



# HARSTINE ISLANDER

HARSTINE ISLAND COMMUNITY CLUB • 1997 ANNUAL NEWSLETTER

## LIFE ON HARSTINE ISLAND

### NEWS LETTER NEWS

Thanks to the Herculean efforts of Diane Edgin and Carol Bigham-Perez over the past three years or so, we have enjoyed a fine and ever improving newsletter. Their combined efforts have provided both islanders and off island property owners with entertaining and informational news on island life and events.

However, time changes all things, and both Carol and Diane are moving along to new horizons. Good luck, ladies, and thank you for a job well done!

Accordingly, this year's news letter is being done by a host of islander individuals who are having a great time with their new endeavor. We hope you enjoy the results!

### COMMUNITY CLUB AFFAIRS

Islanders will testify that 1996 was a very busy year for the Community Club. Many changes were indicated and we set out early to accomplish them.

The decision in 1994 to allow Fire District #5 to construct a new substation on our property to the west of the hall meant that an up-grade to our water system as well as an entirely new septic system to accommodate both the hall and the proposed substation had to be implemented. A combination of bad weather, negotiations, and planning delayed start of construction until early 1996, with anticipated completion sometime in 1997.

Long time complaints about the leaky gutters on the hall finally got our attention and so at long last, we went forth with the project. New fascia boards were installed and painted by numerous Club volunteers prior to actual installation of the guttering by a local contractor. How nice to be able to get into the hall during the monsoons without getting rain down our necks!

It became apparent early in the year that our By-Laws needed some serious amending, so a By-Law committee consisting of Louie Orth, Gerri Lewis, Don Nichols, Rod Hammett, and Al Bacon was formed to make the changes it deemed necessary. The committee's recommendations were presented to the Community Club for approval and were accepted at the July, 1996 meeting of the Club. It proved to be a very large job, but was well received when completed.

The Club's recycling program, initiated some time ago by Denise Beckwith and Jim Anderson, has proven to be an on-going success. Members continue to bring recyclables to the hall on recycle Saturdays as well as using the recycle bins in the hall during the week.

The program Denise arranged with the Jarrell Cove State park to collect the aluminum cans there during the summer months continues to be a plus for the Club's coffers, netting nearly \$100.00 this summer. Kudos to Denise for conceiving this great idea!

The Community Club was approached this summer by the Bridge Community Church, a non-denominational member of Bridge Ministries of Shelton, seeking permission to use the hall for their Sunday church services. Members of the group made a presentation to the Club at a stated meeting this summer and received nearly unanimous approval of their request. The Executive Board met with representatives of the group to negotiate details of an operating agreement regarding the group's use of the hall.

The church's first service was held on November 10th, and was well attended by an enthusiastic group of both islanders and off-islanders totaling approximately 90 persons. For information, call Pastor Howard Spear at 426-5221.



Two major innovations were implemented in 1996 to improve Community Club operations. The first was the formation of a Ways and Means Committee charged with creating an annual budget and balancing historical income against anticipated expenses for the year.

The inaugural committee was chaired by Carleen Houghton and included Rod Hammett, Cindy Meyer, Bob Helm, and Bob McKibben. The second innovation dealt with scheduling hall activities. Experience has taught us that there have nearly always been conflicting dates on our activities calendar so it was decided that shortly before the beginning of each new year, we would gather the heads of the auxiliaries in a meeting to jointly establish the dates the auxiliaries needed during the coming year. In this manner any possible conflicts could be resolved at that time instead of enduring surprises later on when it might be hard to correct them. This plan was begun early in 1996 and worked so nearly perfectly that we have decided to continue to use it in the future.

