



The Tome of Lummi Island

October 2025 - Volume 60 No. 10



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 - Through December 13th	10:30 - 11:00 am

Ferry Refueling: October 2, 16, 30 - 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	11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Recycling: Mondays October 12, 26

October Events

Oct 2, Thur	Reduce Waste at Home, Island Library, See Pg. 7	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Oct 4, Sat	Oktoberfest, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 10	5:00 pm
Oct 9, Sat	Island Mask Making, Island Library, See Pg. 7	3:30 - 4:00 pm
Oct 14, Tue	Poetry Collage Workshop, Island Library, See Pg. 7	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Oct. 16, Thu	Senior Services, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 7	2:00 - 4:00 pm
Oct 18, Sat	Mushroom Foray, Otto Preserve, See Pg. 4	9:30 - 12:30 am
	FOIL Fundraising Auction, Grange Hall, See Pg. 7	3:30 - 5:30 pm
Oct. 25, Sat	Saturday Market Yard Sale, Islander Field, See Pg. 5	10:00 am - 2:00 pm
	Poultice, Compresses and Infused Oils, Island Library, See Pg. 7	1:00 - 3:00 pm
Oct 26, Sun	Home Safety Modifications Program, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 8	2:00 - 4:00 pm
Oct 29, Wed	LICA General Meeting, Grange Hall, See Pg	6:00 pm
Oct 31, Fri	Haunted Hotdog Stand, Grange Hall, See Pg. 9	5:00 - 6:30 pm

Upcoming Events

Nov 2, Sun	Twice Loved Sale, Grange Hall, See Pg. 6	
Nov 4, Tue	Blood Drive, Grange Hall, See Pg. 12	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
	Drawing From Memory, Island Library, See Pg. 7	1:00 - 2:30 pm
Nov 8-9	Island Artists Studio Tour, Locations vary, See Pg. 9	10:00 am - 5:00 pm
Nov 27, Thur	Thanksgiving Day Potluck, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 10	4:00 pm
Dec 9, Tue	Parish Dinner - Tamales, The Gathering Place, See Pg. 10	5:00 - 6:00 pm
Jan. 2, Fri	Blood Drive, Grange Hall, See Pg. 12	10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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

We hope you are all well and ready for a nice Fall on the island, it’s certainly one of the best times of the year here. A big project for LICA in 2026 will be updating the island phone book. The Board is looking for volunteers to help with that update. Please contact us if you are interested in helping.

Our Fall General Meeting will be this month on Wednesday October 29th at the Grange Hall. Please join us 6 pm for a potluck and 7 pm for the celebration of the Tome’s 60th birthday. The LICA Board meets the 1st Tuesday of every month. All are welcome to attend to hear what the board is working on.

Helpful Numbers	
Aluminum Cans	360-223-6225 Contact Leslie Dempsey. <i>Recycle Bins Located in Grange Parking Lot</i>
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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 and Saturday 10:00am-5:00pm
Parish Health Ministry	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 week’s notice if you can). Call our team for help. Ingrid: 360 220-5860; Joan: 360 739-0228; Lisa: 360 201-0830 and Jane: 360 389-6697
Post Office	360-298-7584 Mon. - Fri.: 10:45am - 2:45pm, Sat.: 10:30am - 12:30pm, Lobby 24 Hours

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Past Rainfall Totals			2024			
Location	March	April	May	June	July	August
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	N/A	2.10	3.65	1.30	0.75	3.30
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	1.55	2.28	3.04	1.49	0.83	3.26
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	1.61	2.51	3.32	1.60	0.94	3.56
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	1.77	3.41	3.39	1.95	0.95	3.46
Granger Way - Scott josiah	1.37	2.28	2.81	1.52	0.84	3.09
Scenic Estates - Crawford	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Current Rainfall Totals			2025			
Location	March	April	May	June	July	August
Westshore - Hutton/Byers	4.31	1.72	1.14	1.22	0.16	1.27
North Tuttle Lane - Nancy Simmerman	3.7	1.75	1.66	0.92	0.17	1.17
South Nugent - Jerry Brown	4.47	1.73	1.45	0.80	0.10	1.26
Scenic Estates - Leslie Dempsey	5.04	1.72	1.69	1.16	0.12	1.72
Granger Way - Scott Josiah	4.17	1.75	1.46	0.80	0.13	1.02
Scenic Estates - Crawford	4.82	1.76	1.28	1.10	0.15	1.59



