



The Tome of Lummi Island

September 2025 - Volume 60 No. 9



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 - Starting September 20th, See Pg. 11	10:30 - 11:00 am

Ferry Refueling: September 4, 18 - 12:10 pm 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 - 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.	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, See Pg. 11	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Recycling: Mondays September 1, 15, 29

September Events

Sept. 3, Wed	New Rate Ferry Punch Card Sales, Ferry Office - Lummi Dock	5:40 am - 2:40 pm
Sept. 4, Thur	Blood Drive, Grange Hall, See Pg. 10	
Sept. 6, Sat	Island Parade, See Pg. 5	11 am
Sept, 9, Tue	Parish Dinner, See Pg. 13	5:00 pm
Sept 13, Sat	Honky Tonk, Grange Hall, See Pg. 13	6:30 - 10:00 pm
Sept. 18, Thu	Estate Planning Seminar, Grange Hall, See Pg. 4	4:00 pm
Sept 23, Tue	Ferry Punch Card Exchange, Grange Hall	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
Sept. 27, Sat	Ferry Punch Card Exchange, Fire Hall	8:00 am - 3:00 pm
	Movie Night at the Library, See Pg. 11	5:30 - 7:00 pm
Sept 28, Sun	Meditative Forest Walk, Otto Preserve, See Pg. 4	2:00 - 3:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Oct. 2, Thur	Reduce Waste at Home, Island Library, See Pg. 11	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Oct 4, Sat	Oktoberfest, The Gathering Place	5:00 pm
Oct. 9, Thur	Island Mask Making, Island Library, See Pg. 11	3:00 - 4:00 pm
Oct 14, Tue	Poetry Collage Workshop, See Pg. 11	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Oct. 16, Thur	Senior Services, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 11	2:00 - 4:00 pm
Oct 18, Sat	FOIL Fundraising Auction, See Pg. 6	3:00 - 5:30 pm
Oct. 29, Wed	LICA, General Meeting, Grange Hall, See Pg.2	6:00 pm
Oct 31, Fri	Haunted Hotdog Stand, Grange Hall, See Pg. 13	5:00 - 6:30 pm

Check the Online Community Calendar for the most up to date information at OurLummiIsland.org

As summer is winding down, the LICA board wants to thank all of you for stopping by at the farmer's market. We need your input, questions, and comments. Please continue with written comments left in our drop box at the Grange across from the post office.

The LICA board says goodbye this month to Board Members Julia Lowe and Dan Deshpande, and wish Parth the best of luck at his new school! Why neither can be replaced we welcome new Board Member Sandi Fukumoto to the board. LICA can always use new board members interested in being involved in our community. The board meets the first Tuesday of the month 7 pm at the Library. Please join us to learn more about LICA activities. The fall General Meeting will be Wednesday Oct. 29th. Please join us for a 6 pm potluck and 7 pm meeting. The island historical society will have a fun program honoring the Tome for its 60th anniversary. Rumor has it an anniversary cake will be involved!

David



General home repair, small remodel projects, 3D model design. Call or Text

425-894-2025

Are you ready to explore solar? We are.



360-746-0859 westernsolarinc.com

Helpful Numbers	
Aluminum Cans	360-223-6225 Contact Leslie Dempsey. Recycle Bins Located in Grange Parking Lot
Church Rental	360-758-2060 Church office@LummiChurch.com
Free Notary Service	360-758-2559 Call David Thorn
Gathering Place	360-758-2060 info@ligatheringplace.com
Grange Rental	360-223-6225 Leslie Dempsey
Hazardous Waste	360-380-4640 For Info & Questions. Open 9am-4pm Mon-Fri & 1st Sat of the month
Library	360-758-7145 Tuesday 1:00-7:00pm, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm
Parish Health Ministry	Ingrid: 360 220-5860; Joan: 360 739-0228; Lisa: 360 201-0830 and Jane: 360 389-6697 Durable medical equipment to borrow; food vouchers to the Islander for food emergencies; blood pressure checks upon request; rides to your doctor appointment if you need it (Please give a a week's notice if you can). Call our team for help.
Post Office - New Number!	360-298-7584 Mon. - Fri.: 10:45am - 2:45pm, Sat.: 10:30am - 12:30pm, Lobby 24 Hours

PEGGY HASSAN



HAIRCUTTING • HIGHLIGHTING
COLOR & PERM SERVICES AT YOUR HOME
971.322.4479 • Portlandcitygirl@yahoo.com



Designer • Craftsman
of Fine Furniture

Designing and building
fine furniture &
wood work since 1972.

(360) 758-7452

www.alanrosenfurniture.com

Past Rainfall Totals		2024				
Location	February	March	April	May	June	July
Westshore - Sheila & Al Marshall	2,61	N/A	2.10	3.65	1.30	0.75
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	2.61	1.55	2.28	3.04	1.49	0.83
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	2.78	1.61	2.51	3.32	1.60	0.94
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	3.14	1.77	3.41	3.39	1.95	0.95
Granger Way - Scott josiah	2.45	1.37	2.28	2.81	1.52	0.84
Scenic Estates - Crawford	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Current Rainfall Totals		2025				
Location	February	March	April	May	June	July
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	2.62	4.31	1.72	1.14	1.22	0.16
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	3.32	3.7	1.75	1.66	0.92	0.17
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	3.34	4.47	1.73	1.45	0.80	0.10
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	3.37	5.04	1.72	1.69	1.16	0.12
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	3.27	4.17	1.75	1.46	0.80	0.13
Scenic Estates - Crawford	3.09	4.82	1.76	1.28	1.10	0.15