We experienced a discouraging development in 1996 in which the Community Club did not become officially involved, but which deserves comment. Sadly enough, a large number of mail thefts from our rural boxes was reported by island residents. This prompted an informal group of citizens to appeal to both the Mason County Road Dept. and the U.S. Postal Service to have one of the familiar large blue mail drop boxes placed on the island. The plea was well received by those agencies and they responded quickly to this obvious need and arranged for the placement of the box at our island directory location. According to Bill Hyre, Postal Service Customer Relations Supervisor, the box is showing excellent usage, justifying the effort, and he anticipates further growth in the number of island residents using the facility. Sorry, mail thieves!

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## Harstine Island now a Crime Watch Community

New to the island this year is the Harstine Island Crime Watch. Organized by Ted Boyce, with assistance from Sheriff Steve Whybark and Deputy T.R. Rankin, the Crime Watch is a response by citizens to concerns and frustrations over escalating criminal activity on the island.

The first obvious evidence of this new organization is the placement of large crime watch signs at over twenty conspicuous locations around the island. These signs include a warning that citizens "immediately report all suspicious persons and activity to the sheriff's office" and a large eye that seems to be watching for criminals.

The second aspect of the Crime Watch program is the Block Watch. Each "block" has an assigned leader who is to keep in touch with all his neighbors and keep them informed of crime watch activity.

Another important part of the organization is the patrol. Currently, thirty-six trained volunteers working in shifts, roam the island looking for suspicious persons or activity which, upon encountering, they immediately report to 911.

The success of the crime watch is evident by the 75 percent decrease in the reported crimes on the island since the program started. "Neighbors watching out for neighbors" works! Currently, the Crime Watch is funded by donations from many individuals and several island clubs. The block leaders and patrol volunteers meet regularly to keep residents informed and organized. To contribute or become involved, please see advertisement in this news letter.

## FIRE DISTRICT #5

The big news for Fire District #5 in 1996 was the fulfillment of the District's long-time desire to construct a substation more central to access by north end firefighters than the one that for years has been located at Hartstene Pointe. The new station, located next door to the Harstine Island Community Club building, will have two bays instead of only the one bay at the old location at the Pointe, making room for the District's BLS (Basic Life Support) unit, usually parked out in the weather at the Jarrell's Cove Marina. The new location will mean less distance for firefighters to travel to the station as well as, in most cases, less distance to fire and emergency call locations from the station. In a business where every minute counts, the new location will mean a dramatic decrease in response time. In addition to the engine and aid car bays, the new building will have an equipment storage room, a meeting room, and a bathroom.

Hoped for completion is sometime in 1997. In other FD#5 news, a newer, more up to date fire engine is in the works to replace the one now in use at Station 11, serving the south end of the island.

The District is always looking for new volunteers. If you are interested in this service to the community, call District Headquarters at 426-5533 for information. Remember, actual fire fighting is only one of the many talents needed. Give'em a call! You may fit right in!



# ISLAND CLUBS

## WOMEN'S CLUB

The Harstine Island Women's Club meets each month (except July) on the first Thursday and island women are encouraged to attend to meet new friends and to enjoy entertainment and lunch together. This club has emerged from a very small group formed near the turn of the century to become a very large and active auxiliary of the Community Club. It is well known for its generous financial support to its parent organization, the Community Club, as well as to the City of Shelton food bank program. In addition, the club awards \$500 scholarships to four deserving island students each year. It is also noted for its charitable gifts to needy island families.

Each year after Thanksgiving the Women's Club holds its highly successful Holiday House and Bazaar as a fund raiser to support these fine charitable efforts. Other events for that purpose are the sale of their "Just Among Friends" cookbook and the island logo sweatshirts, tee shirts, mugs and license plate holders.

Other social activities include a "car pool" trip for luncheon and shopping each April to a surrounding community, a picnic in June at Hartstene Pointe, and a Christmas luncheon held at the Community Hall.

Especially for smaller children, the club sponsors the Kid's Carnival in August of each year, complete with clowns, balloons, popcorn, candied apples and lots of games with "valuable" prizes.