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Whatcom Ferry Advisory Committee

By Pam Gould

Despite our recent sobering fare hike, we do have some good news to share. Our Raise Grant request for change of scope from the Federal Dept. of Transportation was approved to go forward. It is for 25 million dollars. Public works applied for a change of scope from our prior application. This happened after an excellent presentation by the Ferry & Docks subcommittee. Their presentation to Council Reps & Public Works pointing out that a smaller boat would:

1. Fit in existing docks;
2. Cost less;
3. Wreak less havoc on delicate costal ecology; and,
4. Be more climate friendly by not tearing down and replacing the existing dock well before its lifespan was complete.

Following the presentation Public Works and Council Reps agreed to reapply for a change of scope to our original Raise Grant. It has been tense the last few months as we all waited to hear from DOT. But in early September Whatcom County was informed the change of scope was approved!!!!

In October Public Works will attend the WCFAC meeting with lots of news for islanders. They have made progress on the Island side ferry terminal and vessel designs and would like to share them. They also plan to inform ferry riders of the planned construction schedule and the expected Chief outages associated with island side dolphin replacement in Fall 2027 and 2028. This is going to require significant planning from all aspects of our island community.

***** Don't miss this Meeting!! Oct. 22nd 6 pm The Gathering Place*****

Beach School

By Tammy Immer



Beach School celebrated Peace Day with crafts, gardening and music. The Harvest Festival is Thursday, October 9th at the school. Students will make art and participate in 3 cooking stations: pressing apples, making stone soup and baking cornbread. We invite the community at 11:30 am to come to the school to enjoy a cup of cider and soup. We need APPLES (that have not hit the ground) to press into cider. Please leave apple donations on the porch of the school.

Our Annual PTO Halloween Party is on Saturday, October 25th from 6:00-7:45 in the school gym (no haunted house). We need CAKES, glassware for the coin toss, and booth volunteers. Please let us know if you are interested in helping with this community event. Leadership's Veterans Day Brunch is on Thursday, November 6th at 10:00 am in the school gym. If you know of any Veterans on the island that do not know about this Brunch, please bring them to this wonderful event.

We would like to give a shout out to Ram Construction for their generous donation of our missing tennis court fencing. They did a terrific job! We are also thankful to our Island Community, BEPTO and LIFE for all they do for Beach Elementary.



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Lummi Island Heritage Trust - October Greetings

By LIHT Staff



We have some good news regarding Beach Avenue! The road has been repaired and the access to lower Aiston Preserve is restored. The final tasks of paving and landscaping are slated for completion by early October.

Please join us on October 18th, 9:30am-12:30pm for our annual Mushroom Foray, a fun and educational expedition for all ages. Led by renowned mycologist Dr. Fred Rhoades and other esteemed experts, four groups will explore one of each of our preserves to identify and learn about local mushroom species. This is a fantastic—and free—opportunity to deepen your knowledge of the fungal kingdom with guidance from specialists in the field. We will gather at the Otto Preserve Resource Center. Species identification and light refreshments to follow. Space is limited for this popular event, so be sure to visit www.liht.org to reserve your spot.

The results from our ongoing Trail Usage and Accessibility Survey are currently under review. We greatly appreciate your insight, suggestions and feedback and look forward to improving your experience while visiting our preserves. If you have yet to fill out the brief survey, please use the QR code provided on the mushroom image to get started. You may also find survey instruction on our website under “Get Involved”. Thank you for taking the time to join this important conversation!

As the days shorten, take a moment to consider the seasonal activity of harvestmen, arachnids of the order Opiliones. Routinely mistaken for spiders, which have two distinct body segments and often multiple eyes, these “daddy long legs” possess a fused, single-unit body and typically two eyes, located on a central mound. Harvestmen are essentially harmless to humans; they have no venom glands and do not spin webs. These industrious omnivores are nature's cleanup crew, happily consuming a varied diet of decaying vegetation, fungus, carrion, and garden pests such as aphids. Their evolutionary track record is impressive, with ancestors having crawled around for over 400 million years, predating the dinosaurs. This long run may be attributed to defense mechanisms and adaptations such as releasing a foul-smelling odor or shedding a leg when disturbed. The detached leg can continue to twitch for some time, distracting a predator and allowing the harvestman to make a clean getaway. With over 6,600 species identified globally and an estimated 10,000 or more awaiting discovery, there is still much to learn about the quirky, ancient, and charming harvestmen. These unsung arachnids are a gentle reminder of the miniature marvels that enrich the season.

