

# the Samish Shore Lines



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## *President's message* .....

What a wonderful early spring. If you wish to visit the tulip fields, the time is now, as the tulips are several weeks earlier than usual. We are still looking for a **garage sale coordinator for the June 27<sup>th</sup>** Island Garage Sale. Please contact me (766.6600) or Linda Knapp-Strobel (766.4082) if you are interested.

If you haven't gotten your new **Samish Island directory**, it is available at Blau Oyster or at a Garden Club meeting for \$3. The pictures on the cover of last November's storm are amazing. Thank you Gail Hopley for putting the directory together.

There will be a special program, "**Samish Bay Shellfish Farming – History, Present, and Future**" on **Thursday, April 23** at the Community Club, beginning at 7 pm. The program is being presented by Bill Dewey and Paul Blau. Bill Dewey will be providing tasty samples of various shellfish from Samish Bay at the break for those attending the presentation. Please mark your calendars – this should be a fun evening.

*See you on the island* ..... Jerry

**Washed Ashore Stories Request.** I am working on a project commissioned for The Anacortes Arts Festival this August. Four artists will create sculptures from objects washed ashore. These will be accompanied by information about ocean debris and pollution. I am looking for written stories of unusual or surprising things you may have found on the beach to include in my sculpture. If you have a story to share, send it to me by **June 1**. [nutfarm@wavecable.com](mailto:nutfarm@wavecable.com) *Ann Reid*

The **19th Annual S.I. Arts Festival** is being held on **Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**. The committee will meet at the Community Center, **4 p.m., Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**, to continue planning this fun-filled event. After a successful appearance last year, the Edison Cafe will again provide a menu of fresh seafood and other popular items including home baked pastries. Come join our meeting with new ideas or just to help celebrate the arts here on Samish! Applications for art vendors can be obtained by writing to [artsfestival@samishisland.net](mailto:artsfestival@samishisland.net).

The **Edgewater Garden Club** will meet on **Tuesday, April 28**, at the Samish Island Community Club on Blue Heron Road. Coffee and social will begin at 10:00 am with any club announcements at 10:30 am. The program will be presented by **Jerry Whitfield, PhD, on Biochar**. Jerry is a leader in the development of technology to produce Biochar, a name for charcoal when it is used for particular purposes, especially as a soil amendment. Garden Club members, if you would like a sample of Biochar to use in your home garden, please bring a bucket with you to the meeting. Join us for this informative and ground breaking program! All are welcome.

..... And looking ahead, the May meeting of the Garden Club has been changed to **May 19**. A special program celebrating the history of the Garden Club (we think it's 70 years!) is being planned. ALL are welcome - past garden club members as well as people who are new to Samish Island and anyone else who is interested in hearing about this 70 year journey of our island community. Mark your calendars! (More details next month).

**Long-time island resident John V. Hopley** peacefully passed away in Soldotna, Alaska, on March 3, 2015. He was born March 26, 1930 on Samish Island, as one of the 4th generation of Hopley Island residents. John remained on the island, and raised his family here. John followed in his father's footsteps as a commercial crabber and salmon fisherman. He served as one of 8 members of the first Samish Island Volunteer Fire Department, 1952 - 1984, and enjoyed his retirement years fishing on the Kenai River, in Alaska.

John's daughters, Becky Michal (John), Julie Beldin, and son, Michael (Jerilue), 9 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren, invite you to join them in celebrating his life at the **Samish Island Community Hall, Saturday, April 18 from 2 to 5 pm**. You are welcome to bring a dish or dessert, however, food and beverage will be provided. (Note: In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Kenai Fisherman's Coalition (KAFC, [www.kenaifisherman.org](http://www.kenaifisherman.org)) or a cause of your choice.

**The S.I. Acres-Community Garden**, situated at the end of Blue Heron Rd, celebrates **Earth Day, April 22nd**, with a work party, 9-12 p.m. and newcomers are welcome to join!