## THEATRE CLUB

The Club mounted four productions in 1996, doubling its traditional schedule. In February, the valentine theme was expressed in LOVE LETTERS, showcasing the talents of Shirl Larson and Gene Nelson and directed by Mari Nelson. This two person show, a former Broadway hit, was presented to Harstine audiences seated cabaret style while sipping champagne, and tasting fancy desserts.

The summer vaudeville, GULLIBLE ISLAND "High Tide", was written and directed by Shirl Larson, with original concept by Whicky Hopkins.

The performance wove a brief story and then put on a show featuring a host of Harstine "stars" playing local Gullible Island folks auditioning for parts in a show to save the island for the good guys from the bad guys.

In September the FANTASTICKS came to town. This enormously popular musical reworking of the Romeo and Juliet story has been performed all over the world. It was directed by Gene Nelson.

The Club's annual gift to the Islanders, the Christmas play which charges no admission, was CHRISTMASTIME IN THE CITY, written by Club member Pat Dunlap and co-directed by Vikki Shanahan and Bob Helm.

The Club meets each last Monday at 6:30 pm for potluck and business. New members are welcome, especially Harstine residents. There are opportunities for activities in all aspects of theater. For information or to make a donation to the Club, call Whicky Hopkins at 426-3241.

## GARDEN CLUB

The Harstine Garden Club had a remarkable and productive 1996. Its heavy duty activity was its "Apple Squeeze," held annually in Mid-October, this year pressing approximately two tons of golden and red delicious apples. Adults and children were enthusiastic participants in the pressing process as well as partaking of all the goodies which included hot apple cider, donuts (doughnuts), candied apples, hot soup and enormous hot dogs. Other activities included landscaping work at the State Park and a big landscape project at the Community Club hall, under the direction of Sue and Bob Thompson, with help from Pat LeClair and Jerry Christensen. In May of 1997, the club will sponsor its annual plant sale.

Any interested person is welcome to join the garden Club. There are no dues and you are an automatic member of this very laid back organization. The club's meetings are very informal with a lot of talk and visiting. There are always coffee and cookies or even other gourmet offerings made from products of our gardens, including an occasional glass of homemade wine. Sometimes you even get to take home some interesting seeds or plants.

The meetings are lively and have featured speakers who are experts in the field of raising rhododendrons, fuchsias, heathers, bonsai gardening and even an early spring activity when the club sponsors a hands-on workshop, featuring a professional tree pruner. Club members travel to small orchards and participate with their own pruning shears. Occasionally, members make visitations to interesting gardens, and if you have never seen a genuine ginseng farm, you now have a great opportunity to do so. Come visit the club on the second Thursday of each month. Call 426-0494 for more details.



# HAPPENINGS & NEWS AROUND THE ISLAND

## ISLANDERS HONORED AT OKTOBERFEST DINNER

A well-deserved Person of The Year award for 1996 was presented to Ted and Neoma Boyce at the Club's annual Oktoberfest dinner. Although the long-time island residents have always been active participants in community affairs, both having held office in the Grange and Ted as a Community Club officer and Lieutenant in Fire District #5, the award was earned for the couple's intense efforts in creating an island Neighborhood Crime Watch, prompted by a traumatic incident wherein Ted subdued an armed intruder in the Boyce home earlier in 1996. Receiving Honored Citizen awards for their continuing service to the community were Joe Beauchene and Bob Carpenter. Hildur Ashby accepted a posthumous Honored Citizen award on behalf of her pioneer Harstine parents Ed and Hulda Wilson.



**Citizen of Year award presenter Kathy Randsdell with Ted Boyce family**

## "ARTS AND FLOWERS" ISLANDER OPENS NEW RETAIL NURSERY/ CRAFTS BUSINESS

Last May Islander Patricia LeClair opened her retail nursery which features the largest number (over 125 varieties) of miniature roses in Washington State. In addition to roses she offers planters, annuals, rhododendrons, perennials and gift items such as wind chimes and garden sculptures. Pat will also do wedding flowers, including floral arrangements, corsages, and other special orders. Pat is assisted by her husband Jerry Christianson who "doesn't do the plants, but he builds the planters" according to Pat.