Historical Rainfall

By Elizabeth Kilanowski & Bert Rubash

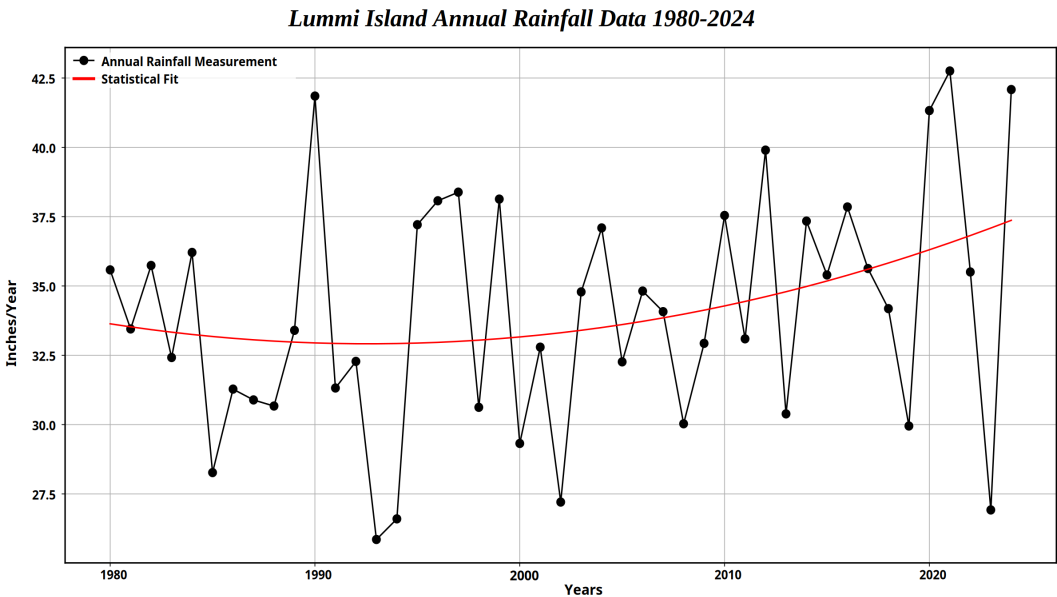
In 1980, Al and Sheila Marshall began collecting daily rainfall data at their farm on Westshore Drive with Susan Hutton and Michael Byers continuing the work over the last couple of years. In 1991, Jerry Brown started keeping data off S. Nugent Road. In 1992, Charles Evans, off Centerview Rd. joined the project, which was later taken over by Nancy Simmerman at her Tuttle Lane home. All of them agreed to use the same type of rain collection device. In the past couple of years, Leslie Dempsey and Scott Josiah have begun keeping records as well.

Data has been digitized and statistical analysis done in order to better understand rainfall trends. Below is a graph showing data through 2024 from four of the rainfall stations averaged together. Black dots indicate each year with the smooth line being the statistical fit to the data. The bottom axis indicates the years from 1980 to 2024 with the vertical axis showing the rainfall in inches.

It is apparent that year to year rainfall on the island has a great deal of variability with the driest years being 1993 (about 25 inches) followed by 1994. The wettest years were 2021 (about 43 inches) and 2024. Over the last decade, the months of May, June, July and August have been trending dryer with the wetter months showing an increase in precipitation.

Rainfall on the island and in the San Juan Islands is often rain-shadowed by the Olympic Mountains. Weather systems that move onshore from the Pacific Ocean cause rain to fall as the system rises over the mountains. The lee side of the mountains, which includes the islands receive far less rain. As the system moves east over the mainland, the air rises over the foothills and drops rain again. Average annual rainfall in Western Washington is as high as 119 inches a year in Forks and about 57 inches in the Deming area of Whatcom County to a low of around 16 inches in Sequim and about 25 inches on San Juan Island.

The islanders who have agreed to collect and record rainfall data do a great service for the community at large by helping all of us to better understand climate trends as we go forward into a warmer world. They are citizen scientists at their best.





Lummi Island Heritage Trust would like to thank those of you who completed a **Trail Usage and Accessibility Survey**. Your responses will help us understand how our preserves and trails are being used and how we can improve your experience. If you have yet to fill out the brief survey, the QR code provided on the photo will take you there. You may also find on our website @liht.org.

As autumn approaches, the leaves are beginning to turn yet late-season pollinators remain at work, sourcing nectar in late-flowering plants. Native asters persist into fall, such as Douglas Aster and Puget Gumweed. The latter grows in abundance in the coastal habitats of Lummi Island, thriving in and around driftwood, at the edges of the brackish waters of the Legoe Bay slough, and on the precipices of rocky bluffs. Identifiable by its resinous, “gummy” flower buds and conspicuous bright-yellow flowers, gumweed is hardy, deer-resistant, and boasts a long-lasting flowering season — blooming from late spring through fall and, sometimes, into the depths of a

mild winter. It’s an excellent plant to include in a low-water, deer-resistant pollinator garden and in wetland and prairie restoration sites.

Please join us for a mindful journey in the forest! On September 28th, LIHT welcomes Lummi Island Health and Wellness to the Otto Preserve to host a Meditative Forest Walk, an immersive experience that blends Forest Bathing (Shinrin-Yoku), Mindful Walking, and intentional Connection with Nature. The collaboration between our island organizations stems from a shared belief in the sanctity of the land and how we can best honor both it and ourselves, celebrating the beauty of the forest and contemplating the bounty that nature provides. Look for details soon on LIHT and LIHW websites and social media channels.

In October, you won’t want to miss our annual Mushroom Foray. Mycologist Dr. Fred Rhoades along with esteemed colleagues will guide participants on each of our four preserves in identifying local mushroom species. The Northwest Mushroomers Association has been in partnership with LIHT for many years, hosting this fun and educational experience for all ages. Limited space available, registration will be on the events page of our website in early September. Cost: Free

Last month we discussed how some researchers have linked the presence of Nitrogen-15, an isotope that is abundant in the ocean, to the critical role of salmon in supporting our native “salmon forests.” Our thanks to a reader — an accomplished scientist — who pointed out that Nitrogen-15 is not exclusive to the ocean but is also naturally occurring in upland habitats. There is no doubt of the critical importance of salmon to our marine, riparian, and forest ecosystems — however, given the terrestrial distribution of Nitrogen-15, its presence in trees is likely not the definining proof of these interrelationships.

