

Harstine Islander

Centennial Year 2014



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

JAN IRVING

The hall is 100 years old! And doesn't she look beautiful with her new coat of paint and clean and tidy parking lot? 2013 was a wonderful year to be president and to work with all the folks who love and care for the hall. People have been generous with donations and with their time and we have gotten a lot accomplished. This is the year we get to enjoy all the work with many special events planned. Each Community Club monthly meeting will focus on island history with an all island picnic in August. The Art Auction in July promises to be spectacular. Be sure to get a calendar so you don't miss any of the events.

As I work into my second year as president, I am struck by how much fun I am having, the people I meet and work with, and by the amazing work that has gone before. We can always use volunteers, even for little projects. Please consider hosting a Community Club meeting or being an on-call handy person or volunteering your children's or grandchildren's strong backs for a day. Our population is aging (the average age of our parking lot crew was 70!) so I encourage everyone to find something they can do to participate and share in the camaraderie of such a special place.



100
1914 2014

Such a special date is here,
A day within a special
year,
A landmark age, a bell
to toll
one hundred years and
strong of soul!

1939 - MOTION PASSED TO HAVE COMMITTEE DRAW UP PAPERWORK FOR INCORPORATING TO PROTECT THE MEMBERSHIP.

1939 - PRESIDENT INSTRUCTED TO SIGN UP FOR ELECTRIC LIGHTS FOR THE HALL.

1939 - AFTER THE MEETING THERE WERE A FEW ROUNDS OF BOXING BY THE LOCAL PEOPLE.

1940 - THE SHERIFF SAID A DEPUTY WAS NEEDED AT THE DANCES. GEORGE CARLSON WAS APPOINTED AS ACTING DEPUTY. THE SHERIFF SAID IF A DEPUTY BROUGHT IN A MAN THE DEPUTY WOULD GET A DAY'S WAGES FOR IT.

1940 - INCORPORATION PAPERS WERE SIGNED.

1941 - MOTION PASSED TO PAY PROPERTY TAXES IN FULL - \$8.07 FOR THE YEAR.

PIONEER COMMUNITY KIWANIS CLUB

The Pioneer Community Kiwanis meet every Wednesday for breakfast from 7 am to 8 am at the Spencer Lake Bar and Grill.

Meetings usually feature a guest speaker on a topic of general interest to the members and our community. If you would like to join us please call Lee at (360) 432-0136.

We subscribe to the international Kiwanis mission "of volunteers dedicated to changing the world one child and one community at a time." Our focus is the children of our community who we help with funds we raise through our crab and clam dinner and auction, firewood sales, Spencer Lake Fishing Derby and Christmas ornament sales. Some of the organizations we have supported in the past are Cub Scouts, Mother Read, Scholarships for graduating 8th graders at Pioneer School, Pioneer School Nurses Fund, Christmas Baskets and Law Enforcement Camp. We are always open to considering new efforts to help our children.

KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL HISTORY

Kiwanis International was founded in 1915 in Detroit, Michigan, and became an international organization with the creation of the Kiwanis Club of Hamilton, Ontario, the following year. In the early years, members focused on business networking but in 1919, the organization changed its focus to service. In the 1960s, worldwide expansion was approved and within the decade, Kiwanis International - Europe was formed, representing Kiwanians in 11 European nations. In 1987, women officially were allowed into the membership.



2013 HICC Treasurers Report



*DID YOU KNOW THAT IT TAKES OVER
\$60 PER DAY JUST TO KEEP THE DOORS
TO THE COMMUNITY HALL OPEN?*

BEGINNING BALANCES:

Savings:	\$	5,688
Checking:	\$	11,909
TOTAL:	\$	17,597

ENDING BALANCES:

Savings:	\$	5,691
Checking:	\$	10,016
TOTAL:	\$	15,707

2013 INCOME

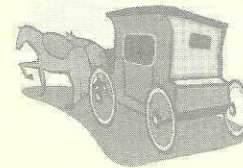
Membership Dues	\$ 6,000	19%
Donations	200	1%
Fundraisers	14,970	48%
Hall Rental	4,541	14%
Insurance Contrib.	1,500	5%
Misc. Income	2,115	7%
Sponsored Events	2,071	6%

