time of family adventure and exploring. Camp all week or just come for the day!

Questions? Pastor Chris Immer can be reached at 360-296-4963. We are so blessed to serve this community!



The coming 12 months mark a crucial phase in implementing our Board-approved Action Plan, shaped through nearly a year of planning and collaboration with residents, formal island groups, and regional partners. These are the key tasks:

1. **Leadership Onboarding:** Hire and onboard a Program Coordinator to lead project implementation.
2. **Launch the Telehealth Resource Center:** Equip the Center's physical space. Recruit and train Telehealth Resource Center guides. Develop policies, operating procedures, and ongoing volunteer support systems. Promote services through an open house and community outreach. Build internal “train-the-trainer” capacity based on initial training in PeaceHealth-led sessions.
3. **Implement Wellness Classes and Activities:** Continue recruiting and supporting instructors, implement an online scheduling system, and supply needed equipment to sustain diverse wellness offerings.
4. **Activate Health & Wellness Advocates:** Recruit qualified Advocates and collaborate with trainer to develop a curriculum with supportive policies and guidelines. Promote the advocate program and connect trained advocates with residents.

5. **Establish Foot Care Services:** Work with our contracted provider to deliver on-site foot care and possibly in-home if needed. Develop protocols and set up an appointment system. Recruit and train volunteers to support foot care services as needed. (See Foot Care article below)
6. **Grow In-Home Support Services:** Create directories of in-home care providers, contractors, and volunteers. Identify and launch feasible home modification projects. Assess additional unmet needs.
7. **Deepen Partner Collaboration:** Launch programs with partners such as PeaceHealth (telehealth technology resources and training), the Heritage Trust (guided nature programs), Health Ministries Network (Ask-A-Nurse), NW Regional Council (senior services), and the Fire Department (home safety checks, vaccinations).
8. **Communications Infrastructure:** Redesign our website into a comprehensive information hub. Develop tools and vehicles for online scheduling, program promotion, and resident engagement.
9. **Systems to Capture Outcomes:** Implement sign-ins, service tracking, program volumes, assessment of new and unmet needs, and feedback mechanisms including surveys.
- These coordinated efforts will drive measurable improvements in resident access to care, wellness engagement, and social connection, while strengthening systems for long-term impact.



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New Foot Care Service

By Jane Phillips

Foot Care services have an opening date on May 22 at the Lummi Island Health & Wellness Resource Center, attached to The Gathering Place. Foot Care specialist, Lynn, has eleven years of experience providing non-medical foot care for seniors at senior centers and retirement homes. Careful trimming and filing of toenails and a thoughtful skin assessment are important aspects of maintaining mobility and independence by helping to prevent breaks in the skin and treating problems early.

This first clinic may have an opening or two...we'll see. Appointments are 30 minutes in length and cost \$35. We are planning to offer a subsidized rate for folks who qualify for reduced rate ferry passes or have a financial need. We are excited to offer this first service emerging from our Health & Wellness Action Plans. If you are interested in non-medical Foot Care, please contact Jane at 360-389-6697.



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Grange Matters

By Leslie Dempsey

Come and join us for the 2nd Annual End of Dry Dock Party: Thursday May 15th from 5:00 to 8:00 pm **@ Alfs Place**, the Grange’s outdoor event space. This is your first chance to experience the Alfs Place new permanent fencing designed by island Architect Henry Walters, built by Sexton Construction, and funded by generous islanders.

It’s a **food potluck** with Grange hosted lemonade and a keg of beer from Kulshan Brewery. Enjoy live music by both **Shawn McCole** and the band **Jimmy the Lock**. I heard a rumor that (through the miracle of time travel) **Young Alf**, the handsome barkeep and namesake of Alfs Place, may make an appearance. That should be interesting! This is a private party – all islanders invited.

2nd Annual Field Day @ Carriage House Gardens Come One, Come All – Join the Fun, You’ll Have a Ball!



