



The Tome of Lummi Island

July 2025 - Volume 60 No.7



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: July 10 & 24; 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	6:30 pm
4th Wed.	WC FAC 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 July 7 & 21

July Events

July 4, Sat	Church Rummage Sale See Pg. 9	4:00 - 8:00 pm
July 5, Sat	Pancake Breakfast, Grange Hall, See Pg. 9	8:30 - 10:30 am
July 8, Tue	Nature Journals for Kids, Island Library, See Pg 7	3:00 - 4:00 pm
July 12, Sat	Forest Fest, Otto Preserve See Pg. 5	12:00 - 3:00 pm
July 15, Tue	Let's Write Letters - For Kids, Island Library, See Pg. 7	3:00 - 4:00 pm
July 19, Sat	Whatcom Grooves Summer Music, Island Library, See Pg. 7	6:00 - 8:00 pm
July 22, Tue	No Cook Cooking - For Kids, Island Library, See Pg. 7	3:00 - 4:00 pm
July 25, Wed	Jennifer Hahn Seaweed Workshop, Otto Preserve, See Pg 5	9:30 am - 4:30 pm
	Jennifer Hahn, Evening Lecture, The Gathering Place	6:00 - 8:00 pm

Upcoming Events

Aug 5, Tue	Parish Dinner, Lummi Island Congregational Church	5:00 - 6:30 pm
Aug 6, 13 & 20 Weds	Nature Explorers with Micha Camarillo, Otto Preserve, See Pg. 5	9:00 - 12:00 am
Aug 9, Sat	Historical Society display and ice cream social, See Pg. 10	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Aug 12, Tue	LICA General Meeting - Meet your local Representatives, See Pg. 2	6:00 - 8:00 pm
Aug 16, Sat	Reefnet Festival, See Pg. 4	11:00 am - 8:30 pm
Aug 17, Sun	Fire Dept Open House, See Pg. 13	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Aug 30, Sat	Salmon BBQ, Grange Hall	
Sept 13, Sat	Honky Tonk, Grange Hall	6:00 - 10:00 pm
Oct 4, Sat	Oktoberfest, The Gathering Place	
Oct 18, Sat	FOIL Fundraising Auction	

The LICA board hopes you are all having a good summer on Lummi. It should be a pretty exciting time.

LICA has a table at the Saturday Farmer’s Market and would like you to stop by to discuss any island issues or just to visit. Lummi Health and Wellness and the Ferry Advisory Committee will often be at our table.

Your LICA board meets the first Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the island library and you are always welcome to join us.

The summer LICA general meeting will be Tuesday August 12th at the Grange. There will be a potluck at 6 PM followed by a quick meeting. At 7 PM will be a forum with our Olympia legislators.

David



Legoe Bay Reefnetter

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Gathering Place	360-758-2060	info@ligatheringplace.com
Grange Rental	360-223-6225	Leslie Dempsey
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
Hazardous Waste	360-380-4640	For Info & Questions. Open 9am-4pm Mon-Fri & 1st Sat of the month

Past Rainfall Totals	2024					
Location	December	January	February	March	April	May
Westshore - Sheila & Al Marshall	5.51	7.15	2.61	N/A	2.10	3.65
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	5.71	7.18	2.61	1.55	2.28	3.04
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	5.71	6.79	2.78	1.61	2.51	3.32
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	5.90	6.5	3.14	1.77	3.41	3.39
Granger Way - Scott josiah	5.23	6.57	2.45	1.37	2.28	2.81
Scenic Estates - Crawford	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Current Rainfall Totals	2025					
Location	December	January	February	March	April	May
Westshore - Sheila & Al Marshall	////////	2.93	2.62	4.31	1.72	1.14
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	////////	2.78	3.32	3.7	1.75	1.66
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	////////	2.82	3.34	4.47	1.73	1.45
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	////////	2.45	3.37	5.04	1.72	1.69
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	////////	2.65	3.27	4.17	1.75	1.46
Scenic Estates - Crawford	////////	1.94	3.09	4.82	1.76	1.28



Jonathan Wyman Fincke: age 90, passed away peacefully in his sleep on December 11, 2024.

He was born in 1934 in Englewood, New Jersey. Jonathan attended the Loomis School in Windsor, Connecticut, and graduated from Bucknell University, where he was a proud member of the Kappa Sigma fraternity. Following graduation, he was commissioned as a First Lieutenant in the Transportation Corps of the United States Army. He served with distinction for 15 years, ultimately leaving the Army at the rank of Captain.