TOTALS **\$31,397**

2013 EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 6,582	20%
Building Maintenance	14,669	43%
Fundraiser Expenses	1,229	4%
Utilities	3,948	12%
Insurance	4,657	14%
Hall Supplies	575	2%
Sponsored Events	2,067	5%

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1938 - MR. GLASER REPORTED THE HEALTH INSPECTOR HAD BEEN OUT THIS WAY AND CONDEMNED THE OUTSIDE PUBLIC TOILETS AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, SCHOOL, AND FERRY LANDING - WE ARE ASKED TO BUILD NEW ONES TO COMPLY WITH HEALTH REGULATIONS.

2013 HICC Honored Citizens



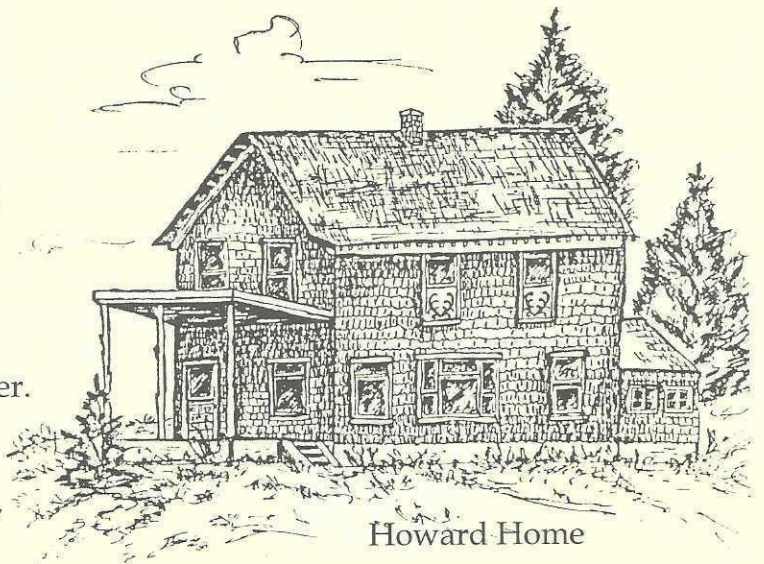
Jan Irving April Hanson Sandy Murphy Jeff Roberge

Citizen of the Year SANDY MURPHY

Jim Irving's Presentation - This year we have been focusing on preparations for celebrating the 100th anniversary of the hall. We could have easily let the year pass as just another year in the life of the island, but there are just so many memories, events, groups and people associated with the hall to let it pass without making the anniversary special. I think we all know how much time and effort it takes to just keep the hall doors open and that effort is put forward by volunteers - individuals and groups willing to step forward and do their part. It is one thing to do the daily work - it is a whole other thing to organize a yearlong event like the Centennial Celebration. Our Citizen of the Year for 2013 stepped forward without being asked to take charge and formed a committee to make 2014 a year to remember. Sandy has worked nonstop over the last year and a half to lead the Historic Preservation Committee in making preparations for the whole year of activities, including monthly presentations at HICC meetings,

an art auction, the dedication of a time capsule, picnic and more. I hope that everyone will take part in the upcoming Centennial event and also thank Sandy for leading the effort!

2013 Honored Citizens continued.. Pg. 5



Howard Home

Honored Citizen JAN IRVING

Rose Benz Presentation - Everyone in this room and most of the residents agree, Harstine Island is a pretty wonderful place to live. A huge piece of what makes island life special is our sense of community, which is fueled by all of our clubs, organizations, events and happenings right here in the hall and out on the parking lot. We are nearing our centennial; for almost 100 years it has taken a great deal of community-minded folks using their talents, and giving countless hours of time, energy and effort to organize hall events, run clubs and do the behind-the-scene jobs of fixing and doing to keep all that we enjoy and take part in here at the hall running smoothly. I take my lead from the person I'm presenting today. This person has served as Women's Club vice president, two terms as club president, and served on countless committees over the years. She has organized, worked on, helped with, headed up, chaired, co-chaired, revitalized, led and gave a hand to a majority of groups, clubs and Island events during her eight years living on Harstine. Like the Energizer Bunny, she keeps right on going after many others have stopped, dropped out or given up. I'm pleased to name Jan Irving (current HICC president) as one of this year's Honored Citizens.



