

the Samish Shore Lines

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4th of July Parade!!

Spirits were not chilled by the cool weather, though bodies were draped in blankets along the parade route as the Samish Island Marching Band, lively in red shirts and wild hats, led the way at the annual Samish Island 4th of July parade. Following the band were legions of red, white and blue-outfitted revelers proceeding by foot, bicycle, tricycle, vintage car and truck. Spotted were a whale-mobile, a flock of drumming, grass-winged eagles, the Topsy Gypsies from Bow Hill, a Samish Island circus wagon with animals, at least 5 red, white and blue dogs, the very lively Camp Kirby song and dance troupe, the Hounding Fathers, the Omdahl Marching Band with red balloons and kazoos, and a Holstein Viking ship made of milk cartons.

Many thanks to Kris and Roger Goodan for organizing the participants, Gail Hopley for organizing the band, Robert Lord for directing parking, the Ratfields, the Blaus and the Community of Christ Church for providing parking space, and to the Von Allmens for providing space for the staging area. And many thanks to all the participants, whose enthusiasm and creativity make this wonderful Samish Island tradition!

14th Annual Samish Island Arts Festival

Bring your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to enjoy this colorful Samish Island event on **Saturday, July 31, from 10 am to 5 pm** at the Community Hall. There will be new vendors this year, along with your returning favorites, both inside the hall and outside.

Purchase Sigi's sandwiches, salads, cinnamon rolls and snacks in the kitchen. Blau oysters, hot dogs, hamburgers and sausages, coffee drinks and beverages will be available for purchase in the barbeque area.

Live music will entertain throughout the day. The Brass Quintet will perform from 11 to 12:30. You will also be entertained by Celtic Harps, Dulcimers, the Troubadouras, Jazz Trumpet and a Marimba Band.

Thanks to Scotty Blau and the Ratfields for allowing parking on their property during the Festival. There will be an area near the entrance to drop off passengers.

This year's Arts Festival poster features the ceramic art of Samish Island artist Kathy Huckleberry. Thank you to Gail Hopley for designing the poster and post cards.

Commission from vendor sales benefits the Samish Island Community Center.

Save the Samish: the *Clean Samish Initiative*

Bacteria in the Samish River and the Bay often reach levels too high for safe shellfish harvest and recreation. Indeed, Samish Bay was closed to commercial shellfish harvest for a total of 10 weeks in 2008 and 2009. All of these closures were due to rain events that carried high numbers of fecal coliform bacteria to the river and the bay. Samish Basin fecal coliform issues have attracted regional attention and are now the focus of the *Clean Samish Initiative*. This project involves over 20 state, federal and local agencies, non-profit organizations and Tribes. The goal is to achieve both rapid, short-term pollution reductions that will make a difference in water quality by the end of the coming winter wet season, and provide long-term pollution solutions in the Samish River.

A recent Washington Department of Ecology study of the Samish watershed shows that 70 percent of bacteria loading to Samish Bay comes from the Samish River, above the locations around the Bay where waterfowl congregate. Any bacteria loading from the waterfowl is in addition to the heavy load discharged from the river. Fecal coliform bacteria enter streams and ditches when rainfall washes bacteria off of backyards and farms. The bacteria may come from onsite sewage systems or from improperly managed animal waste. It can come from either commercial or small non-commercial farms.

Save the Samish: A Community Meeting

As part of the *Clean Samish Initiative* a community meeting will be held on **July 14th in the Edison Elementary School Cafeteria** to discuss the water quality problems in the Samish watershed, and share information about practical ways that residents can help protect our waters. Open House will begin at 6 pm; representatives from Skagit County Public works, Planning, and Health, Washington State Dept. of Ecology and the Skagit Conservation District will provide presentations, and answer questions beginning at 6:30 pm.

Late Report from Blue Heron Road

At 10:30 pm Sunday night, there had been no altercations and there were no large groups of young people congregated. Closing the field and frequent patrol by County Sheriff's officers helped greatly.

ADS

From the Samish Farms Water Association.

In their 2009 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report, it is noted that "our system had no violations. We're proud that your drinking water meets or exceeds all Federal and State requirements." A link to the full report can be found at the Samish Island website.

In their June 2010 newsletter, SFWA thanks **Al Seitz**, who is retiring after 12 years of service. Al owned and operated a construction company, and the report states that "his advice was instrumental in the success of our major water line replacement and new water tower. We are so thankful to Al for volunteering his time to helping SFWA."

Sunday at Community of Christ

10 AM – Church School; 11 AM – Worship
Lee Nelson, Pastor - Everyone Welcome

The Samish Island Community Hall is available for rent throughout the year. Islanders' rate \$75; five hours or less \$50. Contact Eileen Andersen, 766-8202, or info@samishisland.net to schedule your family gathering, wedding, party, meeting or event.

Housing Request

My two nephews (in their 30's) and their wives are coming for a family wedding August 14. We would like to keep them here on the island since they will be here such a short time. Any housing suggestions are appreciated. Please contact Darlene Mindrum 360-766-8007 or samisle@wavecable.com*Thanks,*
Darlene

Samish Island Memorial Chapel, 9608 S.I. Rd.
9:45 Sunday School; 11:00 Worship Service
Pastor Otto Sather – Everyone Welcome.

The Samish Senior Singles will gather once again at Fred Smith's, 9578 Samish Island Rd., on **Friday, July 23, at 12 noon**. Not a brown-bagger. If the harvest is bountiful, we'll be crabbing it. Questions? Call Fred, 766-6883, or Betty Chowka, 766-8032.

Items for the next *Shore Lines* should be submitted in writing to the *Samish Shore Lines*, S.I. Community Center, P.O. Box 268, Bow, WA 98232 in time to meet the **August 5** deadline for submissions (first Thursday). Or e-mail to samishshorelines@gmail.com (Kathleen, 766-6752).

SERVICES:

--**Quality House Cleaning.** Local references available. Call Laurie Reid, 766-5080.

--**Country Bouquets.** Locally grown flowers/bouquets. We deliver weekly or for a special occasion, wedding or 'just because'! Reasonably priced. Call Sharon Minor, 766-5202 or www.countrybouquetsfloral.com

--**Landscape Design and Maintenance.** Call Debbie Emerson, 20+ years experience, 766-3401. Great prices for yearly contracts. Web site: www.gardensez.com

--**Samish Island Cards.** Photo Art Cards with views of our Island shores, flowers and wildlife at www.samish-island-cards.com or contact Kitty at 766-4236 or kittybluhm@wavecable.com

--**Anna's Plant and Pet Care Services.** Please call Anna Lefebvre at 766-8521. References available.

--**Beginning through intermediate accordion and piano lessons** are available on Samish Island. Contact Lois Yale, member of the Washington State Music Teachers' Association, at 766-8713 or 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. Call Amy at 766-6016, or visit www.healingjourneymassage.com.

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

--**Emily Reid's Pet Care and Babysitting Services:**
Please call Emily at 766-5080. References available.

--**Find a foundation of balance and physical vitality** through massage and Bowen NST. I look forward to seeing you in the warmth of a new studio. Call Jennifer Hamley, LMP, CNST at 766-5235, or 303-6358.

--**Certified health coach.** I help with weight loss, reducing/eliminating medications, increasing wellness. Lose 2-5 lbs/wk for less than \$10/day. Includes food and my services. Call Julie O'Brien-Judy at 425-308-5757.

FOR SALE – Antique wood **mantel clock**, 10" h x 5" h x 21" l. Westminster chime (on/off). Keeps excellent time, recently serviced. \$75. Call 766-8111.