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Cynthia Woerner Photo Courtesy of Meerkerk Gardens  
Peak blooming season at Meerkerk Gardens on Whidbey Island offers glimpses of rhododendrons and other plants, trees and shrubs.

## Meerkerk Gardens set for a spectacular peak season

By **Melanie Hammons** Whidbey Weekly

The old adage “stop and smell the roses” reminds us to take time to address what’s important in life while we can. Roses in popular culture are sensory transmitters of visual beauty and lovely aromas and more, since they are also associated with romance, love, and empathy.

So what do the famous rhododendrons at Greenbank’s Meerkerk Gardens have in common with roses, seeing as they belong to two entirely different plant families? Well, it all begins with the name. Rhododendron is the joining of two Greek words meaning “rose tree.” As for analogies between rhodies and love, just ask Ron Newberry, publicity, outreach and events coordinator for Meerkerk Gardens.

“People come here for a visit because they’re intrigued,” said Newberry. “Perhaps it’s a first-time visit for them. But they leave here impressed with the loveliness of it all, a loveliness that makes people ‘fall in love’ with the gardens themselves. That in turn is what nurtures support for them.

“On a personal level, this job is a pairing of my two loves. I love writing, and I love nature,” said Newberry. “So this doesn’t really feel like work to me at all.”

Newberry said the different species of rhododendrons in the gardens, including hybrids, are selected from all over the world. Happily, the cool, moderate, woodland climate of the Pacific Northwest is especially suitable for the plants.

The pictures of rhododendrons featured on the gardens’ website come in hundreds of varying shades and tints. Their names are just as unique as their delicate or bold colorations would imply. Some are namesakes of Washington geographic sites such as Oso and Point Defiance. Others, like Purple Passion, Midnight Magic and especially Teddy Bear, might remind some of that analogy between roses, rhododendrons, and the emotions they evoke.

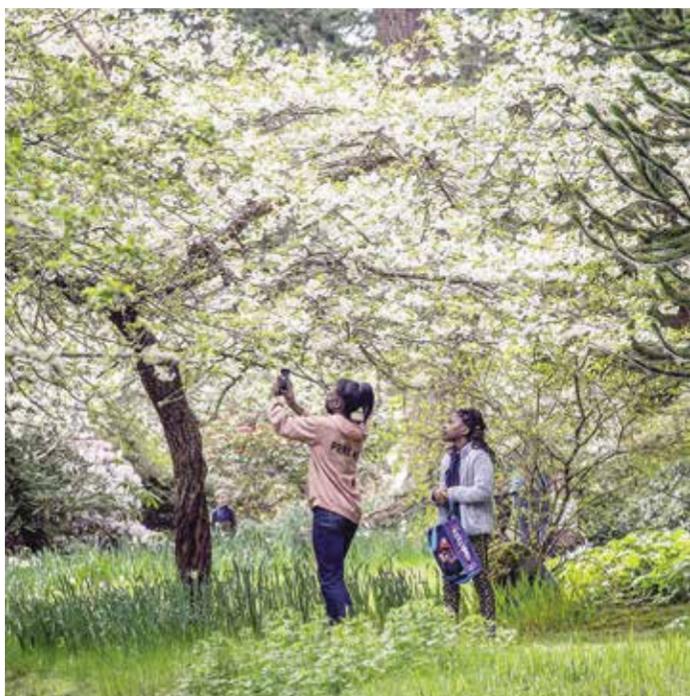
“The secret to these varying characteristics lies in hybridization,” said Newberry. “That, and the convention of choosing a name for the new variety, is quite a process. It involves having the name registered. And the person who develops the hybrid receives the honor of naming it.

“We are coming up on peak blooming season for the rhododendrons very soon,” he continued. “That in itself is a sight to behold. But there’s lots more to see.”

There are many other unique flora at the gardens besides just the rhodies, Newberry shared.

“We pride ourselves on our collection of trees, unique varieties that are not commonly seen here,” he said. “There are Mount Fuji cherry trees, Sequoias, and the always intriguing Monkey Puzzle Tree. Many are from Asia.”

The Meerkerk Gardens experience encompasses far more than just its renowned rhododendrons or even the diverse tree and shrub selections. Garden tours are held each Saturday. A full schedule of classes is also set to be offered this year. Besides the display gardens, there are 43 acres of



Cynthia Woerner Photo Courtesy of Meerkerk Gardens  
An egg hunt over the past weekend made for lots of opportunities for youngsters to explore the grounds of Meerkerk Gardens on their quest for sweet rewards.

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# ON TRACK

With Jim Freeman



Lots of variety follows. A bit like Ed Sullivan's Sunday night show but without Topo Gigio, the acrobats and the elephants. The following comments were allegedly made by South Carolina Troopers taken off their car videos.

Funny stuff!

1. "You know, stop lights don't come any redder than the one you just went through."
2. "Relax, the handcuffs are tight because they're new. They'll stretch after you wear them a while."
3. "If you take your hands off the car, I'll make your birth certificate a worthless document."
4. "If you run, you'll only go to jail tired."
5. "Can you run faster than 1200 feet per second? Because that's the speed of the bullet that'll be chasing you."
6. "You don't know how fast you were going? I guess that means I can write anything I want to on the ticket, huh?"
7. "Yes, sir, you can talk to the shift supervisor, but I don't think it will help. Oh, did I mention that I'm the shift supervisor?"
8. "Warning! You want a warning? O.K, I'm warning you not to do that again or I'll give you another ticket."
9. "The answer to this last question will determine whether you are drunk or not. Was Mickey Mouse a cat or a dog?"
10. "Fair? You want me to be fair? Listen, fair is a place where you go to ride on rides, eat cotton candy and corn dogs and step in monkey poop."
11. "Yeah, we have a quota. Two more tickets and my wife gets a toaster oven."
12. "In God we trust; all others we run through NCIC." (National Crime Information Center)
13. "Just how big were those 'two beers' you say you had?"
14. "No sir, we don't have quotas anymore. We used to, but now we're allowed to write as many tickets as we can."
15. "I'm glad to hear that the Chief (of Police) is a personal friend of yours. So you know someone who can post your bail."
16. "You didn't think we give pretty women tickets? You're right, we don't. Sign here."

## Letter for a pal

Dear Barton

It has been awhile since I have written a letter without a stamp. Yet I know you will be in receipt.

This year's May Day will be different without your crow poem. Your Caw Caw will be audible nonetheless.

The first poetry slam we had at the Langley library featured your crow skills. Ever since I have thought of you every time I see a crow. Crowboy lives on.

When we first met decades ago, I already felt I knew you. Your presence in every moment was a real reward. You have always been a real reward. Now when I talk to myself, I can tell passers-by I am talking to you.

We never talked politics. We never talked sports. We never talked about women. What was wrong with us?

You were the kind of friend who listened. Like Judge Judy says, "God gave us one mouth and two ears for a reason."

So, I will be listening. For your wisdom, for your kindness, for your understanding.

Thank you, Barton, for being you.

Caw, caw.

## Jim

Anthem by Leonard Cohen

The birds they sang  
At the break of day  
Start again  
I heard them say  
Don't dwell on what has passed away  
Or what is yet to be  
Ah, the wars they will be fought again  
The holy dove, she will be caught again  
Bought and sold, and bought again  
The dove is never free  
Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack, a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in  
We asked for signs  
The signs were sent  
The birth betrayed  
The marriage spent  
Yeah, and the widowhood  
Of every government  
Signs for all to see  
I can't run no more  
With that lawless crowd  
While the killers in high places  
Say their prayers out loud  
But they've summoned, they've summoned up  
A thundercloud  
They're going to hear from me  
Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack, a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in  
You can add up the parts  
But you won't have the sum  
You can strike up the march  
There is no drum  
Every heart, every heart  
To love will come  
But like a refugee  
Ring the bells that still can ring  
Forget your perfect offering  
There is a crack, a crack in everything  
That's how the light gets in  
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## Twix

Last week I had a need for chocolate. So, I headed to Amazon. Once again I ordered without reading the small print. Instead of getting a bag of Milky Way, 3 Musketeers, and Snickers, I ordered 240 bite size pieces of the aforementioned plus one I had never tried, Twix.

That was a chocolate bonus.

Mars, Incorporated also makes Mars bars, Milky Way bars, Skittles, and Snickers and the world's single largest candy brand, M&M's Chocolate. Unable so far to get the Twix history, maybe I should write Mars.

As Chubby sang, "Let's Twix again."

## Thoughts

The other afternoon I wondered what I would write about if I did not know what I would say.

Then I realized, it was just another paragraph.

## Fall out

Cowboy jarhead dahlia cat lover Tom wrote to liberate his first amendment freedoms. Apparently my last hospital rant did not roll. More details, please.

After two plus years of wondering, a couple of Whidbey General MRIs and prayer with a chaplain was sufficient.

I was ready for my Arizona spine-a-thon at Mayo Clinic.

What a place. Great food and more.

After two months, I am still learning to walk and balance. No need for speech therapy.

## Hydration

Do you drink six to eight glasses of water a day? Neither do I. After awhile, water gets boring. So I have added Gatorade to the menu. It works, plus no one has dumped a bunch of Gatorade on my head. It won't grow hair anyway.

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# Bits & Pieces

## Whidbey Young Professionals Brings Spring Vendor Market to Oak Harbor

Local young professionals on Whidbey Island are excited to help spread awareness and support for local business in an inaugural event. The Spring Vendor Market will be held Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00PM. The community is invited to stroll through the park area next to the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce to browse various small business vendors, local artists, crafters and more. In addition, guests can enjoy woodworking, custom apparel, accessories, cosmetic products, art, sweets, local organizations and more. Those looking to have a booth at the event should contact whidbeyyoungpros@gmail.com for more information.

The Whidbey Young Professionals (WYP) will attend to answer questions and provide information about the WYP. There will also be raffles for a free annual membership, T-shirts and more! In addition, local professionals are encouraged to stop by and meet some of the members at the WYP table throughout the day.