Honored Citizen JEFF ROBERGE

Bill Burrows Presentation - Some people like to talk about things that need to be done, and others prefer to get needed things done. In my experience, there are lots of people who are in the former group and many fewer who are in the latter. The person I am introducing is clearly someone who would rather get the work done than talk about getting the work done. This person has an extensive background and thus provides a variety of skills around the Community Hall. Folks would burn up the furnace and forget that it was up, thus heating the empty building for days at a time. Our guy installed a system that helped resolve that issue. We needed some improved door hardware to comply with code. Our guy took care of that. The Board decided that for security purposes, it would be a good idea to rekey the locks and issue new keys with better record keeping. Our guy took care of that. The door to the storeroom needed to be replaced. Our guy took care of that. The Board was in need of new officers. One phone call to our guy and we had a candidate for President. I could go on and on, but the result would be the same... our guy did that. It is my pleasure to present an HICC 2013 honored citizen award to Jeff Roberge.



Honored Citizen APRIL HANSEN

Sandy Murphy's Presentation - Living on Harstine Island brings out the best in people, whether they have lived here their whole life or if they are relatively new. Some people jump in (and) join clubs, become involved with island activities and soon become part of the fabric of the island. This person has done exactly that, moving here in 2007 with her husband, Dave. She joined the community club, filling in wherever there was a need, whether cleaning in the kitchen or the main hall floor or helping someone load their car, she quietly lent a hand. She helped the HICC's secretary position, where she shared concerns relating to the school, fire and sheriffs departments. She is an advocate for the fire department and CERT, often relaying their messages on safety, disaster preparedness and more - all in her diplomatic, unbiased and encouraging way. She is also active in the women's club, delivering the monthly collection of food and money for Pioneer School in support of their food bank. If all of this isn't enough, she lends her hand to memorial luncheons and Inquiring Minds whenever possible. Most of you know her efforts to serve the community with Neighborhood Watch and All Island Eyes..



HICC Historical Preservation Committee

HPC has completed our 2nd year in preparation of the 2014 "Centennial Celebration" of the Hall. We continued on with our main goals of creating a library system of old records found in the basement and contributions from different islanders, converting HICC minutes from 1933 forward into pdf files to be presented to historical societies, fundraising to help finance and complete improvements to the Hall and parking areas and forming subcommittees to work on the actual events for the celebration

The HPC team working with chairperson Sandy Murphy consists of Bill Burrows, Gary Benz, Judie Schaaf and Jim Irving. This team of five has developed and shaped our vision for the centennial. We have embraced suggestion and ideas given to us by islanders and have enjoyed the process of working together as a well oiled team.

This year we were able to complete the painting of the exterior of the hall, build a storage building to house the Garden Club's Farmers Market and Apple Squeeze equipment, expand, grade and gravel the parking lot, replace the front porch lighting, and replace the back hand railing to meet current ADA standards. Our fundraising efforts have been supported by local business who have ties to the island and by islanders past and present whose donations have helped with the goals of improving the hall for its centennial. We want the hall to enter its 100th year looking and functioning at its best. By being good stewards we hope to continue to set the standards for the hall's next 100 years! For a more detailed version of what has been accomplished this year see the 2013 *Year In Review* on our website: www.harstinecc.org.

HARSTINE ISLAND GARDEN CLUB

Twenty six years ago Denise Bechwith and Jim Anderson, Barbara and the late Damon Lajune had a vision - let's host a farmers market at the Community Hall. The market averaged twenty five vendors per Saturday this past year and that doesn't count the non profits. The market now has its own Island coffee roasting company. With our own local musicians jamming most Saturdays it makes for a lively, engaging market. We have room for more vendors! We charge a nominal fee and assign vendor sites. Market managers are Donna and Charlie Strandberg (528-7150).