After his military service, Jonathan built a successful career in the plastics industry, working closely with doctors and hospitals. His work reflected his lifelong dedication to innovation, service, and the protection of others.

On June 24, 1967, Jonathan married Elizabeth E. Fincke. They lived in Rochester, New York, then moved to Connecticut, where they raised their family. In 2000, they retired to Lummi Island in the Pacific Northwest, where Jonathan helped in the design and building their new home. Later in life, they moved to San Antonio, Texas, to be closer to family.

Jonathan was deeply committed to the Lummi Island Congregational Church and the Lummi Island Heritage Trust. He dedicated much of his time to raising funds for the trust and organizing the Annual Lummi Island Rummage Sale. He also loved being involved in his community—volunteering at the local school, reading to children, helping with various projects, and serving with the Lummi Island Fire Department. Additionally, he was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary, further reflecting his lifelong spirit of service.

He loved participating in the Ski to Sea event from Mt. Baker to Bellingham Bay. Jonathan was passionate about organizing many ski events, beach parties, tennis clubs and holiday gatherings for family, friends, and the community throughout his years in Rochester, NY, Ridgefield, CT, and Lummi Island, WA.

Jonathan had a great love for all his dogs and was passionate about teaching many of them to hunt pheasant. He also loved hiking on the trails of Lummi with his dogs Windy and Bear.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Elizabeth E. Fincke, his daughter, son, and several grandchildren. Jonathan will be remembered for his creativity, dedication, warmth, and his unwavering commitment to both his family and his community.

A funeral will be held in Grand Isle, Vermont, at the Grand Isle Family Cemetery in August. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Lummi Island Heritage Trust or K9s for Warriors.

Jonathan's memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved him.



Elizabeth Love Fincke: passed away on May 18, 2025, in San Antonio, Texas, at the age of 84. She was born on November 20, 1940, in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Elizabeth was a graduate of the Northfield School for Girls in Mount Hermon, Massachusetts, and earned a nursing degree from the University of Rochester. She dedicated much of her career to caring for others, working as both a visiting nurse and a school nurse, and later became a family therapist. On June 24, 1967, Elizabeth married Jonathan W. Fincke. They lived in Rochester, New York, before moving to Ridgefield, Connecticut, where they raised their family. In the fall of 2000, Elizabeth and Jonathan moved to Lummi Island, Washington. Later, they relocated to San Antonio, Texas, to be closer to family. Elizabeth loved all her dogs and cats, cherishing the companionship and joy they brought to her life.

Elizabeth is survived by her daughter, her son, and several grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Jonathan W. Fincke.

A funeral will be held in August at the Grand Isle Family Cemetery on Grand Isle, Vermont. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Lummi Island Heritage Trust, an organization close to Elizabeth's heart.



As predicted and requested by the Whatcom County Council, Whatcom County Executive Satpal Sidhu invoked his second executive order to change the United Fee Schedule that sets ferry fares. New rates take effect in August and reflect 71% to 150% increases for car/drivers to large trucks. [See documents and information posted at <https://www.whatcomcounty.us/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=4996>]

The Ferry Advisory Committee was provided a five minute notice prior to the public information release about Fare increases. Executive order fares changes do **not** reflect recommendations made to Executive Sidhu by WCFAC motion and a separate meeting with County leadership. WCFAC will continue to advocate for ferry riders, who are encouraged to voice concerns or ideas directly to the Executive's office. **At all times, please be mindful that ferry crewmembers are our neighbors and as with other Public Works employees are under direction of the Executive.**

Reefnet Festival

By Wendi Merritt

Mark your calendars for the **9th Annual Reefnet Festival!** Saturday, August 16; 11am - 8:30pm, at the Salish Center - 4036 Legoe Bay Rd There will be live music will be by Walrus and Lost At Last.

We will have arts/crafts and educational vendors. AND if all things align, reefnet fishing during the event! If we are able, there may be fish for purchase at the festival, so put a cooler in your car. As you've come to expect, we will be serving some amazing Salmon BBQ, Seafood Paella, and Pike Place Chowder. Our Beer Garden returns as well. The charter boat to observe the gears was so successful, we are bringing it back this year.