Inviting those 21-and-over to join us for the 2nd Annual Spring Fundraiser, on Saturday, June 28, from 1-4 pm, at the Carriage House Gardens, 2272 N. Nugent Rd. There’ll be lawn games galore (think bocce ball, corn hole, horseshoes, and more), and medals to win! This is an incredibly fun adults-only afternoon. The Entry Fee is \$50 which includes all games, an awards ceremony, a boxed lunch, and two drink vouchers (additional drinks will be available by donation). Tickets will be on sale at Bock’s Box Coffee and the Saturday Market. To purchase tickets during the week, contact Jesse Powell (564-203-8156) or Leslie Dempsey (360-223-6225). In the event of rain or inclement weather, we’ll move indoors for board games instead. We hope you can make it to this spirited event, which helps support our island community. This year’s event proceeds will support the Grange’s purchase of four new BBQs for the Alfs Place outdoor event space. Event Capacity 100, don’t miss out - buy your ticket now:



Save the Date: 4th Annual Honky Tonk @ Grange Alfs Place: Saturday, September 6th, 6:00 to 10:00 pm. Live music, food, adult refreshments, firepit (subject to burn ban). Details to follow.

In the meantime, brush up your dance moves by joining Jesse’s line dance lessons **@ the Carriage House Gardens Barn**: 4:00 to 5:00 pm on April 29, May 6, June 3, and June 17. Check Next Door for schedule updates. Thank you Jesse & Susie!



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Saturday Market Coming Soon!

By Lynn Dee

It won't be long now, before our familiar Market canopies start showing up in the field next to the Islander. Opening Day will be May 24th. The Studio Tour begins the same day, so expect to see some of the artists selling at the Market. Additionally, we will have produce, possibly plant starts, food, and educational materials.

Attention new and returning vendors: we will be having an orientation meeting in early May. I will announce the meeting date on Next Door and Brown Betty, and send a reminder to our Market email list. We are always looking for new vendors, so think about it and call or come to the meeting for more information. Bring your questions.



We are in the throes of finalizing the details for this Spring's Civic Club Plant Expo. So much is going on.... Oops, did I write mulch? I meant much. I guess I have our plant and gardening Expo on the brain!

Speaking of the Plant Expo! We will all be at the Lummi Island Grange on Saturday May 17th from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. for our famous Civic Club Plant Expo. We are proud to be the first non-Grange event using the newly remodeled "Alf's Place" space. You will have two hours of shopping for plants, gifts, seeds, supplies and meeting up with friends. We will have a Café where you can enjoy a hotdog and coffee and maybe even a slice of pie or other baked tasty treats. Enjoy free Root beer floats for the kids: big and small. Browse through the gift shop to find treasures for your home and garden. And, don't forget to buy a raffle ticket or two for a chance to win prizes that support the Grange. It is the event of the Spring season and it's great to see and be seen that day and we also believe whole heartedly that the weather will be great! 🙌

Some of the great raffle prizes so far include a planter/ bird tower for your garden by Byron Moye, jewelry from Gayle Mitterer, one week of Hillcrest Farms CSA basket, designer purses from Didi Wilson, Beach Store Cafe gift card, among other items!

We also want your donations of plant starts, full plants for re-homing, seeds, indoor plants, gardening gifts for sale or raffle prizes. These can all be dropped off at the Grange on Friday May 16th from 9:00 a.m. to about 1:00 p.m. or before the sale on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. You can also contact Pat Moye now if you need to get any of these things out of your home now. Pat can be reached at (360) 510-7392. Or for raffle tickets or to donate a raffle prize, you can contact Sandra Clavero at (360) 935-2036.