You'll be glad to know that Jim Anderson is keeping his hand in the Apple Squeeze and this year we had a little cider left over that went home with those who stayed late to clean up. Jim has already overhauled the equipment in preparation for Squeeeae 2014. Arlen Morris continues to out do herself on arranging the activities inside the Hall. Apple Squeeze Saturday is always busy!

The Club has had a busy year. We've hosted a number of programs - including a soil/greenhouse specialist, a mason bee expert showing us how to make inexpensive mason bee houses, Eric Hagen from WSU Extension talked about pest control and micro nutrients. We held our third annual wreath making class in November, John Moss talked about how to raise vegetables for the table, how to choose seed and have successive plantings. Bill Shoaf taught us more on caring for and pruning our fruit trees and we'll soon have a cheese maker put on a demonstration. The Pie Contest didn't do that well, but we're going to do it again after revamping. Several of us cleaned up the gardens at the Hall and are planning another spruce up. We ended the year at the Strandbergs with a Christmas potluck. Arlen had us making table decorations for the Hall - which afterwards went to Shelton Rehab.

We've got a lot more planned for the coming year and - oh yes - we welcome off islanders to join us. Our dues are \$12/year. Let us know if there's a subject you'd like us to cover and we'll try to find a presenter.

HICC THANKS EACH OF YOU FOR SUPPORTING THE 2014 "CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION"

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 ***Squaxin Island Tribe
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 **Manke Lunber Company
 *Peninsula Credit Union

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 ***Senior Lunch
 *Theater Club
 *Neighborhood Watch
 *TOPS
 *Garden Club

To Our Individual Supporters

(including all anonymous donors and those whose names were not available at the time of publication)

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The HICC Historical Preservation Committee wants to thank everyone who has donated to the "Centennial Upgrades" in 2013 - including those who bought Centennial Calendars and Note Cards, put money into the donation jars. Our special thanks to all the volunteers who have so generously given their time and talents. We could not have accomplished these upgrades without each of you and your generosity!

2014 brings much to be thankful for. We thank the generations before us who built and maintained the hall - providing us a unique and special place to come together as a community. Let the celebration begin!

**Grand Total of Centennial Donations =
\$15,148.00 + In Kind Donation**



Harstine Island Community Choir

A great German philosopher, Friedrich Nietzsche, declared, "Without music, life would be a mistake." This short statement gives us something to ponder as we set priorities in our lives. Few of us go through many days without music touching us in some way. Therefore, it seems not only logical, but imperative that the people of Mason County and Harstine Island continue supporting their excellent regional choir, Harstine Island Community Choir.

Our community is indeed fortunate. The director for ten years, Elizabeth Berndt, has had choral directing education in the U.S. and at the Conservatory of Music in Stuttgart, Germany. She brings out the best in the 50 volunteer singers who present two concerts a year at three different venues. Concert themes vary widely and can be quite complex. Recent themes included songs from Native Americans, compositions based on poems by Robert Frost, sea shanties from sailors, and Celtic Christmas songs. Often the choir is joined by guest musicians. Whatever the focus, the music is beautifully presented, and audiences have responded with ever increasing attendance.

The choir's mission is to bring music to everyone in Mason County and surrounding areas. Each year the choir expands the musical opportunities available. They have sung for Friends of the Library, tree lighting ceremonies, Music in the Park, and Allyn Days. They also sponsor learning opportunities, such as Humanities of Washington music presentations and this Spring, the first annual Mason County Youth Music Competition, called Music to Our Ears.

Currently, the choir is preparing the Spring concern, "Sentimental Journey," which features popular songs from 1910 to 1955 - the "Golden Age" of song. This was a time of radio, Broadway shows, Hollywood musicals, and even "live" performances in homes across the nation via small black and white TV's. The driving force making this music so memorable was some of the best composers, arrangers and lyricists the world has known. Today, nearly 100 years from the start of this era, Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" and "God Bless America," Judy Garland's singing "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," and Broadway musical songs like "Some Enchanted Evening" still resonate in our hearts.