A taco-themed potluck will start off the monthly planning meeting to be held at 11507 Scott Rd on **Monday, April 20th, 6:30 p.m.** Again, we welcome new members.

A Saturday work party will also take place on **April 18th from 9-noon** to continue preparations for our growing season. Contact Cheryl at [cheryljuno@aol.com](mailto:cheryljuno@aol.com), or Glen at 757-4559.

### **Sunday at Community of Christ**

11507 Scott Road

10 am – Church School; 11 am Worship Service  
Glen Fishel, Pastor. Everyone is welcome.



**Campaign to Save Vendovi Island.** The San Juan Preservation Trust has a new challenge opportunity that if successful will retire the entire \$1.4 million debt for purchase of the island. The trust needs to receive **donations of \$350,000 by June 1, 2015.** These donations will be matched dollar for dollar by an anonymous donor. That total, in turn, will be matched by the original Vendovi benefactor.

Vendovi Island, our close neighbor to the northwest, is now open for seasonal public access. A floating dock serves as entry point for visitors, who come to walk forest trails, view wildflowers and visit sandy beaches. Due to its relatively undisturbed habitat, and isolation from both humans and deer, it is home to rare native plants and a diverse forest, including a grove of old growth. For more information, call the S.J.P.Trust, (360) 378-2461, or visit [www.sjpt.org/VendoviCampaign](http://www.sjpt.org/VendoviCampaign).

### **Samish Island Memorial Chapel**

9608 Samish Island Rd

9:45 am Sunday School      11 am Worship  
Pastor: Dave McAllister      Everyone Welcome

**Items for the next Shore Lines** should be submitted to the Samish Shore Lines, S.I. Community Center, P.O. Box 268, Bow, WA 98232 in time to meet the **May 7 deadline** for submissions (first Thursday). Or e-mail to [samishshorelines@gmail.com](mailto:samishshorelines@gmail.com). Charlene, 630-5654.

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**Knives sharpened:** \$2 per blade. Will pick up and deliver on Samish Island. Make cutting easier and safer! Call Strand at 766.4081.

**Soothing Waters**, warm-water therapy and instructional pool, now in its 18<sup>th</sup> season! Visit [www.soothingwaters.net](http://www.soothingwaters.net) about Watsu sessions and Swim School. Liz, 766-8403 or [lizbzrt@wavecable.com](mailto:lizbzrt@wavecable.com).

**35mm slides and film negatives to disk:** Custom scanning provides clear, sharp pictures from disk to your computer or printer; removes scratches and dust. Call Dave, 766-7406.

**Mend+stitch:** Services include custom mends, hems and alterations. Contact Iris at 420-6282.

Windy is available for **altering clothes, house cleaning, baby sitting or pet sitting** while you go out or on vacation. Reply at [ccisnotit@hotmail.com](mailto:ccisnotit@hotmail.com) or call (425)309-9999 if you need fast reply.

**Mountain Mama Mowing and Gardening.** One time cleanup or regular maintenance. No toxic chemicals. 25 years on the island. Jan Gordon, 360 766 6359.

**Island-based Energy Solutions Project** offers a full spectrum of home energy evaluations. Call 766-4488 or [www.energysolutionsproject.org](http://www.energysolutionsproject.org).

**Organic Aerobic Bacteria Digester** to reduce/eliminate pumping the septic system, 16 oz. and Bacteria Soil Amendment for fruits, veggies and flowers. Contact Garner at 766.6043. Ekstran Enterprises, LLC.

**Watch Dog House Sitting:** Planning a trip and worried about home or pets? Contact Rutheia Wyckoff at 708.0620 or [rutheiaw@gmail.com](mailto:rutheiaw@gmail.com).

The **Samish Island Community Hall** is available for rent throughout the year. Islander's rate is \$75; 5 hours or less \$50. Call Eileen Andersen, 766-8202.