



The Tome of Lummi Island

June 2025 - Volume 60 No. 6



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	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
	Qigong, Grange Hall	9:00 - 10:00 am
Saturday	Preschool Story Time at the Library	10:30 - 11:00 am
	Saturday Market at The Islander Field	10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Ferry Refueling: June 12 & 26; 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: Mondays June 9 & 23

June Events

June 9, Mon	Blood Drive, The Gathering Place See Pg. 9	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
June 10, Tue	Parish Dinner See Pg. 3	5:00 - 6:30 pm
June 14, Sat	Stories in Light, Island Library See Pg. 5	7:00 - 8:30 pm
June 17, Tue	Line Dance Lessons, Carriage House Barn, See Pg. 7	4:00 - 5:00 pm
June 20, Fri	Fish Painting Workshop, Grange Hall See Pg. 7	1:00 - 4:00 pm
June 21, Sat	Bonsai Demonstration, Grange Hall See Pg. 7	10:00 - 12:00 am
June 28, Sat	Foil Used Book Sale Opens, Island Library See Pg. 5	10:00 am - 7:00 pm
	2nd Annual Field Day, Carriage House Gardens See Pg.. 7	1:00 - 4:00 pm
	Cedar Weaving, Grange Hall, Registration Required See Pg. 5	11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Upcoming Events

July 1, Tue	Island Treasure Hunt, Grades K-5 See Pg. 5	4:00 - 5:00 pm
July 4, Fri	Church Rummage Sale See Pg. 8	4:00 - 8:00 pm
July 5, Sat	Pancake Breakfast, Grange Hall, See Pg. 7	8:30 - 10:30 am
July 12, Sat	Forest Fest, Otto Preserve See Pg. 4	12:00 - 3:00 pm
July 30, Wed	Schooner Zodiac Dinner Cruise, See Pg. 10	
Aug 30, Sat	Salmon BBQ, Grange Hall See Pg. 7	
Sept 13, Sat	Honky Tonk, Grange Hall	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Oct 4, Sat	Oktoberfest, The Gathering Place	

With summer’s arrival, the farmer’s market will be back. LICA will have a table and hope you will stop by to visit. Your comments and concerns are important to us. We will be joined at times by Health and Wellness and the Ferry Advisory Committee.

The LICA summer General Meeting is all set for Tuesday August 12th. Please note the different day of the week (due to availability Of our representatives). There will be a pot luck at 6PM followed by the meeting and followed by a report from Olympia.

The LICA board meets the first Tuesday of the month 7PM at the island library. All are welcomed to attend.

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Post Office - New Number!	360-298-7584	Mon. - Fri.: 10:45am - 2:45pm, Sat.: 10:30am - 12:30pm, Lobby 24 Hours
Hazardous Waste	360-380-4640	For Info & Questions. Open 9am-4pm Mon-Fri & 1st Sat of the month

Past Rainfall Totals	2024					
Location	November	December	January	February	March	April
Westshore - Sheila & Al Marshall	5.67	5.51	7.15	2.61	N/A	2.10
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	5.17	5.71	7.18	2.61	1.55	2.28
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	5.03	5.71	6.79	2.78	1.61	2.51
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	5.65	5.90	6.5	3.14	1.77	3.41
Granger Way - Scott josiah	4.90	5.23	6.57	2.45	1.37	2.28
Scenic Estates - Crawford	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Current Rainfall Totals	2025					
Location	November	December	January	February	March	April
Westshore - Sheila & Al Marshall	////////	////////	2.93	2.62	4.31	1.72
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	////////	////////	2.78	3.32	3.7	1.75
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	////////	////////	2.82	3.34	4.47	1.73
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	////////	////////	2.45	3.37	5.04	1.72
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	////////	////////	2.65	3.27	4.17	1.75
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By Parish Health Ministry

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Rememberance

By Family of John Wifler

The Family of John Wifler will host an open house event to honor his life and celebrate his friends. 💕 John had many adventures near and far. He loved Lummi Island and died peacefully here on February 11, 2025. 🌸

Please Plan to attend July 26 & 27, 1 - 4 pm. 1785 Seacrest Drive

Lummi Island Congregational Church

By Rhayma Blake

Here’s how the Congregational Church will be “congregating” this June.