Whidbey Young Professionals strives to enhance our community by engaging and creating resilient young professionals and giving back to the local Whidbey Island community. This is accomplished by creating social networking, professional development and community service opportunities. Members of Whidbey Young Professionals enjoy engaging with fellow young professionals throughout the year at monthly and annual events, spotlight opportunities and empowerment through development and community programs. If you are interested in getting involved, Whidbey Young Professionals invites you to visit whidbeyyoungpros.com or on Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn @whidbeyyoungpros!

[Submitted by Emily Klinga, Whidbey Young Professionals]

## Earth Day at the Clyde Theater

The Island County Marine Resources Committee and Sound Water Stewards are hosting a cinematic event with the Clyde Theater and Sealife Productions to highlight efforts being made to enjoy and preserve the natural beauty around our island and the Salish Sea.

The event will be held Saturday at 2:30PM and will feature a 40-minute video commissioned by the Marine Resources Committee of Island County to bring the natural beauty of our shoreline into grade school classrooms and tie them into the biology curriculum of the state. It is an engaging tour, diving into the beautiful marine habitats around Whidbey Island. There will be a podium discussion after this film held by these groups to address any questions from the audience.

The afternoon will continue with more Sealife Productions short films about "Tlingit Gold," "The Kelp Lifeway" (a film commissioned by the Puget Sound Restoration Fund), "Our Marine Life in Times of a Global Supply Chain Crisis" and finally "The Elwha River Salmon Recovery Project." After the Elwha film, another podium discussion will feature the seasoned filmmaker Florian Graner - Cinematographer for the BBC-Blue Planet and Oceans, Discovery Channel: "River Monsters," National Geographic: "America's National

Parks," the upcoming Netflix Series: "Great National Parks," to name just a few. [Submitted by Kelly Zupich, Dept. of Natural Resources, Island County Public Health]

## Rhythms of Nature – A Celebration of Earth Day 2022

Join the musicians of Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra in a celebration of Earth Day 2022. Rhythms of Nature features percussion music, poetry and prose Saturday, 3:00PM at The Little Brown Church in Clinton and Sunday, 3:00PM at Oak Harbor Methodist Church.

Featured works include John Cage's *Child of Tree* for amplified plant material, *To the Earth* for four flower pots by Frederic Rzewski, John Luther Adams' *Light that Fills the Earth* for vibraphone, marimba, violin and keyboards, and more. Saratoga Orchestra's Erica Montgomery and Brandon Nelson are featured percussionists and will be joined by local musicians Eva Nelson, Rumiana Drumeva, Anna Edwards, Sebastian Serrano-Ayala, Jon Small, Larry Heidel and Gary Wittlich. Local writers, Dallas Huth, Janice O'Mahony, Dianne Shiner and Faith Wilder, collectively known as the Four Voices, will enhance the concert experience with readings of poetry and prose in celebration of Earth Day.

This program is sponsored by Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra and admission is free with donations kindly accepted.

For more information visit: [www.sowhidbey.com](http://www.sowhidbey.com).

[Submitted by Larry Heidel, Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra]

## Dr. Sue Moore Shares Gray Whale Wisdom at Langley's Welcome the Whales Festival

"Unusual Mortality Event" isn't a term most people hear in daily conversation. But for Dr. Sue Moore, affiliate professor at the Center for Ecosystem Sentinels at the University of Washington, Unusual Mortality Events (or UMEs) are one of the ways sentinel species can indicate important environmental changes. UMEs are defined by NOAA as "a stranding that is unexpected (and) involves a significant die-off of any marine mammal population." For Dr. Moore, a marine mammal researcher, a gray whale UME that occurred in 1999-2000 was the event that caused her to start thinking about marine mammals as 'sentinels' of ecosystem variability. Dr. Moore is the featured speaker at Orca Network's Welcome the Whales festival in Langley Saturday.

After studying the 1999-2000 UME, Dr. Moore wrote a paper suggesting gray whales are a sentinel species, because their behavior is responsive to environmental changes. "But not just gray whales," she said. "Fishes, sea birds and marine mammals can all act as sentinels by their capacity to reflect back to us how changing ocean conditions are impacting their behavioral ecology and health." While the gray whale population has been experiencing another UME since 2019, stranding numbers so far this year suggest things seem to be stabilizing again now.

"We do think the ecosystem has and is undergoing change due to warming. This (UME) seems to be tapering off, but the planet isn't cooling, so how are gray whales doing? In the end, I always come away thinking 'my money's on the gray whales' because they are a very flexible species in terms of what they eat and where they eat."

Part of this flexibility is demonstrated by the "Sounders" gray whales, who visit Puget Sound every spring. Most gray whales spend their summers feeding in the

Bering and Chukchi seas, then migrate to Baja California in Mexico for birthing and breeding in the winter months. During most of their migration, the whales do not feed, relying on the stored fat from their summer gorging to fuel their long journey. But some whales begin to search for food as they reach the Pacific Northwest and some, called the Pacific Coast Feeding Group, actually feed over summer along the west coast between northern California and Kodiak Island, Alaska, while a few others stop here in the Salish Sea to feed for two to three months in spring. Small crustaceans called ghost shrimp are what brings the gray whales back to the Salish Sea year after year. The shrimp live in sandy beaches along some Puget Sound shorelines and are found in particularly high numbers in the waters surrounding Whidbey and Camano Islands and in the Snohomish River Delta. Once a whale has found this special feeding area, it is likely to return.

These whales are tracked by Cascadia Research Collective, with the help of citizen scientist volunteers through Orca Network's Whale Sighting Network, among others. Often called the "Sounders," these whales provide a helpful window on gray whale behavior.

"The Sounders provide an opportunity where we know each animal individually and we can watch how their body condition changes while they are here feeding on ghost shrimp. We can't do that in the Bering Sea. It appears that some gray whales are good at feeding on ghost shrimp in the tidal shallows and others aren't as good at it," said Dr. Moore. "So some whales will plump up quickly while feeding here, some do not.."

During the UME years several of the Sounders have been arriving earlier and staying longer. At least two of the long-time regulars arrived so early this year that researchers believe the whales chose to forego most of their southbound migration entirely. Also, during the UME years there has been an increase in the number of additional grays who have discovered these feeding areas. Not all of the newcomers survive, however. A young adult whale washed ashore on northwest Camano Island on March 31. While the whale appeared skinny, Dr. Moore says that's to be expected at this time of year. Laboratory test results on samples taken from the whale may reveal more information about its cause of death.

Dr. Moore is inspired by the gray whales' adaptability to a changing world, and hopes others will be, too.

"I want people to be inspired in nature and the outdoors. I would like more people to be connected in some way. If gray whales are the hook for that, that makes me happy, but I want more people connected to the planet. I would also like people to think about resilience. The planet is resilient and can heal, if we can start taking care of it better and start paying attention to what the animals are telling us about it. They are all sentinels and they are all telling us something. Go outside and connect with nature, even when it's raining!"

Orca Network invites the public to join Dr. Sue Moore for her talk, Gray Whales as Sentinels of Climate Change, at 3:30PM Saturday, at the Pole Building on the Whidbey Island Fairgrounds, 819 Camano Ave., Langley. More information is available at [www.orcanetwork.org](http://www.orcanetwork.org).

[Submitted by Orca Network]

## Way of the Labyrinth for Restoring Earth

Monday, April 25, at 1:00PM, join in a meditative journey of reflection toward restoring hope and action for a future on Earth. The

Greening Congregations Collaborative of Whidbey Island welcomes all interested to walk the labyrinth at the Whidbey Institute. Following the quiet walk is an opportunity to share with others your concerns about how climate change is affecting you and your family. Are you frustrated, angry or in despair about how to reverse the effects of climate change? Is it too little, too late? By sharing, renewed action is possible and hope may be restored.

Please register at <https://tinyurl.com/WayOfLab>, participation is limited to 35 people. The Sanctuary is open for private reflection; please wear a mask. Accessibility options are available when you register. Carpools encouraged. Please dress for the weather. Come to 6449 Old Pietila Road in Clinton. Take the Institute driveway 1/4 mile to the Lower Parking Lot. Gather in the lot at 1:00PM before walking the flag-marked trail in a small group to the labyrinth.

This is an Earth and Ocean Month 2022 event. Learn about this and more at [whidbeyearthday.org](http://whidbeyearthday.org). The Greening Congregations Collaborative is a group of faith communities dedicated to working toward the health of the Earth, [gccwhidbey.weebly.com](http://gccwhidbey.weebly.com).

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Island Worship Group]

## The City of Oak Harbor Continues to Gather Feedback about Potential Windjammer Park Improvements

The community input process regarding potential improvement options for Windjammer Park continues through April 30. Mayor Bob Severns is encouraging the community to participate in the process and share their comments with the city.

For reference, this process is a continuation of the initial Windjammer Park Integration Plan from 2016. The park opening in 2019 included the first phase of the Windjammer Park Integration Plan and additional improvements continue to be made in the park. The remaining elements in the plan are the potential improvement options in the feedback form.

"We want to hear the community's feedback as part of this process and are planning additional opportunities to allow the community to engage with city council and staff in the future," said Severns during the April 5 City Council meeting.

Details for the current feedback process are available online at [www.oakharbor.org/FutureWJP](http://www.oakharbor.org/FutureWJP). The website page includes information about the potential improvement options and map showing locations, open house event dates/times, frequently asked questions (FAQ), and link to the feedback form. The information was released to the public April 1. Postcards will be delivered to households soon and inserts were included in March utility bills from the City of Oak Harbor.

Additionally, the city is hosting an open house April 25 between 4:00 and 6:00PM at The Center (Senior Services building at 51 SE Jerome Street in Oak Harbor). The open house will feature city staff, input forms and maps to allow community members to ask specific questions about the projects.

Individuals seeking alternative options to the online input form will find printed versions at the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce, The Center and City Hall. Printed forms must be turned in April 29 during business hours.