Happy Halloween! ^^o^^

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Meals on Wheels

By Pam Wifler

Hello Islanders! Just a reminder that we are still serving nutritious meals every Monday through the great program Meals On Wheels & More.

Clients must qualify at Whatcom Counsel on Aging to sign up. If you are homebound, age 60 or older, please call 360-746-6480 or use the website <https://whatcomcoa.org>.

Many thanks to LICA and Parish Nurses for your support. And thank you volunteers & staff.

Annual Saturday Market YARD SALE - Saturday, October 25th from 10 am to 2 pm

It's About Time!! for our All Island Yard Sale at the Islander Field. This SALE is for EVERYONE! Individual Lummi Islanders, or groups of islanders with a common cause, to raise funds for projects, or reuse or repurpose goods. Artists can use the occasion to sell their artwork. Sell equipment that's taking up space or clothing, new or used. Create your own sale and advertise on Lummi Island Nextdoor. \$5/canopy space, \$10/vehicle space.

DETAILS: Arrive between 8 and 9:30am to get a space (10X10ft.) to sell your goods. You may drive onto the field to unload, but all vehicles must be removed by 9:45am. A limited number of spaces can have vehicles at the back of your space, so that you can bring your items in your truck, van or trailer and sell from there. These spaces must be reserved in advance. No vehicles can come back on the field for loading until 2:00 pm. Remember to take with you, everything that did not sell. If you wish to stay after 2 pm, it's fine. Bring your own canopy, tables, chairs or blankets to use for your display of goods. MORE INFO and to sign-up for a vehicle space: 360-927-3651



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Newsletter Anniversary Celebration



Join us to celebrate the Tome’s 60th birthday! We’ll have an island wide birthday party during the LICA General Meeting on Wednesday Oct. 29th at the Grange.

Enjoy a pot luck dinner at 6 pm with LICA providing a ham main dish. Please bring another dish for sharing. Following dinner there will be a special birthday cake to be enjoyed by all

After dinner during the meeting the Island Historical Society will present a review of 60 years of the Tome at 7 pm. Please join us for this special event.

Some background on Tome history from longtime editor Paul Davis: Paul became the third Editor of the Tome 41 years ago. Gerri Newman, the second Editor, left the Island and he says that he was the only one standing around who had the time to do it. With no experience in publishing, it was a learning experience. The original island phone book was first put together by Jules "Pete" Peterson. At that time it was only one-sheet! Paul continued with the phone list for a few years putting it together for LICA until it grew into a booklet and got too complicated for one person when a LICA committee took over. *Ed. Note:* I can certainly attest to the learning experience involved in creating the Tome and kudos to Paul for his lengthy time as editor.

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CIVIC CLUB CHANGES ITS MEETING TIME FOR OCTOBER!!



Yes! This is quite a new thing as the Civic Club wants to strive to be inclusive of as many island woman as possible. Many women on the island work full time and find participating in a 10:00 a.m. meeting challenging due to work demands. So we are looking to change our meeting time a couple of times this year to accommodate all of you! Our meeting in October will be full of Fall festive fun and start at 3:30 p.m. for some social time and then have our meeting starting by 4pm. Appetizers and beverages will be served and our meeting hosts will be Debbi Barnes-Josiah, Erin Deinzer and Robin Aspman-O'Callahan. We truly hope to see more and new faces for this meeting. Key discussions will be on the upcoming Twice Loved Sale fundraiser on November 2nd. And, we want everyone to please bring friends or others that have not yet come to a meeting.

At our September meeting we introduced our new slate of officers:

- **President:** Carolyn Jewell-Jenkins (incumbent)
- **Vice President:** Becky Crawford
- **Treasurer:** Sandra Clavero (newly elected at the September meeting)
- **Secretary:** Molly Forman. (incumbent)

We also announced that Erin Deinzer had stepped up to become our new Programs Chairperson. We look forward to seeing the list of creative prospective meetings to come over the next year. Thank you for taking this on and welcome Erin!

A new and hopefully annual event for the Civic Club included a "Supplies for Students" School supplies drive by our members. The fall is a great time to stock up and get supplies at great prices and our members really stepped up to purchase and donate school supplies for our own Beach School. The school sent suggestions of what was needed and we delivered! It was really so wonderful to see all the generous support. This was our first effort to do this and hopefully this will become an annul and growing event! Thank you to all our club members for helping fulfill the educational support of our island, which is part of our club Mission Statement.

