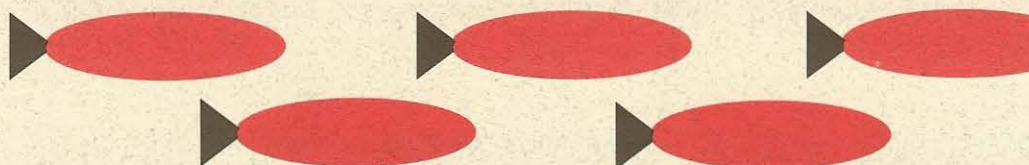


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# HARSTINE ISLANDER

HARSTINE ISLAND COMMUNITY CLUB • 1996 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER



## SPELLING IS OFFICIAL... HARSTINE ISLAND!

Kathy Ransdall, Harstine Island Citizen of the Year, spearheaded a hard-working committee of Harstine Island Grangers and other Islanders who were responsible for the spelling change. Kathy drew on her expertise in genealogical research to compile the necessary information required to convince the Washington State Board of Geographical Names to recognize the local usage of the Harstine spelling.

Ransdall's notebook contained information she gleaned from many Islanders. Along with this notebook, oral testimony was presented which led to the official recognition of the spelling that had been in use for nearly a hundred years.

Signs on the Island have been changed and the State is in the process of replacing the signs on the highway.



▲ Grangers post new signs.

## CITIZENS HONORED AT OKTOBERFEST DINNER

Besides the Citizen of the Year award received by Kathy Ransdall, three other Islanders were honored. Posthumous awards were given by Jim Andersen, 1995 Club President, to Bob Ireland and by Esther Goetsch to Carmen Yates for their dedicated volunteer efforts on behalf of the Islanders. Barbara LaJune also presented a Citizen Award to Diane Edgin for her many current and past volunteer efforts.

The Harstine Island Community Club has activities and subsidiary clubs for most every interest and for all ages. Events are scheduled year-round and many serve as fundraisers for charitable causes in our community. If you are not a member yet, enclosed



is an application to join the fun, future planning, and activities on your Island (even if you are not a full-time resident). Your support is appreciated and necessary to keep the Club viable.

◀ Kathy Ransdall receives 1995 Citizen of the Year Award from Don Nichols, 1994 Citizen of the Year

## ISLANDER "MASTER RECYCLER"

Denise Beckworth, Harstine resident and master recycler, started a recycling program at the Community Hall this past year. Aluminum cans, tin cans, and plastic drink bottles are included in the recycling program.

Beckworth has extended this community service to Jarrell's Cove State Park. The sale of the aluminium cans is donated to the Community Club. You can bring your recyclables to the Community Hall on the Saturday after the monthly Community Club meeting from 10-11 a.m.

Reminder - Cans: lids & labels removed. Bottles: no caps



## ISLAND CLUBS

### WOMEN'S CLUB

In 1919, nine Island ladies gathered at the home of Beulah Hitchcock to sew, mend, knit and visit. From this casual beginning emerged the present Island Women's Club. The Club meets at the Community Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Brown bag lunch meetings begin at noon and include dessert furnished by the hostesses along with some type of entertainment or program. All women on the Island are welcome as guests or to be members.

Special events include the spring and Christmas luncheons which are served as sit-down meals, a picnic held at Hartstene Pointe in the spring and an outing to a nearby spot of interest also in the spring.

#### Fundraising activities include:

- the sale of items with the Harstine Island name such as t-shirts, sweat-shirts, hats, and license plate frames
- the Holiday House Bazaar held the Saturday after Thanksgiving
- continuing support for the two Shelton foodbanks
- four scholarships of \$500 each to Island students awarded this past year

In 1996, the group is looking forward to a contest to select a new logo for the Harstine t-shirts and to the renewal of the Children's carnival in August.

Club officers for 1996 are Marylee Harlan, President (427-1583), Whickey Hopkins, Vice President, Marilyn Johnston, Secretary, and Lucy Dike, Treasurer.