April 4, city staff reviewed the current 332 responses – 67.47 percent of respondents live in the City of Oak Harbor and the average time spent completing the survey is six minutes and nine seconds. Top three items so far are the windmill, picnic areas and shoreline enhancements. The community is sharing some additional improvement ideas that include a variety of topics.

[Submitted by Sabrina Combs, Communications/IT Manager, City of Oak Harbor]



### Concerti from the Court of Frederick the Great

Concerti from the Court of Frederick the Great, presented by the 2022 Salish Sea Early Music Festival, features special guest harpsichordist David Schrader from Chicago with flutist Jeffrey Cohan and baroque chamber orchestra in a program of works by composers associated with the Prussian king's renowned musical court, including Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, Johann Sebastian Bach, Johann Joachim Quantz and the flutist king himself.

David Schrader will play Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach's harpsichord concerto in D Minor and the Ricercare for solo harpsichord by Johann Sebastian Bach from the Musical Offering, which Bach presented to the flutist king following his visit to the king and Bach's son Carl Philipp Emanuel in 1747. Jeffrey Cohan will play flute concerti by Frederick's court keyboardist Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach, by Frederick the Great II of Prussia and by the Prussian king's flute teacher Johann Joachim Quantz on an exact copy of a flute made by Quantz for King Frederick at an extremely low pitch, where the flute sounds particularly sonorous. The orchestra includes Elizabeth Phelps and Courtney Kuroda on baroque violin, Lindsey Strand-Polyak on baroque viola and Annabeth Shirley on baroque cello.

The concert takes place Wednesday, April 27 at 7:00PM at St. Augustine's in-the-Woods Episcopal Church (5217 S. Honeymoon Bay Rd., Freeland). A suggested donation of \$15, \$20 or \$25 (a free will offering) will be requested, and those 18 and under are free. Masks and vaccination are required. For additional information, please see [www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey](http://www.salishseafestival.org/whidbey).

[Submitted by Jeffrey Cohan]

### Roll Over to WICA and Celebrate the Dance

The late, great modern dancer and choreographer Martha Graham once said that dancers were the messengers of God.

Perhaps Graham was talking about the elevated feeling you get when you watch dancers on stage. They jump, kick, spin, fall, roll and sometimes even fly, with power and grace, defying gravity. Dancers can take your breath away. They can lift you up; unearth you from where you sit and make you feel something you hadn't felt before.

The Whidbey Island Dance Theatre Company (WIDT) has been lifting the Whidbey community with its dance for the past 28 years. Now, after dancing through the trials presented by the pandemic, these dancers have unmasked and will jump, kick, spin, fall, roll and fly into our hearts again in WIDT's annual spring choreography showcase "A Celebration of Dance."

The shows take place at Whidbey Island Center for the Arts in Langley at 7:00PM Friday, April 29 and at 2:00PM and 7:00PM Saturday, April 30. A silent auction will be held before and at intermission of each performance in support of the company.

For "A Celebration of Dance" the company and its guest dancers will perform premiere works by both island and Seattle-area choreographers, including pieces by dancer Kendall Marshall titled "Cameras Rolling" and "While Awake and Dreaming" by co-artistic director Elli Madsen. Guest performances will include pieces by Bellingham Repertory Dance Company and the Meander Dance Collective, a Whidbey Island group.

A new piece by professional dancer/choreographer Sydney Meyer titled "Ouverture et Fermeture" (Opening and Closing), will feature five of the senior company dancers. These dancers were chosen to perform

the piece at the Ballet Alliance Festival in El Paso, Texas, in early April. The Ballet Alliance is an association of pre-professional dance companies and illustrates one of the WIDT opportunities that serves to broaden the dancers' horizons with classes and seminars by prominent dance educators and organizations. Company co-artistic directors Brittany Falso and Madsen are proud of the company's invitation to the Ballet Alliance Festival and look forward to presenting the piece and other pieces to the Whidbey audience.

"A Celebration of Dance" has only three performances and will hold a silent auction during the run in Zech Hall. This fundraising event is crucial to the company and provides opportunities for young, aspiring dancers who might not otherwise be able to explore dance. The dance company provides the opportunity for young dancers to perform on stage in semi-professional settings, train with acclaimed teachers and attend training and conferences on a regional and national level — in short, to prepare aspiring dancers for a potential career in the performing arts.

"Without the generous financial support of our community we could not fulfill our mission and continue to give our dancers the production, festival, performance and educational opportunities that they must have to enter the pre-professional and professional world of dance," said company founder and teacher Charlene Brown.

Tickets cost \$22 for all shows. Order online at [wicaonline.org](http://wicaonline.org) or call the box office at 360-221-8268.

[Submitted by Patricia Duff]

### St Augustine's 58th Trash and Treasure Sale

Following a two year COVID delay, the popular island charity event sale is back. The sale will be held Saturday, April 30 from 9:00AM to 2:00PM at St. Augustine's

in-the-Woods Episcopal Church, 5217 South Honeymoon Bay Road, Freeland.

Since 1962, St. A's Trash and Treasure sale has raised approximately a quarter million dollars for Whidbey charities.

Once again the church will be brimming with housewares, jewelry, art and artifacts, craft and office supplies, linens, toys and sporting goods, furnishings and small appliances, tools, garden items and plants, and more. This year there was a special donation of dozens of vintage Japanese silk obi!

Don't miss the Treasure Shop with antiques, silver and crystal, fine arts and collectibles, and many wonderful surprises at astonishing prices.

Enjoy lunch at the popular Chapel Cafe, where you can find delicious sausage rolls, soups and pie for the best prices in town.

All profits go to charities. This year's funds will benefit:

Episcopal Relief and Development's Ukraine Crisis Response  
Island Church's Soup's On soup kitchen in Langley  
Island Senior Services Medical Transport Fund  
Whidbey-Camano Land Trust  
Unsold items go to Good Cheer.

Donations of items to sell may be brought to the church Tuesday through Thursday between 9:00AM and 3:30PM. Items not accepted include clothing, books, magazines, computer or large exercise equipment, TVs unless flat-screen, large furniture, or tires. The church cannot accept anything broken, stained or not in working order.

For more information, contact Susan Sandri at 360-914-2020, Sara Ann Lockwood at 360-682-8785, or the church office at 360-331-4887.

[Submitted by Rebecca Reid]

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# What's Going On

All entries are listed chronologically, unless there are multiple entries for the same venue or are connected to a specific organization (such as Sno-Isle Libraries) in which case all entries for that venue or organization are listed collectively in chronological order under one heading.

**Every Brilliant Thing**  
Thursday, April 21, 7:30PM  
Friday, April 22, 7:30PM  
Saturday, April 23, 2:00PM  
Whidbey Island Center for the Arts, Langley

Every Brilliant Thing is WICA's first one man production. Heart-wrenching and hilarious it starts with a list of everything that is brilliant about the world, everything worth living for, and incorporates the audience into the fabric of the night leading to something new and inspiring at each performance. For tickets or more information, visit [www.WICAonline.org](http://www.WICAonline.org) or call 360-221-8268.

**Dine Our for Kids**  
Friday, April 22, 11:00AM-5:00PM  
Old Spots Bistro, Greenbank

If you haven't tried Old Spots Bistro (formerly Whidbey Pies Cafe) now is the time. Check out its menu made with locally sourced ingredients as well as Whidbey Pies made next door. Old Spots Bistro will donate a portion of its day's sales to Coupeville Schools Foundation, which provides an extra measure of support to students through teacher grants, scholarships and the Promise Fund. Old Spots Bistro is located at 765 Wonn Rd.

**Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser**  
Saturday, April 23, 9:00-11:30AM  
The American Legion, Oak Harbor

Scouts BSA Girls Troop 4319 is having a Pancake Breakfast to raise funds for summer camp in July. Their goal is \$4,175, which is the cost to send eight Scouts and three leaders to camp. A plate of pancakes and sausage is just \$7. Orange juice, coffee and tea will also be available. The American Legion is located at 690 SE Barrington Blvd. Open to the public.

**Coupeville Garden Club Plant Sale**  
Saturday, April 23, 9:00AM-4:00PM  
Coupeville Rec Hall, 901 NW Alexander St.

There will be garden art, Geraniums, tomato plants, Dahlias, Peonies, flower basket stuffers, perennials and native plants for sale. Also, a lovely queen size quilt is being raffled. Cash, check and credit cards accepted. For more information and a tentative plant list, visit [coupevillegardenclub.org](http://coupevillegardenclub.org).

**Welcome the Whales Parade**  
Saturday, April 23, 1:30PM  
Downtown Langley

Dress as your favorite critter and join the parade in Langley to Welcome the Gray whales back to north Puget Sound. Staging will begin at the U.S. Bank parking lot at 1:00PM. Parade will end at Langley waterfront with a brief ceremony and dedication.

**Live Music: Gideon Freudmann**  
Saturday, April 23, 6:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Coupeville

Gideon Freudmann, cellist and composer, has been on the forefront of that instrument's modern creative expansion for more than 30 years. Among the many innovative musical avenues he followed was to adopt the electric cello to craft the sound for which he is most known today. Using foot-operated effect pedals, he took his live performances into new territories of looping, soaring, multi-layered compositions and improvisations. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

**Live Music: Those Guys**  
Saturday, April 30, 6:00-9:00PM  
Penn Cove Taproom, Freeland

After playing in several rock bands throughout the Pacific Northwest, singer/songwriter/guitarist John Hribernick formed acoustic duo Those Guys in 2006, playing an eclectic mix of pop covers as well as originals. No cover. For more information, call 360-682-5747 or visit [www.penncovebrewing.com](http://www.penncovebrewing.com).

## Meetings & Organizations

**Adult Children of Alcoholics Meeting**  
Every Monday, 7:00-8:00PM  
Carole's Barbershop, Freeland

A meeting dedicated to dealing with the problem and solution for recovering from the effects of growing up in an alcoholic or otherwise dysfunctional family. For more information, contact Clayton at 360-989-4248 or visit [www.adultchildren.org](http://www.adultchildren.org).

