



Harstine Islander

2015

From The President

Rose Benz

The Harstine Island Community Hall is 100 years old and the centennial celebration was a huge success. 2014 was a year long examination and celebration of our Hall. Monthly HICC meetings became reenactments of Island clubs' history. Other centennial events were planned throughout the year. All these wonderful happenings topped off by a double header finale - the gala art auction and an old fashioned picnic. A good time was had by all! Like a behind the scenes of a Hollywood movie set, it took a huge cast of dedicated folks to make it happen. "Roll the credits please," Sandy Murphy directed a huge cast of characters, too many to name, and I would not want to forget anyone. My sincere thanks to you all - please take a bow.

2015 - my first year as HICC president and stepping into the "ruby slippers" - I will continue to follow the yellow brick road solidly built by my predecessor Jan Irving. The same mantras still stand - we can always use volunteers for big and little projects. Also consider hosting a Community Club meeting. A little done by a lot will keep our Hall going. So.. grab your potluck dish and see you all at the next HICC meeting for yet another good time.



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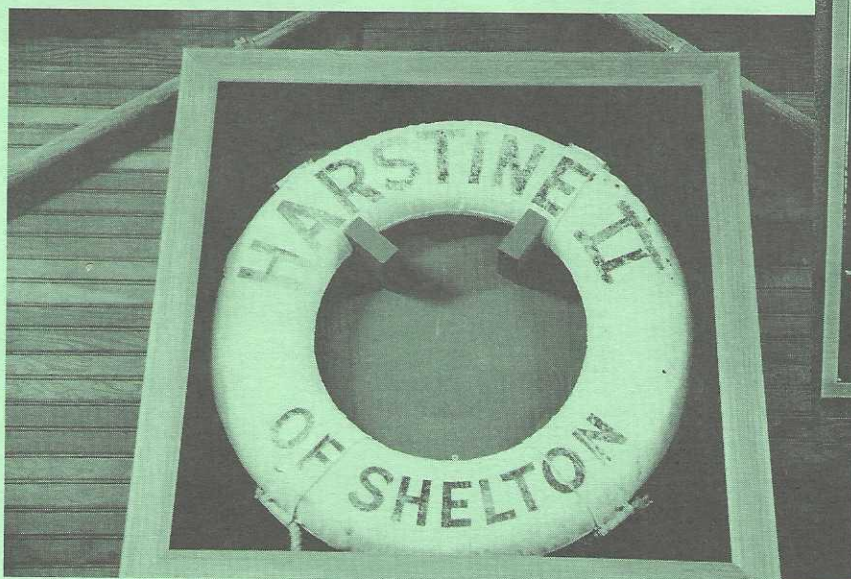
Past President's Message

What a great year to have been President. 2014 saw the Hall turn 100 amid the same spirit that started it all -- neighbors coming together to make things happen. It always makes me smile as I see the variety of people who cherish the Hall and this community. Age, politics, religion, wealth don't seem to matter as everyone pitches in. The August picnic in the parking lot was a real hit and many people have suggested we repeat it. All it takes is a volunteer to decide to organize it and there will be plenty of offers of help. Thank you for the opportunity (and fun) of being President the last two years. I look forward to future events and new members.

