

# the Samish Shore Lines

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**Community Center Annual Dues.** As Treasurer of the Samish Island Community Center, I want to thank everyone for their support for our projects, be it building maintenance, potlucks, Halloween party, etc. Because of your generosity when we have had special projects (new tables, chairs, etc.), we have built up a substantial treasury. Because we know you will step up to the plate if there is a special need, the Board voted to reduce the annual dues to \$10 a year.

Attached to the *Shore Lines* is an enrollment card. We ask you to fill it out for the Samish Island Directory, and return it in the attached envelope with your check for \$10.00. If you didn't get a card, call Linda at 766-4082, or print one at the S.I. Website.

**Potluck and Election of Officers.** The annual meeting and election of officers of the S. I. Community Center will take place at a potluck dinner on January 17 at 5 p.m. The response was so overwhelming at the September potluck that we will meet again on a Sunday. If you would like to serve as a board member, please contact Howard Armstrong at 766-6657.

This year we will re-do the floor of the Community Hall. Last year's project was the new septic system, which was completed in July thanks to the many members who included donations for this expensive undertaking with their annual dues.  
.....*Linda Knapp-Strobel, Treasurer*

**Samish Senior Singles** will greet a new year when they gather on January 22, at 12 noon, for a brown bag lunch at the home of Kathleen Packard, 9920 Samish Island Road. Any island senior single is welcome. Call 766-6752.

**Natural Gas on S.I.** Mike Bart is looking into bringing natural gas service to Samish Island. Those who participate in the Samish Info e-mail group have received Mike's information. For those who have not, and/or to respond to his survey, go to the S.I. Website, <http://www.samishisland.net/index>.

**The Edgewater Garden Club** will meet at the Community Hall on Tuesday, January 26th, beginning at 9:45 AM with visiting and refreshments. The business meeting begins at 10:15 AM, followed at 11:00 AM with the timely program, "Pruning Fruit Trees & Shrubs", by Bradley Smith from the Western Washington Fruit Research Foundation. Members and guests are invited to attend.

**A word to all the great photographers on S.I.:** The S.I. Board requests photo submissions for the cover of the 2010 Directory. E-mail them as tiffs or jpegs, or drop off printed copies by January 31. A vertical format photo works easiest. Contact Gail Hopley, 766-6823, or [ghopley@wavecable.com](mailto:ghopley@wavecable.com).

**Tide Charts Available.** An island resident asked for this public note of appreciation to Mike Judy for producing the 2010 Tide Calendar in the Judy tradition. Also, Chuck Davis produces the 2010 S.I. Tide Graphs, which uses a different format. Both are available at Blau's, for \$3.00 each.

**Islanders in the News.** Veteran birder **Howard Armstrong** made a rare sighting for Skagit County while participating in the 110<sup>th</sup> annual Audubon Society Christmas Bird Count. While he and his wife **Thais** were conducting the count in Washington Park, Howard took a separate trail and spotted a Townsend's solitaire. The story, with great photos of Howard and the bird, was covered in the Dec. 27 issue of the Skagit Valley Herald.

In the same issue, **Eileen Andersen** and **Steve Hoffman** were featured in a story about e-mail groups and web sites set up by and for local residents on Samish and Guemes Islands. Titled "Electronic Villages", the article describes the ways that rapid, timely sharing of information aids communities, as we found out during the January 2009 flood. Many thanks to Eileen and Steve for helping many of us become part of the S.I. electronic village.

Our family would like to thank Santa and the wonderful firemen who escorted him on the fire truck. You all made it a very special Christmas Eve for our children. We live in a special community. .... *the Reid Family*

**Marine Neighbors to the North.** Residents who face Samish Bay or cross the neck of the island often see large ships anchored north of Samish Island. Chuck Davis, a former merchant ship's officer, says Samish Bay provides good protection and an appropriate depth for safe anchoring for vessels delivering crude oil to and transporting refined oils from the four refineries in northern Puget Sound, the two at March Point and the ones at Cherry Point and Ferndale. In addition to crude oil tankers, we also see bulk carriers, traditional tank barges and tugs, and "articulated" and "integrated" tug and barge combinations, where the tugs are mated into notches in the sterns of specially-designed barges.

