

The Samish ShoreLines

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From the SICC Board President:

Happy New Year!! I hope you and your loved ones had a joy-filled Holiday Season. The board is looking forward to creating a 2025 filled with community-building, social, and educational opportunities for island residents. If you have ideas for events, would like to run your own, or want to bring your energy and perspectives to the community, ask about Board and volunteer opportunities. I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events! You'll always find current details on our website, www.samishisland.net, and through the ShoreLines. *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 12th, 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 Scott Sedlacek (At Large). We'll also unveil the flag contest winner, and you'll have a chance to learn about what the board has been up to in 2024 and what we have planned for 2025.

Winter Photo Light Celebration -

As a way to build community engagement and see how the world is viewed from a variety of perspectives, come out on **Sunday, January 26th**, to view and celebrate images taken by your neighbors. Head to the Community Center from **6:30-8:30 pm** and enjoy social time with neighbors, view the world through your neighbor's eyes, and vote for the photo to be featured on the 2025 directory. Bring a dessert and a favorite beverage to share.



Arts Festival Committee. It's time to start planning for the annual Samish Island Arts Festival. New committee members are always welcome. The next committee meeting is **Tuesday, January 14 at 3 pm at the Community Center.** Contact Linda Larson (lindaclarson@msn.com) if you have questions.

From the Fire Chief: Sand and sandbags have been delivered to the east end of Blue Heron Rd. If more sandbags are needed just let me know. I have stockpiled other sandbags at the fire hall to keep them dry.

Mike Collins

Edgewater Garden Club will meet **Thursday, January 23** at the Community Center on Blue Heron Rd. We gather at 10 am for coffee and conversation. The meeting starts at 10:30 with announcements, followed by the program. The topic is "**Integrated Pest Management**", presented by Diane Wisen, Skagit County Master Gardener. Learn several strategies for dealing with local pests. Samish Island logo items will be for sale as usual. New members are always welcome. Annual dues are \$20/ household.

HOLIDAY THANK YOUS to...

- **The Edgewater Garden Club** for sponsoring the **Holiday Kick-off** in early December. It was a great start to the holiday season.
- **Susanne Kuykendal** who coordinated the 2024 Holiday Program – another delightful community event, full of delightful acts; to **Community of Christ** for hosting us in festive decor; to the Samish Island Caroling Band, greeting us as we entered; to **Peter Blau Ormsby** who directed the choir (accompanied by **Sally Riggers**) and also led the sing-along, complete with rhythm instruments; to **Fran Hansen** who coordinated all the goodies that were brought to share; to **Rob Martin**, our intrepid emcee, whose witty and folksy humor was delightful as always; and to those who contributed talented entertainments, and to **ALL** who attended and participated in this island tradition.
- **The Hopley** family for another great light display
- **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.
- **Skagit Land Trust and Arne Svendsen Trucking** for their work to strengthen the dike along the entrance to the island!



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.

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

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 2025 **Salish Sea Stewards Volunteer Training** will be held at the Padilla Bay Reserve on **Tuesdays, Feb 18-April 29, 1-5 pm**. Register by Jan. 31 at www.skagitmrc.org

Offered by Padilla Bay Estuarine Research Center:

- **Introduction to Raptors of Skagit Flats – Saturday, January 4th, 10am-12pm**. Taught by Sue Cottrell. Register [here](#). A 2-hour **field trip** will be offered after the presentation to the first 10 participants that sign up. Please be prepared to carpool and be willing to wear a face mask. You must attend the class in order to join the field trip Register [here](#).
- **Raptors of Western Washington: 5-week class** begins Tuesday, **January 7th at 7 pm** (in person) and Wednesday evenings by Zoom. Field Trips are included for the in person class. Cost is \$175. Read more about the class and register [here](#), .m. Taught by Sue Cottrell. Register [here](#).

WINTER CONCERT SERIES

The 2024 Winter Concert Series was a success, so we're bringing it back again in 2025! Join us for **concerts at the SICC on three Sundays (February 2, March 2, and April 6)** from **3-5 pm**. Now is a great time to purchase tickets for the series. The price for the 3-concert series is \$70, and single concert tickets are \$30. <https://samishisland.net/purchase-concert-tickets/>



Our island library expert (**Eileen Andersen**) recommends checking out the new downtown **Mount Vernon library**. Cards for "non-MV resident" seniors are \$40; adults \$60 (can share one card within household). The parking garage above the library makes it easy to get in and out quickly.

Check out the Samish Island website: www.samishisland.net for **upcoming island events** and other important information. The island directories will be mailed in January.

The Samish Island Community Center is available for rent. Check out "community rentals" on the island's website. Islander's rate is \$100. Contact **Kathleen at 206.713.6181** or <https://samishisland.net/hall-rental/hall-rental-request-form/>

ADS & SERVICES

Looking to work on your landscaping needs in the off season? I can help with garden installation, planning, fence work, drainage, etc. **Darby Blake, 206.-669-8422**.

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**.

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

Massage available from **Amy Colvin**. Text **425.503.8886** or email colvin.ap@gmail.com

Island-based Energy Solutions Project offers a full spectrum of home energy evaluations. Contact Steve: **360.766.4488** or energysolutionsproject.org.

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

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

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**.

Sailboat Rigging - From Ropework & Lifelines to Dinghy Bridles and Specialty Splicing, Northwest Rigging has you covered! Contact **Quinn at 360.293.1154** or info@nwriggering.com.

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 Wednesday, January 29th deadline.

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