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.



Ken Swanson, Realtor®, Broker
Real Estate on Lummi Island

A full time resident, representing buyers & sellers on Lummi, in Bellingham and throughout Whatcom County
Please contact me to discuss the real estate market here.
And visit the “Lummi Link” on my website.



www.KenSwansonHomes.com
Cell/Text: 360-961-6066
Email:KenSwanson@Windermere.com



ISLAND VETERINARY SERVICE
WILLIAM T. BAZLEN, D.V.M.

Lummi Island, WA 98262
(360) 758-4008 (360) 746-1126

Available By Appointment
House Calls

Estate Planning Seminar

By Ken Swanson

Free, September 18th 4 pm Grange Hall: Join Bellingham Elder Law Attorney and popular host of the Aging Hour on KGMI Radio, Phillip George, from Safe Harbor Legal Solutions, as he shares insights on Estate Planning with Purpose. Learn how to avoid the costly & time-consuming probate process, eliminate unnecessary death taxes, reduce the financial strain of long-term care costs and ease the burden to your loved ones. Planning – Preserving – Settling. Sponsored by island resident and realtor Ken Swanson. Limited Seating. Call or Text Ken at 360-961-6066 to reserve your spot today.



It's back on thanks to the organizing efforts of Cassa Cole! The annual end-of-summer sea themed parade will be Saturday, September 6th, 11am.

Route will run along N Nugent; from the Islander northward ending with a float party at the grange! Participants should lineup on granger way at 10:30am. all are welcome to join— wear a costume, make a float, bring an instrument, blow bubbles, decorate your bike, dress up your dog, represent your neighborhood ! Come out to walk or watch the spectacle and make some noise, spread some joy and celebrate the changing season!

The Grange will be dishing out free rootbeer floats at Alf's Place afterwards to replenish the calories expended in parading





HENRY WALTERS ARCHITECT
(206) 769-2665
henry@henrywaltersarchitect.com

LANGABEER & TRAXLER, P.S.

DANNON C. TRAXLER
ATTORNEY AT LAW

2701 MERIDIAN STREET
BELLINGHAM, WASHINGTON 98225

(360) 671-6460
FAX (360) 647-7871
dtraxler@langabeertraxler.com

Saturday Market News

By Lynn Dee

August was another busy month for the Market. Labor Day marks the end of our regular season, but not the end of the Market, by any means. We will continue as long as weather permits, with produce, art and hopefully some of our community groups. Cory's last day of the Market will be September 6th.

Look for updates on Nextdoor from me and other vendors to find out what's happening. Or, give me a call at 360-758-2815. Thank you to all of the vendors, the fabulous musicians that came and played for our enjoyment and most of all to our customers, who showed up every Saturday, rain or shine!



3913 Legoe Bay Road
P.O. Box 6
Lummi Island, WA 98262

www.ligatheringplace.com
360-758-2060
info@ligatheringplace.com

Law Office of
Karl E. Malling, PS



Representing those seriously injured by:

- car accidents
- medical negligence
- slip & falls and trip & falls
- nursing home negligence
- product liability
- construction site injuries
- other injury accidents

Estate planning including:

- trusts and wills
- directives to physicians (living will)
- powers of attorney

phone: 206-214-6815 email: karl@mallinglaw.com



FOIL Auction – The annual Friends of Island Library Auction, on October 18, from 3:00 – 5:30 PM at the Grange, will feature theme baskets, art and crafts by local artisans, homemade foods, services, dinners, classes, and adventures. If you have an item you would like to suggest as a donation, contact Colleen MacGilchrist at 360-961-4932 or colleenmacgilchrist@gmail.com.

To volunteer: www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054EA4AD2CA2FEC34-57131405-volunteer .

Used Book Sale - FOIL gratefully thanks the Island community for their support of our annual used book sale. Whether a donor, a volunteer or a purchaser, you all contributed to an amazingly successful used book sale.

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 September 15, 3:00 PM at the library. All library patrons are welcomed. If you'd like to support FOIL's work, financial donations can be sent to PO Box 204, Lummi Island, WA 98262 or made through Paypal on <https://www.wcls.org/friends-island/>

Heirloom Designs

EST. 2010

Handwoven blankets,
rugs, scarves, shawls,
placemats & custom orders

Barbara Boulanger
bmboulanger@gmail.com
call/text: 530-680-5402

Island Healing Arts
Michele Morrissey, LMT

Massage for:
Relaxation
Wellness
Injuries

Deep Tissue
Lomi Lomi
Hot Stones
Medical Massage

(360) 201-4765
www.lummiislandmassage.com

Lummi Island Civic Club

By Molly Forman



The first meeting of the Fall for the Lummi Island Civic Club will be on Thursday, September 11th at the Lummi Island Grange at our regular 10:00 a.m. start time. The new Civic Club Board members will be the hostesses for this meeting and will ensure you are provided delicious refreshments and offer beautiful decor for the day.

We want to try something new for the start of the new club year at this Fall kick off meeting. We will offer a new "Supplies for Students" program where we ask everyone attending this meeting to bring new and unused school supplies to donate to the Beach School and its students. Feel free to purchase something that you feel could benefit the Beach School students or wait until school starts and we will have a list available with suggestions from the Beach School teachers. Think of this like a "Toys for Tots" type fundraiser, but substitute school supplies for Beach School's Kindergarten through 5th grades. These items could include #2 pencils, erasers, 3-ring binders, backpacks, etc. I am sure you can remember back to those days! Tammy Immer will be sending me a list of items the Beach School can specifically use, so I will update our members when I get that list. I also posted a link to some suggestions on the Civic Club NextDoor Group to help you as well. Anyone can participate in this, you don't have to be a Civic Club member! Just contact me and I can pick up your items from you before September 11th, or you can bring them to the Grange that morning.