Our **Parish Dinner at 5pm, Tuesday, June 10th** in The Gathering Place features an Asian theme with orange chicken, fried rice, pot stickers, broccoli and a fortune cookie. Live music again by “Jimmy the Lock”! Come inside for any take-out orders, and the patio will be open for dining as well. Suggested donation is still just \$15. No Parish Dinner in July...enjoy your hot dog at the Rummage Sale .

You can count on **Elderberries from 11am-2pm** in The Gathering Place every Wednesday in June, complete with conversation, games, and hot lunch at Noon. But it will be cancelled July 2nd as we ready for the Rummage Sale July 4th and 5th. **Friday Coffees continue from 10-11:30am** throughout June in The Gathering Place, but will be cancelled July 4th to make room for all those Rummage Sale shoppers.

And of course, we congregate in the **church itself every Sunday at 10:30am** for song, music, and a message from Pastor Jamie to ready ourselves for the coming week. All are welcome.

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



Things are literally abuzz here at the Otto Preserve, where the hum of native pollinators on the huckleberry blossoms outside our windows is hard to ignore! LIHT celebrates our island's bees and flowering plants this Spring and Summer with two more installments of our four-part ***Native Plants and Native Pollinators*** speaker series. On Thursday June 12th we look forward to ***Bumble Bees: From Subalpine Meadows to Lowland Habitats***, an in-person and virtual presentation by Dr. Jim Davis of the Shuksan Conservancy. Later this month we will be wrapping up our lecture series with ***The Beauty in Biodiversity: Gardening with Pacific Northwest Native Plants*** on Thursday June 19th, a virtual-only presentation with Kristin Currin, author of *The Pacific Northwest Native Plant Primer*. Our hope is that LIHT's educational events will spark interest and delight in each of our 'personal preserves' — our own backyards — bringing the mission of conservation home!

Mark your calendars and save the date of July 12th for our Annual FOREST FEST!



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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.

June Upcoming Events



"Stories in Light" - Enjoy the work/play of photographers Victor Place and Dal Neitzel. Victor’s work pays attention to the small details of nature and the patterns expressed throughout our natural world. Dal enjoys sharing images and stories that come from the natural world around him and particularly those from here on Lummi Island. Saturday, Jun 14th, Island Library, 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Sponsored by FOIL.

Summer Reading Kickoff - Join us all week long as we celebrate the beginning of our Summer Reading program. Collect your Summer Reading card, learn about summer programs, and connect with other readers. All youth under 18 will receive a free book to pick out and keep forever. For kids. Tue, Jun 24, 1:00 – 7:00 PM.

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 July(July 10) between 1:30 and 4:30 PM. Register at wcls.org or at the library front counter for a half hour appointment. Drop-ins will be accommodated if space is available. This event is co-sponsored by Lummi Island Health and Wellness.



Cedar Weaving - Learn about cedar weaving from Lummi artists Lee Plaster and Toshi Simmonds. In this class, you will weave a small friendship basket or headband. Participants should wear clothing they are comfortable getting stained. Space is limited; register online or call the Island Library at (360)758-7145. Adults. Saturday, Jun 28 2025 , 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM. **This event will take place at the Lummi Island Grange Hall,** located at 2216 N. Nugent Rd, Lummi Island.

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. June’s book is The Light Pirate by Lily Brooks-Dalton Montgomery. Thursday, June, 11:00 – 12:00 in the Hanson room.

Island Teen Corps – Treasure Hunt - We need teens with a community spirit to Island help out with our summer programs 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 Library.. Tuesday, Jul 1st, 2:45 – 4:15 PM.

Island Treasure Hunt - Embark on a daring adventure full of twists and turns! Together we uncover clues and hunt for treasure in the library. You will also get to create your very own treasure map to take home. If you love solving mysteries and going on adventures, you won't want to miss this exciting program. Grades K-5. Tuesday, Jul 1st,: 3:00 – 4:00 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 in July. At 10:30 – 11:00 AM

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 June 16th 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.





Since my last article we have made a lot of progress in implementing the LI Health & Wellness Program. Here are some highlights:

Program Coordinator Hired – after a very competitive search process with three final candidates, all Islanders, the board of directors chose Judy Olsen to lead our programs. Judy brings a strong background and experience in health care, business development and management. And most importantly she understands the Island culture and the needs and interests of us Islanders. For now Judy is working on a limited schedule until she heals an injured ankle and then will go to half-time later. Yay!