New this year - We are working with the Lummi Nation to represent their ancestral lands and provide information to visitors about their history with the land and sea.

This festival is not possible without a fleet of volunteers. We know you love supporting local events and care about our local fishing environment. We're looking for energetic individuals to help make this year's Reefnet Festival a success! Opportunities include: site setup / breakdown, ticketing, assisting with craft & other vendors, food service, education events, and the beer garden. Volunteers will receive a free meal, and beverage ticket If you're interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact: Wendi Merritt reefnetfest@gmail.com 360-504-6787 text or call 9am-7pm daily



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Parish Health Ministries

By Jane Phillips

Food Bank for Seniors, Loans of Durable Medical Equipment, Emergency Island Food Vouchers

The Ferndale Food Bank for Seniors 55+ is ongoing for every other Friday with distribution at the Congregational Church. In addition to being 55+ you only need to be a resident of Lummi Island to qualify. Call any one of the Health Ministers to inquire. If you are experiencing a food emergency, call 360 389-6697 and we can arrange for a voucher to the Islander to help get you over the hump. If you need a ride to a medical appointment call a health minister and if you give us a week's notice we can probably find you a ride. Perhaps you just tweaked something and need to borrow crutches or a walker until it heals. Call a health minister. We also have wheelchairs, four wheel walkers, bedside commodes, shower chairs, tub transfer benches, canes, etc. Ingrid: 360 220-5860; Joan: 360 739-0228; Lisa: 360 201-0830 or Jane: 360 389-6697. Thank you!



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In July, the Lummi Island Heritage Trust is celebrating the 25th Anniversary of the dedication of the Otto Preserve. We will honor this milestone and all of LIHT’s incredible supporters at this year’s Forest Fest — our annual summer BBQ bash — held in the Otto meadow on July 12th, from 12 to 3pm. Please join us for music that will move your feet by The Atlantics, delicious grilled fare, and local craft brews. We’ll also be hosting our famous Pie Auction with talented island bakers competing to bake the pie that fetches the highest bid! You will find the Pie Entry form on our website. Fun for the whole family awaits!

On July 25th, we dive into the wonderful world of seaweed with Jennifer Hahn, Bellingham’s own author, scientist, teacher, culinary explorer, and wilderness guide. We’ll start the day at 9:30am with an exploration of a Lummi Island beach for seaweed identification followed by cooking demos and sampling. In the evening at 6pm, please join us at The Gathering Place to enjoy a lively slideshow lecture — **Pacific Harvest: Foraging as a Healing Passport to Place, Plants, Animals, and Nature** — on the cultural, culinary and ecological uses of sea veggies, land plants, marine shellfish and mushrooms. Jennifer will share stories of her 40 years foraging afoot and afloat from Alaska to California, including animals who shelter in and eat the foods we also love, sustainable foraging tips, nutrition, recipe ideas, and profiles from Indigenous traditional food experts working to revitalize Traditional Foodways in the Salish Sea and beyond. Jennifer’s presentation will be followed by a Q&A and book signing and accompanied by popcorn "SEA-soned" with local farmed kelp (Lummi Island SeaGreens). Registration is required for both events via the LIHT website. Nature Explores will be held again this August! On three Wednesdays (6th, 13th & 20th) The Lummi Island Heritage Trust presents a program created just for kids 6-12 years old. Led by Micha Camarillo, this fun, environmental education program teaches children about the wild and natural treasures of the island. Each session is 2.5 hours long, 9:30am-12 noon. Registration and costs can be found on our website.

In celebration of seaweed, we are delighted to witness a resurgence of bull kelp off the shore of the Aiston Quarry. Bull



kelp forests are vital to the Salish Sea ecosystem, acting as underwater forests that support an incredible diversity of marine life. These dense beds of brown macroalgae provide essential habitat and food resources for a wide array of species, including migrating salmonids and are an important hunting ground for our transient whales. Beyond supporting biodiversity, bull kelp offers valuable ecosystem services: it combats ocean acidification by absorbing carbon dioxide, protects shorelines by reducing wave energy, and provides crucial nutrients and shelter throughout its life cycle. The presence of healthy bull kelp forests is increasingly important for mitigating the effects of climate change and preserving the overall health and productivity of the Salish Sea.

To learn more about our Preserves, Events and ongoing programs, please drop by in person at The Otto Preserve or Saturday Market Table or visit our website at www.liht.org.