See Calendar on back page for  
Upcoming Events

### THEATER CLUB

Enthusiastic crowds filled the community hall this past year to see the wonderful plays offered to the Island by this Club. The annual, complimentary Christmas play, *Christmas At The By Pass Cafe* was presented on December 8 and 9th and was the Theater Club's gift to our community. Written and directed by Islander Pat Dunlap, the play involves an intriguing assortment of travelers brought together by chance each of whom discovers that their own spirit of giving can turn misfortune into merriment.

The Club also presented a vaudeville play this past summer titled, *Play It Again, Sam*. Directed by Shirl Larson, this very successful production performed to a sold-out house. "It brought back to the stage some acts and actors that were favorites of years past as well as new and special ones" according to Bob Helm, Club President.

Regular monthly meetings are held on the last Monday of the month at the Hall at 6:30 p.m. (potlucks). All members are not actors - some jobs in the Club only require "work and fun". Donations are happily accepted by Treasurer, Sally Joe Kimbel, E. 434 Pointe Dr. E., Shelton, WA.

For more information on the Theater Club,  
call Bob Helm, 427-0448



### October Apple Squeeze...



250 gallons of cider this year!



Homemade donuts!

### GARDEN CLUB

All are welcome to attend the Garden Club's informal meetings on the 2nd Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. at the Hall. Occasionally meetings are held at a member's home or garden.

Many fun and educational events took place in '95 including...

- The annual October Apple Squeeze which produced over 250 gallons. All enjoyed the hot cider with the other offerings of caramel apples, homemade donuts, and hot dogs.
- The continuing expansion of the Farmer's Market which has become the place to be on Saturday morning. It starts June 1 and is held every Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon, into early fall. All are welcome to sell plants, fruits, vegetables and crafts.
- The informal meetings that included a look at member Rod Hammett's commercial Ginseng operation and Don Nichol's instruction in the art of bonsai.
- This year's Mother's Day Plant Sale which was the largest yet!

This year's President, Ron Hammett, can be reached at 426-3089 or contact member Barbara LaJune at 426-0494.

Please see the Event Calendar  
for dates.



# HAPPENINGS & NEWS

## AROUND THE ISLAND



Karla Lortz tends her "Heaths and Heathers" Nursery

### "HEATHS & HEATHERS"

#### Islander Acquires Nursery

Karla Lortz recently acquired the largest variety (over 450) heather nursery in North America and is bringing it to her home on Harstine Island. "These plants are low-maintenance after the first year when they get established," according to Lortz.

To receive a catalog, send a self-addressed, stamped, legal-sized envelope to: Karla Lortz, E. 502 Haskell Hill Rd., Shelton, WA, 98584, or to view in-person (by appointment only), call: 427-5318 or 1-800-29-HEATH.

### ORNAMENTAL GRASSES IN THE HOME LANDSCAPE

Islanders, Sue and Bob Thompson, have added a second career that goes by the name of Harstine Heirloom Gardens. This five acre ornamental grass farm contains over 60 varieties of grasses. They have two display gardens and a seed garden with over 2,000 starts.

Sue is dedicated to educating people about saving and using native grasses. The Thompson's are firm believers in using an integrated pest management program to protect the local environment.

To receive a catalog or to view the display gardens, call 360-427-2440 or write to: E. 1190 Sunset Hill Rd., Shelton, WA, 98584.



Sue and Bob Thompson display their "wares"

### HARSTINE ISLAND FIRE

Over twenty-five acres near South Ballow went up in smoke this past summer in a fire that drew over one hundred firefighters. The Community Hall was transformed into a command center.

We are well represented in Fire District 5. Fourteen members are Islanders with four being EMT's. Only two of the fourteen are paid members.

The Community Club has planned for future emergencies and possible disasters by adding a new well at the Community Hall that allows for generator hookup.

### HARSTINE HAS HIGHEST VOTER TURN-OUT

Harstine Precinct has the highest percentage of registered voters that turn out to vote of all of the Mason County Precincts. Many Islanders serve on various Mason County Boards and Committees including Jim Anderson, Shoreline Advisory Board, Frank Lewis, Fire Marshall Advisory Board, John Straburger, Al Bacon, and Rod Hammet, Sheriff's Advisory Committee, Carleen Houghton, Clean Water Advisory Board, and Diane Edgin, Ad Hoc Committee for Growth Management.