The next Civic Club meeting will be on Thursday May 8th also at the Grange. We open up at 10:00 a.m. for our meeting which will focus on last minute logistics for the Plant Expo. This meeting also includes our elections for the club's new Board of Directors. Most officers will be returning for another year, but we have openings for Vice President and for our Programs Chairperson. If you are interested please let our current board know. Our current officers include:

- President.** - Carolyn Jenkins is willing to continue for another year
- Vice President** - Open
- Treasurer** - Julia Lowe is willing to continue for another year
- Secretary** - Molly Forman is willing to continue for another year

We do still need a Program chairwoman AND we also need a new Plant Expo coordinator. - any volunteers!??

Our Program Speaker at our May 8th meeting will be Willie Kelly about The Power of Giving. It's about a career that propelled a lifetime of helping others - always with a sense of humor. Willie is a former broadcaster and college faculty member who will talk about the various fundraising activities he has done through the years, including over-the-air-auctions as well as his famous Lummi Island ice cream scoops! Please come share the positive energy with us that day!

Beach School

By Tammy Immer



Gardens of the Salish Sea presentations and Earth Day celebrations with painting, poster making and "egg seed" flowers are all in the books now. Our students finished their month with their annual field trip to the beach to clean up and investigate the low tide.



Beach Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization is organizing a Jog-a-thon, and we need your help to reach our goal of raising \$4,000. This year's "Running Wild" Jog-a-thon takes place on May 1st, and donations can be made online at <http://bit.ly/4kVk58u> (or use the QR code). We accept pledges through the month of May. Come join the fun at 9:45 May 1st. May also brings 5th grade Exhibition, SBA testing, Field trip to the Whatcom County Museum, and Breakfast with Books/ Character dress up day. Joanie Roteman is finishing up pottery lessons for upper grades, and Michelle Morrissey will be leading a new felting class.

We also need to register students for kindergarten so if you know anyone who would like to send their child to Beach Elementary, you can tell your friend to register online at bit.ly/ferndalekinder. We are excited to add more new students!



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Umpteenth Annual Church Rummage Sale

By Jane Phillips

The rope will drop at 4 pm on July the Fourth. The sale will go from 4-8 pm, including the Beer and Brats stand and reopen Saturday July the Fifth from 9 a.m.-7 p.m. The Beer/Brats will go from noon to 7 p.m. on Saturday. Donations will be accepted (with mattresses, electronics, sofas and large heavy items and large appliances and food and chemicals excluded) from 5-9 p.m. on Wednesday July the 2nd and then all day Thursday July the 3rd. Hilary and Norbie will spin the disco and Tom Phillips will do the sound and help out, especially with the tribute to our friend Jimmy D. See you then :)

The Gathering Place Artist Tour

By Sahara Burson

Artists, Box Lunch, and Bake Sale – May 24–25 The Gathering Place is proud to host eight talented artists for the upcoming Memorial Day Weekend Artist Tour. Stop by to enjoy lunch, baked goods, and support the work of: Barbara Boulanger, Patricia Coe, Cathy Cousineau, Sharon Grainger, Ed Lowe, Gayle Mitterer, Ted Mork, and Nancy Uding. Supporting Local Business & Celebrating Community at The Gathering Place.

To support Lummi Island's small business community and enhance our appeal as a destination for weddings and events, The Gathering Place is creating a directory of trusted local vendors. While we don't offer full-service event planning, we're excited to connect renters with island-based caterers, florists, bakers, Airbnb hosts, officiants, DJs, event planners, and more. If you'd like to be included as a vendor, please email us at info@ligatheringplace.com. We're also gathering photos from past events at The Gathering Place, the church, the beach, or elsewhere on the island to share on our website and social media. If you have images to contribute, we'd love to see them—send them our way

Special Offer for Non-Profits. Lummi Island-based nonprofits receive 50% off one rental in 2025. About the Venue: The Gathering Place is a 2,600 sq. ft. space that accommodates up to 191 guests, with seating for 96. Perfect for weddings, parties, or meetings, the venue offers stunning views, a commercial kitchen, sound system, tables and chairs, and access to a historic on-site church and nearby beach ceremony spots. Bring your own vendors and create a truly personalized event. To learn more or book a tour, contact us at info@ligatheringplace.com

Whatcom Ferry Advisory Committee

By Pam Gould

Our April Ferry Advisory meeting was held in Bellingham. Diane Harper updated us all on ferry funding, finances and trends. This presentation will make it easier to follow and absorb the Public Works report to the County Council on Ferry System Finance that should occur in late May or early June.