Pat will be open by appointment only during the winter months, and will be open Saturday through Wednesday in the spring and summer. Watch for her Anniversary Celebration Sale next spring. Call 426-0797 for appointment or information.



**Pat LeClair displays "Arts and Flowers" wares**

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Garden Club

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Theatre Club

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If you are interested in submitting an article, interesting story, photo, event or happening, . . . we would like to include it in our next annual newsletter. Just send your story or information to: HICC NEWSLETTER, P.O. Box 1635, Shelton, WA 98584



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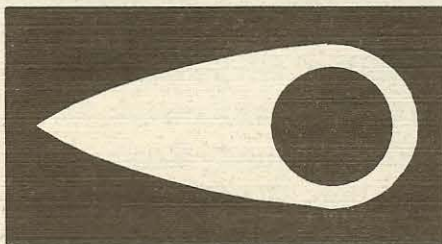
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We've been supporting our Harstine Island community by watching out for you. Crime Watch meetings are held at Fire Station 11, Harstine Island Road South, 7:00 P.M., third Wednesday of each month. Meetings are open to all. **COME JOIN US.**

More participants are needed in the Crime Watch Patrol program. Donations from residents and property owners are encouraged to help cover general operating expenses and for possible acquisition and maintenance of a suitable patrol vehicle for use on the island.

Send donations to: Ted M. Boyce, Chief, Harstine Island Neighborhood Crime Watch,  
E1680 Harstine Island Road South, Shelton WA 98584 - - - Phone: 360-427-5398



## COMMUNITY CLUB 1996 OPERATING STATEMENT

EXPENSES: \$18,967.38  
INCOME: \$18,850.55

### Itemized Expenses:

Advertising: \$14.00  
Awards: \$61.56  
Building Maintenance: \$1631.79  
Cemetery: \$20.07  
Community Donations: \$150.00  
Crime Watch: \$100.00  
Electricity: \$675.35  
Fuel Oil: \$730.44  
Garbage: \$201.19  
Hall Cleaning: \$380.00  
Insurance: \$764.00  
Labor Day Dance: \$540.00  
License & Permits: \$128.75  
Newsletter Costs: \$1282.66  
Member Services: \$135.55  
Oktoberfest: \$183.89  
Postmaster: \$155.42  
Rent Deposit Return: \$50.00  
Rummage Sale: \$20.62  
Safe Deposit Box: \$20.00  
Septic System Costs: \$6262.12  
Spaghetti Feed: \$300.24  
Supplies: \$270.52  
Miscellaneous Expenses: \$156.60  
Taxes: \$428.87  
Telephone: \$380.35  
Water System Costs: \$3923.39

### Itemized Income:

Bank Interest: \$115.01  
Building Maint. Fund: \$881.48  
Cleaning Dep. Donation: \$130.00  
Club Dues: \$1580.00  
Cookbook Sales: \$1394.00  
Crime Watch Donations: \$10.00  
Equipment Rental: \$50.00  
Fire Dept. Land Lease: \$272.50  
Cemetery Fund: \$558.31  
Gift Received: \$361.00  
Labor Day Dance: \$340.11  
Landscaping Donation: \$25.00  
Newsletter Ads: 500.00  
Oktoberfest: \$16.00  
Prop. Dev. Fund Donation: \$92.50  
Recycling: \$156.50  
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Rummage Sale: \$648.38  
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Spaghetti Dinner: \$1212.50  
Sub Area Plan Donation: \$10.00  
Theatre Club Donation: \$498.94  
Misc: \$1378.22

## HARSTINE GRANGE #568

The Harstine Grange has been in operation since 1914, addressing community needs in a non-partisan forum aimed at suggesting and supporting legislation at local, state, and national levels. Meetings are held at the Community Hall on the third Friday of each month. For information, call Grange Master Warren Ireland at 426-3521 or Membership Chairman H.V. Glaser at 426-8871.



