

The Samish ShoreLines December 2024

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President's Message:

Happy December! I hope everyone enjoyed Thanksgiving, whether with family, friends, loved ones, or on your own! As the daylight hours wane and temperatures drop, please be aware of black ice or frost on the road. If it looks wet, it may be frozen on those crisp mornings or evenings. We look forward to seeing you at various upcoming events; for a complete list, check out our website: <https://samishisland.net/>. Keep your ideas rolling in for the kinds of educational and social activities you'd like to see! See you around the island

Amy Colvin

Annual meeting: Mark your calendars for **January 12th for the SICC Annual General Meeting, 3-5 pm**. Vote in your board, visit with your neighbors, and congratulate the winner of the Samish Island Flag contest!

Winter Light Photo Celebration: We're celebrating winter and your perspective through photography all over again this year. This year's photography window is **December 21st, 9:00 a.m. to Monday, December 23rd, 9:00 a.m.** The celebration will be held on **January 26th**. Find all the details here: <https://samishisland.net/samish-winter-light-photo-celebration/>

Spring music series: Stay tuned for more information on the 2025 Samish Island Music Series, scheduled for the **first Sunday in February, March, and April**. The cost will be \$70.00 for the Series or \$30.00 per individual ticket. The music will be diverse and high quality.

December 15th is the deadline for The SICC **Flag Design Contest**, please see our website for details!

King Tide Reminder: During **December 15-19th**, Samish Island will experience another set of extremely high tides including two of our max 10' predicted tides. SIRAC will be monitoring weather predictions and will let folks know if we see conditions that could result in water levels above 11' that could cause flooding on Blue Heron or Samish Island Roads. The Committee has new tools that should help to make more accurate predictions.

Steve Hopley

From Your Fire Chief:

Hi Samish Islanders! Everyone has been working well to protect the Island from king tides. Another supply of sand should be available this week and I have plenty of sandbags at the fire hall. Let me know if the supply gets low and I'll bring more sandbags. Please wear reflective vests when walking during these darker winter days because street clothing is not visible to drivers and we want to be extra careful in our rural areas. Take care and Happy Holidays.

Mike Collins



Edgewater Garden Club hopes you will join us for the **Holiday Kickoff December 7, 10am-1pm at the Community Center**. Come make a mailbox swag, or buy a premade one (\$20). Also, island logo merchandise and **NEW** tide calendars will be for sale, and vendors of arts and crafts will sell their wares. Enjoy holiday goodies and hot-spiced cider while visiting with your neighbors. Please bring your shopping bags for purchases

All are Welcome!



Annual Samish Island Community HOLIDAY PARTY will be held on **Sunday, December 15 at 7 pm** and everyone is welcome! THANK you in advance to our gracious neighbors at Community of Christ on Scott Road for making their facilities available for this event. The **Samish Island Sitting Band will welcome folks with holiday music at 6:30 at the entrance**. Come early and get a good seat. Our intrepid MC, **Rob Martin** will kick off the program at 7:00. We have not had a huge response for entertainment yet. I'll look for responses this week from the creative juices that must have been flowing around your Thanksgiving tables. Just do it!!! This is a community event. You volunteer, you entertain, you bring the treats! Particularly shouting out to you kids out there. We need volunteers to entertain, set up, clean up, bring treats, and serve beverages. Please call or text Susanne Kuykendall (360) 391-1375, or email to susie.taylor1@gmail.com if you are able to help or entertain. It is always a fun evening. See you there!



The Ad-hoc Samish Island Choir, under the direction of **Peter Blau Ormsby**, will perform at the Holiday Party. There will be 2 rehearsals: **Sunday, December 1st and Monday, December 9 at 7 pm at Community of Christ on Scott Road**. Looking for singers to join in this fun activity.

Samish Island Acres- Community Garden report: Starting in June, members harvested every week from the 30 vegetable beds and donated a final total of 3903 pounds of organic food to area food banks! Many thanks to those who contributed excess from their own gardens. Our community garden is one of 14 farm sources that regularly contribute to Skagit County Food Distribution Center!

The next local Blood Drive: Thursday & Friday, December 5th & 6th at Edison Lutheran Church, 14201 Church Rd. For appointments open link <https://www.bloodworksnw.org/> or call 800.398.7888

Community of Christ, 11507 Scott Rd.
Services are held every first and third Sundays at 11am
Co Pastor, Jane Worlund 360.766.6284
All are welcome!

Samish Island Memorial Chapel, 9608 Samish Is. Rd.
Sunday school 9:45 am Worship Service 11 am
Kids Christmas Party, Saturday, Dec 21st, 10-12pm
Please RSVP to: samishislandpastor@gmail.com
Family Christmas Program, Dec 22nd at 6 pm.
Please join us! Pastor **Jim Cannon**

Out and About:

Skagit Community Band presents *The Christmas Concert With A-Town Big Band*, **Dec 13, 7 pm** at Maple Hall, La Conner; free concert, donations accepted.
<https://www.skagitcommunityband.org>

Skagit Symphony presents
AIR, **December 14th, 7:30 pm**
at **McIntyre Hall**. "Winter Dreams", holiday brass, Vaughan Williams'

Greensleeves, and favorites from many Christmases past.
Pre-concert talk in the concert hall 45 minutes prior to performance. <https://www.skagitsymphony.com>



The Skagit Valley Chorale presents **Heralding Christmas concert December 13 and 15**.
Tickets are available at McIntyre Hall. Get your favorite seats now!
<https://mcintyrehall.org/>

Holiday Lighted Boat Parades: You may choose on **Dec 14th, Saturday** between **Anacortes**, Cap Santes Marina or head to **La Conner**, Swinomish Channel for a festive spectacle at **6-7pm** as vessel owners deck their boats with colorful lights and themed characters!

Allied Arts Holiday Crafts Festival: Throughout **December until 24th, 10-6 pm**, 1331 Commercial St., Bellingham. <https://www.alliedarts.org>

Fiber Circle is a bi-weekly fiber circle that meets in the Community Center every other Friday from 10:30-12 pm. Folks of all levels come to knit, crochet, sew, embroider, cross-stitch, or engage in any other fun fiber craft. To join us, please respond directly to me to be on our email list. **Kayla** a.connotation@gmail.com

Community Center for Special Events! You can always access the calendar for availability each month on the samishisland.net website. Residents pay \$100. Contact **Kathleen Albro, 206.713.6181** or write: samishisland@gmail.com

Wreath-making on Skagit Land Trust's Samish Island property, Sunday, Dec 15, 10-1 pm, for all ages.
Space is limited; a \$10 fee is for frames and decorations.
RSVP to Laura Hartner: laurah@skagitlandtrust.org

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Knives Sharpened: \$2 per blade. Will pick up and deliver on Samish Island. Make cutting easier and safer! Call **Strand** at **360.770.1110**

Outdoor handyman/helper, Dustin Whaley, is available for small scale tree trimming/removal, hedge trimming services, gutter cleaning, etc. **425.309.0405**.



Miscellaneous services: Clothes alterations, house cleaning, gardening, elders/baby/house/pet sitting and other temporary jobs. Contact **Windy** at **425.309.9999** or ccisnotit@hotmail.com

Please submit items for the next ShoreLines to:
The Samish ShoreLines, S.I.C.C., P.O. Box 268, Bow, WA 98238 by the December 27th deadline.
Email: samishshorelines@gmail.com

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