Our meeting will likely have a full agenda since this will include an introduction of our new Board, as well as some planning for the year for Program agenda topics Including The Twice Loved Rummage Sale and other fun activities. We will also review our hostess and Elderberries sign up lists.

- Please welcome our new & returning Civic Club Officers:
- President: Carolyn Jenkins (Returning)
 - Vice President: Becky Crawford (New)
 - Treasurer: Newly Open (Pending)
 - Secretary: Molly Forman (Returning)

As a reminder, the Civic Club meetings the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Grange, generally at 10:00 a.m. from September through June. Our Mission is to be an organization dedicated to volunteerism and fund raising which support the charitable, educational and cultural services on Lummi Island. The women of Lummi Island have always been the driving force for change here. Let's continue the tradition!

All women of Lummi Island are invited to attend our meetings and participate in our activities. We love meeting new people and we look forward to including you in our membership! Please come see us on the 11th! You are welcome to contact any of the officers if you have questions or need further information.



Lummi Island Health & Wellness (LIH&W)

By Bob Anderson



Since Our Summer is in full swing It has been so much fun seeing Islanders (and some of your guests) enjoying our array of health and wellness activities this summer! We have had anywhere from 8-20 people attending classes. Here's a list of our ongoing Wellness Classes at The Gathering Place that will continue into the fall and winter:

- 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 Martin
- Saturdays from 10:00-11:00 – Hatha Yoga with Jennifer Martin

These classes are supported by donations, suggested at \$15. However, we want everyone to be able to participate, so donate whatever you can.

Upcoming New Classes:

- Meditative Forest Walk in association with the Lummi Island Heritage Trust and Health & Wellness at the Otto Preserve: September 28th 2-3:30pm
- Sound Bath: September 14th 4-5:30 at The Gathering Place

Both classes will be led by Jennifer Martin, Health & Wellness instructor. Detailed descriptions and registration info will be publicized soon. Suggested donation for each is \$20.

Feel free to reach out to our email address (lummiislandhealthandwellness@gmail.com) for questions about any of our programs and to sign up for our newsletter. We will be launching our new website later in September. If you are reading this online, here are our social media links which are chock full of articles, videos and program schedules: [Facebook](#) [Instagram](#) [YouTube](#)

Happy Feet – Foot Care sessions will continue monthly with the next date set for Tuesday, September 23 from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Sign up by contacting our email address (above) or by calling Jane Phillips at (360) 389-6697. The 30-minute service fee is \$35 and we are glad to subsidize anyone who needs a little financial help. We make the subsidy process easy and confidential at the time of sign up.

Telehealth Service Is Happening – We've now had a few Islanders take advantage of our new Telehealth Service. Anyone who would like support to communicate with medical providers on-line is welcome to contact the Health and Wellness Program (See email address above). This includes helping you get set up on your own computer and making the Telehealth Center at the Gathering Place available if desired. 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 to pass on confidentially to your provider. Here's a video clip of one of our grateful telehealth service users: Click on this link if reading on line or go to our You Tube channel: [Thurid Clarks](#) Testimonial

Home Safety Modifications Program Coming Soon – What a great event we got to participate in at the Fire Department Open House on August 17. Here's a video of our Health & Wellness Home Safety crew having fun at the Open House. This is also posted on our YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/uRgr8nnhNnw> In September and October we will be holding public education sessions on how to make your home safer so you can age in pace comfortably and confidently. At these workshops we will show you how to do a home safety self-assessment and will have volunteers to help you if needed. And for those who complete their home assessment, we will be providing funds to purchase and install safety equipment, like grab bars and motion sensor lights.

Office Hours and Blood Pressure Checks at the Health & Wellness Resource Center Our Outreach and Communications Coordinator, Kellie Moeller, is in the Resource Center office (the east side of The Gathering Place) every Tuesday and Thursday from 9:00-Noon. Feel free to stop by to learn about our classes and services and maybe to learn about a volunteer opportunity that appeals to you. And blood pressure checks will be provided by one of our nurse volunteers on the first and third Tuesdays of the month from 10:00-noon.

Finally, the Scenic Estates Board has approved a request for us to offer some classes in the SE Clubhouse. We are grateful for their generosity as we attempt to make our programs accessible throughout the Island. We hope to offer an exercise program in that beautiful space this fall.

Transform, Rejuvenate, Celebrate Life – Island Style!



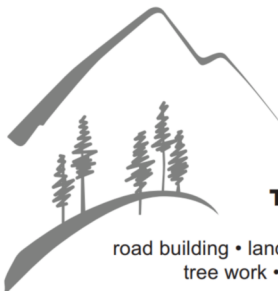
WOW! Thank you, thank you, thank you to LIFE, BEPTO and our generous community for helping us keep our 2nd teacher for another year. We really feel the outpouring of love! School started August 27th with 30 students eager to learn! Please keep in mind that in order to keep our 2nd teacher NEXT year (2026-2027), we need at least 37 students enrolled. We are working on some strategies to hopefully reach that goal. We are looking for community members interested in teaching after-school enrichments as well as a once-a-week music class. In the past we have had fun classes such as pottery, language, art, sports, gardening, music, and cooking. If you are interested in teaching a group of students after school, please contact Tammy at 383-9440 for more information.

September brings Peace Day, Open House and fun BEPTO events like bake sales and Kids Night Out. October comes quickly with the Harvest Festival of pressing apples and the Annual Halloween Party. We will need apples for pressing so stay tuned! We thank our community again for all you do for Beach Elementary.