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Saturday Market News

By Lynn Dee

There is "So Much to see and Do" at the Saturday Market! We are having a great start to the Market this season. Even on rainy days we've had a dozen vendors. We are now in print. Our Ad for the Market appears every week in the Friday print edition of Cascadia Daily, our great local newspaper. It seems to be helping to bring new customers to see what we have to offer.

We have Live Music scheduled for every Saturday in July, beginning with Joe Cook, on Marimba on July 5th, followed by "Jimmy the Lock" the next three Saturdays. Music usually begins around 11am. We are now scheduling music for August. If you or your group would like to sign up for one or more Saturdays, please contact Lynn Young at 360-319-3727. 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. See you on Saturday!



Beach School finished June strong with a Baker Trail hike, Summer reading walks to the Library, Jogathon BEPTO bowling reward for exceeding their goal by \$4,000 (thank you Lummi Island!), Bike Raffle with 5 bikes rewarded from the Masons, Awesome Field Day at the Harmony's, and then 5th grade graduation. We are so thankful for our 5th graders: Parth Deshpande, Vera Davis, Everett Hudson, Javier Escalante, Leona Machalski, Jack Randall, Ophelia Thomason, and Kade Wentzel. These are awesome kids that we have seen grow over the years and we will miss them!

We are excited about our new round of Kindergarteners and welcome all new registrations! To register for Beach Elementary, please go to ferndalesd.org, For Families, then Online Registration. If off island, submit a transfer request. Tell a friend!

The impact of the District moving one of our teachers to town 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. We are close and so thankful to our Island Community for their support and love! Many fundraisers are in the works and we are honored by your efforts.

For more information or to get involved, please reach out to the Lummi Island Foundation for Education.

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Library Levy

By Joan Keiper

Library Levy Proposition 2025-02 - Restore the Library Levy Rate To 0.42/\$1000

Whatcom County Library System (WCLS) is asking voters to consider a measure (Proposition 2025-02) on the Aug. 5, 2025, ballot to restore the property tax levy rate that funds operations and services. The library system is asking now in response to increased costs and demand for services. The measure would restore the property tax levy rate that funds daily operations and maintenance of its libraries to \$0.42 per \$1,000 assessed value.

- WCLS last asked voters to approve a levy lid lift in 2009. At that time, voters approved a rate of \$0.44 per thousand dollars of assessed value.
- Over the past 16 years, WCLS's levy rate has effectively fallen to \$0.26/\$1,000.,due to inflation.*
- Since then, the number of people we serve and operating costs have significantly increased, and the library system's annual expenses now exceed annual revenues causing a drain on reserves.
- If the levy is restored, the library system will be able to maintain current levels of staffing, open hours and services and continue supporting a robust collection of library materials, including physical and digital items, with minimal wait times and online/streaming resources
- If the levy rate is not restored, the library system will need to cut staff, reduce open hours and eliminate services. This may include closing branches one or two days a week and reducing its investment in library materials, with increased wait times and decreased selection.

* By law, taxing districts may only increase their levies by up to 1% each year. A property valued at \$600,000 that paid \$156 to WCLS in year one would pay \$157.56 in year 2, an increase of \$1.56 to WCLS. Your tax liabilities increase when voters approve a NEW levy (say, a school district capital projects levy, or the jail levy) or when voters approve the formation of an entirely new taxing district (such as a new Park District). So, your "extra" taxes go to the new taxing districts or new levies, with only the 1% annual increase allowed by law going to WCLS. For additional information, go to WCLS.ORG/levy.

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The Friends of Island Library annual Used Book Sale: is going strong. The Nobel barn is open daily from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Great deals on fiction and non-fiction books. Childrens and seasonal books are also included. There are special books including local, historical, rare and vintage books.

Many thanks to all the people who have donated – you make the sale a success

Funds raised at the book sale are used to maintain the building and grounds and to sponsor events and programs at Island Library.

July Upcoming Events

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.



Whatcom Grooves Summer Music Series: Sleepy Alligators at Island Library - Celebrate summer, music and libraries at free concerts hosted across the Whatcom County Library System. At each event, discover what’s new at local libraries and join neighbors in a joyous afternoon or evening of live music. The Island Library is pleased to host Sleepy Alligators. The music never stops with Sleepy Alligators, a beloved Bellingham Grateful Dead tribute band! Come out and dance to their big sound combining harmonizing vocals, three-piece percussion and trombone with masterful guitar, bass and keyboards.