"Sentimental Journey" is pure entertainment. Experience a Harstine Island Community Choir fun-filled performance the third weekend in May - Friday, May 16, 7-8:30pm @ the Northside Baptist Church - Saturday, May 17, 3-4:30pm @ St. Hugh Episcopal Church - Sunday, May 18, 3-4:30pm @ Harstine Island Community Hall.

The concerts are not ticketed, but the choir appreciates donations to help cover expenses.

If you are yearning for musical opportunities in your life, the Harstine Island Community Choir welcomes you to join them. Rehearsals are Sunday afternoons at the Community Hall from 4-6pm. Choristers work hard and have fun with like-minded friends who know that "life without music is a mistake!" For more information please contact jane3623@gmail.com



TODAY ■ TOMORROW ■ FOREVER

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE DONATIONS IN MEMORY OF PAST ISLANDERS AND LOVED ONES, PLEASE TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO HONOR THEM BY INCLUDING THEIR NAMES IN THIS SPECIAL SECTION OF DONATIONS. THEY WILL BE GIVEN RECOGNITION AT THE DEDICATION OF THE TIME CAPSULE AND PRESENTATION OF "SELECTED HISTORY OF HARSTINE ISLAND COMMUNITY HALL CEREMONY" ON OCTOBER 18, 2014

**"In Memoriam Donations" for the Community Hall's Centennial Celebration may be sent to: Harstine Island Community Club
P.O. Box 1635, Shelton, WA 98584**

WOMEN'S CLUB

THE WOMEN'S CLUB HAD ITS BEGINNING IN 1916 WHEN NINE ISLAND WOMEN MET FOR AN AFTERNOON OF SEWING AND NEWS. TODAY THE WOMEN'S CLUB - WITH 120 MEMBERS - IS DEDICATED TO PROVIDING A SOCIAL VENUE FOR ISLAND WOMEN AND TO SERVING ISLAND NEEDS AND THOSE OF THE LARGER COMMUNITY. MEETINGS INCLUDE SPECIAL LUNCHEONS, GAMES, AUCTIONS, AND EDUCATIONAL AND ENTERTAINING PROGRAMS.

FUND-RAISING IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF HIWC ACTIVITIES. THE CLUB AND THE JUDY & CHARLES CASE SCHOLARSHIP ENDOWMENT PROVIDE FUNDS FOR CONTINUING EDUCATION FOR ISLAND STUDENTS. FUNDS ARE CHanneled TO THE COMMUNITY CLUB FOR UPKEEP AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE HALL. MONTHLY CONTRIBUTIONS ARE ALSO MADE TO LOCAL FOOD BANKS AND THE TURNING POINTE WOMEN'S SHELTER.

SPORTSWEAR WITH THE HARSTINE ISLAND LOGO IS SOLD BY THE CLUB AT THE WEEKLY FARMERS' MARKET. CENTENNIAL TEES WITH THE JOHN COOPER DRAWING OF THE HALL ARE THE LATEST ADDITION. THE RECIPE COLLECTION, HARSTINE ISLAND COOKS, AND AN EXPLORATION OF OUR EARLY HISTORY, THE ISLAND REMEMBERS, ARE ALSO OFFERED. FOR BOOK INFORMATION CONTACT JOYE ROBINSON, GJROBINSON@AOL.COM OR 360-427-6420.

THE ISLAND'S HOLIDAY HOUSE BAZAAR, A POPULAR SHOWCASE FOR LOCAL HANDCRAFTED ITEMS, IS HELD ON THE SATURDAY FOLLOWING THANKSGIVING. THE KIDS CARNIVAL IS THE SECOND SATURDAY IN AUGUST FEATURING GAMES, CLOWNS AND LOTS OF PRIZES FOR AREA CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN.

MEETINGS ARE HELD MONTHLY ON THE FIRST THURSDAY (EXCEPT JULY) AND ALL ISLAND WOMEN ARE WELCOMED. JOIN US!!



Harstine Theatre



Before the bridge was opened there were few permanent residents on the Island. Their local social life pretty much centered on the Grange and the Community Club. After the bridge and during the 1970s and 80s people began to move here in increasing numbers. One result was a growing community club membership and new blood with varying interests - one of these being the Community Theater.

