

The Samish Shore Lines

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President's message

Happy New Year! The SICC Board will meet Tues., Jan. 10th, at 7 pm (a change from Jan 17th). Resident attendance and input is always welcome.

The SICC Annual meeting and potluck will be held on Sunday, January 15th, beginning at 5 pm at the Community Center. Bring a dish to share. New officers and board members will be elected.

This is my last President's message, since my term ends at the Annual Meeting. Thanks for allowing me the privilege of serving for the past three years.

See you on the island, Jerry



The SICC Board thanks Kitty Bluhm and Rob Martin for organizing and producing one of our star events of the year, bringing this community together for an evening of talent and humor!

We are grateful Community of Christ Church for sharing their beautiful facility, with its brightly decorated rooms.

Our very own 'Sitting Band' played holiday music, people offered their gifts of music and humor and poetry. Especially joyful were the faces of children who came dressed in their finest to bring music to us with their youthful charm. Our choir, led by Peter Ormsby and Ginny Ramey, gracefully and joyfully ended the program with the beauty of seasonal music.

Thanks to the organization of Fran Hansen, the Social Hall was filled with delicious treats and drinks, giving long-tenured islanders and new-comers a chance for conversation - how many communities are so genuinely connected with each other??? Another wonderful island tradition continues - thanks to everyone who participated.

New Year Information! This issue of the ShoreLines is coming to you by mail and includes a reminder of SICC annual dues (\$10 per family) and a chance to provide directory updates, as well as a survey about how the ShoreLines is distributed. You can return the "Dues Card" and pay your dues at the Annual Meeting/Potluck on Sunday, January 15, or send it back in the enclosed envelope by January 31, as we will be putting the new Directory together for printing in February. The ShoreLines is also available on the Samish Island website (samishisland.net).

Edgewater Garden Club

Join us for the January meeting of the Garden Club on Thursday, January 26th. We begin at 10 am with coffee and goodies, followed by the program, "Fruit Tree Mysteries Revealed." Barry Christensen, local fruit tree expert, will discuss all aspects of care for your fruit trees. He will demonstrate techniques for pruning and grafting and answer your questions about winter fruit tree maintenance. All are welcome.



Reminder: We hope you have marked your calendars for the drop-in **Samish Island-Wide Open House** on **Sunday, January 29th**

from 11am-3pm at the Community Center. This is your opportunity to contribute opinions and ideas about our collective future, share cookies and coffee and meet those neighbors you've been wondering about. Talk with our Fire Chief, find out about Emergency Neighborhood Mapping, hear about the Land Trust and share our collective history. **All are welcome.**

Samish Island Acres – Community Garden News

Great weather and remarkable sunshine allowed for an abundant harvest this year! Garden members took home a variety of tasty fresh veggies and donated 2,224 pounds to the Skagit County Food Distribution Center that serves 14 food banks! Enthusiastic about planting for next season, the first meeting this year starts with a favorite-dish potluck at **6:30 pm on Monday, January 23** at the Community of Christ Social Hall on Scott Rd. Join us as determine what to plant in the community garden for year 2017. For more information call Glen at 360-757-4559 or email cheryljuno@aol.com.

Fire Chief's Corner: Mike Collins reminds Samish Islanders to be cautious when there are any open flames in the home. Candles or flames for thawing frozen pipes must be used with extreme diligence. Many house fires and the loss of all contents have begun through the innocent burning of a candle that was close to a window curtain or missing a plate underneath. Please avoid open flames to reduce your risk of having one of the worst days you will remember.

ATTENTION: Firefighter volunteers are always welcome. Check with Chief Collins about being a volunteer firefighter on Samish Island.

Greetings from Kathleen Packard, former editor of this newsletter who now lives in upstate New York. Her “heart still lingers on Samish Island” and she enjoys receiving the ShoreLines.

Sympathies to the family and friends of **Gary Lewis Storm** and **Jolynn Woodbury**, who died in November. Both had served as volunteer firefighters on Samish Island

ACTIVITIES

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

Community of Christ Church

11507 Scott Rd
10 am Church School; 11 am Worship Service
Pastor **Glen Fishel**. Everyone is welcome.

Samish Island Memorial Chapel

9608 Samish Island Road
9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 a.m. Worship Service.
Pastor **Dave McAllister** All are welcome.

Samish Island Yoga Classes continue on

Tuesdays from 9:30–11 am at the Community of Christ Church on Scott Rd. Varied levels, All are most welcome. Contact lizbart@wavecable.com.

ADS

Looking for a babysitter? I can help you! My name is **Alexia Rose Englund**. I am 12 years old, I live on the island, and I love kids! For babysitting help call Sweet Samish Sitting Services at **(360) 757-8581** or **(360) 610-0312**. Thank You!!!

The **ShoreLines** is posted on the Samish Island Sign and at the Community Club.

*Please submit items for the next Shore Lines to: The Samish Shorelines, S.I. Community Center, P.O. Box 268, Bow, WA 98238 by the Friday, **January 27th deadline**. Call **Charlene 360-420-0243** or email: samishshorelines@gmail.com*

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.

Watch Dog House Sitting. Planning a trip and worried about home or pets? Contact **Rutheia Wyckoff** at 708.0620 or rutheia@gmail.com.

Home Maintenance and Repair. Expert carpentry and tile work. Quality painting. Call **Dave**, 360-630-0293

Organic Aerobic Bacteria Digester is a product that will reduce/eliminate pumping the septic system. A 16 oz pkg provides a year’s application. It can also be used as a soil amendment. Contact **Garner Ekstran** at 766.6043.

Knives Sharpened: \$2 per blade. Will pick up and deliver on Samish Island. Make cutting easier and safer! Call **Strand** at 766-4081.

Mountain Mama Gardening and Mowing (my walk behind or your rider). Weeding, light hauling, weed eating, brush-cut, prune. No chemicals. **Jan Gordon**, 360.766.6359

Friendly Services: Painting. Gardening. Clean up. Handymen. Reliable. Competitive rates. Island residents. Refs. Contact **Johnny Wilde**, 206 960 2840

Thai massage by Arlene for healing of pain or injury, includes reflexology and ultimate stretching. House calls or in my home. Island references. 766 7406.

Skagit Maid Creamery makes fine cheese right here on Samish Island. Specialties are camembert and fresh cheeses like ricotta and fromage blanc. Open Mondays from 4-6pm or by arrangement. Visits welcomed! For more info contact **Dorothy: cheese@skagitmaid.com** or www.skagitmaid.com. Located at 4890 Mercer Road.

Come to my beautiful spa setting overlooking the bay where I offer Swedish, deep tissue, therapeutic, hot stone, pregnancy and Thai yoga massage. Call **Lauren Steen**, 360- 770-8003 for price range.

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