

# 2020 HARSTINE ISLANDER



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## Greetings Harstine Island Residents and Visitors

Another year has slipped by and what a great year it has been. The Bridge Parade and 50th Anniversary Celebration was the highlight of the year. Beautiful floats, costumes and old cars, along with gorgeous weather made for a spectacular day. Wiring for the generator was completed and the generator is in place for future emergencies. The parking lot was graded, graveled and dangerous trees were removed from the parking lot perimeter. LED lights were installed in the dining room. The kiosk across from the hall was reroofed. A new reader board was installed at the island entrance to better inform all island residents of upcoming events and emergency messages. Thanks to all the islanders who have worked hard to make the island safer and more welcoming.



Sincerely, Lyn Fish, President HICC



Your membership dues support clubs and activities at the hall:

### **Community Club**

- ◇ Inquiring Minds
- ◇ Memorial Day BBQ
- ◇ Octoberfest
- ◇ Thanksgiving Dinner
- ◇ Saturday Market Booth
- ◇ Maintenance and on-going renovations (Ways & Means projects)
- ◇ 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Building Fund
- ◇ Jarrell's Cove Cemetery
- ◇ Fall Lecture Series

### **Women's Club**

- ◇ Saturday Market Booth
- ◇ Memorial Luncheons
- ◇ Kid's Carnival
- ◇ Holiday House
- ◇ Scholarships
- ◇ Sewing Group
- ◇ Yoga
- ◇ Craft Days
- ◇ June Luncheon
- ◇ Pioneer Food Bank
- ◇ Saint's Pantry
- ◇ Turning Pointe Women's Shelter
- ◇ Taco Dinner
- ◇ Methodist Food Bank

### **Garden Club**

- ◇ Saturday Markets (year round)
- ◇ Plant Sale

### **Theatre Club**

- ◇ 2-3 Performances Per Year
- ◇ Scholarships

### **Senior Lunch**

### **Pinochle**

### **TOPS**

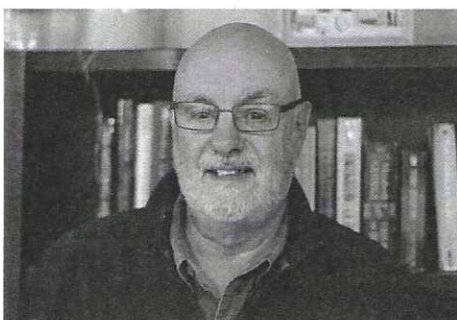


### *Your Membership Counts*

The hall has reached the grand old age of 106 and it still remains the hub of activity on our island. According to the Declaration of the Hall and Mission Statement: "The Harstine Island Community Hall promotes educational, cultural, and social opportunities for our community, our off-island neighbors, and for all the new friends we have yet to meet. The club actively manages and preserves the community hall, respecting the storied history of the hall and the island while looking forward to the future."

Keeping this in mind, we encourage the island residents to join or renew their memberships to help with the continuing upgrades and maintenance of the hall and its grounds. We encourage you to join our volunteers who dedicate their time and energy to preserve, not only the hall but also our sense of community. The hall does not stand only as a monument, but continues to serve our ever-increasing numbers. We appreciate and encourage your participation in our continuing efforts to protect, preserve and prepare our hall for the future.

Your membership dues and generous donations have made our past projects become realities. Please consider adding a donation (s) for our on-going repairs and renovations.



**Dennis Schauls Vice Pres**



**Ginny Schauls Vice Pres**

**HICC Treasurer's Report**  
**(Oct 1<sup>st</sup> 2018 – Sept 30<sup>th</sup> 2019)**

**Jim Irving, Treasurer**

*DID YOU KNOW THAT IT TAKES OVER \$75 PER DAY  
 JUST TO KEEP THE COMMUNITY CLUB MAINTAINED*

**BEGINNING BALANCES (10/1/18):**

Savings: \$ 5,699  
 Checking: \$15,032  
 TOTAL: \$20,731

**ENDING BALANCES 9/30/19):**

\$ 5,701  
\$17,176  
 \$22,877

**2ND CENTURY FUND**

(brokerage account)

\$ 289,443

88 donors, 211 donations  
 2019 donations = \$168,257

**CHASE SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

\$ 249,952

**2019 INCOME**

**2019 EXPENSES**

Membership Dues	\$ 9,450	29%
Donations	5,199	16%
Fundraisers	8,265	26%
Hall Rental	5,272	16%
Insurance Contrib.	1,500	5%
Misc. Income	2,443	8%

Administration*	\$ 4,869	18%
Maint. & Improvements**	9,226	33%
Fundraiser Expenses	1,803	7%
Utilities	5,373	20%
Insurance	5,905	22%
Misc. Expenses	120	<1%