The concert takes place outside in the backyard of the library. Bring a picnic, a blanket or chairs to get comfortable and enjoy a summer evening of local music. Carpooling is suggested as parking is limited.

This concert is sponsored by a generous donation from Island Library patrons. Saturday, July 19th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM.

Island Teen Corps - Whatcom Grooves In-Person - We need teens with a community spirit to help out with some summer library programming. You'll help organize the space, pass out flyers, and enjoy the music yourself. Saturday, July 19th, 5:30 -8:30 PM

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. July’s book is West with Giraffes by Lynda Rutledge. Thursday, July 24, 11:00 AM – 12:00 pm in the Hanson room.

Island Teen Corps - We need teens with a community spirit to 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.

[Nature Journals](#) – Tuesday, July 8th, 2:45 – 4:15 PM.

[Let’s Write Letters](#) — Tuesday, July 15th, 2:45 – 4:15 PM

[No Cook Cooking](#) – Tuesday, July 22nd, 2:45 – 4:15 PM

Island Kids' Programs- Grades K – 5.

[Nature Journals](#) - Explore the delights waiting just outside your door. Together we will make and decorate our own nature journals, then head into the great outdoors to notice and record the wonder of our surroundings. Tuesday, Jul 8th, 3:00 – 4:00 PM.

[Let's Write Letters](#) - It's fun to receive things in the mail, and sending stuff to friends and family is the best way to get stuff in return! We'll have everything you need to create and send your own correspondence. Tuesday, July 15th, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

[No-Cook Cooking In-Person](#) - You don’t need sharp knives, heavy pans, and open flames to prepare delicious food to eat and share. We’ll have everything you need to measure, mix, and master tasty no-cook recipes for snacks and treats to fuel your summer of fun. Tuesday, July 22nd, 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 July 21st 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.



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Lummi Island Health & Wellness (LIH&W) Program

By Bob Anderson



Since Our Health & Wellness Program launch is gathering steam as new funding support arrives and classes are poised to commence in early July!

New Grant Funding – The Civic Club, having completed a very successful Annual Plant Sale Event, made a grant of \$2,000 to serve as bridge funding for our Program Coordinator position. Yay to this treasure of an Island organization supporting our mission of helping us all age in place successfully!

These funds along with an earlier grant from the Mt. Baker Foundation will carry us through the summer when a larger grant is expected from the North Sound Accountable Communities for Health (NSACH) organization. The preliminary report from NSACH is that we will receive the majority of the amount we requested. This major grant will provide full funding for our Program Coordinator as well as for a Communications Specialist.

We feel very pleased to have now received 6 of the 7 grants we requested over the past 6 months amounting to about \$125,000, enough resources to advance our Action Plans including some of the programs listed below.

Telehealth is here - Any Islander who would like support to communicate with medical providers on-line should contact the Health and Wellness Program. This includes helping Islanders get set up on their own computer, or making the Telehealth Center at the Gathering Place available. In addition to having a private room with the necessary computer equipment, telehealth volunteers can assist in recording weight, pulse rate, oxygen saturation, and blood pressure readings. Call Jane Phillips at 360-389-6697.

Home Modifications for Safety Program – Using a \$2,500 grant from AARP to set up workshops for Islanders on home modifications for safety purposes, we will be offering workshops later this summer and fall providing samples of safety equipment and engaging volunteers to help install items.

Wellness Classes Starting in July– We have been surveying Islanders at the Saturday Market for the past month to determine interest in Wellness classes. Based on this feedback we will be starting three yoga classes and a Tai Chi class beginning the second week in July. For more information contact judyolsen.lihw@gmail.com. Here’s the calendar:

- Tuesdays from 9:00-10:30 – Wellness Yoga with Constance Drake
- Wednesdays from 9:00-10:00 – Tai Chi with Randy Smith
- Thursdays from 10:00-11:00 – Chair Yoga with Jennifer Martim
- Saturdays from 10:00-11:00 – Hatha Yoga with Jennifer Martin

Foot Care Service Popular – Foot care is available right here on Lummi Island. The next date is July 15th when Lynn of D&L Essential Services will come and soak your feet, gently towel them dry (please bring your own hand towel.), then trim and file your toenails before she applies lotion. Cost is \$35 (subsidy is available upon request (simply ask). Pay with cash or check only. Please call Jane @ 360 389-6697 to schedule an appointment. Here’s to Happy Feet!