**Al-Anon**  
Every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30AM  
432 2nd St., Langley

If a friend or relative has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Alanon.

**Al-Anon Group**  
Every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30PM  
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church,  
1253 NW 2nd Ave.

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon group can help. Call Randy at 360-914-8084 for meeting information.

**Divorce Care and DC4kids**  
Every Sunday, 5:00PM  
Living Word Church, Oak Harbor

A support group for people dealing with separation and divorce. For more information, call Larry at 360-969-0552 or Lisa - DC4kids at 360-672-4239. Living Word Church is located at 490 NW Crosby Ave.

**Gam-Anon Meetings**  
Every Tuesday, 6:30PM  
Mount Vernon Senior Center,  
1401 Cleveland St.

For the spouses and loved ones of a compulsive gambler.

**Gamblers Anonymous**  
Every Tuesday, 6:30PM  
The Senior Center, Mount Vernon

All are welcome. The Senior Center is located at 1401 Cleveland Ave. For further information, please call Washington State Gamblers Anonymous at 1-800-222-5542.

**Gastric Surgery Support Group**  
Second Monday, 7:00PM  
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church

Supporting those who are a pre-, post-, or possible weight loss surgery patient through the process and recovery. We are not affiliated with any specific surgical technique or insurance program. For more information, call Pat Baldrige at 360-675-8871.

**Genealogical Society of South Whidbey Island**  
Second Monday, 1:00PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Community Bldg., Freeland

Visitors always welcome. For more information, call Ann Wright at 360-597-2352 or visit [www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wagsswi](http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~wagsswi).

**International Order of the Rainbow for Girls**  
First & Third Mondays, 7:00-8:30PM  
Masonic Hall, Coupeville

The Coupeville assembly of the International Order of the Rainbow for Girls would like to invite all girls ages 11-20 to attend meetings. Rainbow Girls is a service organization that teaches girls leadership and

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**Saturday, April 30, 2022**  
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**Happy 100th Birthday Gene!**

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life skills. For more information, contact Naomie Robinson at robinsonnaomie32@gmail.com or visit www.nrainbow.org. The Mansonic Hall is located at 804 Main St.

**National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Whidbey Island**

Fourth Thursday, 7:00PM-8:30PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Freeland

NAMI is the largest grassroots organization dedicated to making life better for people with a mental illness and their friends and loved ones. The group is nonreligious but meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 18341 SR 525. It isn't necessary to preregister. Please contact Kathy Chiles, 206-218-6449 or k.chiles22@live.com for more information.

**NAR-ANON**

Every Tuesday, 7:00PM-8:00PM  
St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Clinton

NAR-ANON family groups are world-wide for those affected by someone else's addiction. St. Peter's Lutheran Church is located at 6309 Wilson Place.

**Overeaters Anonymous**

Every Monday, 6:00PM-7:00PM  
Langley Fellowship Hall, Langley

Is food a problem for you? Do you eat when you're not hungry? Do you binge, purge or restrict? No dues and no fees! No weigh-ins, no diets, no judgments. Just caring support, hope and abstinence.

**Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)**

Second Mondays, 6:30PM-8:00PM  
Unitarian Universalist Congregation  
Whidbey Island, Freeland

For more information and support contact: WhidbeyPFLAG@gmail.com; Chapter President, Sharon Kabler at 360-222-4028; or Chapter Secretary, Erick Westphal at 360-331-3393.

**Parent Support for Miscarriage and Stillbirth**

Last Wednesday, 7:00PM  
Freeland Library, Meeting Room, Freeland  
For details, call Jolene at 360-331-2113.

**PASS - Post Abortion Stress Syndrome**

Wednesday or Thursday, 10:00AM-4:00PM  
Are you suffering from PASS-Post Abortion Stress Syndrome? Many women suffer from depression, flashbacks, suicidal thoughts, relational dysfunction, and more after an abortion. We offer free lay counseling, help with healing and restoration. Call Wednesday or Thursday for an appointment, 10:00AM to 4:00PM, 360-221-2909.

**Sex and Love Addicts Anonymous (SLAA)**

Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:00PM  
Every Sunday, 7:00PM-8:00PM  
Trinity Lutheran Church Annex, Freeland

SLAA is a 12-step fellowship for those who wish to stop living out a pattern of sex and love addiction. We offer relief for both those who suffer from a compulsive need for sex, and those with relationship-related compulsivity. We provide an environment free from shame and abuse where all can feel safe to share what they think and feel. You are not alone. For more information call 360-989-4248.

**"The Most Excellent Way" Support Meetings**

Every Wednesday, 7:00PM  
Church on the Rock, Oak Harbor

"The Most Excellent Way" is world-wide support group desiring to minister to alcoholics, drug addicts, and their families. "The Most Excellent Way" is a Christ based self-help group for people struggling with addictions of all kinds and self centered behaviors. Childcare is provided. For more information, please call 360-675-3032.

**TOPS® (Take Off Pounds Sensibly®)**

Every Thursday, 9:00-11:00AM  
Family Bible Church, Oak Harbor

TOPS® is the short name for TOPS Club, Inc., the original, nonprofit, noncommercial network of weight-loss support groups. TOPS® offers tools and programs for healthy living and weight management,

with exceptional group fellowship and recognition. Weigh-in from 9:00AM-10:00AM, meeting is 10:00AM-11:00AM. For more information, call Shelly Weeks at 360-207-9039 or 360-240-1770.

**Classes, Seminars and Workshops**

**How to Stretch Your Food Budget While Shopping at the Farmers Markets**

Saturday, April 23, 10:00AM

South Whidbey Tilth Classroom, Langley

Both South Whidbey Tilth and the Bayview Farmers Market welcome Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) customers, who can match their card purchases each visit when they run their card at the market's EBT machine. The

amount will be doubled up to \$40 with purple Market Match currency. The matching currency is only for fresh fruits, vegetables, garden seeds and plants and nuts, while the tokens, provided when SNAP cards are run, can also be used for meat, fish, dairy and baked goods.

The Farmers Market Nutrition Program (FMNP) for Seniors or Women, Infants and Children (WIC) provides eligible customers with vouchers that may be redeemed with farmers who have registered to participate at any Farmers Market. A sign is posted at the registered farmer's booth. Learn what foods can be purchased, when and where.

No fee. For more information contact Prescott, prscot@whidbey.net or 360-682-8642. The South Whidbey Tilth Classroom is located at 2812 Thompson Rd.

**Warm Season Vegetables, Seed to Table with Anza Muenchow**

Sunday, April 24, 11:30AM-1:00PM

South Whidbey Tilth Classroom, Langley  
Fee: \$5 Tilth members, \$15 non-members

Meet other gardeners at SW Tilth and hear all the best tips on making your food garden more successful this year. We will cover soil preparation, timing, pest management and all the varieties that do well in our climate! Some favorite crops include tomatoes, basil, peppers, all squashes, cucumbers, beans, corn, eggplant, ground cherries and MORE! For questions and to RSVP, contact education@southwhidbeytilth.org. The South Whidbey Tilth Classroom is located at 2812 Thompson Rd.

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**Martha M. Hill**



Martha M. Hill passed away Wednesday, March 30, 2022, with her family by her side. She was born in Albuquerque, N.M., July 25, 1943, to parents James Carder and Mildred Kimbley. She had one brother, Jimmy.

They relocated to California just in time to watch the construction of Disneyland. She attended California Baptist College, where she met her future husband, Neil Hill. They were married for 55 years until he passed away in November of 2018.

Martha had two children, Glen and Wendy. She worked as a switchboard operator in California until Neil transferred to Washington state. In Washington, she worked at Blue Cross for 30 years.

Martha and Neil fostered over a dozen Vietnamese children, the first of whom, Tsong, stayed a member of the family. After their children had grown, they sponsored several Ukrainian families escaping religious persecution.

After retirement, Martha and Neil spent much time at Lake Cushman, enjoying the outdoors.

Martha is survived by her children; her grandchildren, Scott, Sarah, Cheryl, Emily and Melissa; and her older brother Jimmy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, James and Mildred, and her husband, Neil.

**Carl William Hankins**



Carl William Hankins passed away peacefully at his home in Oak Harbor, Wash., March 31, 2022. His ashes will be spread at sea.

He was born in Whittier, Calif., and raised in La Habra, Calif. Carl married Georgia Ann Pape June 24, 1964 and they raised three children, Tammy, Danny and Brandy. He joined the Navy when he was 17 and retired after 24 years. He worked in real estate for numerous years after serving in the Navy.

He was an avid bridge player, running his own bridge club for many years. He loved fishing. Carl was a great cook, always cooking and barbecuing for family and friends during the holidays.

He was preceded in death by parents, Charlotte and Carl Hankins, grandparents, numerous aunts and uncles and nephew, Steven Hankins.

Carl is survived by his wife of 57 years, Georgia; children Tammy (Donald) Macy of Anacortes, Wash., Danny (DeLaina) Hankins of Bellingham, Wash., and Brandy Hankins of Oak Harbor; grandchildren Britney (Luke) May of Bellingham, Lacey (Bryce) Tucker of Clarksville, Tenn., and Jonathan Macy of Bellingham; great-grandchildren Maddie, Eva, and Max May of Bellingham and Aubrey and Scarlet Tucker of Clarksville. He is also survived by his brother, Bob (Marie) Hankins of Sonora, Calif.; nephew Brett Hankins; great-nephews Josh, Joey and Aaron Hankins; and great-great nephew Cypress Hankins all of Sonora.

A public service will not be held, but Carl's family sincerely thanks those who have reached out to express their condolences, memories and appreciation of him.