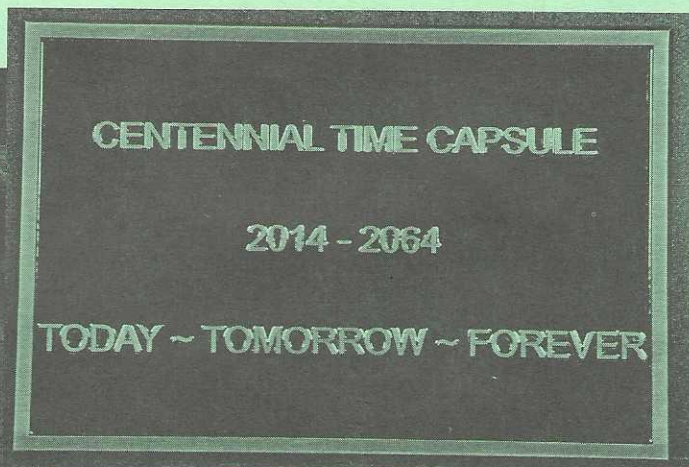
Jan Irving
HICC President
2013-2014



*Adorable attendee at the dedication
of the time capsule*



Life preserver from the old Harstine farm



Time capsule plaque

Thank you to our photographers:
Tom Mulledy
Shelleen Mathews

Island Non-Profit Organizations

Harstine Community Choir
(360) 432-9940

Pioneer Community Kiwanis Club
(360) 432-0136

Wild Felid Advocacy Center
of Washington (360) 427-4466

Pioneer Food Bank

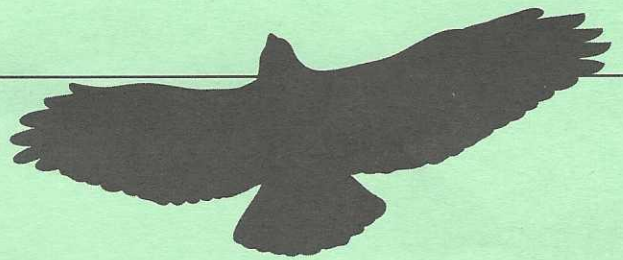
The Pioneer Food Bank is an all volunteer and community partnership food bank dedicated to serving the Pioneer Area.

The food bank provides a monthly food disbursement at the Pioneer Intermediate Middle School Cafeteria. Disbursement dates can be found on the Pioneer School District web site. Additionally contributions help to provide weekend back pack meals for Pioneer School children at risk.

Non perishable food items may be dropped off at Fresh Start Deli (Pickering Rd). For further coordination contact:

pioneerfoodbank@gmail.com

If you would like to help us further please contact the Pioneer Food Bank at the email address above.



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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 (1/1/14):

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

ENDING BALANCES (12/31/14):

Savings:	\$	5,692
Checking:	\$	13,895
TOTAL:	\$	19,587

2014 INCOME

Membership Dues	\$ 5,355	15%
Donations	1,584	5%
Fundraisers	21,789	63%
Hall Rental	4,150	12%
Insurance Contrib.	1,500	4%
Misc. Income	368	1%
TOTALS	\$34,746	100%

2014 EXPENSES

Administration	\$ 3,381	11%
Building Maintenance	13,648	45%
Fundraiser Expenses	3,160	11%
Utilities	4,723	16%
Insurance	4,747	16%
Miscellaneous Expenses	266	1%
TOTALS	\$29,925	100%

HICC Honored Citizens

From October 2014

by Sandy Murphy

"It is my pleasure to say a few words about tonight's program honoring the 2014 "Citizen of the Year" and "Honored Citizen" Awards.

This event is the Community Clubs' opportunity to recognize selected individuals who have made significant contributions to the Island and recognize them.

These awards were started 27 years ago, in 1987, during the presidency of Gerri Lewis along with the first Octoberfest. It was Damon LaJune who suggested the presentation of the awards. A tradition that continues today in the Hall's 100th year and into the future.

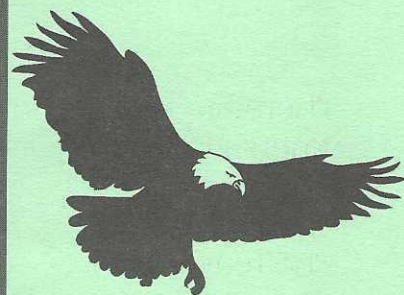
The process begins each year, at the August meetings of the Women's Club, Theater Club and Garden Club where they select two representatives to form the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee is chaired by the prior years Citizen of the Year. The Chair selects an additional member who has a long standing affiliation with the community to provide additional information and serve in the selection process. The Selection Committee meets during the month of August and makes its choice for the "Citizen of the Year" and up to three "Honored Citizens". This process will be completed by the end of August. *Followed by the task of keeping the recipients names secret until the October meeting. Not an easy task!*

In September the Committee Chair is responsible for getting the plaques ordered and engraved. The Chair will also organize the presentation ceremony held at the October meeting of the Community Club."