In the reminiscences of our founder, Shirl Larson, she recalls how a gentle request of Thora Seward to have "some theater on this island" prompted the beginnings. In 1972 the seventeen member Women's Club presented a Christmas show followed by a Spring show cobbled together with skits and poems written or adapted by Shirl - who was a long time actress in Vaudeville, on stage and television before coming to Harstine - these continued and grew to annual events.

The group has grown and matured over the years since, producing shows from Vaudeville skits to full blown Broadway productions the likes of 'The Sound of Music'. Back stage clutter from stage sets and costumes became such a problem by 1987 that the Theater Club undertook the task of excavating under the west end of the Community Hall and constructing the storage space now existing --prop room, heated costume room and the great room for Community Hall general use. All of the lumber used was cut and milled on the Island by Glen Yates (with a lot of help).

Over the years the club has added lighting, sound systems, a control booth, enlarged the permanent stage and temporary stage. The Theater Club shares in Community Club annual expenses, insurance, taxes, etc. The Club also provides an arts related scholarship.

If you would like to become part of the fun and work please come to one of our monthly meetings and check it out. We meet the last Monday of every month at 7pm - potluck at 6:30pm.

Important Information

Harstine Island Community Club

Contact: Jan Irving - 432-9231

Programs: Rose Benz - 427-3180

Monthly meetings held on the second Friday of each month. Happy hour and Potluck @ 6pm - Meeting @ 7pm

Garden Club & Farmers Market

Contact: Diane Edgin - 427-0422

Monthly meetings second Thursday of each month.

Farmers Market: Saturdays May 31 through Oct. 11

Grange #568

Monthly meetings held on the third Friday of each month. Potluck @ 6:30pm - Meeting @ 7:30pm

Harstine Community Choir

Contact: Elizabeth Berndt - 432-9940

All Island Eyes Network

Harstine Neighborhood Watch

harstineneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com

Senior Lunch

Contact: Barbara LaJune - 426-0494

Every other Wednesday @ Noon

Theater Club

Contact: Bob Helm - 427-0448

Monthly meetings held on the last Monday of each month. Potluck @ 6:30pm - Meeting @ 7pm

Women's Club

Contact: Judy Graff - 427-0647

Monthly meetings held on the first Thursday of each month. Brown bag lunch (dessert & coffee provided)

Community Emergency Response Training

Contact: Nick Neuerberg - 427-5521

Monthly meetings held on the third Thursday of each month @ 7pm - Station 9 (next to Community Hall)

TOPS #W1402

Contact: Carol Lettich - 427-0889

Mondays @ 9am

Pinochle Club

Contact: Barbara LaJune - 426-0494

Mixed first & third Saturday @ 7pm

Contact: Pat Ritchie - 427-0413

Women: Every other Tuesday @ Noon

Historical Preservation

Contact: Sandy Murphy - 427-1327

Dates To Remember

April

- 5 Saturday Market (10am to Noon)
- 25 Theater Club Play (8pm)
- 26 Theater Club Play (8pm)
- 27 Choir/Inquiring Minds (1pm)
- 27 Theater Club Play (4pm)

May

- 3 Garden Club Plant Sale (9am to 2pm)
- 4 Centennial Open House (1 to 3pm)
- 18 Choir Performance (3pm)
- 24 HICC Spaghetti Dinner (5 to 8 pm)
- 31 Farmers Market Begins (10am to Noon)

July

- 4 Theater Club Play (7pm)
- 5 Theater Club Play (7pm)
- 6 Theater Club Play (3pm)
- 25 Centennial Auction (6:30 to 9:30pm)

August

- 2 HICC Rummage Sale (9am to 3pm)
- 8 HICC Outdoor Picnic (6pm)

October

- 10 HICC Octoberfest (6pm)
- 11 Farmers Market Last Day (10 to Noon)
- 11 Garden Club Apple Squeeze (9-3pm)
- 18 Time Capsule Dedication (3pm)

November

- 27 Thanksgiving Dinner (2pm)
- 29 Women's Club HOLIDAY HOUSE (10 am to 3 pm)