**Life Tributes can now be found  
online at [www.whidbeyweekly.com](http://www.whidbeyweekly.com)**

*Pam's Prayer Corner*

*In honor of my late mother-in-law, Pamela Kaye Young, this column is a place where believers can share their prayer requests for others to help lift them up in faith. The prayers can be for you, a family member, or anything weighing on your soul. Email [info@whidbeyweekly.com](mailto:info@whidbeyweekly.com) or call 360-682-2341 to share your prayer requests.*

There is true wisdom in the adage "It is always springtime in the heart that loves God." Springtime is a season of optimism and hope, and the Christian lives a faith centered on hope. Winter, with its cold and dark days has gone, just as Good Friday has passed to Easter and beyond. We live a resurrection life reflected in the new life springing up around us. Thank you, Lord, for the hope you bring, the renewal you bring, both to this world and to our hearts and lives.

Matthew Erikson  
Hope Church Oak Harbor - Pastor

*"The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior, who will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love."*

**Zephaniah 3:17**



**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9**

**6:33 am, SR 20**

Reporting party advising female with a milk crate is in the middle of intersection.

**8:32 am, North Bluff Rd.**

Reporting party needs to get off the f\*\*\*king island; says she lost her driver's license and debit card. Called yelling and crying, since we lie. Wanting to know when law enforcement will get in.

**10:15 am, Sandberg Ln.**

"Whichever way the wind is blowing;" "I'm wanted by the church;" "Smoking children out."

**12:18 pm, SR 20**

Reporting party advising white female flipping off traffic; off to side but could walk into lane traffic.

**3:01 pm, Harding Ave.**

Caller says a rumor is going around that Island County Sheriff's Office is looking for him regarding a bunch of stolen property.

**3:18 pm, SR 20**

Caller saying something about near the Island County transfer station and strange things on her body? Caller hung up.

**5:14 pm, Humphrey Rd.**

Reporting party states was held against his will and things were done to him, but not sure what. Occurred a few years ago. States still feels like he is being followed by subjects involved. Reporting party states didn't make police report at the time but did call FBI.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10**

**12:45 am, Ault Field Rd.**

Reporting party advising female at location is threatening to kill reporting party. Says female has weapons and is a terrorist.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 11**

**4:25 am, Sandberg Ln.**

Female on line arguing with call-taker; states her house is in direct line of airline industry that drops drugs over her house. States she lives in the valley but it "is not a shadow of death."

**2:46 pm, Fort Casey Rd.**

Reporting party advising of vehicle parts stolen over a year ago.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 12**

**4:15 pm, Ault Field Rd.**

States female and her fat friends have radiation equipment. Female neglects kids. Reporting party states doesn't need contact but wants law enforcement to do something about it or he'll have go up and look for female.

**6:45 pm, San Juan Ave.**

Reporting party advising unable to see kids due to not cleaning her car. Arguing all over the phone.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 13**

**3:03 pm, Lockwood Dr.**

Advising just had a handgun brandished to him at location, was there trying to get his stolen cat back.

**3:43 pm, Craw Rd.**

Requesting call; wondering if they can drive a riding lawnmower from residence in Bayview area to new address at location.

**3:51 pm, 2nd St.**

Advising subject refusing to leave and causing a disturbance. Male is refusing to

wear a mask. Was asked to leave and male is refusing. Is standing in doorway.

**MONDAY, MARCH 14**

**9:34 am, Lockwood Dr.**

Reporting party advising male keeps contacting reporting party; sending messages; now roommate's truck is not running.

**11:54 pm, Taylor Rd.**

Reporting party advising three or four cows in road on Taylor.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16**

**9:25 am, Honeymoon Bay Rd.**

Loose sheep a quarter mile off Calvin on Honeymoon Bay Road. In roadway. Reporting party last saw them five ago.

**9:32 am, Misty Ln.**

Advising neighbor has put up her own 10 mph sign on her property that says "slow the f\*\*k down." Reporting party has young children who are learning to read.

**4:07 pm, Harding Ave.**

Caller just got home to find three subjects inside his house; he knows one of them.

**5:03 pm, Swantown Rd.**

Reporting party states commercial dump truck and trailer were stolen today from location. Has GPS tracker on vehicles and they are currently in the area of Mission Ministries. Has eyes on vehicles.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 18**

**4:44 pm, SW Heller St.**

Advising reporting party's daughter had her cell phone stolen; when reporting party calls it, a male answers, but is refusing to give information.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 19**

**11:22 pm, Bearberry Ln.**

Reporting party advising he sold things to subject at his apartment in Seattle at 9 pm; reporting party advising he wants law enforcement to go ask subject to give him his money before an issue arises.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 20**

**3:44 am, West Beach Rd.**

Caller advising of two bulls and three grass puppies walking down the side of the road; now in someone's yard.

**3:50 pm, Goss Lake Rd.**

Caller advising was threatened with a shotgun; advising an airplane is pointing a gun at her and states "I am going to kill you;" caller advising 199,000 people are threatening her.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 22**

**8:09 am, Moss Ln.**

Reporting party returned from out of town Sunday; was gone for 10 days; advising caretaker took his vehicle while he was out of town. Got a notice the vehicle was towed, unknown where caretaker is.

**4:06 pm, Quade Rd.**

Advising walking in area; was yelled at by subject never seen before; far side of property. Reporting party left the area.

**9:03 pm, Dewey Dr.**

Reporting party advising her dog was outside when neighbor seemed to head toward her dog with a taser; did not hurt the dog; advising female noticed reporting party walking over and then left.

*Report provided by OHPD & Island County Sheriff's Dept.*



**Reducing Plastic Pollution**

At the checkout at the grocery store, the clerk was almost apologetic in speaking to a customer – “I’m sorry, I have to charge you an additional eight cents for a bag. We unfortunately are forced to do it.”

Standing in line, I was sad to hear this explanation. There are so many ways the plastic bag funding could be explained, and this seemed like an explanation that only told part of the story. There must be a better way to explain sustainable plastic consumption. What kind of elevator speech could influence people to change their behavior?

Every minute the equivalent of one garbage truck of plastic is dumped in the ocean. Ninety-one percent of plastic is NOT recycled. (www.nationalgeographic.org/article/whopping-91-percent-plastic-isnt-recycled/) Most people (over 80 percent) are aware that plastic winds up in our oceans and takes hundreds of years to decompose. (World Wildlife Fund) Awareness does not necessarily lead to action.

Consumers need three things before they change a particular behavior. First, they need information about the sustainability of the plastic product or packaging they are

buying. Is it reusable? Is it recyclable? Is it compostable?

Second, they need to feel the plastic problem is relevant to them. The customer in front of me in line at the grocery store was buying fish, by the way.

Third, they need opportunity. People can’t shift to a more sustainable choice unless there are governmental policies in place that provide that opportunity. “Research has shown that no amount of environmental concern, reuse intention, personal norms or attitudes could overcome the sheer ubiquity of plastic.” (www.campaignsthatwork.org/)

Luckily, here in Washington, we are given the opportunity to change our behavior and not use those flimsy plastic bags to



carry our groceries anymore. Those bags were used an average of 12 minutes before they were thrown in the trash. (Plastic Bags — 5Gyres.org) Many people hoped the bags were recyclable and would combine them in recycling, which would only serve to cause mechanical difficulties in recycling facilities. “Wishcycling” is not the way to recycle!

The eight-cent fee for bags is designed to encourage reuse of the bags, or to encourage bringing your own bags. Yes, the plastic bags are thicker because you are supposed to use them over and over.

Campaigns that work for getting people to use less plastic are ones that support positive emotions. You feel good about remembering to bring your own bags because you like to eat fish and you want to keep your oceans clean so fish can thrive. Or you are proud of the Southern Resident Orca population in the Puget Sound and every time you bring your own bag, you think of helping whales to thrive.

Campaigns that don’t work are those that make you feel guilty about forgetting those reusable bags in the car. It happens. Maybe if the grocery stores had some signs in the

parking lot reminding us to bring in our bags, we would be less forgetful.

Campaigns that work are those that tap into positive social norms. That’s where powerful images of social influencers, like movie stars or music icons, can be the little angel on your shoulder reminding you to eschew plastic. The Surfrider organization has excelled in its social media campaigns. Its images of surfers riding waves that have plastic bottles and bags curling gently over the surfboard stick in your mind.

Washington state’s new rules on plastic have one other important feature. They encourage the use of recycled plastic in other products, so the plastic is not just placed in a landfill. The opportunity to bind the recycled plastic into a park bench keeps it out of our marine environment. The legislation was well researched and serves as a powerful supplement to individual action.

But what counts is YOU! Please remember your reusable bags. Associate those bags with your happy place on the beach. Think of orcas. Think of salmon. Think of your favorite surfer. Whatever it takes to change your behavior. The marine resources are counting on you.



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# Birthday blowout planned for Oak Harbor centenarian

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

All of Whidbey is invited to help celebrate a special occasion 100 years in the making.

Gene Phelps, owner of Gene's Art and Frame in Oak Harbor, just turned 100 years old, and there will be a community birthday bash in his honor Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the store on Pioneer Way. Enjoy an opportunity to share personal birthday greetings, have a slice of cake and other refreshments and even make a little gift for the new centenarian.

"We're inviting anyone and everyone who'd like to celebrate Gene," said Linnane Armstrong, longtime store manager. "We'll have activities set up where people can paint rocks as a gift to Gene so he can make a rock garden as a commemoration of his party and his centennial celebration. Alternatively, people can also bring a rock that's already painted."

There will also be giveaways from some of the store's vendors who wanted to join in the fun by giving art supplies back to the community.

Gene's Art and Frame has been a fixture in Oak Harbor for 55 years. Even at 100, Phelps makes it a point to come into work just about every afternoon. For the most part, he says he still feels about the same as he did when he was younger.

"It feels okay [to be 100]," he said, sitting in front of the rolltop desk tucked away in the back of the store. "I feel the same as when I was 20. I've always been very active – walking, riding bikes almost daily, and I always felt good about that."



Kathy Reed/Whidbey Weekly  
Gene Phelps, owner of Gene's Art and Frame in Oak Harbor, is celebrating his 100th birthday. There will be a public party Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the Pioneer Way store.