Phillips Construction
Custom Homes, Remodels,
Additions, Decks

Travis Phillips
3080 Hales Passage Drive
Lummi Island, WA 98262
(360) 224-7405
phillipstravis420@gmail.com



Baker Mt. Ranch, Inc.
founded in 1938

Charles Baker
bonded contractor
WA State Lic #BAKERMR023DD

Charles 360-961-3014
Tom Kennedy 360-758-2285

road building • land/lot clearing + development
tree work • stumping + grading

Resilient Lummi Happenings

By Ruchi Stair

It's not too late for fall planting! There are free seeds in the Seed Library, just in time for a last crop of lettuce or greens, or for planting a cover crop to nourish the soil / cut down on weeds. There are even flower seeds in the Plant Now box. What is the Seed Library? There are over 60 varieties of free seeds to take home, organized by Resilient Lummi, and housed in the Island Library's Hanson Room.

Interested in saving seeds and perhaps sharing them with other islanders? Late summer/fall is an excellent time. Select some of your most successful vegetables and flowers, and let them go to seed, while still on the living plant. You can harvest them by carefully cutting off the stem when the seed pod is dry and brown and turning it upside down in a paper bag, and then letting it dry a few more days in a dry, sunny location. Shake the bag and separate the seeds from the pod, cleaning out the debris as much as possible. Place seeds in a small glass container and label clearly. Putting them in the freezer for a few days cuts down on pests. There is great information in the seed saving book in the Seed Library.

Keep your eyes peeled for a presentation in early Spring on growing and saving seeds.



**Excavation, Utilities, Land
Clearing, & Septic Installation**

For information, email us at
islandexcavation05@gmail.com

For more info about us, visit
www.islandexcavationinc.com



locally-owned vacation rental
management for Lummi Island
living and visiting

www.stayandseavacations.com
info@stayandseavacations.com

360.746.0805

December 24, 1927 - August 5, 2025

Our beloved matriarch, Anne Burnett Rector Jewell, gracefully exited stage left on August 5, 2025...having spent 97.7 years being the star of the show. Born on Christmas Eve 1927 in Aurora, Illinois, Anne arrived just in time to be the best Christmas present her parents, Harold James Rector and Flora Emma Caroline Schultz, ever received. She was the second of six spirited children (five sisters and one brave brother), a lineup that undoubtedly honed her skills in diplomacy, determination, and dishing out sibling justice when needed.

In 1943, the Rector family migrated westward to Washington state, eventually landing in Bellingham, a city Anne would come to leave her mark on in more ways than one. There, at the tender age of fifteen, she met the love of her life, Earle "Bud" David Jewell, at Bellingham High School. A full-ride scholarship to the University of Chicago could not distract her from Bud for long. She zipped through her Bachelor of Arts in just two years, returning home to accept a marriage proposal and a life of 65 years full of love, adventure, laughter, and just the right amount of chaos.

Anne and Bud married on December 11, 1948, and started their journey as a family—with Anne working at the telephone company to help support Bud through his university studies. Together they raised five children: Carolyn, David, Shane, Peggy, and Trinda, and crisscrossed more zip codes than most people change socks. Their life took them from the wilds of Alaska—where Anne proved herself a real-life pioneer, hunting game, canning meat, and giving birth in a first aid station—to the comfort of Lynnwood and Lacey, eventually returning to their beloved Lummi Island.

A woman of many hats (and probably sewed most of them herself), Anne was a librarian by trade and a creator by nature. She retired as Assistant Librarian from Western Washington University but never truly stopped cataloging the world in her own beautiful way—through stories, art, and love. Her hand-braided wool rugs warm homes across the country. Her sketches of island life, her legendary pies, her intricately sewed clothes, and her years of dedicated service to the Lummi Island Grange and Mermaids are still the stuff of local lore.

Anne did not just join the Grange... she participated fully. She wrote plays, directed, acted, and created costumes for Pomona contests. And when the Grange won too many awards (thanks to her), the contests were simply discontinued...because really, who could compete with Anne? For 30 years, she helmed the Grange Fair booth, with a focus on the uniqueness of Lummi Island Grange. She was the former Master of the Grange and the heart of every gathering.

Anne loved being a Lummi Island Mermaid and shared her sense of humor, creativity and loyal friendship with her Mermaids, for over 30 years. The Mermaid parade float and our Island Lighted Vehicle Tour came about through her spirited creativity.

She and Bud saw the world, including every state in the U.S., the Arctic, the southern tip of Mexico, and the Amazon River, Asia, Europe and Russia. After Bud's passing in 2017, Anne kept the wheels rolling—traveling with her daughters, carrying on the legacy of adventure (and probably giving airline staff something to talk about). She was a daughter, sister, aunt, librarian, artist, seamstress, baker, gardener, and fiercely loyal friend. She was the kind of woman who could patch a pair of overalls, quote Dickens, bake a pie, out-hike you, paint a seascape, and still have energy left to beat you at cards. She leaves us with a well-organized book collection, countless hilarious stories, and a model of what it means to live life with grit, grace, and an irrepressible sparkle.

Anne leaves behind a loving, laughter-filled legacy that includes:

Children: Carolyn Jewell Jenkins (Richard), David Jewell (Edie), Shane Jewell (Macey), Peggy Jewell Holstine (Jim – deceased), Trinda Jewell (deceased).

Grandchildren: Cinnamon Chielens (Joachim), Benjamin Jenkins (Jana), Talia Jewell, (David Silverman), Zain Sandstone, Keith Jewell (Sarah), Kelsea Haft Jewell (Rembrandt), April Holstine, James Holstine III (Kimi), Sairy Reynolds (Michael), Abraham Causland (Tamara)

Great-grandchildren: Bennett Chielens, Jewell Chielens, Emily Jenkins, Kyle Jenkins, Asher White, Corban White, Phoenix Causland, Athena Causland, Riley Reynolds, Kira Reynolds,

Though we selfishly wish we had more time with her, Anne would remind us to get outside, take the scenic route, wear sensible shoes, and always—always—have cookies ready for guests. Rest well, our beloved Anne. You've more than earned it.