2014 HICC Honored Citizens



Left to Right:
Jan Irving,
Sharon Zeeben,
Wendy Cobb,
John Strasburger



Read about these
deserving folks
beginning on page 5.



JOHN STRASBURGER Honored Citizen

This Honored Citizen is all about citizenship...

As Islanders, separated from civilization and the world around us, it is not always easy to get the inside information we need to be effective citizens on the local level. The Journal helps, but what we really need is someone to go to meetings and be our eyes and ears. Fortunately our honoree excels in giving us that insider view. For way over a decade he has attended meeting after meeting of the Mason County Sheriff's Advisory Board returning to give us not only the news of what occurred at the meetings, but also how decisions affect us, and helpful information about what we need to do to improve the safety and welfare for all Islanders.

If he can't be at a community club meeting, he makes sure his report is there and ready to be read! This isn't just dedication, he believes in our community and that getting us this information makes us better citizens - and our Island a better place to live.

Also... who knew he was such a talented musician and gifted guitarist who freely entertains us at numerous club events.

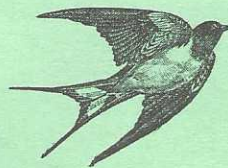
Thank you, John, for all you do to keep us informed.

WENDY COBB Honored Citizen

Our next Honored Citizen has been an Island resident for many years. She has been a member of the Garden Club offering expertise as a Master Gardener. Rain or shine she organized many outdoor work parties to keep the grounds surrounding the Hall attractive. She works with contractors on landscape and improvements. She has served on the HICC Board of Directors and was Chief in Charge of the Time Capsule project.

Every year the Community Hall is decorated inside and out for the annual Octoberfest. The Harstine Community Choir has benefited from her involvement for many years and she also served on their Board.

A great smile and contagious laugh have made her a joy to work with and be around!



SHARON ZEEBEN Most Honored Citizen

There are people on Harstine Island who are quiet workers, who work for the benefit of the Women's Club and/or the Community Club - who rarely get a "thank you" from all of us. When called upon to chair a committee she doesn't hesitate and does the work with humor and diligence.

The reason she is rarely noticed by those in the main hall is that she is directing the work in the kitchen. Women's Club has benefited by her guidance in chairing the food committee for the Teddy Bear's Picnic, Paris in Springtime Luncheon, Christmas luncheons and most recently - and successfully - she co-chaired the Community Club Auction with Sandy Kramer.

Will there be room in the Hall for you?...for your grandkids?

Now, occasionally, we have Standing Room Only for events at the Community Hall. What will it be like in the next hundred years? We will certainly need to expand greatly or build a new, larger hall to accommodate our growing population.

Whatever is built and whenever it happens, it will take a lot of money. So we've started a dedicated building fund to which you may contribute now. Any amount, anytime, tax deductible, but especially so you can name the HICC Second 100-Year Building Fund in your will.

Use the forms on the next page. Give serious consideration to making a special bequest in line with all the benefits you enjoy from Club activities. An amount that will keep the Club vital, growing and at the center of our Harstine community. Always. And so there will be room in the Hall at future events for your grandchildren's children and beyond.

Second One Hundred Years Building Fund

The Community Club of Harstine Island has launched an ambitious effort to create a fund to serve expansion needs for its second one hundred years. The Club, with its locally iconic 100-year old Hall, anticipates that the population of the Island will continue to grow and that, eventually, additional meeting and recreational space will be required. No thought is being given at this time to replacing the hall, which is a wonderful vestige of the Island's history. But sometime in the second hundred years in order to accommodate more people and more activities, the hall will need to be expanded or replaced. The idea is to get a running start to position the Club for decisions that may not be taken for some time yet. A decision to use the funds will require a two-thirds affirmative vote of both the Club Board and the membership at large.