Mark your calendars for the annual Twice Love Sale will be on Sunday November 2nd this year. We will be looking to receive some second hand treasures to be for sale at this event. Our preference is for very lightly used items that you treasure. More information will be coming from our event coordinators Debbi Barnes-Josiah and Robin Aspman-O'Callahan.

As a reminder, our club Mission Statement: The Lummi Island Civic Club, founded in 1916, is an organization dedicated to volunteerism and fund raising which support the charitable, educational and cultural services on Lummi Island.



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We are starting production, with a projected release date in the 2nd Quarter of 2026.

So, it is time to start looking for a color photo or drawing for the cover. In past years we have had many great contributions from Islanders showing a core part of the island or an interesting subject. The last two were of the Fire Department and the Ferry - for this edition we need something new for the cover.

Get your creative juice's flowing and send a high-resolution, full color, portrait orientation, image to publisher@LICA.us as your suggested contribution. The one selected will be on the cover with a credit describing the image and who provided it.

Go to MC.LICA.us in your browser to sign up for the **eTome**, **Brown Betty**, and our monthly **Publications Update** email (for folks who submit articles & events).

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

Oct/Nov Upcoming Events

Island Storytime - For ages 2-6, 30 minutes. The fall storytime series continues! 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 (except November which is moved to the third Thursday for Thanksgiving. 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:

- October 23rd ~ The Mushroom at the End of the World: On the Possibility of Life in Capitalist Ruins by Anna Lowenhaupt Tsing
- November 20th ~ A Day in the Life of Abed Salama: Anatomy of a Jerusalem Tragedy by Nathan Thrall

Island Teen Corps - We need teens with 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 the library 🤗

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 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 afternoons of October and November. 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 – 4:30 pm. This event is co-sponsored by Lummi Island Health and Wellness.

Poultices, Compresses, and Infused Oils: A Hands-On Herbal Medicine Class - Come learn about herbal medicine in this fun and informative hands-on class. We will identify a variety of common medicinal plants that can be easily grown in a garden or found locally growing wild. Then we will explore ways to apply this plant medicine topically, including poultice and compress demonstrations. You can make an infused oil to take home with you, complete with instructions. Sonia Wollin has been a practicing community herbalist since 2010, helping people connect with herbal medicine, foods, self-care, and lifestyle choices that nourish each unique individual. Find out more about Sonia at soniawollin.com. Seating is limited, please register for this class. Saturday, October 25th, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Drawing From Memory: Creating a Memory Map - Find inspiration in a creative exercise that taps into specific memories and develops them into a visual representation. We'll attempt to zoom in on a place from our past and draw every detail we can remember. The magic of this exercise is revealed as details emerge that we thought were long forgotten. Inspired by a method outlined in Writing Life Stories by Bill Roorbach, this workshop will provide an opportunity for anyone interested in exploring self-expression, whether to be shared or kept, written or drawn. Drawing and writing supplies will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own. This program is for anyone, regardless of our drawing ability, and whether you are an aspiring writer or not. Space is limited; registration is required. Tuesday, November 4th, 1:00 – 2:30 pm.



We are now in our sixth month of offering programs and it might be good to remind our community about our Mission: To create a system of health and wellness resources that helps Lummi Island residents of all ages be more resilient in coping with life's changes and challenges. Note our emphasis on creating resources, like our Telehealth Center next to the Gathering Place, and a range of wellness classes, like yoga and Tai Chi. And note also that we want to serve residents of all ages. So please let us know if you have any ideas how we can serve young and old, families and singles, newbies or longtime islanders. Big Thanks for the incredible success of our first three months due to all the islanders who are attending classes and events and sharing them with their neighbors for!

There are many ways to get in touch with us. You're warmly invited to visit the Lummi Island Health & Wellness Resource Center, next to the Gathering Place. Our doors are open Monday to Thursday, from 9 am to noon. We're also just a phone call away at (501) 817-4121. Email is a great way to have your questions answered too at lummiislandhealthandwellness@gmail.com. We're here to ensure islanders have resources for health and wellness and look forward to connecting with you!