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Pancake Breakfast: Saturday July 5th from 8:30 to 10:30 am, \$10 adults / \$5 kids 12 & under. We'll stop selling entry tickets at 10:30, but don't worry – we'll give you time to enjoy your meal! This is a beloved annual island event and a great way to fuel up and ready yourself for a day of treasure hunting at the Church Rummage Sale. I'm positive that the weather will cooperate and that we'll all be basking in the sun in the **Grange's Alf's Place**.

Grange Hall Improvements, both happening now and on the horizon:

Audio/Visual upgrades: Thanks to a lovely grant from LICA and some “masterminding” by Alan, we have purchased all the components for ceiling mounted cameras and speakers in the main hall and exterior speakers outdoors in multiple places. Once installed, this system will make for significantly improved hybrid meetings and at least triple the fun at music events such as the **Grange's September 13th Honky Tonk**. We hope to have this system installed before the August LICA meeting.

Exterior Painting: A team of volunteers has been re-painting the board and batten siding including the entry porch, north wall and a portion of the west wall where the garbage/recycle and BBQ area are situated. Come and take a look – it's beautiful!

Washington State Capital Budget Grant Approved: The Grange has been awarded a \$75,000 grant to replace the ancient cedar shingles on the front, south side and deck area, insulate those same walls, install energy efficient windows and the double door on the street-side of the main room. If there is enough grant money left, we'll replace our 25-year-old furnace. After learning about the grant process, we'll put out specifications and a request for bids. We'll do our best to work around the rental schedule to minimize inconvenience for our renters.

Parade: Due to schedule complications on the part of our volunteers, the Grange won't be having a parade this Summer. If anyone out there wants to take on the job of organizing a parade, go for it! If not, we'll take this up again next Summer.



Be There When The Rope Drops!

By Jane Phillips



It's a little chaotic! It's Almost Time for the Rope to Drop — and the fun to begin — 4 p.m. on Friday July the Fourth kicks off the Umpteenth Annual Church Rummage Sale. (I just learned that the first Church Rummage Sale was chaired by Lois Peterson in the seventies as a fundraiser to start a preschool!) It goes from 4-8 p.m. on the Fourth and then Saturday July 5th from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m. when everything goes to free and by donation. Our all-island extravaganza features clothes and linens and tools and garage stuff and kitchen stuff and decor and pet stuff and garden stuff and furniture and small appliances and jewelry and gimcrack, whatnots and whimsy galore. There'll be beer and brats and veggie hot dogs and chips and pop and even some wine to sip in the beer garden. Hilary makes the vibe and this year there will be a nod to Jimmy D. and his inspiring toast to platters from the past that each seem to come with fascinating stories!

Donations: drop off at the Church starting at 5 p.m. July 2nd and continuing all day July 3rd from 9-9. and again on the morning of July the 4th from 9-noon.
Parking: parking is across the street and down a bit from the Fire Hall. There'll be a sign and people to help.
Volunteers are much needed and appreciated. If you come and help sort you'll have fun and make friends and if you help out for four (or so) hours we'll give you a \$10 voucher good for merchandise or food at the Beer/Brats Stand! **See you there!**





Confusion Reigned - Purse Seiners vs Reef Netters Several articles from the Bellingham Herald tell a story of conflict between reef net and purse seiner fishermen that took place off the west shore of Lummi Island on Sept. 7, 1937. Captain Henning Woog of the purse seiner Alma out of Seattle brought complaint against Lummi Island reef netters for cutting his nets. Although he didn't know their names, Capt. Woog was just sure they'd done it. Sheriff T.W. Farmer went to Lummi Island with 20 arrest warrants for said unidentified criminals.

Leaders assured the sheriff that they would appear in court on Sept. 10th and they did indeed arrive – 45 reef netters came willing to submit to arrest! Sheriff Farmer asked for 20 names. The reef netters' lawyer responded "You pick them out." No one would own up to cutting the nets. Nope, they had no idea who did it, so the sheriff randomly selected 20 men and added another 5 for good measure. Their names and identifying information were entered into the Whatcom County Jail Records; committed and released on the same date. Some of the names we recognize as islanders are: Austin, Corcoran, Smith, and Tuttle. The whole crowd trooped down the hall to Judge Boone Hardin's court. After accusations and denials were bantered back & forth a hearing was scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 18th and the sheriff's office ordered to conduct an investigation.