Action to create the fund was taken at a meeting of the Club's executive board in June, 2014, following work since April by a group of concerned Island residents led by Jeff Geibel and Dudley Panchot. That group, with some evolution in its membership, now functions officially as the fund-raising committee. All its members have given to the Fund and other donors have brought the fund total to \$16,600 at this time. The effort got underway officially at an Octoberfest dinner at the Hall. The effort will encompass giving in several forms – cash, stocks or property and legacy gifts. Morgan Stanley, which will manage the funds, has agreed to do so without charging a commission for this service.

The Harstine Island Community Club (HICC) is recognized by the IRS as a 501 C (3) organization, making donations to the HICC Second One Hundred Years Fund tax deductible. People wishing to support this cause to sustain and perpetuate our heritage may get in touch with Jeff Geibel or Dudley Panchot at jgeibel@q.com and anne1700@gmail.com, respectively. Potential donors may also contact other members of the Committee: Jan Irving (irving.harstine@gmail.com); Wally Ewart (wallyewart@gmail.com); Chris Rowley (becky.Rowley@gmail.com); David Mackey (dmackey@solar2.us); and John Hamilton (jrhamilton05@gmail.com).

HICC Building Fund Donors List (as of 1/31/2015)

Mike & Linda Benson, Leo & Marlene Echaniz, Wally & Jo Ewart, Roy & Connie Ferguson, Jeff & Sally Geibel, John & Donna Hamilton, Sandra Herndon & David Mackey, Jim & Jan Irving, Dudley & Ann Panchot, Chris & Becky Rowley, Peggy Smith & Bart Simon, and Bernie & Jan Walton



2nd 100 Year Building Fund Make your donation now

You may make your tax-deductible donation in most any form: cash now, leave a donation in your will to become a Legacy Donor and enjoy special benefits in the future, give or leave real estate or securities.

CASH NOW: Make your check out now to "HICC" and mail it to: Treasurer, HICC, PO Box 1635, Shelton, WA 98584. On the check in the "For" line, write: "2nd 100 -Year Building Fund Donation."

NAME THE FUND IN YOUR WILL: Use the two note forms below. One to notify your attorney of this donation and the amount; the other to tell the HICC Treasurer so we can thank you and name you as a Legacy Donor in the future (only your name, not the amount given, will be used unless you don't want even that, then check the box in the form below.)

REAL ESTATE, SECURITIES OR OTHER DONATIONS: To make special arrangements for these or other gifts, call Jeff Geibel, Convener, 2nd 100 -Year Building Fund Committee, (360) 426-4922.

Fill out this note and mail it in a stamped envelope to your attorney:

HICC 2ND 100 -YEAR BUILDING FUND LEGACY DONATION

I _____ leave \$ _____

Print Name

Or I leave _____% percent of the remainder of my estate to the "HICC 2nd 100-Year Building Fund", a separate account of the Harstine Island Community Club (HICC) to be managed and used only in accordance with the resolution of the HICC Board establishing said Fund, adopted July 3, 2014.

Signed _____ Date _____

----- Cut these notes on borderlines, fill in your information, and mail both in stamped envelopes. -----

Fill out this note and mail it in a stamped envelope to HICC:

TREASURER, HARSTINE ISLAND COMMUNITY CLUB, PO BOX 1635, SHELTON, WA 98584

Treasurer: This is to advise you I have made a Legacy Donation in my will to the HICC 2nd 100 -Year Building Fund.

You may include my name in future fund promotion, but do not disclose the amount I plan to give. Check here if we may not even use your name.

Print name _____ Date _____

Address _____ Phone _____

JAN IRVING

Citizen of the Year

Presented by Rose Benz

Last year when presenting one of our honored citizen awards I started my presentation with "Harstine Island is a pretty wonderful place to live. A huge piece of what makes Island life special is the sense of community, which is fueled by events and happenings right here in the hall and out on the parking lot."

