

The Samish ShoreLines



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From the President:

Whew, that was some storm we had to usher in the new year. Hopefully, that was not an omen for how the rest of the year will go. There's been enough disruption and we are ready to get back to our "normal" routines and gatherings. We will need to be very patient, until vaccinations allow us to once again enjoy gatherings, art festivals, parades, etc. Wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands, get your vaccination as soon as available and we will get there!

Our Board is pleased to announce that Denice Rochelle has volunteered to become our Vice President for this year; she was officially welcomed at our January Board Meeting. Reminder: the Board meets via Zoom on the third Thursday of each month at 7 p.m. All community residents are welcome to attend. If you would like to attend and/or bring an issue before the Board, please contact Ruth McNally, our Zoom host, and she will email an invite and link to the meeting.

The SICC Board has been reviewing our Samish Island website and considering an update. We are looking for someone with experience in web design for help and guidance. Please contact one of the board members if you, or someone you recommend, would be interested.

With all the issues we have been dealing with we almost forgot that 2021 is the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Samish Island Community Center. **Happy 75th Anniversary to Samish Island Community Center.**



According to **Samish Island A History – from the Beginning to the 1970's** (authors, Susan and Fred Miller), the Samish Island "Civics Club was started in 1941 as a women's club for first aid, observation duties, and Red Cross Activities;" they had also started "a youth choir and had plans for a new building and playfield". From there, the civics club apparently became the Samish Island Community Center Inc. when the group was incorporated on July 25, 1946. On August 13, 1946, Carl Rasar and Anna Rasar generously donated the property on Blue Heron Road, (\$10 conveyance fee), to provide a place for community gatherings and activities, such as potlucks and barbecues. Fund raisers, donations, and volunteer

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labor led to building the center, which officially opened on April 24, 1948 "with a basket social, square dancing and the Seattle Orchestra." The kitchen and heating system were completed in July, but electric lights were not installed until 1949. If you are interested in learning more history of our special island, there are 27 copies of the Millers' Samish Island history book still available for \$20 each and can be ordered for social-distancing-pick-up by contacting me.

Linda Knapp-Strobel

MEMORY LANE

Speaking of history, we have 40 years of the **ShoreLines** issues on hand, beginning in January 1981 – **40 years ago!** Originally known as "**Chit-Chat**," it was started in 1977 by then-SICC president, Jack Stegner. The first issues were printed on a Ditto machine at Edison Elementary School (remember the purple copies?) and distributed door-to-door by neighbors. Monthly potlucks were held. SICC dues in 1981 were \$4. (Makes the current \$10 an Even better deal!). There was a "Food Conspiracy" group – interesting name - the leaders are still active on the island.

The **Edgewater Garden Club's** meetings are suspended indefinitely. Enjoy those seed catalogs!

Samish Island Acres Community Garden –

planning is underway for another growing season. You are invited to join us in providing food for local food banks. Annual membership is \$25 (individual) and \$50 (household). Send checks to PO Box 334, Bow, WA 98232. We are a 501.c.3 organizations, so your donations may be tax deductible. Questions: contact (lindaclarson@msn.com).



The **Samish Island Fire Department** thanks all who donated over \$800 to the Samish Island Firefighter's Association through the Christmas Tree Fund Raiser!

Print copies of the **ShoreLines** are available at the Community Center. Electronic copies are posted the first of each month at www.samishisland.net.

ACTIVITIES

Community of Christ - 11507 Scott Rd
No in-person services. **Jane Worlund** – co-pastor.

Samish Island Memorial Chapel – 9608 SI Rd.
Indoor worship at 11:00 am. PLEASE WEAR MASKS. All are welcome! Pastor **Dave McAllister**

The **Community Pantry** has a new, weather-tolerant home on the corner of Halloran & Roney Roads. Thanks to Mike & Julie Judy, Denice Rochelle & Jeanne Brovold for their efforts.



Community Activities in February

- **Padilla Bay Reserve** offers “Aquarium Quick Dips” at 10am every Wednesday. Register at Eventbrite.com.
- **Smith & Vallee Gallery** in Edison is hosting “Birdland,” an exhibit featuring bird-themed art, Feb 5-28.
- **Skagit League of Women Voters** (skagitlwv.org) is co-sponsoring a presentation on legislative redistricting (happens once every decade) – Saturday, Feb 6th at 1 pm.
- **North Cascades Institute** offers new programs and classes. info@ncascades.org
- **Helping Hands Food Drive** (drive-thru) - Saturday, **February 27th, noon-2pm** at Cascade Mall Parking lot (near Penney’s).
- **Skagit Land Trust** is planting 4,000 trees throughout Skagit County. To volunteer to help plant trees on Land Trust properties, contact: Stacyd@skagitlandtrust.org.
- **Black History Month** – lots of new books to read and learn from.



February 12 marks the beginning of the **Year of the Ox**. Qualities of this Chinese New Year include loyalty, diligence, good relationships. Happy Chinese New Year!

ADS & SERVICES

Coastal Interior Design. Providing expert and affordable help with color, tile, lighting and home furnishings. Specializing in Comfortable Island Homes. **Debbie Ensey, 360-757-8771**

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Miscellaneous services: Clothes alterations, house cleaning, gardening, elders/baby/house/pet sitting and other temporary jobs. Contact **Windy** at 425.309.9999 or ccisnotit@hormail.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.

Dustin Whaley, outdoor handyman/helper. Available for small scale tree trimming/removal, hedge trimming services, gutter cleaning, etc. **425-309-0405.**



- **Feb 10th** is the **deadline** to submit the Directory/Donation information care for the 2021 SICC Directory. **Send form & \$5 to PO Box 268, Bow.** Form available at samishisland.net.

- Wear reflective clothing when out on the road.
- Don't use your shorelines to dump trash or yard debris
- Pick up your pet's waste.
- **Help SICC** when shopping at Amazon (amazonsmile) or Fred Meyer (http://66.114.41.133/si_donations.html)
- Contact information for all **SICC Board members** is listed below.
- Send self-addressed, stamped envelopes to PO Box 268, Bow, if you want your ShoreLines mailed to you.



Please submit items for the next ShoreLines to: The Samish ShoreLines, S.I.C.C., P.O. Box 268, Bow, WA 98238 by the Tuesday, **Feb 26th deadline.** Call **Charlene 360-420-0243** or email: samishshorelines@gmail.com

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