

The Samish ShoreLines

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From the SICC Board President:

Let's ring in the new year by celebrating all the successes of the Samish Island Community in 2023. This past year the board did their best to improve the Community Center building as well as create new opportunities for education and entertainment. I know I've met a number of new islanders this past year, and I suspect each of you has as well. If you have ideas of what you'd like to see in 2024, contact a board member and let us know what's on your mind. Thanks to **Marnie Pennington** for all her efforts in the past few years; she's stepping down from her position at large. Thanks to thank **Ruth McNally** for serving as the rental coordinator for the past couple of years. She's still on the board but wearing one less hat, as she passes the rental responsibilities off to **Kathleen Albro**. Welcome, Kathleen! Thanks to **Steve Hopley** for the idea to create SIRAC; we appreciate the efforts of the committee in helping Samish Island be a safer and more resilient place to live. Looking forward to seeing you at upcoming events! *See you around the island!* **Amy Pattee Colvin**



SICC will hold its Annual Meeting and elections of board members at the Center (11292 Blue Heron Road) on **Sunday, January 21st, at 3:00 pm**. Candidates for Board and

Officer positions are: Amy Colvin (President), Joan Tezak (Vice President), Mary Kay Richter (Secretary), Ruth McNally (Treasurer), Martha Frankel (At Large), Kayla Ferguson (At Large), and a candidate yet to be named for the third at large position. Learn more about what the board has been up to in 2023 and what we have planned in 2024.

Samish Farms Water Association is offering a way to pay your water bill by credit card. The step-by-step process is detailed on the island's website: <https://www.samishfarmswater.com/index.html> Note that there are additional charges for this option.

Arts Festival Committee. It's time to start planning for the annual Samish Island Arts Festival. You don't have to be an artist to serve on the planning committee – there is a variety of non-artsy tasks, and all are welcome. The first committee meeting is **Wednesday, January 17th at 4 pm at the Community Center.**

Print copies of the **ShoreLines** are available at the Community Center. Electronic copies are posted the first of each month at www.samishisland.net and distributed to the Samish Neighbors list serve.

Edgewater Garden Club meets on Thursday, January 25th at the Community Center; Coffee/refreshments and visiting start at 10 am followed by announcements at 10:30. The program, **Pollinator Diversity**, will begin at 10:45, presented by **Bob Gillespie**, retired WSU professor of entomology. He will display his collection of specimens (sawflies, wasps, bees, flies, beetles, butterflies and moths) and talk about the important role pollinators play in a healthy ecosystem. All are welcome.

HOLIDAY THANKS

- Many thanks to **Susanne Kuykendal** who put together our 2023 program that was full of delightful acts as we laughed and sang together; to **Community of Christ** for hosting us in festive decor; to the Samish Island Caroling Band led by **Gail Hopley**, greeting us as we entered; to **Peter Blau Ormsby** whose professional direction led the choir; to all the volunteers who helped make it possible, and to **Rob Martin**, as clever as always, leaving us in stitches with great puns about this adorable place we call Samish Island Island. There were plenty of sweet, tasty treats to reward all those who came, but really, **Susanne**, it happened because of you. Thanks again for another successful holiday party!
- **LaCount Tree Services** for recycling used Christmas trees.
- **4H Club members** and **SV College athletes** for filling sandbags....and the many volunteers who put them in place along the dike!
- **The Hopley** family for the great Sequoia lights!
- The **fire department** for helping Santa visit the island on Christmas Eve.
- Everyone who donated gift cards for Allen Elementary School.
- **Bill Dewey & Steve Hopley** for keeping us apprised of tidal conditions.



Passages: George McIntosh, Island resident and former Skagit County Superior Court Judge, died in November, just a couple weeks before his 100th birthday. A full obituary was published in the Skagit Valley Herald on November 22, 2023. **Marge Ekstrand**, long-time Samish Islander, died in late December.

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

The Samish Island Community Center is available for rent. Check out “community rentals” at samishisland.net. Islander’s rate is \$100. Contact Ruth (206.963.5723) or <https://samishisland.net/hall-rental/hall-rental-request-form/>

Community of Christ - 11507 Scott Rd. Worship at 11 am, alternate Sundays. Co-pastor **Jane Worlund**; Camp Manager, SI Campground & Retreat Center **Christine Campbell**.

Samish Island Memorial Chapel – 9806 SI Rd. Sunday School Classes at 9:45 am; worship at 11 am. All are welcome! **Pastor Jim Cannon**.

The 41st annual **Hawk Watching Class** is offered by **Raptors Northwest** in 2 formats (in person and zoom) beginning on January 9th. For more information and to register: <https://www.raptorstudiesnw.org/>

The 2024 **Salish Sea Stewards Volunteer Training** is open for applications! 40 hours of free community science training is provided, from local Salish Sea experts. Learn about opportunities that give back. See www.skagitmrc.org, Deadline to apply is 01.31.2024.

Winter Light Photo Celebration- March 3: Calling all Samish Island resident photographers... no matter age or photographic talent. This year's Winter Light Photo Celebration will be a streamlined version of last year's event; we hope to have even more photographers submit their images! Join your neighbors and engage in your community during 48 hours of image-making. The goal is to share your view the world from your own perspective. How do you see the birds on the bay? What is your view of the clouds in the sky? What strikes you visually? The photos do not need to be taken on Samish Island but do need to be taken within the 48 hours from 9 am on Feb 3rd to 9 am on Feb 5th PT. Photographer registration closes on Feb 1st. Details at <https://samishisland.net/samish-winter-light-photo-celebration/>

Winter/Spring Concert Series

SICC will host a series of three concerts on the third Sundays in March, April, and May. Individual concert price is \$30; all 3 concerts for \$70. More information at <https://samishisland.net/>. Keep an eye out for emails.

Blood Drive: Thursday and Friday **January 18 & 19** from 10 am to 4 pm at Edison Lutheran Church (14201 Church Rd). All donations are by appointment only. Call 1-800-398-7888 or go online to schedule at bloodworksnc.org.

Educational opportunity: Online course to learn about creatures in our Salish Sea. The \$75 fee includes five virtual sessions; the funds support non-profits in the field. <https://www.thesalishseaschool.org/the-pulse>

ADS & SERVICES

Need help with computer or network problems?

Hardware and software issues, and education relating to Mac/Windows and Microsoft Office. Also help with home security systems. Contact **Colin Hopley** at **360.853.3673**.

Violet's Vacation Visits - pet sitting, mail pick-up, plant hydration, and adult-supervised house sitting. Contact dksalkeld@wavecablecom or text/call **425.750.8879**.

Notary services available on island: Contact **Denice Rochelle: 206.769.1214** or email SeattleAvenue@gmail.com.

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

Island-based Energy Solutions Project offers a full spectrum of home energy evaluations. Contact Steve: **360-720-4378**.or energysolutionsproject.org.

Salty ‘C’ Seafood: Samish Bay oysters can be pre-ordered anytime (subject to weather or bay closure). Contact **Melissa or Amanda at 360.775.3071**.

Vacation Rentals. Check out local guest houses available through AirBNB and VRBO. Go to <https://samishisland.net/island-lodging/> for a listing.



Please submit items for the next *ShoreLines* to: samishshorelines@gmail.com by the Monday, **January 29th deadline**.

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