Our 2014 Citizen of the Year moved to Harstine 9 years ago and immediately became a vital part of the working fabric of our Island. A joiner, worker bee, doer, helper, organizer, jump in give a hand kind of person. With her encouraging accepting ways she motivates both long time and new island residents to join in. Her "can do it" attitude has spanned every club, group, island project, fund raiser and community club program. This person has served as Women's Club president, vice president and countless committees and events over the years.

She has chaired, organized and helped with 5 New Years Eve dances, 2 Labor Day dances and 7 Oktoberfests. Her talents include past newsletters, creating community club signs and banners. She served on the Women's Club scholarship committee and helped with Kids Carnival. A key player in our Centennial Year Celebration, Holiday House, All Island Rummage Sale, Spaghetti Fee, Island clean up and Inquiring Minds. Over the years you can find her at farmers market standing in front of the community club table working memberships and financial support of the community club. Weekly she puts her teaching talents to work at the Mason County Literacy Program.

By now you all know I'm talking about our Community Club president and my best friend. I'm pleased to name Jan Irving as this years Citizen of the Year.



*Jim & Jan Irving
at the Harstine Island
Farmers Market
buying flowers*



Harstine Island Women's Club

Established 1916

Contact: Judie Schaaf 432-5877
judieann2@gmail.com

- Sport Your Island Pride -

Show off your association with Harstine Island - sweatshirts, visors, t-shirts, fleece vests, denim shirts and mugs. The Women's Club has a wide variety of logo goods.

- HOLIDAY HOUSE -

A perfect way to to start your Holiday shopping - Saturday after

Thanksgiving at the Community Hall and Fire Station.

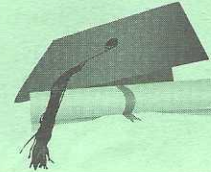
Hand-crafted items galore!



One day in 1916, Bessie Hitchcock invited the neighborhood ladies to her home at Ballow for an afternoon of sewing and news exchanging....

- Scholarships -

Each year the Women's Club awards scholarships to Harstine Island residents graduating, or having graduated, from a Mason County High School (or having obtained a GED). Scholarships are available for academic, vocational, or continuing education. Scholarships awarded to graduating high school seniors are presented at their respective high school's Awards Ceremony.



- Memorial Lunches -

When someone from the island passes on, the women provide a memorial lunch at the Community Hall. It's a service that allows the family to grieve as well as feel the sense of community the Island provides.

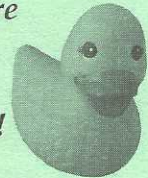


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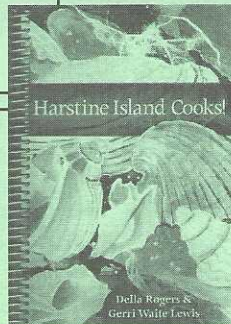
- Kids' Carnival -

The second Saturday in August is always a fun family day at the Community Hall. Young people and adults work together to make this a special day. There are games, clowns and prizes.

A great activity for children and grandchildren!



Meetings on the first Thursday of the month. Dessert and coffee provided.



GET YOUR COPY OF HARSTINE ISLAND COOKS!

AVAILABLE AT SAGE BOOK STORE, ARTS & FLOWERS, HARSTINE FARMERS MARKET, MOST ISLAND EVENTS. CALL: DELLA ROGERS 427-3738.



Bring your cans and non-ferrous metals to Fire Station(s) #9, #11 or #57!

Pennies become dollars and dollars multiply to benefit local organizations. Nick Neuerberg is carrying on the Bud Glaser aluminum recycling and charitable giving program.

Pitch In!!



Important Information

Harstine Island Community Club

Contact: Rose Benz - 427-3180

Programs: Linda Roberge - 432-0710

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

Garden Club & Farmers Market

Contact: Donna Strandberg - 427-0422

Monthly meetings second Thursday of each month.