Celebration of Life – Saturday, September 20th at 11:30 am at the Lummi Island Congregational Church. Lunch and sharing to follow at the Lummi Island Grange.

The Gathering Place

By Kjell Rye, Becca Rettmer

Oktoberfest! Fall is fast arriving. The harvest is in, wood is stacked, and the beer has been brewed! Across Northern Europe it is a time of joyfully gathering. Whether they call it Thanksgiving, Høstfest, Harvest-Homecoming or Oktoberfest it all points to one thing: Community Celebration for the end of a bountiful summer.

The Gathering Place invites you to OUR island Fall tradition. Please come to The Gathering Place for Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 4th from 5:00-8:00 pm. Enjoy a German themed meal, live music by local group I Fly Kites, a photo booth, and time with island friends and family. Your \$20 at the door includes bratwurst with all the fixings, German potato salad, and Black Forest Cake for dessert. You may purchase extra \$5 tickets good for beer or soft pretzels.

This is an important fundraiser for The Gathering Place. All proceeds will support the care and maintenance of our beautiful, modern, community center that we all enjoy. Hope to see you at Oktoberfest!

Contact info@ligatheringplace.com if you can help with set-up and decorating, food, clean up, etc.

L.I.D.
LUMMI ISLAND DIVERS
Inspections, repairs, video, moorings, charters
360-296-4963

HAVE KNOT WANT NOT
Massage by the Sea
Sarah Powell
360-224-8549

LICA Blood Drive

By Molly Forman



The next LICA Blood Drive date is on Thursday September 4th at the Lummi Island Grange. For a successful donation process, get a good night's sleep, eat a healthy meal, and drink water to stay hydrated. Also remember to bring your photo ID and wear a shirt with sleeves that can be pushed up to your shoulder. To save time, complete your QuickPass on the day of your donation. If you have a flu or cold, wait until you're back to normal before donating.

Nearly every donated unit of blood is delivered to Pacific Northwest hospitals and transfused to local patients in need. Some reasons patients need blood include cancer treatment, trauma, surgery, and bleeding disorders.

Register for the Lummi Island Blood drive at: https://donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/79636 And then, Enter to win! When you donate blood, you fuel a life!

As a thank you, let Bloodworks NW fill your gas tank ALL YEAR! Donate blood August 1 – September 6, 2025, and you could be the Grand Prize winner of a \$10,000 gift card to fuel your adventures. To top it off, there is a bonus giveaway where you could win one of five \$500 REI gift cards to supply your road journeys. Book an appointment to donate blood today. One very lucky donor / driver will be chosen for the \$10,000 gift card of their choice and 5 fortunate outdoor adventurers will be picked for the \$500 REI gift cards. All will be notified on or about September 20th, 2025. See the Official Rules for details. Use this link to register for the prize drawing: <https://bloodworksnw.org/about/news/win>

- LINDY EARLY-ROSEN, L.M.P. Since 1984** - Lindy provides massage therapy to the island, once again. Her specializations include gentle deep tissue & myofascial release, based on more than 30 years of experience in medical offices. Please call **360-758-7452** for an appointment.

Hale's Passage Home and Landscape Maintenance - Specializing in handyman and landscaping services, both new installation and general upkeep, 25+ years experience, long time island resident, references available, text or message **Scott Hale (360) 932-1269**

A VERY TINY GIFT & FARM STAND - A rotating offering of: herbal products, starts, blueberries, soaps, fiber art, procured & 2nd hand goods, and a surprise or two! 2455 Tuttle Ln. Honor System

Jennifer Janelle Holistic Care and Emotional Healing - Compassionate, non-judgemental care during grief, end-of-life, and other life transitions. Offering healing conversations, trauma-informed yoga, deep relaxation meditation, healing sounds, gentle breath work, and sound baths. Learn more at www.JenniferJanelle.com or Email: support@jenniferjanell.com

Hours: Tuesday: 1:00 - 7:00 pm; Thursday & Saturday: 10:00 am - 5:00 pm.

September/October Upcoming Events

Island Storytime - For ages 2-6, 30 minutes. The fall storytime series begins! An open program that includes stories, rhymes, and songs with opportunities for movement and interactive participation. Meets every Saturday at 10:30 a.m. from September 20th through December 13th.

Island Library Book Club - Everyone's welcome to Island Library's book club, which meets at 11:00 a.m. 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. Upcoming books: September 25th ~ The Berry Pickers by Amanda Peters; October 23rd ~ The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the Possibility of Life in Capitalist Ruins by Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing

Island Teen Corps - We need teens with a community spirit to help out with our fall programs for kids. You'll support library staff and assist kids in all the making and doing while hanging out with friends. Teens in grades 6-12 can register at wcls.org, or inquire at the library.

