

The Samish Shore Lines

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President's message

Hello fellow Islanders and community center members! Yes, everyone on this island is a member of our community center unless they notify the board they choose to opt out. This past month we lost a very special member of our community, **Chuck Davis**. He was a past president of the community center and a past board member. Chuck was also devoted to our community and embodied a community spirit. He loved helping people and kept a watchful eye on Samish Bay. Whenever something needed fixing at the community center, Chuck usually showed up and just fixed it. He was handy, caring, intelligent and loved to laugh.

There are many beautiful places to live in this world, but few provide the community vitality we have here on Samish Island. We are fortunate to be surrounded with natural beauty, as well as the beauty and benefits of caring neighbors. No matter your involvement, we all benefit by the collective efforts and generous giving of this special island home. Thank you for carrying on the tradition of contributing to your community in ways that have meaning for you. We are all in this together!

Please note the September Potluck, 9/17/17, 5:00pm is now dedicated in Chuck's memory.

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Where Did the Herons Go?

Skagit Land Trust reports that the Samish Island heronry was abandoned this summer just after chicks had hatched. Multiple stressors appear to have contributed to the abandonment, and wildlife biologists emphasize that no single cause can be pinpointed at this time. It is unknown if the herons will return to the same nesting area next year. Islanders can email volunteer@skagitlandtrust.org if they wish to join volunteer efforts to monitor herons in Skagit County. The Trust is also interested in learning if anyone has seen significant roosting sites (where large numbers of herons gather in trees) or other nesting sites on the island. Please remember that the heronry is located on private property that is protected by a conservation easement. *Molly Duran, Exec Director*

Edgewater Garden Club thanks everyone for your support of our sale tables at the **4th of July** parade and the **Arts Festival**. Our attention turns to the fall program schedule and the new directory. It's not too late to join or renew your membership in the Garden Club.

Dues are \$15 – please mail or deliver to the treasurer, **Bonnie McFarland**, at 9694 Samish Island Rd. Deadline is **August 15th**. *Happy late summer gardening!*

Samish Island Acres-Community Garden volunteers will continue harvesting for the local food banks **every Monday, 10-noon** at the end of Blue Heron Rd.

Do you have excess in your gardens? If so, we highly encourage that you bring it to the community garden on Monday mornings, we will make sure it goes directly to the Food Distribution Center that serves all of Skagit County food banks. Contact: **Cheryl Willis** at cheryljuno@aol.com

21st Annual Arts Fest - we concluded it was a great SUCCESS! Last Saturday, July 29th may have been our best show to date! Over 40 volunteers came to help vendors set up booths, create a festive atmosphere, erect a large tarp to shade dining areas, place signage all around the main roads, greet visitors at our 'welcome' tent and make sure parking was safe and efficient. Many of our regular shoppers noticed all the new vendors and commented on how kind and helpful 'islanders' are! Doug Hopley's Samish Is 2018 color calendar is so stunning!

On Sunday, **July 30th**, the **Skagit Valley Herald** ran a large article on page 3 that captured the spirit of our annual Arts Festival with delightful pictures to accompany the lengthy article. If you couldn't make it down to the Community Center on the 29th, check out this article, it's a true depiction of island community supporting our local arts, and with so many coming to our festival this year, it was truly a wonderful and successful, annual event!

Thank you all! Gail, Charlene & S.I. Arts Committee

A benefit/fundraiser, "**Taste of Padilla Bay –with a hint of Maine,**" **Saturday, August 19th**, is a unique opportunity to support a new touch pool in the aquarium exhibit area, **5-10 p.m. at Padilla Bay Reserve**, 10441 Bayview-Edison Rd. Tickets are available. Contact 360-757-3234 or the padillabayfoundation.org

Deadline August 9th for Comments to the Coast Guard re: anchorage of large tankers

At this time the Coast Guard is accepting comments on the developing situation of increased heavy industrial marine anchorage (mostly related to the refineries in Anacortes, WA) around Samish Island. The following link will allow you to submit as well as read all of the comments submitted to date:
<https://www.regulations.gov/docketBrowser?rpp=50&so=DESC&sb=postedDate&po=0&dct=PS&D=USCG-2016-0916>

Bee Swarms: If you notice any large clumping and the sound of busy bees nearby, don't hesitate to contact **Chuck & Charlene at 360.941.6636**. Depending on the height and difficulty to retrieve it, we will try to capture the swarm to save the bee colony. Thank you.



Camp Fire Samish is hosting a **Community Appreciation Day on Sunday, September 24th** from 11 – 3 pm. A BBQ lunch will be served between noon - 1 pm, with tours available sporadically if you'd like a more in depth peak at camp. Please come and discover the treasures that Kirby has to offer. We'd love you to join us!