The number of ships using these anchorages has increased in recent years because the refineries have increased their production but have not increased their tank storage for incoming crude oil. Alaska crude by itself cannot be refined very efficiently so refineries blend Alaska crude and foreign crude, requiring separate storage of the different grades. Ships may deliver only half their loads, then have to anchor to wait until the refinery can accommodate the remainder.

When the ships and integrated/ articulated tugs and barges are underway in Puget Sound waters, they are required to use pilots that are specially trained and licensed for Puget Sound waters. Tank ships are required to have one large-power escort tug specially designed to be able to maneuver and stop large tankers. Single hulled tankers are required to have two such escort tugs.

More detailed information and photographs of the different types of vessels can be viewed on the Samish Island web site, , in Chuck's piece titled, "[Vessels Anchoring in Samish Bay](http://www.samishisland.net/documents/historicdocuments/Anchorage%20SB.pdf)" (<http://www.samishisland.net/documents/historicdocuments/Anchorage%20SB.pdf>)

**Samish Island Yoga.** The weekly S.I. yoga class resumed on Jan. 5th and will continue through March each Tues. from 10 - 11:30 at the Community of Christ Church. We hope to see you there. For more details you may call Liz at 766.8403. Participants are currently discussing a slight change in start time. If you have not attended and intend to, please be sure to call Liz prior to attending for the first time to be sure you have the correct start time.

## ADS

**Yearly reminder on policy:** The *Shore Lines* prints ads submitted by Samish Island dues-paying residents, and service ads for businesses based on Samish Island. (Ads for off-island businesses cannot be accepted.)

## FOR SALE

– **Recliner by Lane** - large, comfy, in new condition. Traditional style, in brown paisley tapestry. \$275 or best offer. Cal: 766-6866.

– **1975 GlasPly 19' boat** w/140 hp inboard/outboard Mercury motor and custom 1976 Calkins trailer. Original owner, excellent condition (wintered under cover). \$9,000. Call Jerry Sells, 766-6600.

– **Need a holiday detox?** Call Iver's Samish Island Filberts for a snack high in fiber, calcium, potassium, magnesium and Vitamin E. Whole: \$2/lb. Shelled, ready to roast: \$7/lb. Call 766-4135 or [kdekstran@hotmail.com](mailto:kdekstran@hotmail.com).

– **King size Simmons Beautyrest mattress**, mint condition, for sale or trade for queen. Call 766 7406.

## SERVICES

-- **Need help around the house?** - from child care, house-sitting, office work, to event help. Breanna Bart just returned from a year in Chile and is looking to make your life easier. Call her at 360-333-5779 to schedule.

--**Quality house cleaning.** Local references available. Call Laurie Reid, 766-5080.

--**Time for pruning and shaping your garden and fruit trees.** Call Debbie Emerson, 20+ years experience, 766-5095, or 770-3401.

--**Beginning through intermediate accordion and piano lessons** are available on Samish Island. Please contact Lois Yale, member of the Washington State Music Teachers' Association, at 766-8713 or [lobo@fidalgo.net](mailto:lobo@fidalgo.net).

– **Home remodel and repair.** Call Bruce Emerson, 770-9148. 30+ years experience. License #ASCENE1003LL.

--**Enjoy the convenience of massage on the island!** Amy Colvin's massage services range from relaxation to therapeutic. For further information or to book an appointment, call Amy at 766-6016, or visit [www.healingjourneymassage.com](http://www.healingjourneymassage.com). --

**Excavator for hire.** Land / brush clearing, tree removal, ditch digging, blading. \$85.00/hr. Call Mike at 360-391-3490. --

**Happy New Year Samish Island!** You can now enter into the warmth of a new studio and find a foundation of balance and physical vitality through massage and Bowen NST. I look forward to seeing you. Call Jennifer Hamley, LMP, CNST at 766-5235, or 303-6358.