December

- 5 Theater Club Play (8pm)
- 6 Theater Club Play (8pm)
- 7 Theater Club Play (3pm)
- 25 Christmas Dinner (2pm)
- 31 New Year's Dinner/Dance (8pm)

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HICC

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I NQUIRING M INDS / C ONVERSATIONS

Inquiring Minds / Conversations is a unique community service project of the Harstine Island Community Club. Now in its 6th year, it is a winter series of lectures and performances which take place on the last Sunday of the months of January, February and March at 2:00pm with doors open at 1:30 and the coffee pot on. Speakers and performers are provided by the Speaker Bureau of Humanities Washington, a state wide organization funded by the National Endowment of the Humanities, Washington State Legislature and private donations. The Speaker Bureau is only one of many programs, projects, and project funding that are available to communities throughout the State of Washington at little or no cost. (See Humanities.org) In our case, they pick up the speaker fee and HICC pays the travel expenses. Speakers are drawn from a roster of scholars, authors, teachers, musicians, historians, artists, and/or experts in a given field all with remarkable credentials. It is a program available to any non profit, which to our benefit makes it possible for the Harstine Choir to also book one additional program. We are open to partnering with any local non-profit that would like to join us in this opportunity to bring cultural programs to our island or the surrounding community. The committee always welcomes volunteers to help with the production details. Contact: Arlen Morris, IQM Chair 360-432-9712 or arltim2@q.com

1936 - THERE WERE 14 MEN AND 18 WOMEN MEMBERS OF THE HARSTINE SOCIAL CLUB. DUES WERE \$1 WHICH COULD BE PAID 25 CENTS EACH QUARTER OF THE YEAR.



The Harstine Island Community Hall is located at 3371 E Harstine Island Rd N (left at the bridge and three miles north).

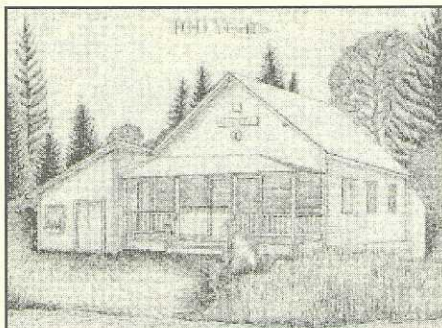
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Harstine Islander



The Harstine Island Community Hall was built in 1914. The ground where the Hall is located was donated by Andrew Johnson, Hilma Wingert's father. For the lumber, the men went along the beach and fell trees that were easy to get out. August Carlson also donated trees for lumber. Jim Edgbert, Arthur Wingert, and Alan McKay used two teams of horses to haul the logs out of the woods. Then they were rafted and towed by the "Marie", owned by Raymond and John Haskell, and the "Levina", owned by Ed Cowan, to the sawmill at Taylor Bay. When the lumber was finished, it was towed back to the Island in a scow by the "Marie". Horses and a wagon were used to haul it from the bay to the location of the Hall.

The main carpenters were the Sund brothers - John, Bill and Oscar - from Stadium (near Grapeview). Islanders taking part in the building were: Lee Carlson, Ed Wilson, John Wilson, Arlo Wingert, Arthur Wingert and Paul Hitchcock. This was just for the main Hall. The dining room and kitchen were added later. Potluck picnics often went along with the work parties. In 1916, the lean-to, consisting of dining room and kitchen, were added by Bill Sayers and helpers Tony Goetsch, Wilson Carlson and several others. The old large black camp stove used in the kitchen for years was donated by Mark Reed of Simpson Logging Company. The kitchen was small and dark with a steep flight of steps going down the outside on the south end of the building and leading across a little stream to a couple of out-houses. There was no water in the Hall and it was lighted by gas lamps. When there was a "doings", water and wood were brought from home or borrowed from neighbors. There were many doings those good old days with people coming by boat from Agate, Stadium and Vaughn. All these dances were to raise money for the stage, sealing the kitchen and dining room, and a maple hardwood floor. The proceeds also later bought a 4 cycle gas engine light plant, which was underneath the Hall. It popped away and quite often stopped and the lights would go out, to the delight of the dancers.