Movie Night at the Library: The Library that Dolly Built - Join us at the library for an after-hours screening of The Library that Dolly Built: Celebrating the People Who Made Dolly's Dream Come True. This documentary takes viewers behind the scenes of Dolly Parton's non-profit program, the Imagination Library. Directed and produced by journalism professor and director of Land Grant Films Nick Geidner, and narrated by Danica McKellar, goes behind the scenes of Dolly Parton's literacy-focused non-profit, Imagination Library, to show how one of the most famous and beloved performers in the world has developed an efficient and effective program for spreading the love of reading. The film celebrates all the people who helped make Dolly's dream come true. After the film, members of Whatcom County Library System's award-winning Right to Read team will talk about their training for WCLS staff on issues related to privacy, confidentiality and intellectual freedom, and Lummi Island's own Lesley Dempsey will speak about the Grange's support of Imagination Library for Lummi Island kids. Refreshments provided. Space is limited; registration is required. Saturday, September 27th, 5:30 – 7 pm

Reduce Waste at Home: The Art and Science of Composting, Vermiculture and Waste Reduction - Join us for a fun and educational workshop focused on home composting methods that result in waste reduction and diversion. Learn and share ideas, building new skills to generate high-quality compost for your garden/houseplants. We'll also learn about new guidelines regarding the disposal of compostable materials that will impact many Whatcom County residents in the coming years. This workshop includes a presentation on composting and vermiculture, and we'll get to see a bookworm bin in action! This program is sponsored by WSU Whatcom County Extension and Blaine CORE (Community Organization for Resources and Education). Space is limited; registration is required. Thursday, October 2nd, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Island Mask Making - Calling all masters of disguise in grades K–5. Whatever you want to be, from astronaut to albatross, luchador to lumberjack, we'll have supplies to make the mask of your dreams. Who or what will you be? Thursday, October 9th, 3-4 pm in the Hanson Room

Poetry Collage Workshop - Combine collage techniques with poetry and make a piece of art to take home in this workshop with local collage artist and poet Sam Wallin. Bring some scissors and a poem to cut up if you'd like, or just show up and get inspired as Sam showcases various collage techniques that go well with poetry. You'll explore hands-on techniques to make cut-up poems, blackout poetry, and poetry collages. Tools and materials will be provided, but you're welcome to bring your own as well. Fun, casual, and relaxing! Space is limited; registration is required. Tuesday, October 14th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Senior Services at the Health & Wellness Center – Sign up for a one-on-one meeting with Stacy Malone Miller from Northwest Regional Council or a representative from SHIBA (Senior Health Insurance Benefits Assistance) 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 Health and Wellness Center on the east side of the Gathering Place on the second Thursdays of October and November between 2:00 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. Thursday, October 16th, 2:00 – 4:00 pm. This event is co-sponsored by Lummi Island Health and Wellness.



Legoe Bay Reefnetter
SERVING SALISH SEA SEAFOOD
Visit our food truck at The Islander Store on Lummi Island
Spot Prawns and Chips • Reefnet Salmon and Chips
Fish Tacos • Pike Place Chowder
riley@salishcenter.org | 1-360-296-2105 | legoebayreefnetter.com

CHAMBERS HOME TEAM
Brent & Shelly Chambers ~ REALTOR®



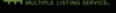
Brent: 360.220.0381
Shelly: 360.981.8901



shelly.chambers@hotmail.com
www.yourkeytowhatcom.com



Proudly Serving Whatcom,
Skagit & Island Counties







If you have not already noticed, we now have a new Community Calendar system on OurLummiIsland.org! The old one was causing issues and adding features we don’t need as they increased the price. So, we had to spend many months of finding new systems, loading them in, trying them out, and ultimately deleting them. Then we found this one which is Free (we are thrifty), offers some new things we really wanted, and is very straightforward. That said, there are always little peculiarities and such to learn with a new system. But it’s up and available for your organization’s events.

Note the list of categories, we really like this, and it will always show “All Categories” at first, but you can click on a specific one to immediately only see it’s listings. It also offers an easy way to jump forward to other months for planning. However, unlike the old system, we (the Publications Team) will have to enter the events. At the top of the calendar is a Link to a form to submit your event. Even if just in the planning stages, once you have a date, send us the information you have with a “Details to Follow” in the description. That way you can let others know you have an event as they plan theirs.

Some other things of note:

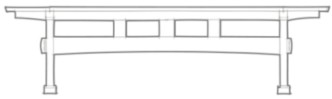
- When submitting articles for the TOME, please do not send us any watermarked or copyrighted images. Most you just “find on the internet” are actually copyrighted. If you wish to have a free image that is safe to use, we suggest you use Pixabay.com which has thousands of truly free images with a real right to use Royalty Free License. Why do we say this, many copyright holders will come after you (and us) with large fines and fees. Best to do it the right way.
- If your TOME article is repetitious every month, we will ask you to submit it Quarterly instead. We can also discuss other options to keep folks aware of your organization and services.
- If you want to keep up to date on what the Publications schedule and things we are doing, go to MC.LICA.us there you can sign up for the eTome, Brown Betty, and our once a month Publications Update email.

TruLight Painting

Interior/Exterior
Residential and Commercial Painting
[Special Discount for Lummi Island Homeowners](#)
John Bailey
(435) 287-7861
TruLightPaintingLLC@yahoo.com



**THOMAS LUTZ
FURNITURE**
DISTINCTIVE WOODWORK SINCE 1994



www.thomaslutzfurniture.com
tom@heartwoodjoinery.com
360.220.5324

**LUMMI
ISLAND
REALTY LLC**

- * A team of resident real estate specialists serving all Lummi Island buyers and sellers
- * Exceptional internet presence, accessibility and success
- * Visit our website: www.lummiislandrealty.com
- * Call 360-758-2094 for property information, or a Free Market Analysis

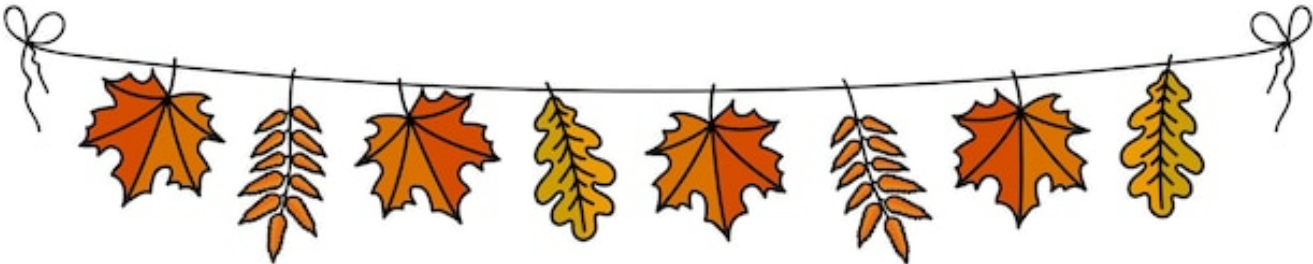
Angie Dixon, Serena Dabney
Colleen McCrory