Currently, we are waiting to hear from US Dept of Transportation about the RAISE grant status as well as the final WA State Legislature budget decisions. By end of May we hope to have a better idea of funding that is available. The County Executive office has been actively lobbying both State and Federal representatives on our behalf as well as planning for multiple scenarios to fund the future vessel.

Next Meeting: May 28th Wednesday 6pm at The Gathering Place

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Thank you to everyone that participated in our last Blood Drive on April 1st at the Grange Hall. We provided Bloodworks Northwest with 31 pints of whole blood that they could use for patients in the Pacific Northwest. Our next drive will be on Monday, June 9th at The Gathering Place. Please register in advance to donate whole blood and schedule a time that works for you. Right now we have 22 of our total 41 spots reserved, so we need you to sign up now to fill up our slots.

What is Whole Blood? The most common type of donation is a whole blood donation. Within every pint of blood are red cells, white cells, platelets, and plasma — all vital components for treatment of serious injury, illness, bleeding disorders, and surgeries. 1 in every 7 patients entering a hospital will need a blood transfusion, so your gift of blood may be someone's second chance.

Did you know? Your body can completely restore red cells in about four to six weeks, which means you can safely donate whole blood every 56 days, 6 times per year!

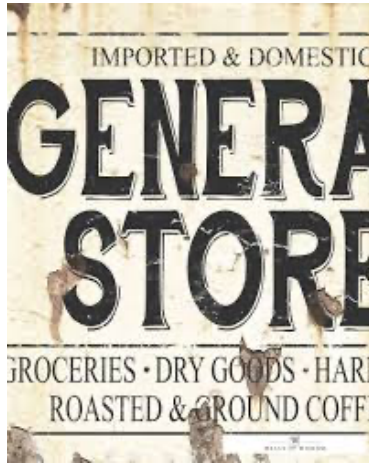
Help out today! Thank you. Molly Forman (A+)

Upcoming Blood Drive Dates: June 9th at The Gathering Place; September 4th at The Grange Hall; and November 4th at the Grange Hall.

Type	You can give blood to	You can receive blood from
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O+	O+,A+,B+,AB+	O+,O-
B+	B+,AB+	B+,B-,O+,O-
AB+	AB+	Everyone
A-	A+,A-,AB+,AB-	A-,O-
O-	Everyone	O-
B-	B+,B-,AB+,AB-	B-,O-
AB-	AB+,AB-	AB-,A-,B-,O-

Lummi Island artists and crafters will be offering their works at the first Studio Tour of the year, Saturday and Sunday, May 24 and 25, 10 am - 5 pm. This is a great opportunity to get to know some talented neighbors and support your local artists' community. Tour maps are available at The Islander store or on Facebook at Lummi Island Studio Tour. Put this on your calendar! Questions? Lynn Dee, 360-758-2815 or Gayle Mitterer 214-354-4460.





Lummi Island Historical Society

By Ed Scott

Harold Long's Beach Store The Beach Store was a magical place. It was more an Emporium than a store. It carried just about anything an islander could want, and if it didn't, Harold would pick it up the next day when he went in on a supply run. On the north side of the store, behind a wall, was the hardware section. He had barrels of nails, metal stove pipe sections, rolled roofing, buckets of roofing tar, screws, bolts, and a wide selection of plumbing parts.

On the south side of the store, was a long counter, going the full length of the room. On it was the cash register, the big ledger book that folks charged things on, a big wheel of cheddar cheese under a big clear dome, with a cutting blade to cut off whatever size chunk you needed. He also kept a huge slab of smoked bacon, and he had a slicing machine, so could slice whatever thickness you wanted.