Farmers Market: Saturdays May 31 through Oct. 11

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

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

Mason County Fire - District 5

Business: 426-5533

Burn Ban: 427-7799

Dates To Remember

April

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

May

- 2 Garden Club Plant Sale (9am to 2pm)
- 23 HICC Spaghetti Dinner (5 to 8 pm)
- 30 Farmers Market Begins (10am to Noon)

July

- 3 Theater Club Play (7pm)
- 4 Theater Club Play (7pm)
- 5 Theater Club Play (3pm)

August

- 1 HICC Rummage Sale (9am to 3pm)
- 8 Children's Carnival (10am to 3pm)

October

- 9 HICC Oktoberfest (6pm)
- 10 Farmers Market Last Day (10 to Noon)
- 10 Garden Club Apple Squeeze (9-3pm)

November

- 14 Saturday Market (10am to Noon)
- 26 Thanksgiving Dinner (2pm)
- 28 Women's Club HOLIDAY HOUSE (10 am to 3 pm)

December

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

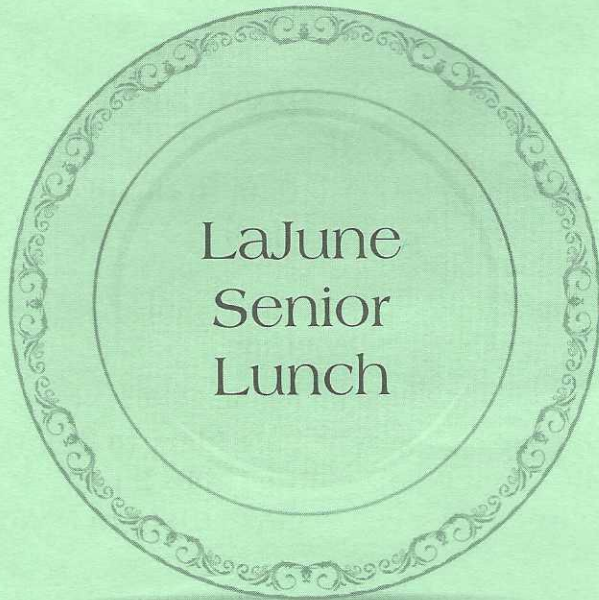
Big family dinner? Wedding? Party? Meeting? You get the idea.... rent the HICC Hall. Restrooms, complete kitchen, tables, chairs, parking, etc.

Your \$15.00 yearly HICC dues gives

HICC

Rent Me!

427-4466



A great meal - friendship - and community !

Seventeen years ago the first LaJune Senior Lunch was served - five diners feasted on a complete turkey dinner. Since then the number of diners has risen to a hundred or more at times!

This event is scheduled every other Wednesday at Noon. The donation asked is \$3 per person. The menus are wholesome and well balanced. The servings are plentiful and often diners return for seconds.

Free dinners are available for anyone who is ill or anyone in need of a comforting meal. The kitchen crew needs to know of anyone who could use a meal. Some of the original board members are still active in the kitchen each luncheon date.



Are YOU an HICC Member?

Did you know:

- Membership does not require participation?
- The \$15 dues per adult per year is usually 1/4 of our operating budget?
- The cost of septic upkeep and inspection keeps the toilets flushing?
- Parking lot maintenance keeps you out of the mud?
- The cost of kitchen inspection and permits keeps you from getting sick?
- Our well water is tested monthly?
- \$20,000+ per year is spent to keep the hall operating?

None of our activities would be possible without memberships and generous donations from people like you.

