

the Samish Shore Lines

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President's report

THANKS! Thank you to everyone who participated in the painting of the community hall – with especial gratitude to Tim Cooley for being the fearless leader and role model for all of us volunteer painters. Tim brought his professional expertise and patience to the project and many others brought time (and ladders, and a pressure washer, and skill!) We still have a bit of tidying to do but the job is done and we can look forward to a healthy building for years to come! A great feeling of accomplishment thanks to Tim Cooley, Jim Kunzmann, Linda Knapp-Strobel and her granddaughter Elizabeth, Charlie O'Hara, Pat Zitka, Howard Armstrong, Reidar and Millie Ytgard, Jerry Sells, and anyone else I may have inadvertently left out (or maybe I didn't know you worked on it – that's possible, too!)

And extra special thanks to Chuck Davis for the outstanding salmon at the last potluck! I had never seen so many people at an event other than the 4th of July – it was terrific. And for those who stayed to hear about our heronry, we thank Brenda Cunningham and the Skagit Land Trust for insights into the lives of these beautiful neighbors. Gorgeous weather, salmon, a great community all came together for a most wonderful evening!

Enjoy what I'm hoping will be a long and lingering early fall.Sue Ellen

Samish Island Community Garden. S. I residents enjoyed the fruit and vegetable exchanges earlier this season on Saturday mornings, and remaining produce was delivered to local food banks. Interest in a Community Garden is growing, and our next meeting to discuss potential land plots will be held on **Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 7 pm** at the Community of Christ Church. All are welcome. Please note that Skagit County has a well-established program for gleaning, or collecting, fruit or veggies on your property that you are willing to donate. You can contact Harvest for Hope at gleaning@skagitcap.org, or call 360-367-1655.

.....Charlene Day

The **Samish Senior Singles** will celebrate Autumn by gathering for a brown bag lunch on **Friday, Oct. 28**, at 12 noon at the home of Carol Sullivan, 9687 Samish Island Road. Questions? Call 333-8802.

The **Edgewater Garden Club** will meet on Tuesday, **October 25**, at the Community Center. Coffee and social at 9:45 am, business meeting at 10:15 am, program at 11:00 am. **Emma Whitfield, Skagit County Conservation District** and a Samish Islander for most of her life, will show a short film about the Samish watershed, and will lead a discussion about Samish Bay bacterial pollution and what we can do about it. She'll also give a brief overview of the upcoming revisions of the Shorelines Management Plan for Skagit County. All are welcome!

Ivy Removal at Heron Rookery. At the September potluck, we enjoyed an in depth presentation on "our" Samish Island herons by Brenda Cunningham, from the Skagit Land Trust. We take pride in the fact that herons continue to populate one of the largest rookeries in the state, right on our island. We can show our pride by contributing to the maintenance of the wooded area that sustains the herons. English Ivy is persistent under the trees that host their nests. If left to spread, it would topple the trees and take down the nests. Please join volunteers from the Skagit Land Trust to pull ivy. Pulling ivy is very therapeutic: it's a great way to vent frustrations!!! RSVP to volunteer@skagitlandtrust.org for one of the following days: **Oct 15 or Oct 29 from 9 to 12:30, or Nov 6 from 12:30 to 4 pm.** (Bring tools and snacks.) Also, there is a nest count and tour of the heronry on January 28, 2012.

.....Sarah Huntington

Thank You On behalf of the Dionne family, I wish to thank all of the friends, neighbors and Samish Island Emergency Personnel who assisted in my medical emergency on 9/9/2011. Their immediate response and assistance greatly aided in my eventual recovery. After 9 days in 2 hospitals, and many tests, I am happy to be back on my feet again. I especially thank my friend Cindy Paxton who was with me when the event occurred and made the call for help, Bruce Entriken, who answered the call and administered CPR, Pat Dana who made the call to 911, Cricket and Dave, and the rest of the emergency crew who took the necessary steps to get me ready for the hospital. We are so fortunate to have such talented and dedicated volunteers in our community and fire and rescue department. I will be eternally grateful to all who answered the call, as will my family. In gratitude, *Bob Dionne.*

What's Happening at Smith's Boat Shop?

After 51 years and over 3,000 boats, **Fred Smith** is still building boats in his shop on the neck of the island. Fred and his brother Don built their first boat in 1960, and started their business in 1962. It was a rowing pram (dingy) they used for getting from shore out to their catamaran. The pram was based on a design they purchased from the U.S. Plywood Company for 25 cents.

After many years of building Pelican and El Toro sail boats, Fred, with his son-in-law **Ron Downs**, has returned to making the original prams.....still using the jig, or template, they started with 51 years ago.

The prams are made in eight and ten foot lengths. There is no flat or straight surface in the boats – they are curved from bow to stern and from side to side. This is part of what contributes to their ease of rowing. It also contributes to the challenge of constructing the boats, as it requires that Fred and Ron dry-bend the spruce framing and mahogany plywood on the jig to create the shape of the boat. Most of the prams are built as orders come in, and many customers are repeat customers. The prams are popular with fly fisherman, and orders come in from people who have seen one of Smith's boats, and want their own.

Fred and Ron build about 10 boats a year. They are usually in the boat shop Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. The boat shop sign declares, "Visitors Welcome". Stop in sometime.....they would love to show you around.

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.

Samish Island Memorial Chapel, 9608 S.I. Rd.
9:45 am – Sunday School; 11:00 am – Worship Service

Pastor Arlyn Ubben - Everyone Welcome

Sunday at Community of Christ

10 am – Church School; 11 am Worship Service
Glen Fishel, Pastor - Everyone Welcome

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 **Nov. 3** deadline for submissions (first Thursday). Or e-mail to samishshorelines@gmail.com Charlene, (360) 630-5654.

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