Telehealth Service Coming Soon – Are you an Island resident who would like to use virtual health care provider appointments when appropriate rather than make a trip to town? Do you need assistance to do this in the form of a computer, an internet connection, or assistance with navigating on-line health services. We would like to hear from you and learn how we can assist you with this process. Send an email to judyolsen.lihw@gmail.com.

New Grant Awarded – We just received a \$2,500 grant from AARP for their national Challenge Grant Program. The award is for us to set up workshops for Islanders on **Home Modifications** for safety purposes. We will offer these workshops later this summer and fall providing samples of safety equipment and engaging volunteers to help install items.

Wellness Classes Coming Soon– Our team is identifying instructors to offer wellness classes at the Gathering Place, including Yoga, Tai Chi and other fitness offerings along with an assortment of classes that the Y of Bellingham is willing to provide for us. We anticipate classes beginning in late June after a publicity campaign is launched. Look for our LIH&W table at the Saturday Market and for postings on Next Door, flyers in public spaces and social media messaging.

Foot Care Service Inaugurated – Our first Foot Care services were provided on May 22 at the Health & Wellness Resource Center on the east side of the Gathering Place. See article below from Jane Phillips. A great success!

Communicating with Islanders - Keeping the community informed of plans for classes, events, workshops etc. is key to a successful program. We plan to utilize: The Tome, Next Door, Brown Betty, printed flyers, and the Saturday Market. LIH&W currently has a page on ourlummiisland.org website and work is underway to expand this

Gym Space Needed – One initiative we are beginning to think about is having a small gym/workout space that would be available to all Islanders. A person credentialed as a fitness trainer is offering to set up her equipment in stations similar to the Curves model. We are looking for 400 square feet or so to set up this gym, so if you have ideas about this, please let me know. bobanderson6760@gmail.com

Thanks for all the encouragement coming from the community to our Board to make life on Lummi healthier and more enjoyable!

New Foot Care Service

By Jane Phillips

The first foot care clinic was held on May 22nd in the LIHW Resource Center. Seven men and seven women received non-medical care for their feet: soaking of the feet, trimming then filing the toenails, checking the skin and applying lotion when done. Some of the comments were “Nice foot care” “She was very professional” “It’s ‘perfect’ having this on the Island.” “She answered my questions.” The next foot care clinic will be on June 11 at the Gathering Place. If you want to sign up or have questions, call 360 389-6697 or email me at: thorndale2phillips@gmail.com.

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Line Dance lessons: Carriage House Barn: June 17th 4 to 5 pm, Jesse is back so get ready to heel-tap, toe-tap, clap, and grapevine. No partner needed for this type of dance!

Fish Painting Workshop: Friday June 20th 1 to 4 pm, Island Artist Ricky B will inspire and guide us through painting of a 3-dimensional fish form. These forms are made of material typically used in surfboards and were donated by the artist relative of an islander. Workshop limited to 20 people; materials fee of \$25 @ registration; you'll take home your lovely fishy creation.

Bonsai Demonstration: June 21st 10 am to 12 pm, Island residents Danit Fried and Rodger Kessler have been involved in Bonsai cultivation for over twenty years. Their focus is Yamadori-trees usually conifers, wild collected from mountains, ocean side cliffs, and forests. They will display a number of their trees, present a formal arrangement of a bonsai display, and evaluate and work on a juniper from a local nursery, for a demonstration of a first styling of a new bonsai.

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:

Pancake Breakfast: Saturday July 5th, 8:30 to 10:30 am. All the usual deliciousness. Details to follow.

Salmon BBQ: Saturday August 30th. More deliciousness. Details to follow.

4th Annual Honky Tonk: Saturday September 13th, 6 to 10 pm. Live music, dancing, food catered by the Beach Store Café, adult beverages for sale by the Grange, a firepit in Alfs Place (burn ban permitting). Jesse may be persuaded to lead us in some line dancing.