Elaine Ireland at Grange  
"One Room School" series

The Grange supports community food banks, awards scholarships and camper-ships to deserving students and children, and puts on an annual Ham and Oyster Feed at the Community Hall, always a favorite with the community. In addition

this year, the Grange contributed to the Kneeland Park restoration project by donating funds to purchase a large item of playground equipment.

The annual Harstine History series, begun one year ago, featured "One Room Schools" this year, and was attended by well over 100 people. The "teacher" was long-time island resident Esther Goetsch, who portrayed Miss Hammond, one of Esther's own early teachers. Quotes Esther, "Students were given reading assignments in the morning and then devoted the afternoon to remembrances of early school days on Harstine Island. Brown bag lunches, consisting of cookies and an apple, were handed out for recess". These meetings are video taped and are available at the Mason County Historical Museum. For information, call 426-1020.



### CLUB MEETING AND CONTACT INFORMATION

#### COMMUNITY CLUB

Fred Burgdorf, 426-8613  
2nd Friday, 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.  
Happy Hour/Potluck Dinner  
7:30 p.m. Meeting

#### GARDEN CLUB

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

#### PINOCHILE (MIXED)

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

#### PINOCHILE (Women)

Kay Braget, 426-8737  
Call for time and dates

#### THEATRE CLUB

Whickey Hopkins, 426-3241  
Last Monday, 6:30 p.m. Potuck  
7:30 p.m. meeting

#### WOMENS CLUB

Helena Fuller, 426-8906  
First Thursday, Noon, Brown  
Bag Lunch



## 1997 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DATE	FUNCTION	TIME
Feb. TBA	Theatre Club Production	TBA
Mar. 8	Grange Ham and Oyster Dinner	3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
April 12	Theatre Club Auction	TBA
April 19	All Island Clean-up / Earth Day	9:00 a.m.
April TBA	Fire District 5 Auction and Spaghetti Dinner	TBA
May 10	Garden Club Plant Sale	9:00 a.m.
May 17	Cemetery Clean-up	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
May 25	All Island Annual Spaghetti Dinner	TBA
May 31	Farmer's Market Begins - (Open every Saturday)	10 a.m - Noon
July TBA	Theatre Club Production	TBA
June 8	Pioneer Kiwanis Annual Auction	6:00 p.m.
July 26	Community Club Rummage Sale	TBA
August 9	Women's Club Children's Carnival	10:00 a.m.-2 p.m.
August 30	All Island Labor Day Dance	8:00 p.m.-12 Midnight
Oct. 10	Octoberfest	6:00 p.m.
Oct. 18	Garden Club Apple Squeeze	10:00 a.m.-3: p.m.
Nov. 29	Women's Club Holiday House & Bazaar	10:00 a.m-3 p.m.
Dec. TBA	Theatre Club Production	TBA
Dec. 31	New Years Eve Pinochle Potluck	TBA

## COMMUNITY CLUB

If you haven't attended a monthly meeting of the Community Club (2nd Friday of the month), you may wish to consider it in 1997. The Club hosts many informative and entertaining guests and gives you a chance to meet your neighbors and discuss common concerns.

The Club also puts on many events which are fun for the whole family. Special activities are planned throughout the year. See Calendar of Events elsewhere in this newsletter.

Perhaps you would like to reserve the hall for an occasion such as a wedding, reunion, anniversary, memorial, etc. If so, please contact Betty Mirguet, Calendar Coordinator, at 426-2871.

This newsletter is published by the Harstine Island Community Club. The Community Club, an incorporated, non-profit organization, works to improve or maintain the quality of life on the island and to serve as a vehicle for addressing Island business in an integrated and democratic manner.

Like other operating expenses at the Hall, the production costs of this letter are paid because of your faithful and timely payment of Club dues. If you would like to show additional support of the letter beyond your usual dues, please show that amount in the corner of your check. We thank you in advance for your kindness!

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