Here are our regularly scheduled classes at The Gathering Place:

- 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 On Saturday, October 18th the Yoga class will be at one of our new venues, the Scenic Estates Clubhouse. This beautiful space overlooking Hales Passage will be a great way to make programs more accessible to all islanders. Give it a try! All classes are supported by donations, suggested at \$15. However, we want everyone to be able to participate, so donate whatever you can.

Home Safety Modifications Program: Our second educational session on how to make your home safer so you can age more confidently on Island is scheduled for Sunday, October 26 from 2:00-4:00 pm. Please join us as many did at our September session and put yourself in position to earn a \$50 award for adding safety features to your home!

New Health & Wellness Team Member: We are delighted to welcome to the H&W team, Julie Bredy, as a part-time Administrative Assistant. Julie serves the Congregational Church in a very part-time capacity and will be great fit for our program knowing as much as she does about the Gathering Place, etc. Julie will make it possible for us to have office hours four days a week, sharing those duties with Kellie Moeller, our Communications Director. Welcome Julie!

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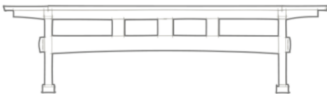
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Welcome to Autumn! Your Lummi Island “Action” Grange is in full swing for the Season. Through the support of Grange Members, President Leslie Dempsey, and the Washington State Grange, our Grange was awarded a building improvement Grant from the Washington State Legislature. Funds will be used to update siding, insulation, heating, windows, and other projects to enhance our historic building. The Grange has a long history of supporting the Lummi Island Community and we are privileged to continue that legacy now and for future generations.

The annual Grange Salmon BBQ was a fabulous success again this year. So many Grange and community members work for days preparing, serving, and cleaning up for this event, it is what makes Lummi Island so incredibly special. Friends, families, neighbors, old-time residents and those new to our special Island, all contribute to bringing community together for the good of all.

A boot kicking, toe tapping, hip-swinging time was had by many at the Grange sponsored Honky Tonk Dance. Islanders of every age put on their Saturday night best and danced to the music of Buddy Mac and his Ten Gallon Troubadours. The Beach Store Café catered delicious boxed dinners that went well with the soft drinks and adult beverages served. Fire pits warmed those who needed to give their boots a rest, and many enjoyed visiting with friends around the fires in Alf’s Place.

The Grange ‘**Haunted Hog Dog Stand**’ is back to provide Boo-licious Treats. Join us on October 31st to enjoy a meal of Hebrew National Hot Dogs, crunchy chips, mouth watering cookies, and a thirst-quenching soda... all for JUST \$5!! The stand will be located at the Spooky Grange Kitchen Door next to Alf’s Place and weather permitting, you can enjoy your meal at the tables around the fire pits. The stand will open at 5:30 and run until the food is sold out. It is Halloween, so be prepared to try and tell the difference between real spooks and Trick-or-Treaters!

Your Lummi Island Grange is an Action Grange, one that stays current with the needs and ideas of its members. We are committed to enhancing the quality of life on our Island and invite you to join us. Meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month, starting with a social time at 6:30 pm and the business meeting at 7:00 pm, and we end at 8:00 pm.



Resilient Lummi

By Ruchi Stair

Autumn resilience means the harvest and a time of returning to the earth.

- **Plant a Cover Crop:** Nourish the soil and keep out weeds by planting a cover crop. Free seeds are available in the new Seed Library in the Hanson Room at Island Library
- **Mulch Leaves:** Please don't burn leaves! Pollinators like to overwinter in undisturbed leaves, if you have the space for this. Or use leaves as mulch. Dried leaves make an excellent 'brown' layer in a compost pile.
- **Fall Clean-up:** Recycle your old phone, computer, and electronics for free in Bellingham at <https://www.1pc.com/electronics-recycling>

Halloween Zombies:

- Fake spider webs are dangerous to bats and owls. Hang it inside the house.
- Plastic ghouls: Don't buy plastic decorations that will forever haunt us! If you already have plastic Halloween decorations, it's fine to keep using them. Get creative with natural materials and decorations you can recycle or compost when the season is past.
- Pumpkins and squashes can be decorated by pinning on features, then come back as Butternut Soup and Pumpkin Chai Latte bars.

Lummi Island Artists and Crafters

By Gayle Mitterer

October 12 is the deadline to sign up for the next Artists' Studio Tour, November 8-9. Email a short description of your work and where you will be showing to Sierra Montoya at sierrajeanmontoya@gmail.com. You may want to include contact info. Then put a \$25 cash or a check payable to Sierra Montoya in an envelope with her name on the outside and leave it at The Islander Store. Also put your name on the envelope.