Phelps was born in New Orleans, La., in 1922. He joined the Navy Reserves before World War II and was called up to active duty during the war. He served just shy of five years when all was said and done, then went to work in construction. He traveled around the country with the company he was with, building military housing. But Oak Harbor caught his eye, and this is where he decided to settle with his family.

"I thought Oak Harbor was such a nice place," he said. "It was very quiet and the kids could play in the streets; the cars would hardly ever come by. So, I said this is probably the place we should be, so I decided to move here. But I didn't have a job. So I went down to Maylor's and I charged some things – that was really the only store in town. Then I went into the painting and drywall business."

Phelps opened a paint store and eventually began adding art supplies to the mix.

"There was a little display of a few little art supplies and so I said, 'Let's get some more of that,' so we did," he said. "Finally we built up this art business. When we moved down here, I decided we'd maybe go into the picture framing business as well, but I was still working as a contractor. They'd take orders during the day and at nighttime after work, I'd go down and cut frames and mats until we got established well and found people that could do the work."

Eventually, Phelps said he was finally able to work at the store himself, which he loved.

"I used to go in the front and take orders and I had so many wonderful people, I had so many friends," he said. "But they're all gone now. I don't see any of them anymore, but I just enjoyed those people and I enjoyed the business. I just was always interested in running it and ordering stuff. I was just at home here."

"I think his work ethic keeps him young," said Armstrong. "He works very consistently, hardly misses a day coming into the store. He's a very caring and dedicated boss and it really has been a pleasure to work for him over the years."

"It feels very special to know someone who's reached that [milestone]," she continued. "It's not just age. It's what he's seen and what he knows and his outlook is so inspiring, because he doesn't see this as slowing down or anything."

In his soft-spoken voice, Phelps said he's always been content over the years, although he did acknowledge he's seen his share of changes.

"It's so different now than when I was young," he said. "It's changed completely, this world. All the computer business and all that; we never had anything like that. When we went to school, we did ABC's. We didn't have all that computer stuff, so it's a big change there."

But as it is sometimes said, the more things change, the more they stay the same.

"One of the things people love about the store is, while we've updated a little bit, in a lot of ways it's the same, so it's kind of nostalgic for people to shop here," Armstrong said.

In addition to Saturday's birthday bash, Phelps will also serve as the grand marshal at the upcoming Holland Happening parade. He said he's not sure about all this attention.

"I'm not used to all the whoop-de-do," he said with a soft laugh. "Sometimes I don't feel like I deserve all that. You know, what did I do to be

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Photo Courtesy of Scott Price/Price Sculpture Forest  
Seattle sculptor Sarah Fetterman smiles during the installation of her piece, "Vertebrae," which hangs over her in the background. The sculpture measures more than 20 feet in length. Fetterman took up blacksmithing in order to shape the steel frame to her liking.

## Price Sculpture Forest welcomes "Vertebrae"

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

There is yet another new sculpture to discover at Price Sculpture Forest in Coupeville.

"Vertebrae," by Seattle-based sculptor Sarah Fetterman, becomes the 33rd piece to occupy a place in this living art gallery. The 20-foot-long steel and fabric creation was put in place over the weekend, suspended carefully among the trees of the old growth forest.

As its name implies, the inspiration for this work, which was previously displayed at Seattle Center, came from a once-living creature.

"The piece was conceptualized when I happened upon a section of elk vertebrae in the woods," described Fetterman in response to questions from Whidbey Weekly. "The elk bones evoked the memory of the whole animal—not alive, but not fully gone. There was a beauty in the white bones against the underbrush, their abrupt beginning and end."

"I see the sculptural vertebrae as the body of the dream, never fully complete but never fully lost – a fragment of memory that alludes to the rest of a colossal backbone that existed in the past or perhaps only as an image of what might be, but has never fully materialized," she continued. "The hollow framework of bones suggesting, but never having supported, a living body, suspending us between future and past."

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woodland preserve on the premises. Visitors are welcome to walk nature trails winding through these woods.

The aesthetic surroundings extend to the fauna as well. Newberry pointed to some of the animal wildlife he views on a daily basis.

"I've seen woodpeckers, bald eagles, robins. Just visible beyond the gardens are the waters of Puget Sound, with Orcas and whales. Truthfully, being involved at Meerkerk Gardens is delightful. These sights just put a smile on my face, every day," he said.

As a 501c(3) nonprofit, Meerkerk Gardens keeps operations going through admission prices, plant nursery sales, and donations,



Cynthia Woerner Photo Courtesy of Meerkerk Gardens  
Tours of Meerkerk Gardens are offered every Saturday, where visitors can learn more about the many unique species of flora on display.

which are always gratefully accepted. People – volunteers in particular – are the other half of the equation to the successful operation of Meerkerk Gardens.

"We always welcome new volunteers," said Newberry. "Over time, a lot of our volunteers tend to take ownership of the gardens, as if they were their own."

Current admission to the gardens is \$5 for adults, while children under age 16 are admitted free. Compared to those of many other similar attractions, these prices seem reasonable, even modest. Newberry said that is by design.

"We want to make sure the gardens are accessible to everyone. We don't wish for admission prices to be an obstacle to anyone," he said.

Meerkerk Gardens is open every day of the year, except on days of significant wind or snow events, according to its website. But there's just something extraordinarily breathtaking about visiting the 10 acres of display gardens in the springtime, Newberry said.

And should you happen to fall in love with the rhododendrons on display there, just know that there's a way to take some of that beauty home with you forever, said Newberry.

"Folks have the opportunity, on weekends, to purchase plants directly from our nursery. Some of these are rhododendrons that are propagated right here on our grounds," he said.

For more information about Meerkerk Gardens, including its admission policy and other guidelines, refer to the website at [meerkerkgardens.org](http://meerkerkgardens.org)



Cynthia Woerner Photo Courtesy of Meerkerk Gardens  
From delicate to deep and lush, the colors of the rhododendrons during peak bloom season at Meerkerk Gardens near Greenbank is a feast for the eyes.



# Recipe of the Week

## PECANS GIVE THESE COOKIES EXTRA APPEAL

Pecans are tasty offerings that are ideal in both savory dishes and desserts. Like fruits of other members of the hickory genus of trees, pecans are not truly nuts, but drupes. A drupe is a fruit with a single stone or pit surrounded by a husk. With pecans, the outer husk dries out and splits open, exposing the "nuts" inside.

Pecans are heart-healthy and rich in antioxidants, several vitamins and minerals, and a good source of healthy fat. In addition, one ounce of pecans provides 10 percent of the recommended daily fiber intake.

This recipe for "Cowboy Cookies" from "Live Well, Bake Cookies" (Rock Point) by Danielle Rye includes oats, pecans and coconut in the mixture, adding flavor and nutritional appeal.

### COWBOY COOKIES (Makes 50 to 52 cookies)

- |   |                                      |
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| 2 cups all-purpose flour, spooned and leveled | 1 cup packed light brown sugar       |
| 1 teaspoon baking soda                        | 2/3 cup granulated sugar             |
| 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon                    | 2 large eggs, at room temperature    |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt                             | 2 teaspoons pure vanilla extract     |
| 2 cups old-fashioned rolled oats              | 1 1/2 cups semisweet chocolate chips |
| 1 cup (2 sticks) unsalted butter, softened    | 3/4 cup sweetened shredded coconut   |
|   | 1 cup chopped pecans                 |

- In a large mixing bowl, whisk together flour, baking soda, ground cinnamon, and salt until well combined. Stir in old-fashioned rolled oats and set aside.
- In a separate large bowl, using a mixer, beat the butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar together for 1 to 2 minutes, or until well combined.
- Mix in eggs, one at a time, then mix in vanilla extract until fully combined, making sure to stop and scrape down the sides of the bowl as needed.
- Mix in dry ingredients until just combined, then mix in chocolate chips, shredded coconut and chopped pecans on low speed until fully incorporated.
- Cover tightly and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.
- Preheat oven to 350°F. Line large baking sheets with parchment paper or silicone baking mats and set aside.
- Scoop 1 1/2 tablespoons of cookie dough onto prepared baking sheets, making sure to leave a little room between each one. Gently press each ball down to slightly flatten it.
- Bake for 10 to 13 minutes, or until tops of cookies are set and the edges are lightly browned. Remove from oven, and allow cookies to cool on the baking sheets for 5 to 10 minutes, then carefully transfer cookies to a wire rack to cool completely.
- Store cookies in an airtight container at room temperature for up to one week.

## WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

**ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20**  
Aries, now is a great time to try your hand at a new creative pursuit. You may be surprised at the results. Encourage others to join and embrace a collaborative effort.

**TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21**  
Taurus, this is the ideal week to get outdoors more. The great outdoors can be medicinal, so take advantage of any opportunity to bask in the fresh air.

**GEMINI – May 22/June 21**  
Gemini, it is easy to get frustrated with a close friend or romantic partner who is less ambitious than you. Try to be patient, as each person moves at their own pace.

**CANCER – June 22/July 22**  
Try to get some group activities together this week, Cancer. This can be valuable if it has been some time since you socialized. Enjoy the change of pace.

**LEO – July 23/Aug 23**  
Leo, if you have been lacking a regular exercise regimen, this could be the week to make some changes. Participate in an organized sport if heading to the gym isn't your thing.

**VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22**  
It's a good time to put your ambition into action, Virgo. You're likely to be full of energy and you have had plenty of good ideas just waiting for an outlet.

**LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23**  
Libra, do not hesitate to take on projects this week, particularly those that show your management skills in action. Others will be quick to complement your organizational prowess.

**SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22**  
Expect to feel a renewed sense of energy and purpose this week, Scorpio. This will motivate you to finish existing projects or to get started on new ones.

**SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21**  
This week you may be feeling extra creative and ambitious, Sagittarius. Use your strengths to work on an artistic project or one that is outside of your comfort zone.

**CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20**  
This is a good week to tackle projects that require you to get up and go, Capricorn. It may involve heavy yard work or even re-arranging furniture.

**AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18**  
Aquarius, any lethargy you've been feeling will likely vanish in the days to come. Fresh air and physical exercise can be just what you need to feel reenergized.

**PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20**  
Pisces, it is time to take charge of your health. Consider all aspects of well-being, including physical and mental health.

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Fetterman, who often designs pieces which are integrated with a human model or dancer, said creating "Vertebrae" required learning some new skills. Since her ideas often come into her head as fully formed images with no gravitational, weight or structural restrictions, making them come to life can prove challenging.

"I often need to learn a new tool or way of making to be able to make the vision I have a reality," she explained. "For this instance, I began to learn blacksmithing to get the specialized curves I wanted. I don't think most people consider the engineering aspect when they look at or learn about art. I certainly didn't in art school. When you are hired to do a project as an artist you are the imaginer, the fabricator, the engineer, and often the installer and the marketing team. I often make site-specific work and I do thoroughly enjoy the challenge of creating structures that have the structural integrity to last for years, while fitting the location and installation needs."

Surprisingly, it wasn't shaping the steel that was the most challenging aspect of this work for Fetterman. Rather, it was sewing the fabric on.

"I could stand inside the large one while I sewed the fabric on, so all the knots and ends would remain invisible," she said. "But when I started on the little piece, I didn't think about how the negative space of that sculpture, when made solid with fabric, wouldn't actually leave room for a person inside of it. Hah, you learn something every time you make something new."

"I love that each new piece is a completely new learning curve and at the same time I get more and more familiar with how to make something that has never existed before," Fetterman continued. "I love the engineering challenge of bringing a work from my imagination into reality. I love being a woman who can blacksmith and forge steel. I love the places the work takes me - whether it's for research or installation. It's allowed me to keep the child-like parts of my mind alive, so I'm able to live in a way where I

can see the world in a creative and playful way."

Fetterman was on hand for the installation last weekend, which was challenging, according to Scott Price, Price Sculpture Forest founder and board president of the nonprofit.

"The heights, placement angles, and working within brush from the ground were the main challenges," he said. "We of course retain and protect all the native understory, though that made the entire work area a maze of branches and high bushes. We also wanted an aerial rigging system that protected the health of the supporting trees. Fortunately, we received essential assistance from a very generous and knowledgeable semi-retired professional rigger who lives right here on Whidbey. He led the entire operation, directed the volunteers and ensured that everything was installed professionally and securely."

As is often said in real estate, it's all about location. When it comes to sculpture, its placement and location can inform its interpretation and the viewers' perspective, something Fetterman loves about placing work in fresh environments.

"It is my favorite part of installing in new locations," she said. "I learn something new or see the work completely different every time."

Interpretation of her work is always in the eyes of the beholder.

"I don't need viewers to magically know what I was thinking when I made the sculpture, I just want to give people a moment of pause to be able to see this drawing in the sky and take it home with them in their minds," she said. "My favorite moments are when viewers send me pictures of something they've created that my work inspired them to do, even weeks after they've seen it."

At this point, "Vertebrae" is scheduled to remain at the sculpture forest for the next two years, so there is plenty of time to see it. Of course, multiple viewings of any of the pieces in the forest gallery could be necessary, as the sculptures can change based on light at various times of day, weather conditions or the season.

"We are approaching the point where we have the maximum number that we want in the



Photo Courtesy of Scott Price/Price Sculpture Forest

Seattle artist Sarah Fetterman and volunteer Robert Davenport prepare part of her sculpture, "Vertebrae," for aerial installation last weekend at the Price Sculpture Forest.

sculpture forest, to ensure that every sculpture is provided its own space and visitors enjoy the natural setting between sculptures," said Price. "After filling all of the best locations, we will gradually begin rotating sculptures out and replace them with new sculptures over time."

Fetterman said she is very pleased to have brought "Vertebrae" to Whidbey Island.

"I was looking for a forever home for my work and when I found Price Sculpture [Forest], the images looked absolutely beautiful and serene," she said. "Scott had a call out for work that was natural and whimsical, and I loved that was what the park was looking for."

"I do think of much of my work as whimsical, but not in the way that a fairy tale's whimsical creations bring you to another place," Fetterman continued. "I want to bring that fairy tale solidly onto the ground next to you, to make this world more imaginative. Working in 3D materials, the same materials that make up everything around us in our daily lives, gives my work that realism that allows it to solidly exist in our reality."

Price, meanwhile, said the creativity of the artists who have work on display in the sculpture forest never ceases to amaze him.

"More importantly, it amazes, excites, and increases appreciation of the possibilities in art for visitors," he said. "We have specific themes and design principles that art must align with at the sculpture forest. Every submitted sculpture is considered individually, as well as how it integrates with the natural environment and how it enhances the overall collection. Yet within all of those requirements, sculptors from around the world delight and entertain everyone with new visions that are able to expand people's perceptions of nature-integrated art."

The Price Sculpture Forest is open daily from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. (or sunset, whichever comes first). Admission is free, but donations are gladly accepted. Dogs and bikes are not allowed. A free, self-guided tour is available via a smartphone. The forest is located at 678 Parker Road, in Coupeville. Learn more at [sculptureforest.org](http://sculptureforest.org). Learn more about Sarah Fetterman's work at [SarahFettermanStudios.com](http://SarahFettermanStudios.com).



Photo Courtesy of Scott Price/Price Sculpture Forest

"Vertebrae" is the 33rd sculpture to be installed at the Price Sculpture Forest in Coupeville. It is expected to be on display for the next two years.

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such a prominent person? I'm just average. But, anyway, I want to do [the parade] because I think the two great-grandchildren are going to ride with me and they'll have something to remember when they get older."

When asked if he has had a favorite thing over his 100 years on Earth, such as being a dad, or a business owner or serving in the military, he reflected for a moment.

"I think it's a combination of all of those," Phelps said thoughtfully. "I don't know if I could pick out a favorite. I think I was content with all of it. I've always been pretty happy."

His best advice for people hoping to reach the century mark themselves is basically to keep calm and carry on.

"I would say stay active, be active all the time, don't let things get you down, don't worry," he said. "I mean, just try to be the same all the time, don't get all excited and worried. Just be yourself."

For fellow business owners, Phelps said they should try to stick with it.

"To be in business, you have to stay with it," he said. "You just have to be persistent. There are times when it's not too good. You just have to go through those periods and live with it. I guess that's it."

And when times are tough, he knows what works for him.

"I never had much problem with that, but I do think the Lord takes care of me. He's always on my side, I really believe that. I go to Him a lot," said Phelps.

As far as the next 100 years, his plan is simple.

"Well, to still stay in business and enjoy it," he said, smiling.



Photo Courtesy of Linnane Armstrong/Gene's Art and Frame

Gene Phelps, who has just turned 100, served in the U.S. Navy and Navy Reserves during World War II, then had a career in construction until choosing to settle down in Oak Harbor, where he opened Gene's Art and Frame.

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**Walk 4 - June 25 at 11am Hoypus Point**  
296 Cornet Bay Rd, Oak Harbor. 3 mile unpaved trail with easy access, Discover Pass. Park at the end of Cornet Bay Rd and meet at the trail head.

**Walk 5 - July 16 at 11am Deception Pass State Park**  
41229 State Route 20, Oak Harbor. 3 mile unpaved trail under the bridge, Discover Pass. Park in the lot by Cranberry Lake (North and West Beach Parking Lot) and meet by the bathrooms.

**Walk 6 - August 20 at 11am Fort Casey State Park**  
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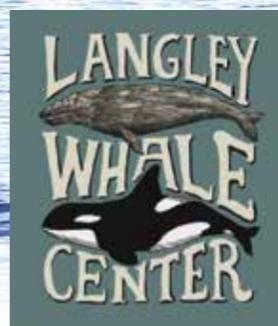
Sunday April 24

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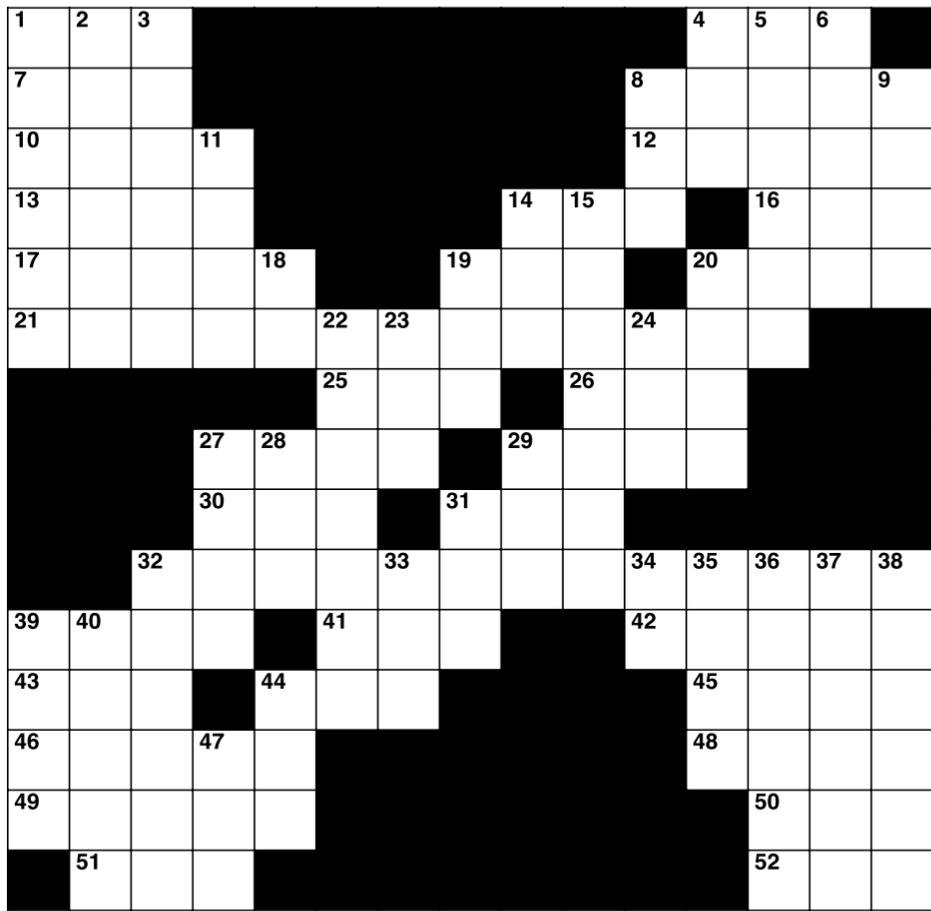
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# Crossword Puzzle



