

the Samish Shore Lines

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President's message

Happy New Year! Our annual Samish Island Christmas program was again a smashing success. Thanks to the many folks who contributed to the event. A special thanks to **Kitty Bluhm** (organizer), **Rob Martin** (emcee), **Peter Ormsby** and **Ginny Ramey** (leading the Samish Island Community Choir), and **Gail Hopley** (organizing the Samish Island Sitting Band). A special thanks again to the **Community of Christ Church** for their gracious hospitality.

Plan to join us on Sunday, January 17th at 5 pm for the SICC annual meeting and potluck. (No conflict with playoff football this year!) There will be elections for new board members. Reminder – dues for 2016 are due this month - \$10 per household. A directory of island residents will be compiled in February.

See you on the island, Jerry

Community Center Dues. A New Year has arrived again! Which means Samish Island Community Center dues are payable. The voluntary contribution of **\$10 per household** covers expenses for maintaining and improving the Community Hall, publication of the *Shore Lines*, and Community Center-sponsored activities such as the Fourth of July Parade, the Summer Arts Festival, and the Christmas Party. Thanks in advance to all of you who help support our community and make it a great place to live.

Annual dues/directory cards and envelopes are attached for your convenience. Please fill out the card and return it with your dues. Note - there is a box to check on the card if you *do not* wish to be included in the Samish Island Directory, which will be printed at the end of February. You can also bring your card and dues to the Potluck/Annual Meeting on January 17th. See you there!*Linda Knapp-Strobel*

The **Edgewater Garden Club** will hold its first meeting of the New Year on **Tuesday, January 26**, at the Samish Island Community Center. Coffee and visiting begin at 10:30 am, and the program begins at 11:00 am. The program will be *Native Plants* by Andrew "Bay" Renaud, owner of Plantas nativa Nursery in Bellingham. Bay has an intimate view of the world of native plants. In late summer and fall he seeks them in their native habitat and gathers the seeds that nurseries use to raise the plants and eventually make it to market. In the summer he is available at his nursery, Plantas nativa, on N. State Street, and is an expert in this field.



Community
Potluck
January 17th

See you there!

Planning for the **2016 Samish Island Arts Festival** begins this month, and anyone interested in helping with the festival is encouraged to attend the first meeting, which will be held on **January 14th at 5 pm** at the S.I. Community Center on Blue Heron Road. Meetings will be held on the second Thursday of each month, at 5 pm, for the July event. Please join us with ideas and art contacts. Co-cordinators of the event are Gail, 766-6823 and Charlene, 420-0243.

The **Samish Island Acres Community Garden** will hold a Root Veggie potluck and meeting on **Monday, January 25, at 6:30 pm**, at the community of Christ Church Social Hall on Scott Road. Please join us as we discuss our 2016 planting preparations.



The **Samish Island Community Hall** is available for **rent** throughout the year. Island residents rate \$75; five hours or less \$50. Contact Eileen Andersen, 766-8202.

Weekly Samish Island yoga classes meets each **Tues. from 9:30 - 11:00 am at the Community of Christ Church**. All are welcome to attend; the class can be adapted to meet varying needs and abilities. Please bring a yoga pad and, if desired, a blanket for our stillness period at the end of class. 360-766-7819 for more info.

Samish Island Memorial Chapel, 9608 S.I. Rd., is hosting a "**Prayer Breakfast**" on **January 23rd** (Sat, 9:00 to 10:30am) -- All are invited to join us for a complimentary breakfast, followed by a time of prayer for our community & nation.
9:45 am – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship Service
Pastor Dave McAllister. All are welcome.

Samish Island Estate Sale: Please mark your calendars for our three-day estate sale, to be conducted by Diamond Antiques, at 10515 Samish Island Rd, **February 5, 6 & 7 from 9 - 4 p.m.** For additional info contact Charlene, 420-0243.

You can tour the aquariums and watch **fish feeding** with aquarist Mark Olson on January 30, listen and watch for **winter birds** with Libby Mills on February 21, and learn more about the **creatures that live in the bay** with marine biologist Chandler Colahan on February 27, at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center. Registration required: call 360-428-1558. For more information go to: <http://padillabay.gov/AdultClasses.asp>.

Sunday at Community of Christ

11507 Scott Road

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

ADS

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Gardener Needed. Our long time gardener has retired and we need someone to help us maintain landscaped beds in a large garden. No experience necessary for we can train as we go along. Just bring a love of working outdoors, plants, flowers and caring for landscaped flower beds. Leave message at 360-766-7008.

SERVICES:

— **Landscape Design and Consultation:** 25 years experience in design and practical horticultural experience. Call Debbie Emerson 360-770-3401.

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Misplaced your Shorelines or **need an extra copy?** Every month we place **extras** in the box by the door entrance to the Community Center on Blue Heron Rd.



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 **February 4th deadline** for submissions (first Thursday). Or e-mail to samishshorelines@gmail.com. Charlene, 630-5654.