

# The Samish ShoreLines

Published by the Samish Island Community Center (S.I.C.C.)

P.O. Box 268 Bow, 98232 [www.samishisland.net](http://www.samishisland.net)



## November 2019

### *President's message*

A big thank-you to **Ann Reid** for organizing **Dr. Stuart's** 'Meet Death Standing Up' presentation and to **Nurith St. Pierre** for the 'Firewise Landscaping' presentation by **Jenny Coe** and **Mike Collins**. There was a lot of important information given in both presentations, and I think we would benefit from follow-up discussions on both subjects, especially **Jenny Coe's** offer to do 'firewise' inspections of individual homes. Let me know if you are interested in a follow-up for either. Finally, a big thank-you to the **Salkelds** for once again organizing the Halloween Trick-or-Treat event. It's so great that people volunteer to bring our community together for fun and/or for events to benefit us all. *Linda*

### **Samish Island's Fire Chief's corner:**

I have observed that many Samish Island homes have overgrown vegetation and trees along their driveways. This has become a growing concern due to the 12 ft. tall by 12 ft. wide clearance needed for the new Samish Island fire truck. Our new fire truck has traded a shorter wheelbase in exchange for a taller profile. It will slow down our response if your driveway has branches hanging in the way of our fire crews as they drive down your driveway to your emergency. Please check your driveway clearance and remove branches that could impede our quick response. While you are outside, check that your house numbers are clearly visible from the road in both directions and on your house. *Thank you, Fire Chief, Mike Collins*

### **S.I. Acres - Community Garden:**

Food banks in Skagit County received a total of 1,844 pounds of fresh, organic produce from our Community Garden this year! Now we need to prepare the remaining beds for winter and would love some help! Please join us, bring your garden gloves, **Saturday, Nov. 9th from 12-2 pm** and we'll offer all volunteers *delicious chili* (meat or veggie) accompanied by homemade *apple strudel*! Hope to see neighbors help us, see you at the garden, end of Blue Heron Rd.

*Change clocks by 2 a.m., Sunday, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>*

**Edgewater Garden Club** does not meet in November but has organized the **4th Annual Holiday Kick-Off** at the Community Center on Blue Heron Road on **Saturday, December 7th, from 10 am – 1 pm**. Come socialize with your neighbors; shop for holiday gifts, including Samish Island items as well as from several Samish Island artisans (jewelry, linens, cards, coffee); AND learn how to make a wreath and/or swag to decorate your home or mailbox for the holidays (bring greens if you have them). Food and beverages provided.

**All are Welcome!**

**Come One Come All!** The Samish Island Christmas/Holiday Party, an annual Community tradition, will be held on **Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>** at Community of Christ, and everyone is encouraged to come and hopefully participate! Please start thinking about joining in the entertainment, all talents and ages are welcome. Our children's performances are always the spirit-lifting highlight of the program, so, if any children are interested, let us know, it's great fun. As in past years, the **Samish Island Sitting Band** will greet us starting at 6:30 pm with Carols, at 7 pm, the program begins with the always-entertaining emcee, **Rob Martin**. Led by our fabulous conductor, **Peter Ormsby** and accompanied by gifted pianist **Ginny Ramey**, the **Samish Island Choir** will perform seasonal music; all singers interested in joining (simple music sight-reading is helpful) will rehearse twice, on **Sunday, Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 2 pm** and **Monday, Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 6 pm** at the Community of Christ. Volunteers are also needed to help with set-up, refreshments or cleanup. To join this year, contact coordinators: **Kitty** [kittybluhm@wavecable.com](mailto:kittybluhm@wavecable.com) or **Molly** at [ravennapavia@gmail.com](mailto:ravennapavia@gmail.com)

**Help Clean up invasives!** On **Sat., Nov 23rd, 9 a.m.**, the **Skagit Land Trust** will conduct a work party on the grounds of the protected property, Samish Flower Farm. Please park and meet on Scott Rd at the Church parking lot at 9 a.m. to walk up.