### Membership Application/Renewal/Donations

Please send all dues/orders/donations to:

Harstine Island Community Club, E. P.O. Box 1635, Shelton, WA 98584

New members welcome! A chance to get to know our neighbors, have fun and be involved in your community. Your support is appreciated.








#### 1996 Harstine Island Community Club Dues

(Yearly Fee for new and current members—\$5 per person/\$10 per couple/family)

Donation for Property Development Fund

New Septic System

Donation for Building & Maintenance Fund

Donation for Cemetery Fund

Other

TOTAL ENCLOSED

If you are interested in submitting an article, interesting story, photos, event or happenings...we would like to include it in our next annual newsletter. Just send your story or information to the editor, Carol Bigham-Perez, c/o Harstine Island Community Club, Harstine Islander, P.O. Box 1635, Shelton, WA 98584

Mason County Growth Management & Harstine's Sub-Area Plan (what's left of it) is now available at a cost of \$25 per bound copy, or \$10 unbound.



## "Harstine Islander" Business Supporters...

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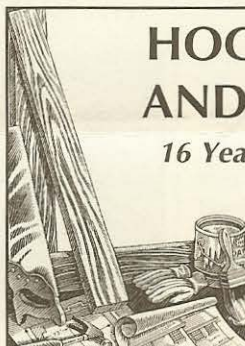
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## COMMUNITY CLUB '95 OPERATING STATEMENT

**Expenses: \$8,574.14**

**Income: \$13,292.19**

### Itemized Expenses:

Phone: \$346.94  
Sunshine: \$36.79  
Electric: \$866.97  
Oil Heat: \$835.01  
Supplies: \$292.37  
Octoberfest: \$187.53  
Postage: \$543.00  
Newsletter: \$728.48  
Spaghetti Dinner: \$235.00  
Safe Deposit Box: \$20.00 Garbage: \$251.14  
Maintenance: \$239.13  
Bank Charges: \$75.00  
Insurance: \$739.20  
Prop. Taxes: \$382.95  
Amplifier: \$89.47  
Award/Supplies: \$190.55  
Fire Meals: \$60.00  
Misc.: \$66.29  
Deposit Returns: \$680.00  
Hall Cleaning: \$527.50  
Septic & Well Fees: \$958.12  
Vent Fan & Mat: \$222.70

### Income:

Prop. Dev. Fund: \$107.00  
Cookbooks: \$1,597.00  
Cemetery: \$254.00  
Hall Rental: \$3,475.00  
Recycling: \$132.08  
Spaghetti Dinner \$1,356.22  
Dues: \$1,705.00  
Septic System \$2,942.00 Building Fund: \$372.00 Rummage Sale: \$794.00 Misc\*: \$557.08

\*Items Under 100.00

This includes designated donations. The largest part of the septic/well upgrade has not been billed to the Community Club as of this date. Because of the well upgrade, costs were increased from \$10,000 to \$18,000 to be shared equally with the fire department. The cemetery fund stands at \$5,895.95 (in prorated interest) for 12/31/95.

\*All clubs including the Harstine Island Grange donated to the cost of the septic/well.

## HARSTINE GRANGE #568

If you are interested in the pleasures of rural living, you are invited to join the Grange. The Grange was started in 1914 to encourage neighbors to meet to address community needs in a non-partisan forum. This grass-roots group then suggests legislative ideas for consideration by local, state and national lawmakers. Members have varied talents including public speaking and homemaking arts and all are encouraged to participate. Meetings are held on the third Friday of every month at the Hall. Call Secretary Frances Bacon, 426-8873, or Master Warren Ireland, 426-3521 for more information.

**The Grange is also involved in community service activities and fundraisers including...**

- contributions to the area food bank and disaster funds
- scholarships and campships for students and children
- the Annual Oyster (fresh, Island-grown) and Ham Dinner. This event continues to be a huge success and is the main fundraiser of the year for the Grange.