**SEXTON
CONSTRUCTION**
New construction, remodels & repairs
Mark Sexton
General Contractor

1253 Jamison Street
Lummi Island, WA 98262
(360) 305-9390

Licensed - Bonded - Insured
Lic. #SEXTOC*965M8



Come and replenish the calories expended in Parading or Cheering on Paraders by enjoying a free **Rootbeer Float @** Grange Alf's Place on Saturday, September 6th, post-parade while supplies last.

4th Annual Honky Tonk @ Grange Alf's Place: Saturday, September 13th, 6:00 to 10:00 pm (minors must leave event @ 9:00 pm per WSLCB regulations). Live music by Buddy Mac and his Ten-Gallon Troubadours, a line dance lesson by our favorite instructor Jesse, a delicious meal on the Alf's Deck by the Beach Store Cafe, adult refreshments, firepit (subject to burn ban). \$5 suggested cover to help pay for the band. Dust off your favorite cowboy boots and have a memorable evening with your friends and neighbors. This is a family friendly event!

Haunted Hotdog Stand @ the Spooky Kitchen Door of the Creepy Grange Hall, 5:30 pm until we're done. This is a super affordable drive-up and take-away meal, though if the weather's conducive we might set up a few tables and chairs around the Alf's Place fire pit and put on some spooky music. Come trick or treat us, we'd love to see your costumes!

Grange Grant for siding/insulation/windows/french doors: We are jumping through the necessary hoops to complete the State's requirements and get the project out to bid. With any luck construction will start in a few months. We will be communicating with our hall renters and do our best to keep the disruption to a minimum. Several islanders have expressed interest in taking some of the old cedar shingles (reportedly untreated) for kindling. Please contact Leslie Dempsey if you have interest in any of the old single pane windows and the single pane French doors – this will help the Grange avoid the expense of hauling to the dump, in addition to being more environmentally friendly.

FULL BLOOM FARM

Open for the season!

Our honor-system farm stand offers fresh, local & organically grown produce, flowers, & eggs, plus specialty goods & gifts.

Open 24/7 at the corner of Tuttle Ln. & Centerview Rd.

www.fullbloomfarm.com
360-758-7173

Experience 5 Star Service

- Vacation Rental Management
- Home Monitoring
- Vacation Concierge Services

Serving Lummi Island since 2013, we have the skills, experience, team of professionals, love of this island and a personal, welcoming approach to serving our clients and our guests. With us, you won't worry about anything - your home is safe, secure and cared for.

Jackie Granger, Founder/Owner
pnw-concierge.com 360.201.9351 @pnwconcierge

Congregational Church Happenings

By Rhayma Blake

It's our end-of-the-season **picnic on Tuesday, September 9th** at 5 pm! Join us in The Gathering Place for burgers (your choice beef or veggie), fresh organic corn on the cob, and apple pie with ice cream for dessert. Suggested donation for this Parish Dinner is \$12.

Elderberries gather every Wednesday from 11am-2pm in The Gathering Place. Catch up with friends, make new ones, play games, and enjoy a hot lunch at Noon. A hearty thanks to those who come early and help in the kitchen or the garden.

Friday Coffees continue from 10-11:30am in The Gathering Place.

And of course, we gather for **church, every Sunday at 10:30am**. 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.*

Mary Sews Many Designs

Mary Barstow
360-758-2021 h.
360-927-3651 c.
Lummi Island, WA

Quilting, Home Decor and Embroidery

SERENDIPITY DESIGN

creative interiors • events • floral design

Susie Wirth 206.940.3023 susiewirthdesign@gmail.com

The Tome

***** ECWSS**R-014
POSTAL CUSTOMER
LUMMI ISLAND, WA 98262



School Started August 27th

- Be on the lookout for the school bus
- Watch out for kids walking and biking to school
- Follow the speed limit in the school zone

The Tome of Lummi Island

Lummi Island Community Association
LICA, P.O. Box 163, Lummi Island WA 98262

LICA does not endorse advertisements that appear in any of our publications. Opinions of contributors to **The Tome/eTome** or other LICA publications do not necessarily reflect those of the Officers, Directors, Editors or Volunteers of the Lummi Island Community Association. LICA reserves the right to edit admissions and to publish as space allows.

President: David Thorn Vice President: Julia Lowe
Secretary: Treasurer: Jonathan Atwood
Members at Large:

Jon Berry, Erin Deinzer, Dan Deshpande,
Danit Fried, Jim McCaughan

Provided by & Copyright © 1966 - 2025 Lummi Island Community Association (LICA), All Rights Reserved. Est. Circulation: 1,050

Lummi Island Community Association (LICA) is a non-profit community service.



We rely on generous donations from islanders to help cover our operating costs and community grants. To Donate, go to Donate.LICA.us or printed forms are available at the Island Library.

The Tome, The eTome and Brown Betty

The Tome is mailed via a USPS Bulk Mail list (any address and PO Box on the Island). You may request one sent to your off-island address as well via the Donation form.

Request the eTome and/or Brown Betty, or Publications Updates (Deadlines & Instructions on submitting to us) at MC.LICA.us

For information, advertising, comments & suggestions and submission of articles to the Tome/eTome, contact:
Publisher@LICA.us