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Lummi Island Qigong

By Shannon Grail

Lummi Island Qigong
For: Everyone welcome. All ages and capabilities. No experience necessary.
Date/Time: Every Friday (unless notified otherwise in our email list), 9-10 AM
Location: Lummi Island Grange Hall
Free: Donations accepted
Contact: Shannon Grail at 970-985-2664, or shannon_linm@protonmail.com

About: This class is for anyone who wishes to improve their health and vitality through traditional Chinese methods of movement. We lead the class through a series of movements which involve range of motion, stretching, balance, coordination, and breathing patterns. These exercises are meant to accommodate all skill levels. Therefore, modifications are given for those with limitations, as well as for those who want more of a challenge. This weekly class is an excellent opportunity to improve many facets of one's health. While it's different for everyone, some of the gifts you may receive from the practice are cultivating focus, calming the nervous system, relieving tension in the body and mind, and improving physical health and ability. Though there are many layers of depth to the practice, these are not overly complicated exercises. They can easily be done at home and shared with loved ones.



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Beach School

By Tammy Immer



Thank you, Lummi Island, for pulling out all the stop for our "Running Wild" Jog-a-Thon. BEPTO (Beach Elementary Parent-Teacher Organization) is pleased to announce they have exceeded their goal of \$4,000 to raise \$7,181.54! Wow! Thank you!

May also brought a beautiful Art Show, 5th grade Exhibition PowerPoint Presentations, field trip to Whatcom Museum, Breakfast with Books/dress up as your favorite Book Character, and state testing. What a busy time we have had! June will bring our June 3rd Kindergarten meeting at 2:15, Bowling, Field Day at Molly and Dave's and 5th grade Graduation. Last day of school is June 13.

As school districts across Washington face tough financial decisions due to ongoing budget cuts, communities like ours are beginning to feel the effects firsthand. The Ferndale School District, along with many others, is grappling with a significant budget deficit. In response, the District has made reductions at all levels — from administrative staff to classroom educators — to manage these financial challenges. One impact of these cuts is the loss of a teaching position at Beach Elementary next year, due in part to lower anticipated enrollment.

This news has prompted a strong and heartfelt response from our community. Lummi Island Foundation for Education (L.I.F.E.) and Beach Elementary PTO (BEPTO) have stepped up to launch a fundraising campaign with the goal of raising \$125,000 by August 1. These funds would go directly toward retaining our teacher by covering salary, insurance, and retirement benefits. While the long-term outlook is still uncertain, we are also exploring creative solutions to help stabilize and grow enrollment at Beach Elementary in the future.

For more information or to get involved, please reach out to the Lummi Island Foundation for Education. To register for Beach Elementary, please go to www.Ferndalesd.org, For Families, then Online Registration. Tell a friend!

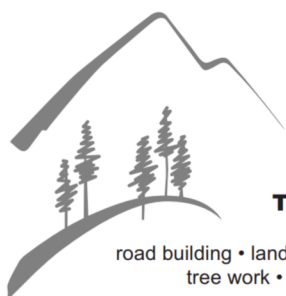
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Be There When The Rope Drops!

By Jane Phillips



It's a little chaotic but a whole lot of fun...It's the Umpteenth Annual Church Rummage Sale! The countdown starts and the rope drops at 4 p.m. on Friday, July the Fourth. Hilary spins the discs and always starts off with "Wipeout". The music is infectious and Tom Phillips will do a tribute to Jimmy D in honor of his elegies to America's musical past. Folks run to grab tools and kitchen stuff and appliances and garden stuff and pet stuff and building materials and toys and linens and clothing...oh my the Gathering Place is chock a block full of good clothing for everyone and bedding and sporting goods and decor and lamps and furniture, and more and more. You can catch a brat and a brew or veggie hot dog and pop or just sit in the beer garden and sip some wine with friends. The sale goes from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. on July the Fourth and from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. on July the Fifth. At 7 p.m. on Saturday the Fifth, everything goes to "Free and By Donation".

Donations are accepted starting on July 2nd from 5-9 p.m; July 3rd. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. and July 4th from 9 a.m. until noon at the Church parking lot. **Please** we cannot accept mattresses, large appliances, electronics, food or cosmetics or any chemicals, sofas or huge lounge chairs or huge and heavy anythings. It takes an army of volunteers to sort and display the goods. Come and help (and have fun) for four hours and earn a voucher for \$10 in merchandise or some goodies at the Beer/Brats stand. Thank you all.