**CLUES ACROSS**

- 1. Runs PCs
- 4. An entertaining, eccentric person
- 7. Small, faint constellation
- 8. Indigo bush
- 10. Not excessive
- 12. African antelope
- 13. A way to fly a glider
- 14. Tough softly
- 16. In the course of
- 17. Early Mesoamerican people
- 19. A way to drop down
- 20. Mistake!
- 21. Housing developments
- 25. Baseball stat
- 26. No (Scottish)
- 27. Type of cuisine
- 29. British Army infantrymen (abbr.)
- 30. Marry
- 31. Buffer solution
- 32. Legendary rock band
- 39. Recording industry show
- 41. A way to consume

**CLUES DOWN**

- 1. Small, purple-black fruit
- 2. Baltimore ballplayer
- 3. Highly seasoned sausage
- 4. Split pulses
- 5. Northwestern Mexico town
- 6. Edible fruit
- 8. Upper-class southern young woman
- 9. Sums up
- 11. The most worthless part
- 14. Dash

- 15. Sufferings
- 18. Clearinghouse (abbr.)
- 19. Indian title of respect
- 20. Poems meant to be sung
- 22. Actor Cooper
- 23. Luke's mentor \_\_\_-Wan
- 24. Clumsy person
- 27. Figures
- 28. Polish Baltic coast peninsula
- 29. Old cloth
- 31. Explosive
- 32. Automobiles
- 33. 007's creator
- 34. The Volunteer State
- 35. Old Irish alphabet
- 36. Japanese city
- 37. Portrayed emotion
- 38. Observers
- 39. Mimicked
- 40. Polite reference to a woman
- 44. Male parent
- 47. Peter Griffin's daughter

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**YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST**

<p>Thurs, April 21</p> <p>North Isle H-54°/L-44° Mostly Cloudy Breezy AM</p> <p>South Isle H-53°/L-43° Breezy AM with Showers</p>	<p>Fri, April 22</p> <p>North Isle H-58°/L-43° Mostly Cloudy</p> <p>South Isle H-56°/L-44° Mostly Cloudy</p>	<p>Sat, April 23</p> <p>North Isle H-56°/L-44° Breezy with a Little Rain</p> <p>South Isle H-55°/L-43° Cloudy with a Little Rain</p>	<p>Sun, April 24</p> <p>North Isle H-55°/L-47° Cloudy with Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-56°/L-46° Showers</p>	<p>Mon, April 25</p> <p>North Isle H-49°/L-36° Cloudy with Chance Shower</p> <p>South Isle H-56°/L-44° Showers</p>	<p>Tues, April 26</p> <p>North Isle H-55°/L-45° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-56°/L-43° Showers</p>	<p>Wed, April 27</p> <p>North Isle H-55°/L-44° Showers</p> <p>South Isle H-55°/L-42° Cloudy with Sunbreaks</p>
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## OUR Community

### An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

What are you most grateful for, living in Langley?



**Tamar Felton, Langley**

Working and living everyday life in Langley, is working and living everyday life as FAMILY.

This unique community of islanders welcomed us, embraced us, supported us, and has continued to do so for the past 40 years. The support has not been only for our business and business family, but for our own family, as well!

"It takes a village..." this idiom pretty much sums it up; people cooperating to achieve a goal, helping when needed, acknowledging other people's roles in success, and in raising a child. Langley is this village of community that

has contributed to helping us raise our child, and now our daughter and her family, back on the island, are embraced by this same community, and this new generation is now becoming that village.

It is the synergistic, heartfelt partnership that I am most grateful for...for being a part of something larger than just a place to settle, but a place to live life. We love Langley. xo

**Jenn Jurriaans, Langley**

What I am most grateful for about living in Langley is hands down the community. This became more clear than ever, although it's always been crystal clear, during the pandemic. The outpouring of love and support that has carried us through the last two years is mind blowing. Our little town is big on compassion and caring. From waves and smiles across the parking lot, to emotional and financial support, Langley does it all. I received countless letters and messages from people during the pandemic bolstering us and encouraging us to not give up. My favorite notes always mentioned how important our spots have been for their family gatherings and how difficult it was to not be able to gather during that time. When I listen to people reflect on how Prima is their anniversary spot, or their kids' choice for their birthday dinner or how Saltwater is their favorite happy hour spot, or whatever these restaurants have meant to people in so many different ways over the years, it gave us the drive to keep on pushing through what was a truly most difficult time. Thank you, Langley, for keeping us going!



**Mayor Scott Chaplin, Langley**

I am most grateful for living in a community in which so many people care deeply about nature, social justice, community and democracy; and where exhibits of conspicuous consumption and bullying are so rare. Living by the sea and having such wonderful views are icing on the cake!

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# Community Bulletin Board

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Pregnant? Need baby clothes? We have them and the price is right – FREE. Pregnancy Care Clinic, open Tuesday 10am-4pm, Wednesday 12pm-7pm, and Thursday 10am-4pm. Stop by at 670 SE Midway Blvd. in Oak Harbor.

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The Whidbey Island community is encouraged to try out the paddling sport of dragon boating with the Stayin' Alive team. Our team's mission is to promote the physical, social, and emotional benefits of dragon boating. It has been shown to be especially beneficial to cancer survivors. Practice with us for up to 3 times for free. Life-jackets and paddles provided. Saturdays at the Oak Harbor Marina, 8:45am. Contact [njlish@gmail.com](mailto:njlish@gmail.com). More info at our Facebook Page: [www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl](http://www.facebook.com/NorthPugetSoundDragonBoatClub?ref=hl)

If you or someone you know has been a victim of homicide, burglary, robbery, assault, identity theft, fraud, human trafficking, home invasion and other crimes not listed, Victim Support Services has advocates ready to help. Please call the 24-hr Crisis Line 888-388-9221. Free service. Visit our web site at <http://victimsupport-services.org>

**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

Take the Leap! Volunteer for Young Dancers! Do you love helping young people find their passion? Are you interested in supporting young dancers who are honing their skills on and off-stage on their way to adulthood? If this sounds like you, please consider Whidbey Island Dance Theatre's (WIDT) board of directors. We need your skills! We need your enthusiasm! We need your love of watching young people go on to thrive in the wider world! The Whidbey Island Dance Theatre board is a dynamic group who together lift up the young aspiring dancers in our south-end community. The board is on the lookout for new members. It meets every second Thursday of the month (lately on Zoom). Busy seasons are the longtime island holiday favorite "The Nutcracker" in December and the spring

choreographer's showcase "A Celebration of Dance" + Silent Auction. (Coming up at WICA April 29, 30). If you are looking for a way to add your support to young artists on their way to adulthood through this 28-year-old beloved organization, please reach out. We'd love to meet you: young, older, any color and no matter what pronoun you use, we welcome all those who want to help support our young artists. Please email board president Tonya Henny at [tonya@whidbey.com](mailto:tonya@whidbey.com) or visit [www.widtonline.org](http://www.widtonline.org) to find out more about this opportunity. (5)

Island Shakespeare Festival is seeking new members to join our Board of Directors. We're looking for people who are passionate about high-quality live classical theater and can devote time and energy to support the work of Island Shakespeare Festival's important cultural, social, and fiscal position on Whidbey Island. Our current needs include individuals with backgrounds in the following areas: human resources, donor relations, finance, as well as other skills related to overseeing a performing arts organization. Board members are asked to provide input and feedback to the Board and staff of ISF, attend one full board meeting per month, serve actively on board committees, and attend activities and events sponsored by ISF. Women and persons of color strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, please contact [jeff.natter@island-shakespearefest.org](mailto:jeff.natter@island-shakespearefest.org).

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Island County (BBBSIC) is actively seeking new member(s) for its Board of Directors. Join the board's exciting array of professionals! BBBSIC is seeking individuals who are committed to defending the potential of youth in our community through their time, skill sets, and influence in the community. To complement the existing board, candidates with expertise in accounting, law, nonprofit management, networking, or fundraising are of particular interest. Committed to diversifying its board to better represent our community,

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The Island County Medical Reserve Corps (ICMRC) is a local network of volunteers organized to improve the health and safety of communities on Whidbey and Camano Islands. Volunteers primarily include medical and public health professionals but other volunteers who have no healthcare backgrounds are also utilized. MRC responds to local emergencies such as natural disasters and public health emergencies. If you are interested in volunteering please contact us at Island County MRC website for application and information.

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer opportunity, look no further! When you volunteer at one of the Habitat for Humanity of Island County stores, you are helping local families attain decent, affordable housing. Income from the stores is vital to giving families a path to homeownership. We need people who can commit to help out in our Oak Harbor or Freeland store at least two-hours per week. Schedules are flexible. Our friendly volunteers provide customer service, help with receiving donated household items and furniture, and maintain the store. We also need drivers and driver helpers who will professionally represent Habitat as they pick up donated items using our trucks. Please call either store for more information. Oak Harbor: 360-675-8733, Freeland: 360-331-6272.

College student? Student of history? History buff? Opportunities are available to

spend constructive volunteer hours at the Pacific Northwest Naval Air Museum. Go to [www.pnwnam.org](http://www.pnwnam.org) and click on "Volunteer" or just stop by and introduce yourself.

Mother Mentors needs volunteers! Oak Harbor families with young children need your help! Volunteer just a couple of hours a week to make a difference in someone's life! To volunteer or get more info, email [wamothermentors@gmail.com](mailto:wamothermentors@gmail.com) or call 360-321-1484.

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