Samish Island Memorial Chapel
9608 S.I. Road
9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Pastor Dave McAllister All are Welcome

Community of Christ
11507 Scott Rd
10 a.m. Church School; 11 a.m. Worship Service
Pastor **Glen Fishel. Everyone is welcome.**

ADS

For help with computer or network problems contact **Colin Hopley**. Familiar with hardware construction, deconstruction, diagnosis and replacement as well as hardware requirements for various computer uses. Can also assist with software issues, advice and education relating to Mac/Windows operating systems and Microsoft Office. Call 360-853-3673.

The S I Community Center is available for residents to rent throughout the year at \$75.
Call **Eileen Anderson at 766-8202**

*If you like to shop online, here's a way to benefit Samish Island Community Center - **AmazonSmile.com** will deposit a certain percentage into S.I checking account!

SERVICES:

Massage and Bowenwork available from **Amy Colvin**. After 12 years as a massage therapist at Google, I'm now available on Samish Island, call/text 425.503.8886 or visit www.compassionatebalance.com/massage

Your 35mm slides preserved. I also process 35mm film negatives to access by disk I make. Custom quality at 40% discount using my Nikon slides and film scanner. Call **Dave** at 766-7406.

Classes: Ivana is available to teach Chinese, computer skills and beginning violin. Contact 425.309.9999 or ccisnotit@hotmail.com

Catherine Carter Housesitting and Pet Sitting – Caring for your home and animal family members. References available. Cell: 206-228-4246 email: cv_carter@hotmail.com.

A Better Home Service: Licensed, bonded and insured 16 years experience in interior and exterior repairs, remodeling and consultation for those DIY'ers No job too small; Ref available. **Andy de Muelenaere** abetterhomeservice@gmail.com or call 360.918.4307

Island-based Energy Solutions Project offers a full spectrum of home energy evaluations. Call Steve at 766-4488 or www.energysolutionsproject.org.

You can pick up **Extra Shoreline ISSUES in boxes at the Welcome Sign or the Community Center on Blue Heron Rd.

*Items for the next Shore Lines should be submitted to:
The Samish Shorelines, S.I. Community Center,
P.O. Box 268, Bow, WA 98238 to meet the
Tuesday, Aug. 29th, deadline. Call **Linda Larson,**
766.6600 or
Email_samishshorelines@gmail.com*

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Islanders are invited to celebrate Fred Smith's 90th Birthday!

Please stop by at **9578 Samish Island Rd** and help **Fred** celebrate his awesome milestone birthday on **Sunday, August 13th, 1-4 p.m.** His birthday is actually August 19th, but he will be camping on Cypress Island that day and (hopefully) hiking to Eagle Bluff. Fred is definitely the definition of 90 years "young". No gifts please, refreshments will be provided.

Born in Mount Vernon and a graduate from Mount Vernon High School, Fred started coming to Samish Island with his parents at the age of 6. After serving in World War II as a Merchant Marine and with the Army in the Korean War, Fred came home to build on Samish Island in 1945 and continues to live in the same home! Three of the doors in the house are over 100 years old, acquired from an abandoned lighthouse on San Juan Island.

His cozy home is uninsulated, the only source of heat is wood gathered from Samish Island friends. To this day he continues to stack and move it with the exception of a few larger pieces that dear friends have offered to split on the premises.

Fred was married twice and raised two children, first to his wife Lucielle of 27 years, then Lil for 27 years and has been single these past 11 years. His son, **Rob**, lives in Juneau and supplies salmon that Fred prepares as a delicious smoked delicacy that we've all enjoyed at potlucks. His beautiful and dutiful



Fred with daughter Fonda enjoying Pelican Beach, Cypress Is.

daughter, **Fonda**, has lived many years next door to Dad with her husband, Ron Downs.

Back in 1946 he started planting what became the largest, filbert orchard in Washington State, located on Schram's property in the center of the island. He worked for Mr. Schram for \$1/hour until the last year when he received a .25/hour raise. Planting thousands of filbert trees, Fred supported a family of four on that salary.

In 1960 Fred began boat building and **Smith Boat Shop** became official in 1962.



Over 40 years Fred handcrafted 2,000 of the famous wooden boats in the Smith's Boat Shop with his brother, **Don**. They built the **Pelican** and **El Toro** sailboats and eight and ten-foot prams. For the last 15 years he has built just the prams with his son-in-law, Ron.



One of his proud accomplishments was the honor of naming **Pelican Beach State Park** on **Cypress Island**, named after the sailboat that has brought so much joy to Pelican owners who sailed in regattas, camping out and enjoying Fred's home-cooked salmon and salads.

Congratulations, **Fred**, our oldest, continuously living Samish Island resident!