

the Samish Shore Lines

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President's message

Fall is here with its welcome rains and early snow in the mountains, along with beautiful fall colors and falling leaves. Thanksgiving is almost here and Christmas is just around the corner. We have much to be thankful for, including living on Samish Island. This is a great time to share our abundance with those who are less fortunate and support local food banks and other charities during the holiday season. Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

See you on the island, *Jerry*



Samish Island Christmas Party. Just a reminder to save the date, **Friday, December 18 at 6:30 pm**, for our annual Samish Island Christmas Program/Holiday Party at the Community of Christ Church. We're hoping this date will make it possible for more families to be able to join in this Community Celebration. E-mail kittybluhm@wavecable.com with any ideas. More details will appear in the December Shore Lines.

Samish Island resident **Tim Rosenhan** passed away suddenly on Saturday, October 24, in Twisp, WA, where he and his partner Cheryl Willis were helping friends who lost their home in the summer fires. Tim was a co-founder of the Samish Island Acres Community Garden. He was also an architect of Self-Help Homes, a member of Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland, and a member of the citizen's committee of Envision Skagit 2060. Always in great humor and with a passion for life, he was a friend to many. Donations can be made to Skagitonians to Preserve Farmland (skagitonians.org), or the S.I. Acres Community Garden, P.O. Box 334, Bow 98232-9334.

Edgewater Garden Club Events:

HOLIDAY WREATHS & SWAGS can now be ordered! Contact Jacquie Stegner (766-6501, ja7din@gmail.com) Sandy Mersereau (766-6543, sandyspence71@hotmail.com) or Gail Hopley (766-6823, ghopley@wavecable.com) to order a Wreath (\$20) or Single and Double Swags (\$10).

Items can be picked up at the Community Hall on December 3 (10am-2pm) and December 4 (10am-5pm). All proceeds benefit the Samish Island Fire Department, Camp Kirby, and Friendship House.

SAMISH ISLAND LOGO (embroidered crab design) SWEATSHIRTS and fleece VESTS can be ordered until November 12. Visit www.samishisland.net and click the link to see the style, color and size options.

Then print the order form off the website and mail or deliver it, with payment made out to EGC, to Denny Organ (9694 Samish Island Rd.) by Thur. Nov. 12.

Items will be available for pick-up at the Community Hall during the Wreath & Swag sales.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT IDEAS - An assortment of "Island Goodies" will be for sale at the Wreath & Swag workshops, Dec. 2-4, at the Community Hall.

Come buy crab-logo Baseball Caps (many new colors) and Canvas Bags; Notecards; License Plate Holders; localized Tide Calendars; Reflective Vests; Island Directories; and Samish Island History Books.

FRESH GREENS NEEDED for the Wreath & Swag Workshop. Please consider doing your 'evergreen pruning' after Thanksgiving and bring it to the Community Hall on Tue. & Wed., Dec. 1 & 2 (in black garbage sacks). We need lots of fir, cedar, holly, and any other 'specialty' greenery you are willing to donate! Also, all Islanders are welcome to help build wreaths and swags - no experience necessary and it's a fun way to get into the holiday spirit! Contact Gail, Jacquie, or Sandy for more info (see contact info above).

"It is not happiness that makes us grateful, but gratefulness that makes us happy."

David Steindl-Rast

Great weather and remarkable sunshine allowed for an abundant harvest this year at **Samish Island Acres Community Garden**. We donated **1,400 pounds of produce to the Skagit County Food Distribution Center**, which serves fourteen food banks. The final meeting this year starts with a favorite-dish potluck at **6:30 pm on Monday, Nov 16** at the Social Hall on Scott Rd. Also, there will be a 'put the garden to bed' work party on **Saturday, Nov 14th, from 9-12 p.m.**

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 will begin again on **Tues., Nov. 10th** at the Community of Christ Church. We will meet from **9:30 - 11:00**. All our welcome to attend and receive the benefits to mind, body and spirit as well as join a group of very endearing neighbors. For more information please contact lizbart@wavecable.com or call 766.7819.

Samish Island Memorial Chapel, 9608 S.I. Rd.
9:45 am – Sunday School 11:00 am – Worship Service
Pastor Dave McAllister. All are welcome.



Great Blue Herons of Padilla Bay. The heron colony on March's Point is believed to be the largest nesting area for Great Blue Herons in all of Western North America. Thanks to a live video camera mounted in the colony, volunteers at

Padilla Bay NERR have been documenting the drama and excitement of the 2015 nesting season. Jim and LaVerne Scheltens will share the results of their observations, including close-up images of the birds in their nests. **Saturday, November 14, 1:00-2:00 pm at the Padilla Bay NERR, 10441 Bayview-Edison Road.** Registration is required:

<http://www.padillabay.gov/newsletter.asp>



Sunday at Community of Christ

11507 Scott Road

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

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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 **December 3rd deadline** for submissions (first Thursday). Or e-mail to samishshorelines@gmail.com. Charlene, 630-5654.