In front of the counter was a long low magazine rack, where one could get the latest Movie, Detective, Auto, or Sports magazines. Stacked in front of the Magazines, were usually boxes of fresh fruit, such as apples, grapes, oranges, or selected vegetables, like potatoes, onions, etc.

Across the aisle from the counter, was a selection of every conceivable candy a child could imagine. There was also an ice cream freezer, with fudgsicles, popsicles, and Dixie Cups, with flat wooden spoons.

There was a big cooler with soda pop, like Nehi Orange, Dad's Root Beer, or Coca Cola. Behind the counter, on shelves that went clear to the ceiling, were rows and rows of canned goods, and boxes of breakfast cereals. Harold had a long pole with a grasping mechanism on the end, and he could quickly grab whatever product you asked for from the shelves behind him.

When Harold was awaiting customers, he liked to stand in front of the window, that was behind the gas pumps outside, with one foot on the window sill, and watch the cars go by, and the ferry going back and forth. He also enjoyed imbibing in a bit of liquor in the afternoons. On a few occasions, he could make an error on the ledger book, and islanders gave him the affectionate nickname "Shifty", and carefully monitored their charges, but he was loved by one and all.



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Due to the extreme urgency of a Park Department decision prior to the approaching deadline established for the use of allocated federal funds it has become necessary to exert immediate and concentrated effort along this line by the Lummi Island Community Club. Therefore the activities of the Club will be directed towards a more comprehensive understanding of the entire situation for the next few weeks. The Club's Board of Directors are attempting to secure representatives from all the agencies that have to do with the establishment of Parks, from the State level to the local level, to meet with the Club at our next meeting. We hope to thoroughly explore the plans and possibilities of Island Parks through an informative exchange of ideas from all those concerned. We have had favorable responses from the State Park director, his planners and property men; the Bureau of Natural Resources; The County Planning Director; the County Park Commission and the County Park Director. We also hope to secure the State Land Commissioner's cooperation. Our intention is to conduct a Jeep tour of the Island in the early afternoon for all the representatives - hitting all the possible park locations. We will then meet with the Club membership around 6:30 P.M. for a planned pot luck dinner at the willows, after which a general discussion will follow. We will need help from those familiar with the geography of the Island also those who have suitable rough-land vehicles. We have established June 1st as the best possible date for this meeting.

A reliable source has informed us that our local mailman has been asked by the postal authorities to move to Bellingham and operate out of that office, which would mean doubling his route and pay. The same source declared that there was no intention of eventually closing the local post office but rather it would be more accurate to assume that at the retirement of the local postmaster the post office site and facilities would be put on a contract basis here on the Island.

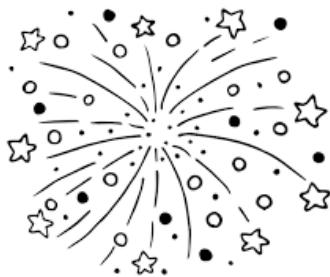
Recent information has brought to light the very real possibility of a dangerous water pollution situation developing from the activities of the Intalco Plant. Apparently there s some question about the permit issued them by the Pollution Control Board as it seems to be in excess of a concentration allowable to maintain marine life It is our understanding that the company is attempting to quiet the objections of various marine biologists by extending the discharge pipe further out into the straits. Should a killing pollution develop in this body of water, Lummi Island and the salmon runs would feel the full economic and disastrous impact.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE NEXT MEETING AS NOTED HEREIN.

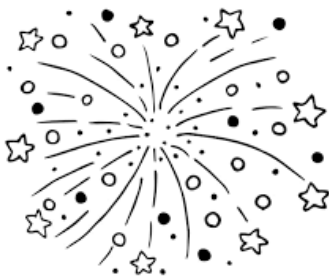


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