If you produce your work on Lummi Island, please join the tour, November 8-9, 10 am - 5 pm. Questions? Call Gayle Mitterer (214) 354-4460, Ria Harboe (360) 317-5807 or Lynn Dee (360) 758-2815.



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Oktoberfest!

By Kjell Rye and Becca Rettmer



Fall is here. The harvest is in, wood is stacked, apples are picked, and beer has been brewed! Put on your lederhosen, shake the dust off your dirndl skirt, and join us at this community celebration for the end of a bountiful summer.

Oktoberfest is on Saturday, October 4th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm, with music starting at 6:30 pm. Enjoy a German themed meal, live music by local group I Fly Kites, a photo booth, and time with island friends and family. The \$20 entry includes bratwurst with all the fixings, German potato salad, and Black Forest Cake for dessert. Beer or soft pretzels available for \$5.

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. See you at Oktoberfest!

Lummi Island Congregational Church

By Rhayma Blake

Thank you, Rose Ann Auld! "Elderberries" is always on the calendar on the front page of The Tome, but we wanted to take a moment to celebrate someone who has really made it special for many years. Elderberries used to basically be home cooking brought into the Parish Hall (in the church basement) on Wednesdays as a hearty lunch for a table full of those playing a card game called "Knock Knock".

As long as I've known Elderberries, Rose Ann Auld has cooked one of these hot meals most every month. She used to cook at home and carry lunch in. Then, the county Fire Marshal and Health Department changed things, and we built The Gathering Place, in large part to keep serving Elderberries hot lunches every week. To her everlasting credit, Rose Ann did the change dance and has continued cooking and serving hot lunches with a smile to double or triple the number of Elderberries who play games (now typically at least three different game tables) and to those extras who show up at Noon for a hot lunch and chance to catch up with fellow Islanders. As Elderberries has grown, Rose Ann has cooked and served literally thousands of delicious hot lunches. So, thank you, Rose Ann, for sharing your cooking and ever-present smile with all of us over the years. And thank you Island Chapel and Civic Club and Resilient Lummi and the many other volunteers who make these weekly Island lunches happen. Reach out to me at (360)758-4131 if you think you can help with lunch and fill "The Rose Ann Gap".

We will be hosting a Thanksgiving Day potluck at 4 pm in The Gathering Place. Our next official Parish Dinner won't be until our Tamale Dinner on December 9th. And of course, Sunday worship happens weekly at 10:30 am in the church sanctuary followed by coffee and refreshments.

Keep up with all 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.

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Joe and I were both born and raised here and are each 5th generation islanders, and we truly love this community. We purchased The Islander Store in February, with a vision to turn it into a true community hub and create more opportunities for businesses to thrive right here on the island.

We were so honored when Brad and Deborah approached us about purchasing the store. We’ve known them since we were babies and love them dearly. They continue to operate The Islander Store until they retire, and they have done the island such a service by running the only grocery store here for around 40 years, which is no easy feat. You can tell when talking to Brad and Deb that everything they do is to serve the island community and that they deeply care, and we hope to do the same, carrying on their legacy and creating something they are proud of. It’s so important for islanders to support the grocery store so it can remain open and continue being the lifeline that it has always been.

Part of our vision is revitalizing the old building itself. It’s a landmark with so much history, and while it needs some updates, we’re committed to preserving its original charm and character. We’ve updated the exterior with a beautiful jewel-toned green paint and a new Islander sign. We wanted to make sure the sign proudly says Est. 1973, honoring the year when Rich and Lylene Johnson first made the space into a grocery store. Joe and Duncan McLane also created an amazing front door for The Galley that opens vertically, adding a fun ambiance for indoor/outdoor dining. We also love the old driftwood sign, it had started to fall apart, but Joe was able to carefully save it and mount it inside the store so its history could continue to be part of the space.

Michael Godshall helped us paint a fun mural on the north side of the store. Next spring, some island artists will be joining us to bring it even more to life by filling the letters with illustrations of Lummi Island’s native flora and fauna. The right side of the mural will feature reefnet gear and fisherman, honoring the island’s fishing heritage.

Beyond the building itself, Robyn LaRue and I have been working together on landscaping projects around the store. We planted lots of dahlias and created beautiful planters to add more color and flowers around the property. It’s already made the space feel more alive, and we’re excited to expand our projects even further next spring.

