

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. I want to extend thanks to all the community members who work on events and projects that make this community such a wonderful and welcoming place to live. The board is looking forward to creating a 2026 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 up-to-date details on our website at www.samishisland.net and in the ShoreLines. See you around the island!

Amy Pattee Colvin



Potluck

SICC POTLUCK – Sunday, January 11th at 5 pm. at the Community Center on Blue Heron Road. Plates, cups, cutlery, water, and coffee/tea provided. Bring a dish to share and a beverage of choice.

Annual General Meeting

Notice: SICC will hold its Annual General Meeting and elections of board

members at the Center (11292 Blue Heron Road) on **Sunday, February 1st, at 5:00 pm.** Bring your favorite appetizers to share. Candidates for Board and Officer positions are: Amy Colvin (President), Joan Tezak (Vice President), Mary Kay Richter (Secretary), Jo Harke (Treasurer), Martha Frankel (At Large), Kayla Ferguson (At Large), and Scott Sedlacek (At Large). We'll also vote on a bylaws revision. In the next couple of weeks, you'll receive a copy of the revision through email, and it will be on the website shortly. Learn more about what the board has been up to in 2025 and what we have planned in 2026.

Passages: In December, island resident, **Dave Hoff** died. Our sympathies go out to his family and friends.

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 meetings resume on **Thursday, January 22nd.** We gather at 10 am for coffee and conversation. The meeting starts at 10:30 with announcements, followed by the program. Samish Islander and Skagit Master Gardener, **Alison Hitchcock**, will present a program on “**Tree Health**,” using local photos to review the most common insects and diseases that affect trees and forest health on Samish Island. Samish Island logo items, including 2026 calendars will be for sale as usual. **ALL are welcome.**

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 2025 Holiday Program – another delightful community event, full of delightful acts; to **Community of Christ** for hosting us; to the **Samish Island Caroling Band**, organized by **Gail Hopley**, greeting us as we entered; to **Peter Blau Ormsby** and **Dave Reff** who directed the choirs; to **Cheryl Willis** and **Maria 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 entertainment, and to **ALL** who attended and participated in this island tradition.
- **The Fire Department** for helping Santa visit the island on Christmas Eve.
- **Everyone** who donated gift cards and clothing for Allen Elementary School and food items for the island pantry.
- **Bill Dewey & Steve Hopley** for keeping us up-to-date on tidal conditions and **Norm Hoffman** for reports on the river levels and evacuation advisories during the December storms.



Arts Festival Committee. It's time to start planning for the annual Samish Island Arts Festival (held on the last Saturday of July). New committee members are always welcome. The next committee meeting is **Wednesday, January 14 at 3 pm at the Community Center.** Future meeting time to be adjusted based on members schedules. Contact Linda Larson (lindaclarson@msn.com) if you have questions.

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS

The **Samish Island Community Center** is available for rent. Check out “community rentals” at samishisland.net. Islander’s rate is \$100. Contact Kerrie at 425.750.8879 or <https://samishisland.net/hall-rental/hall-rental-request-form/>

Community of Christ - 11507 Scott Rd. Worship at 11 am, alternate Sundays. Co-pastor **Pegi Powers**; 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. **Pastor Jim Cannon**.

It’s not too late to sign up for the **2026 Salish Sea Stewards Training**. Information at <https://www.skagitmrc.org>

Skagit Disaster Relief Fund

There are many agencies responding to the December flooding in our community. You can find a list of ways to help at

www.skagitcf.org/disaster-relief.html.

The **Skagit Valley Chorale’s Winter Concert** has been rescheduled for **January 3 & 4 at 2 pm** at McIntyre Hall. Tickets at www.mcintyrehall.org.

Skagit Land Trust’s Winter Speaker Series continues on **Thursday, January 15th at 6pm (on Zoom)**. To register: Conservation Burial: Our Commitment to the Earth, with Anna Jordan Tickets, Thu, Jan 15, 2026 at 6:00 PM | [Eventbrite](https://www.eventbrite.com).

Skagit Land Trust is also sponsoring an event on **January 21st at 2pm – 5pm: Luminary-Making Workshop at Tri-Dee Arts**. All materials provided. \$10 ticket fee; use the link to buy tickets on Eventbrite.

Skagit County Historical Museum presents “**Skagit on the Half-Shell**” – a history of the Shellfish Industry in Skagit County. This display runs from **January 15 – May 17th**. Check out www.skagitcounty.net/museum, for more information.



Winter/Spring Concert Series. SICC is proud to host a series of three concerts in March, April, and May at the community center. Purchase a seat for all three concerts for \$70, or individual-show seats for \$30. Check out the SICC website, [https://samishisland.net/](http://samishisland.net/), for more information on the artists and to buy tickets.

ADS & SERVICES

It’s the New Year and you don’t have a 2026 calendar? **The Samish Island 2026 calendar** has great pictures and information on Samish Island events, including king tides! Only \$15. Contact **Gail Hopley** at **360.708.5460** to arrange pickup (or buy one at the Garden Club meeting on January 22nd).

Rent a space for your car or 14' boat; available on Samish Island. If interested and would like to know the details, please call **360.202.7038**.

Need help with computer or network problems? Hardware and software issues, and education relating to Mac/Windows and Microsoft Office. Contact **Colin Hopley** at **360.853.3673**.

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

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

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.

Looking to improve your landscaping? I can help with garden installation, planning, fence work, drainage, and irrigation systems. **Darby Blake, 206.669.8422**.

Mortgage Broker - Buying a home? Refinancing for a better rate? Taking cash out of your equity? Do it with low rates and a smooth, stress-free process. Contact: **Alex Stahley at 206.488.6882**

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* by Thursday, **January 29th** to: samishshorelines@gmail.com.

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