This year saw the beginning of a new event that will become an annual event. Grange lecturer, Kathy Ransdall, spearheaded the idea of hosting the Mason County Historical Society. Island families dug out their scrapbooks and photo albums and brought items that hold significance to them. Over 80 Islanders and guests attended. A special treat was the appearance of four former Harstine Island Ferry captains that told their stories. The event was videotaped by the historical society and already there have been several requests for copies.

**See event calendar for event dates.**



*Life Before the Harstine Bridge... Four Harstine Ferry Captains tell their stories. Left to right are Bud Glaser, Clyde Harriman, Glenn Yates, and George Waite*

## HAVE YOUR PROPERTY TAXES DRAMATICALLY INCREASED?

Citizen's Initiative 650 for Property Tax Reform did not get enough signatures last year but will be refiled in January 1996 with a new number assigned. The Initiative proposes to roll back the assessed value to the 1992 level and to assure that the assessor cannot increase the value more than 2% per year.

If you would like additional information, to volunteer or to make a contribution, contact Marilyn Laubach, 426-2359 or Don Carter, 456-8655.

## CLUB MEETING AND CONTACT INFORMATION

### GARDEN CLUB

Rod Hammett, 426-3089  
2nd Thursday, 7 p.m.

### COMMUNITY CLUB

Don Nichols, Pres., 426-9376  
2nd Friday, 6-7:30 p.m., Happy Hour/  
Potluck Dinner, 7:30 meeting

### PINOCHLE (mixed)

Damon LaJune, 426-0494  
1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7:30 p.m.

### PINOCHLE (women)

Kay Braget, 426-8737  
call for time and dates

### THEATER CLUB

Bob Helm, 427-0448  
Last Monday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Potluck dinner,  
7:30 p.m. meeting

### WOMEN'S CLUB

Marylee Harlan, Pres., 427-1583  
1st Thursday, noon, brownbag lunch



# 1996 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Jan. 20	Kiwanis Crab Feed.....	3 pm - 7 pm
Feb. 14	Theater Club Production .....	TBA
March 9	Grange/Ham/Oyster Dinner .....	3:30 pm - 7 pm
April 13	All Island Clean-up/Earth Day .....	TBA
April 27	District 5 Fireman's Auction & Spaghetti Feed .....	TBA
May 11	Garden Club Plant Sale .....	9 am - 1 pm
May 18	Cemetery Clean-Up .....	9 am
May 25	All Island Annual Spaghetti Dinner .....	TBA
June 1	Farmer's Market opens .....	every Sat. 10 am - noon
June 5-6	Theater Club Production .....	8 pm
June 8	Pioneer Kiwanis Annual Auction .....	6 pm
July (TBA)	Community Club's Flea Market .....	TBA
August 17	Women's Club - Children's Carnival .....	11 am to 2 pm
August 31	All Island Labor Day Dance .....	8 pm to 12 pm
Sept. 27-28	Theater Club Production .....	TBA
October 11	Octoberfest .....	6 pm
October 19	Garden Club Apple Squeeze .....	10 am to 3 pm
Nov. 30	Women's Club - Holiday House and Bazaar (set after Thanksgiving). .....	10 am to 3 pm
Dec. 13-14	Theater Club Production .....	8 pm
Dec. 31	New Year's Eve Pinochle Potluck .....	6:30 pm

**Mark Your Calendar!**  
**It's time to plan for a great 1996**

## COMMUNITY CLUB

If you haven't attended a monthly meeting of the Community Club (second Friday of the month), you may want to consider it in '96. The Club hosts many informative speakers and gives you a chance to meet your neighbors and discuss common concerns.

The Club also has many fun activities for the whole family! Special events are planned throughout the year. See the *calendar of events* on this page.

To join and help support the many beneficial activities of the Club, please mail in the application on page 4.

Also, if you wish to reserve the Community Hall for an event, you will need to contact Patti Thoe, the Club's new reservation clerk at (360) 426-5220.

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