The Next Blood Drive is on Monday June 9th.

Let's try something new. I want to beseech your sense of competitiveness and entice you to earn prizes for donating blood! Bloodworks Northwest, who handles the blood we donate, runs ongoing raffles that blood donors can get their name into for a prize. There are two going on right now, but the only thing you need to do, in addition to donating blood, is register for the raffle to win!

Here is the link and we will be sure to help you get registered when you come to give on June 9th at the Gathering Place! For donating blood from May 15 - July 31 - you can win a "Pet Friendly 3 night PNW get away". Or for donating between May 1 - June 30th, you can win a chance to get a \$3,000 gift card to Tango.

The need for blood donors is always high. Yet only 3% of the population donates blood. Please be part of our 3%! We have 27 people registered as of the writing of this article, but we need to fill it with over 13 more!

Currently there are a few late morning slots and quite a few in the early afternoon. Here is the registration link to sign up to donate blood at the Gathering Place on Monday, June 9th. https://donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/77891. We would love to see you there!

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Whatcom Ferry Advisory Committee

By Pam Gould

Our The Whatcom Chief has returned from a successful "in water" Dry Dock yearly maintenance session and is back in service. Kudos to our intrepid crew who performed all types of maintenance, crewed the passenger service vessel and drove the shuttle, all to help Islanders maintain ability to access the mainland!! We are tremendously grateful to our excellent crew and the Public Works dept.

At the May 13th County Council meeting the Council unanimously passed a motion to allow the Public Works dept. to borrow from other County funds so that the Beach Ave. road wash out area could be repaired this summer! Great news for Local Beach Ave. homeowners and for access to the lower LIHT Aiston Preserve.

Latest Fares news is that the County Council sent a resolution to the County Executive. "The council affirms the need to increase ferry fares to address solvency issues and ensure that fare box revenues are meeting the required 55% fare box recovery rate per WCC 10.34.03 and pursue other revenue options for the ferry fund. Further, the Council encourages the County Executive to increase ferry fares immediately to ensure solvency of the Ferry system annual operations, provided the rate increase is ample enough to meet the goals set forth in the code for fare box recovery and reserve fund contributions." This will likely result in fares increase in the near future. Consider this when purchasing new tickets.

A second resolution requested "Motion to request that the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee make recommendations to County Council and the County Executive to address the annual gap in funding ferry operations." We will be discussing this at our May 28th WCFAC meeting. Look for the minutes on the Whatcom County Ferry Advisory Committee site.

At the June 10th County Council Meeting, Public Works will deliver their Ferry System Financial report to the County Council. This report will likely have future impact to ferry fares and operations. There will be a remote zoom link at the Whatcom County Council site for this meeting. You must sign up before the meeting for the zoom link.

Next Meeting: -Wednesday June 25th 6 PM at The Gathering Place.. Whatcom County Deputy Executive Aly Pennucci will attend.



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Resilient Lummi recently showed two films about resource consumption and recycling and it's effect on our lovely island and planet. Everyone was invited and we had an excellent turnout. Folks found the films very interesting and they prompted great conversations and project ideas. They are available to watch on line: "Story of Stuff" <https://youtu.be/9GorqroigqM> *<https://waterbear.com/watch/eliminate-circulate-regenerate> Waterbear is a free on-line resource for inspiring and educational documentaries. Stay tuned for more movie nights!

And on another positive note, Senate Bill 5284, introduced by Sen. Liz Lovelett, D-Anacortes, will create a master plan and network for dealing with recyclables in Washington, to launch in 2029 or 2030. The Democrat-controlled House and Senate passed the bill, mostly along party lines.

A generous islander donated many seeds to the library for people to take home. We are considering starting a Seed Library next spring and hope to be offering trainings in seed collection this Fall.

Meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at the Library in the Hanson Room. Anyone with an interest is invited!

Saturday Market News

By Lynn Dee

Our Saturday Market had a great Opening Day on May 24th! We probably broke all records with seventeen booths of returning and new vendors. Invite all of your off-island friends to come enjoy our unique Market mix!. We will be having live music almost every Saturday, all summer long. Since June weather is sometimes iffy for music, we won't be doing any scheduling. However, if you want to come down to play in June, please let us know you are coming and we will save you a spot to perform. We are already scheduling music for July and August. If you or your group would like to sign up for one or more Saturdays, please contact Lynn Young at 360-319-3727. Please call or text her and she will put you on the schedule.