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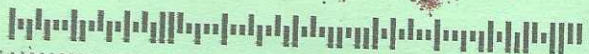
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Note: Correspondence should be sent to P.O. Box 1635, Shelton, WA 98584



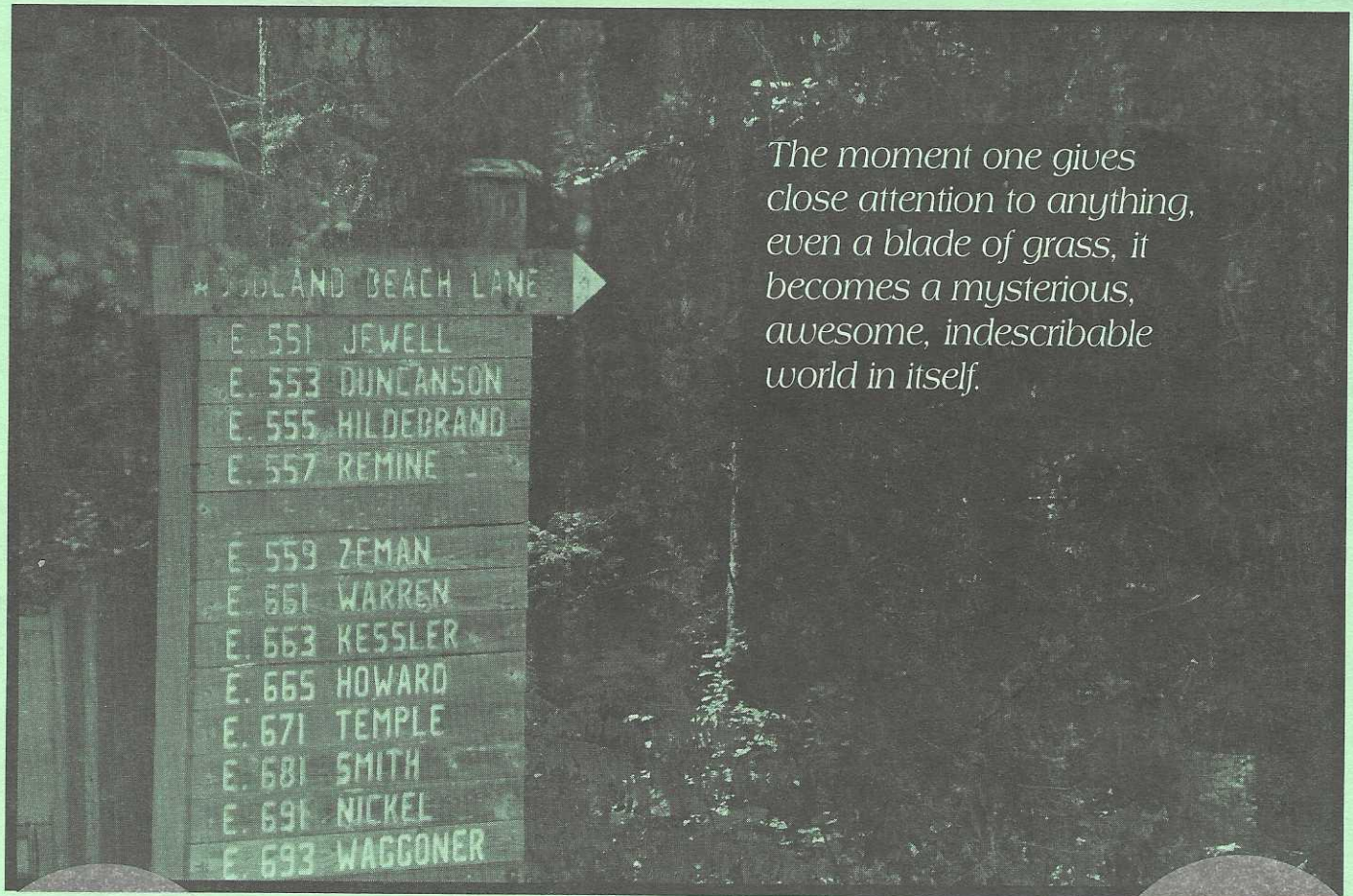
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The moment one gives close attention to anything, even a blade of grass, it becomes a mysterious, awesome, indescribable world in itself.