## Activities around the island:

### Open House for Dorothy Bluhm Urbick's 100<sup>th</sup>!

The **Bluhm** and **Urbick** families are holding a special celebration to honor **Dorothy**, Samish resident and member of the Garden Club, on **Sunday, Nov. 3, 1-4 pm** at the Community Center, 11292 Blue Heron Rd.

**Samish Island Qigong Classes: 9-10 a.m. every Wednesday.** Call/text Amy 425.503.8886; \$10 drop in fee. colvin.ap@gmail.com. No experience necessary.

**Community Yoga Returns:** Our Samish Island seasonal yoga class with begin again on **Tuesdays** starting **Tues., Dec. 3rd.**, 9:30-10:45 a.m. meet at Community of Christ on Scott Rd. Please bring your own yoga mat, and email: lizbart@wavecable.com for any questions. All levels are welcome.

### Samish Island Memorial Chapel

9608 S.I. Road

9:45 Sunday School; 11 a.m. Worship Service

**Pastor Dave McAllister All are Welcome**

**Transitions:** \*\*Our sympathies to family and friends on the passing of **Jean Heflin.**

\*Best wishes to **John & Sandy Vanderwalker**, Caretakers of Community of Christ Camp, who recently moved to serve in Idaho.

### Community of Christ

11507 Scott Rd

10 a.m. Church School; 11 a.m. Worship Service

**Co Pastor: Jane Worlund Everyone is welcome.**

### Planning a birthday, anniversary or reunion?



The Samish Island  
Community  
Center

can be rented throughout the year. Residents pay \$75.  
Please contact **Eileen**, 360.766.8202

## Ads & Services:

**Gift Cards:** Samish Island scenes for gift giving: 4  
Cards of your choice: \$10. View  
at samishislandcards.com or  
e-mail: kittybluhm@wavecable.com.

**Union Bay Signs** for custom signage, contact **Jim Symington** at 253.332.3657 to purchase custom banners, signs or any labeling. (Jim graciously supplied useful signs for Samish Island Community Garden)

**Home Improvements and Repair.** Expert carpentry, tile work and quality painting. Great island references. **Call Dave**, 360.630.0293

**Debbie Emerson Landscape Design**, 30 years experience and lots of local references. 360.770.3401

**Massage available from Amy Colvin** (12 years experience at Google) call/text 425.503.8886 or [www.amypatteeolvin.com/samish-island-massage](http://www.amypatteeolvin.com/samish-island-massage).

**Young assistant available:** Ian, 14 years old, is eager to help with projects around the house, office, yard, or with plant or dog care. Contact him at 360.207.9061.

**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 360.766.6043.

**Watch Dog House Sitting.** Planning a trip and worried about home or pets (dogs up to 25 lbs.)? Contact **Rutheia Wyckoff** at 360.708.0620 or [rutheia@gmail.com](mailto:rutheia@gmail.com).

**Walls, Walkways, Patios** by a skilled craftsman who grew up on Samish. Beautiful work, reasonable prices and free bids. See [www.benjaminpaulallowman.com](http://www.benjaminpaulallowman.com) or call or text **Ben**, 360.770.7674

**Print copies of the Shorelines** are available at the Community Center. Electronic copies are available the first of each month at [www.samishisland.net](http://www.samishisland.net)

**Next deadline is Friday, Nov. 29th:** Please submit items for the next Shore Lines to: Samish Shorelines, S.I. Community Center, P.O. Box 268, Bow 98238. Call **Linda**, 360.766.6600 or email: [samishshorelines@gmail.com](mailto:samishshorelines@gmail.com).

## Board of Directors

**Linda Knapp-Strobel** **Denny Organ** **Anita Little**  
*President* *Vice-President* *Secretary*  
360.766.4082 360.820.9626 360.766.5098

**Ruth McNally** **Kathleen Albro** **Rob Richey** **Eric Riedel**  
*Treasurer* *At-Large* *At-Large* *At-Large*  
206.963.5723 206.713.6181 206.618.9512 206.257.8938