Who were the real culprits?

A week later the sheriff & his officers were still in the dark about the identity of the men who actually cut the nets. "John Does" and "Richard Roes" from both the reservation and the island were keeping a low profile. Captain Woog was the only person who showed up for the arraignment before Judge Hardin on the 18th. Woog could only suggest names of two accused men who could have 'perhaps' been involved. By this point, Judge Hardin wasn't having any more and informed the captain that he was responsible for bringing names before the court. Captain Woog vowed that he would hire a lawyer and be back. But, that's the last we heard about the case of the unknown reef net 'criminals' in 1937.

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Newsletter Anniversary Celebration

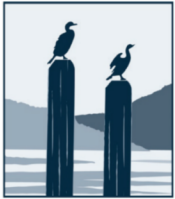
In celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Island newsletter (now the TOME), the Lummi Island Historical Society will have a historical display featuring the vintage newsletters and additional Island history accompanied by an old -time ice cream social on **Saturday, August 9th , 1:00 – 3:00 PM**. Not to be missed- mark your calendars!

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Resilient Lummi Happenings

By Lindy Early-Rosen

Resilient Lummi is currently focused on raising awareness and raising our voices to tell our legislators to oppose climate cuts in the Big Budget Bill. The bill would cut funds for climate projects that have already been passed, and are in the works in many locations, including: clean tech projects, electric car rebates, agriculture resilience, and clean energy infrastructure that brings jobs. We can't afford to go backwards. There is also great concern about the REQUIRED sell-off of Public Lands in Whatcom County included in the Budget Bill. You may have seen our table at the Saturday Market offering pre- addressed, stamped postcards for constituents to send to our Senators and Congressman. Please contact your lawmakers if you are concerned about what the Big Budget Bill might mean to us all if passed. Write for Climate Change, right?

At Resilient Lummi we've been discussing the day-to-day details of keeping more trash out of landfills, specifically plastics of all sorts. We've compiled a list of various ways to give unwanted plastics to businesses that send it to recycling facilities. Fred Myer, Haggen, Kohls, Safeway, and WinCo all recycle plastic film (if you can stretch it it's plastic film) for free. They send it to NexTrex to be transformed into decking etc. Visit NexTrex.com for more details.

- You can always ask your local stores if they recycle what they sell.
- SSC has an updated website detailing what can be recycled. They will charge you \$7 for a huge bag of plastic film (which can include clean, empty potting soil and compost bags) if you bring it to the depot on Roeder Ave.
- Ridwell Express will sell you a subscription service (which can be shared with neighbors) which includes prepaid envelopes to send plastics of all kinds back to them for responsible recycling (think Kind bar wrappers, dog treat bags, prescription bottles, plastic lids). See RidwellExpress.com for more details.

Another business in Whatcom County that helps reduce waste is the Living Pantry. Their vision is that every household in Whatcom County reduces plastic and other harmful product consumption by choosing clean, local, refillable products that support a healthy circular economy. They have 2 locations - in Bellingham at 2420 James St (beside Trader Joe) and in Blaine at 264 H St. Along these lines is a new business called Pumped Goods at 112 Ohio St. in Bellingham. See pumpedgoods.com for details. These businesses deserve our support and help make it easier to transition away from a wasteful, polluting consumer lifestyle.

Do you have leftover medications you don't know what to do with? Our Island Library offers a free, safe way to dispose of unused medications to avoid the contamination of our water and soil from leaching pharmaceuticals. Ask our friendly librarians for the medication envelopes that send these potent materials to a responsible end-of-life.

Summer on Lummi is a favorite time for large celebrations and if you're planning a big event please consider contacting SSC, Sustainable Connections / Toward Zero Waste to arrange for FoodPlus recycling for all that leftover food and paper plates, etc. Food waste in the landfill is a large source of methane, a nasty greenhouse gas.

At our last meeting we discussed offering a Seed Saving presentation in late summer, doing another movie night in the fall and setting up dedicated aluminum can receptacles at local businesses (to be donated to the Dolly Parton can recycling project at the Grange). If you are interested in seeing these events happen, consider joining us at our next meeting on July 15 at 6:30 in the Hanson Room of the Island Library.



