

The Samish ShoreLines

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President's message

Hi everyone! We have survived “Stay at Home, Stay Safe” so far and I am sure we can continue as long as necessary, but the nice weather is causing me to be anxious to get out, go camping and explore. As the Governor begins to loosen some of the restrictions, hopefully everyone will observe safe distancing so we can continue to open up more activities. **Life** on Samish Island is going to be totally different than past years with the **annual Arts Festival cancelled**, and the **May Potluck, annual Garage Sale and Fourth of July Parade in question as this time**. As we get closer to the dates, it appears the May Community Potluck will need to be cancelled and it has been suggested the Garage Sale may be held later in the year. **As to holding our Fourth of July Parade**, this most likely will be based on our Governor’s recommendations to keep everyone safe and healthy. I want to give a big **Thank You to those who share puzzles, donate books to the Little Libraries** and other small gestures. And a **BIG THANK YOU** to those who have volunteered to help their neighbors with shopping and other activities. We have a great community and it helps to ease the feeling of isolation by waving to everyone when walking or driving. Maybe we can start a new tradition by decorating our mailboxes for Memorial Day, June Flag Day and Fourth of July. Stay Safe and Stay Healthy.

Linda Knapp-Strobel

Fire Chief's Corner: Thanks to all Samish Islanders for keeping their distance during this challenging time. You are protecting our most vulnerable neighbors when you keep your distance. We have seen the true heart of this community when neighbors help neighbors by sewing masks, shopping, and going out of your way for those in need. We are truly impressed. Your Fire Station is always at the ready to assist neighbors in need so please do not hesitate to call 911. We have procedures in place to protect you if you do or do not have flu symptoms. Please do not delay needed help. **Mike Collins, Fire Chief**

Master Gardener's Plants for Sale: We are very fortunate that **Azusa Farm & Gardens**, at 14904 State Route 20, has partnered with the Skagit County Master Gardeners to sell their grown **tomatoes, vegetable plants, herbs and rhubarb** to the public after **the cancellation** of the annual May Plant Fair. Owned by Everett Chu, who is a Skagit Co MG, **Azusa** is currently selling a wide variety of tomatoes, some grown here by MGs on Samish Island

The Edgewater Garden Club has cancelled their meetings and programs until next September. We hope we will be able to gather together once again in the fall. In the meantime, happy gardening!!

The Samish Island Community Garden is alive and well, growing much needed food for the County’s food banks. Long time members and new participants are busy preparing the soil and planting seeds/starts for what we are hoping will be a banner year of growth. If you would like to join this effort, please contact Linda at lindaclarson@msn.com or 360.766.6600.

All Island Yard Sale is still being planned for June 27th, however due to current uncertainty, for further information, contact Amy at colvin.ap@gmail.com.

With deep regret, due to the present situation and to protect our artists and the greater community, our **Annual Samish Island Arts Festival** planned for July 25th **has been cancelled**. The good news is, we’ll definitely plan for a wonderful festival in 2021!

Snow Geese moving north by Thaïs

Snow Geese moving north
Gliding on evening perspective
Dreams follow in the wake
What magic calls you?
What magic taught you to listen?

Snow geese moving north
Air powered wings
Drive bones through the sky
oh - that I could fly with you
Drafting the current
First me, then you
Sharing Infinity

Snow geese moving north
What do you love most?
The camaraderie?
The scenery?
Your reflection in the mirror?
So beautiful.

Your reflection in the mirror - so beautiful.

Activities around the island (and virtual experiences too):

While all **Skagit Audubon** events have been cancelled, please refer to their latest newsletter on their website at skagitaudubon.org, particularly a compelling situation to save the Marsh Point Herony. We couldn't imagine another loss like our herons?! *Editor's note:*

Stimulating resources from Earth Day's 50th:
<https://www.garynabhan.com/>

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 of Christ

11507 Scott Rd

No services will be held in May

Co Pastor: Jane Worlund

Samish Island Memorial Chapel

9608 S.I. Road

Sunday services to be determined on a weekly basis

Pastor Dave McAllister

A celebration of life for Bob Dionne (see obits 4/26 SVH Sunday) was postponed due to the Covid virus. Our family invites those who knew him to please give your personal message on ForeverMissed.com
His daughter, Trynn Dionne

Virtual Camp Kirby! Looking for trusted resources? Want to get your kids outside a little more? Our new online resources can help you. Activities, lessons, crafts, and independent activities are available for download.
<http://www.campfiresamish.org/resources/>

Skagit County Community Action provides services for vulnerable people in this challenging time:
<https://www.communityactionskagit.org/community-action-covid-19-response/>
i.e. services for seniors, veterans, food distribution, etc.

The 10-day We Are One: A Global Film Festival will feature content curated by the Berlin, Cannes, Sundance, Toronto, Tribeca and Venice film festivals, among others, starting on You Tube, May 29th.

Ads:

Cloth masks and table napkins made from pre-washed cotton. Esther Luttkhuizen
Esther@estherclaypool.com or 206.715.6887

Services:

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

Massage available from Amy Colvin (12 years experience at Google) call/text 425.503.8886 or www.amypatteecolvin.com/samish-island-massage.

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

Island-based Energy Solutions Project offers a full spectrum of home energy evaluations. Call **Steve** at 766-4488 or www.energysolutionsproject.org.

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

Mend + Stitch: Services include custom mends, hems and alterations. Contact **Iris 360.420.6282**

Planning a birthday, anniversary or reunion? The Samish Island Community Center is



available to rent throughout the year, residents pay \$100. Please check our website for details or questions, or contact **Eileen** at 360.766.8202

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

Next deadline is Wednesday, May 27th: 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.

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