We’re also working closely with Simon Lapof and Rianna Godshall, who will be taking over The Islander Store business when Brad and Deborah retire. Together, we’re hoping to expand what the store can offer by sourcing more locally farmed, caught, and raised foods from both Lummi Island and Whatcom County. Supporting our local food system is important to us, and we see The Islander as a natural place to connect producers with the community.

Alongside these efforts, we’re thrilled to see so many new and exciting businesses springing up on the property, alongside some beloved longtime favorites:

- **The Galley Restaurant** – Opened by Simon Lapof and Rianna Godshall, serving pressed sandwiches, soup, and beer and wine on tap. Their goal is to be a gathering place for islanders. They plan to be open year round with an evolving menu.
- **Bock’s Box** – Tara Bock has moved her coffee trailer here, serving amazing espresso, beverages, and pastries.
- **The Ghost Kitchen** – Operated by Robert Keller, offering a variety of creative, rotating menu items.
- **The Reefnetter** – Kevin is still serving his fish and chips, a local staple.
- **Sister’s Bountiful Mercantile** – Robyn LaRue continues to run her wonderful gift shop, now located on the north side of the interior of The Islander. This is a spot where many local artists and makers sell their goods.
- **Seas The Day Rentals & Stay & Sea** – Michael Godshall has launched a kayak, paddle board, and bike rental shop that’s already become a hit with locals and visitors alike. Ashley(my twin sister) and I will also be sharing the space with Michael Godshall’s rental company. Together, we’ll be calling this shared space “The Shanty.” It will serve as both a welcome center for island visitors and as the office for our Stay & Sea vacation rental business.
- **Saturday Market** – Still hosted in the field north of The Islander from May through September, bringing together local growers, makers, and artisans.

Looking ahead, we have some exciting plans for the property. We’re working toward installing a new commercial septic system, which will allow us to expand what’s possible on-site. Alongside that, we hope to build a commercial kitchen so that more types of food can be prepared and served locally. These would include hot food items, deli items, etc. Another dream of ours is to add a community event stage in the field on the south side of the store, something that could host live music, gatherings, and other events that celebrate island life. It’s been incredible to watch the energy return to this property. The Islander feels alive again, with both new businesses and longtime favorites contributing to a true gathering place for our community. We’re so grateful for the chance to be part of this transformation and are excited about what’s still to come.

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LICA Blood Drive

By Molly Forman



Thank you all for your wonderful support of the Lummi Island Blood Drive on Thursday September 4th. Thanks to last push efforts from the Blood Drive Team, Jesse Powell, Debbi Barnes-Josian and I were able to secure 27 people for appointments for the day. Our allotment is for 41 slots so it would be really great to get more people involved to donate blood. Out of the 27 registrations, we were able to get 23 viable pints of blood collected. That is a good percentage for the day. Thank you to everyone that did make the effort to come down and donate even if their blood wasn't able to be used this time.

There is quite a shortage of blood right now, especially type "O" blood, so every pint is very valuable to its recipients of all blood types. While donating you may feel a quick pinch or sting at first when the needle is inserted, but donating blood should be painless overall. And, think of the life you are saving! Plus, you get a mini-physical exam for free! A professional blood collection staff member conducts a medical history interview and a brief health check of your blood pressure, temperature, pulse, and iron level. What a bonus!

We hope to see you at our next LICA Blood Drive on November 11, 2025 at the Lummi Island Grange. Here is the sign up link: https://donate.bloodworksnw.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/81260. You can look for this link on NextDoor as I promote it there, or feel free to call or text me at (206) 310-4809 if you have questions or want to get scheduled. We need you! I hope to see you in the cantina for cookies and snacks this November!

Parish Health Ministry

By Jane Phillips

Reminder: Parish Health Ministry loans durable medical equipment to Islanders who need a walker or four-wheel walker, crutches, bedside commode, wheelchair, bath transfer bench, shower stool/chair, etc. If you have an emergent need for food, we can help with an Islander voucher, If you are 55+ and live on Lummi Island you are eligible for Ferndale Food Bank every-other-week distribution at the Church. If you need a ride to a medical appointment call us (preferably a week in advance) and we can probably help. Call Ingrid 360 220-5860; Joan 360 739-0228; Lisa 360 201-0830 or Jane 360 389-6697. Thank you



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