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To all of you in the island community who have so generously donated money to support the second teacher position at Beach School next year, we thank you. I hope you know how important this effort has been; our island school is a huge part of this community. I'd like to use this space to feature two poems written by recent 5th grade graduate Kade Wentzel. He shared them with our class on the last day of school. Kade is moving away from Lummi Island this summer. I hope, through his words, you will see how important Beach School is to our students. Thank you so very much for your help.

Beautiful Beach

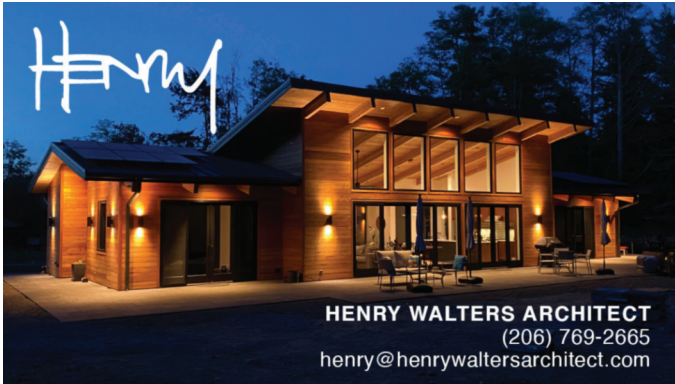
*Beach school is a place that brings an unknown happiness,
a place that seems normal
but when you're about to leave you see how priceless
the happiness here can be.*

*You realize that you want to do so much more
like you could explore the whole wide world!
But you realize you only have 2 weeks
until you have to leave.*

*So, then you try to enjoy it;
but it's hard to enjoy when you know your time is closing
and you wish you could have more
but you can't, so, you just lay on the floor.*

Lummi Island

*Lummi is so big yet so small,
so little yet so much.
I wish I could stay.
I hope I see you another day,
I wish you could come with me,
but that's just silly. You're an island!
You stay here, but I hope I will see you again.
You are my friend,
you are here, we are one,
you will always be near.*



Lummi Island Congregational Church

By Rhayma Blake

It's Rummage Sale this month with a lot of ongoing activities as well. You really don't want to miss the Rope Drop on the 4th of July at 4pm. Fun, excitement, food, libations, music, and a whole lot of bargains.

Remember, NO Elderberries on July 2nd and NO Friday Cove on July 5th as we ready for the Rummage Sale. But every other Wednesday you can count on Elderberries from 11am-2pm in The Gathering Place. Catch up with friends, make new ones, play games, and enjoy a hot lunch at Noon.

Don't miss our next Parish Dinner at 5pm, Tuesday, August 5th in The Gathering Place. We'll be featuring Pork Spare Ribs, Cole Slaw, a Baked Potato Bar as well as Cheesecake and berry sauce for dessert. Suggested donation is still just \$15.

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.



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.

Special Offer for Non-Profits: Lummi Island-based nonprofits receive 50% off one rental in 2025.

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WCFD #11 News

By Michael Lish

The Dept. took delivery of the two new response explorers mid May and we have been shuffling them back-and-forth from radio shop to striping shop to truck vault shop getting them up-fitted. I expect them to both be 100% by mid July, but both vehicles have already been responding to 911 calls.

Construction is underway at the fire station on the bathroom upgrade project and should be completed by the time you're reading this.

Please take this opportunity to mark your calendars for this year's open house. It will be on Sunday, August 17th from 10 AM to 2 PM at the fire station. I anticipate a big turnout and I am excited to see you all there.

Burn Ban for Lummi Island Announced June 15th! Restrictions on open burning now in effect. Recreational fires are still allowed with the landowner's permission. Recreational fires must meet the following requirements:

- Recreational fires no larger than 3x3' in diameter are allowed using ONLY seasoned firewood or charcoal.
- Winds must be LESS than 7 MPH.
- A charged garden hose or 10 gallons of water with a bucket shall be on site.
- Beach fires must be below the last high tide line and **not** in or around driftwood.
- All other locations must be in an approved enclosure.
- Approved enclosures required of cement block, stones or #10 gauge steel, a minimum of 16" high and open on one side. Materials being burned must be lower than the sides.
- All fires must be DEAD OUT (cold to touch) prior to leaving.
- Violations of these burn restrictions can result in response fees starting at \$250.00
- If you have a fire that has to be extinguished by fire agencies, you may be held responsible for all suppression costs.

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