If you have any questions regarding vending, please contact me at 360-758-2815. Market Hours are 10am to 2pm with some vendors remaining open past 2pm.

Scenic Estates

By Leslie Dempsey

Music by the Evergreens (Angie & Gary): Friday June 6th, 6 to 8pm @ the beautiful Scenic Estates Clubhouse (1202 Beach Ave). Bring your own beverage and a snack to share. Family friendly, everyone is welcome!

Schooner Zodiac

By Victoria Souza & Leslie Dempsey

By the time you are reading this the July 30th Zodiac Cruise (a fundraiser for Lummi Island Foundation for Education) will likely be sold out. We'll take names for a wait list in the event of cancellations. If there is enough interest, we may be able to arrange another cruise in early September. Please contact Victoria Souze 360-739-6713 or Leslie Dempsey 360-223-6225 if you'd like to be added to the waitlist. Thank you Islanders for supporting LIFE's efforts to maintain two teachers at Beach School for the 2025/2026 school year



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Civic Club Says THANK YOU to our Community

The Civic Club is so appreciative of all the islanders that came to our recent Plant Expo on May 17th at the Lummi Island Grange. We appreciate all the plant, gift shoppe and raffle prize donations. You did great! So much fun was had by everyone involved. We also thank all our wonderful volunteers and especially Janet Granger, who coordinated the whole event and her various department coordinators for the Raffle, Sandra Clavero, the Gift Shoppe, Pat Moye, the Café, Rose Ann Auld and of course the Root Beer Float stand, Becky and Jerry Crawford. The whole club was involved and we had many others join too. Our next meeting will be our last of the current season and will be a celebration day. We hope all our members show up and join us at the Lummi Island Grange on Thursday, June 12th at 11:00 a.m. Bring friends to toast with us! Everyone should bring a salad or a dessert for the day and we will have mimosas and juice available for everyone. If the weather is good we will try to enjoy the day out in Alf's Place!

Lummi Island Civic Club Garden Expo Raffle 2025 prizes and winners list:

- 1. Garden Planter w/ bird feeder station Donated by Byron Moye. Prize winner: Ricky Bousman
- 2. Wooden Bird Feeder Donated by Civic Club. Prize winner: Ricky Bousman
- 3. Birdbath Donate by Molly Forman. Prize winner: J Holmes
- 4. Nuwave cooking System Donated by Beverly Bush. Prize winner: Elaine Granger
- 5. Pressure Cooker Donated by Carolyn Jewell-Jenkins. Prize winner: J. Holmes
- 6. Hillcrest Farm CSA Veggie Basket Donated by Simon Lapof/Hillcrest Farm. Prize winner: Dannon
- 7. Hanging Cherry Tomato Basket Donated by Jan Granger. Prize winner: David Austin
- 8. Jewelry Necklace Donated by Gayle Mitterer. Prize winner: J Holmes
- 9. Lynn Young print. Donated by Lynn Young. Prize winner: Jeannie
- 10. Succulent Bowl Donated by Civic Club. Prize winner: Jean Kammerzell
- 11. Beach Store Cafe Gift Certificate Donated by the Beach Store Cafe. Prize winner: Kathy Zaiser
- 12. Whatcom Chief Print Donated by Civic Club. Prize winner: Mary Barnes
- 13. Handmade Crochet Raffia Bag Donated by Sandra Clavero. Prize winner: J Holmes
- 14. Set of 3 Women Small Purses Donated by Didi Wilson. Prize winner: Sandi Earl

After our summer break, we will start our season up again with our new officers.

President:	Carol Jewell-Jenkins
Vice President	Becky Crawford
Treasurer	Julia Lowe
Secretary	Molly Forman

We also have an opening for our Program Coordinator. This person is the one that helps with our monthly meeting presenter topics. Thank you to Pat Moye who stepped into the Vice President position over the last year and will now turn over her role to our new Vice President, Becky Crawford.

Thank you to everyone and have a great Summer!



The Gathering Place

By Sahara Burson

Save the date for Oktoberfest! Saturday, October 4th 2025.

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

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