**TOTALS**                      **\$32,129**                      **100%**

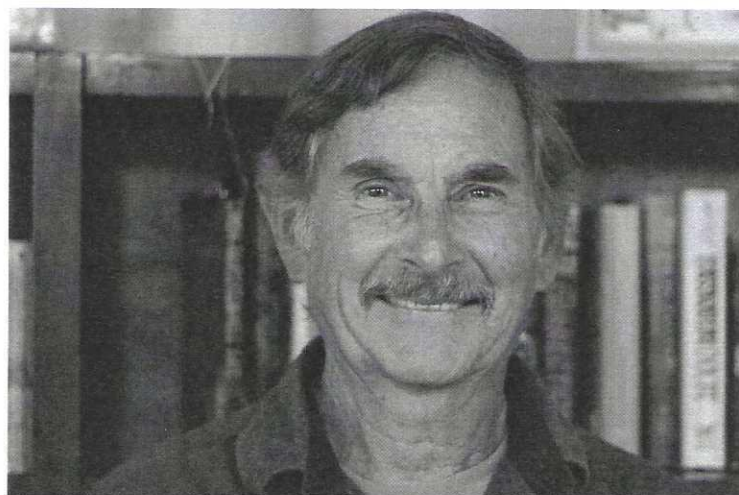
**\$27,296**                      **100%**

\*Includes: permits, fees, community sponsored events, taxes, awards, donations, & newsletter

\*\*Includes: supplies, repairs, cleaning, triangle upgrade, gravel, generator wiring, etc

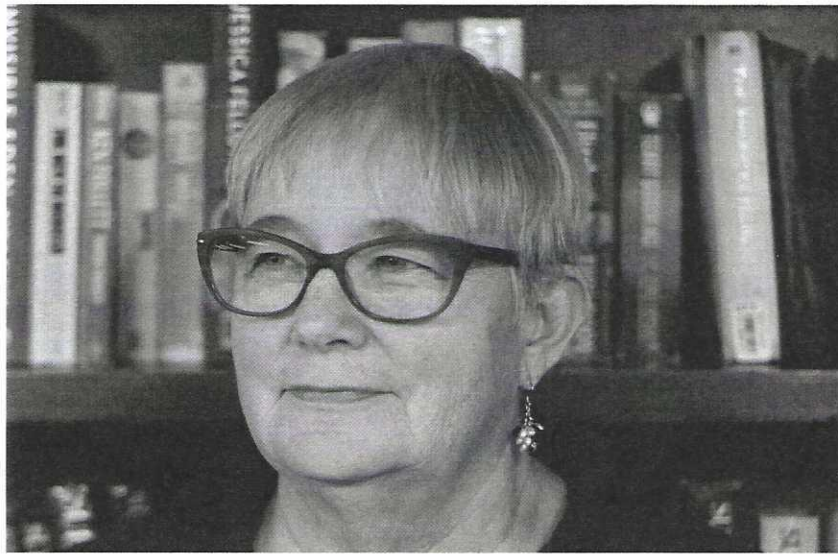
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**Jim Irving - Treasurer**





Lee Strohm

#### HICC Honored Citizen 2019

Harstine hall is a vital part of our community. It was used 503 times in the past year. For the last two years one person has done an outstanding job of managing it. She manages the calendar and purchases supplies for the hall. Lee interacts with all the clubs: senior lunches, exercise groups, plays, choir practices, memorials and weddings.

She is active in Pioneer Kiwanis, chaired the Memorial Day BBQ and oversees the fire hall for Holiday House. She is involved with Farmers Market as part of her Garden Club duties. It is a pleasure to introduce 2019 Honored Citizen Lee Strohm .



#### HICC Honored Citizen 2019

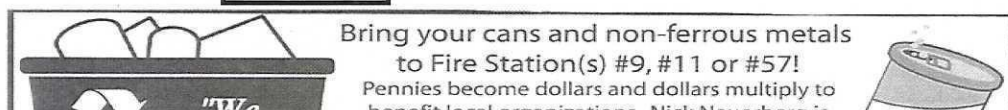
This honored citizen bought property on Harstine Island years ago when she and her husband were stationed at Bremerton Naval Base. Over the next 20 years they spent vacations camping on the land. They built a house and moved here full time in 2001. She established a farm that grows the most wonderful plants and joined the Garden Club. She has served as president and treasurer of the Garden Club and has worked hard to bring programs and speakers to the Garden Club meetings. She also works tirelessly as the market manager to keep the Farmers Market and the indoor market running smoothly. She has done this job for at least eight years. I suspect the market would not be what it is today without her efforts. She also sells baked goods at the market.

It is a pleasure to congratulate Donna Strandberg, as Honored Citizen 2019.



Donna Strandberg

#### Bud's Cans





### HICC Citizen of the Year 2019

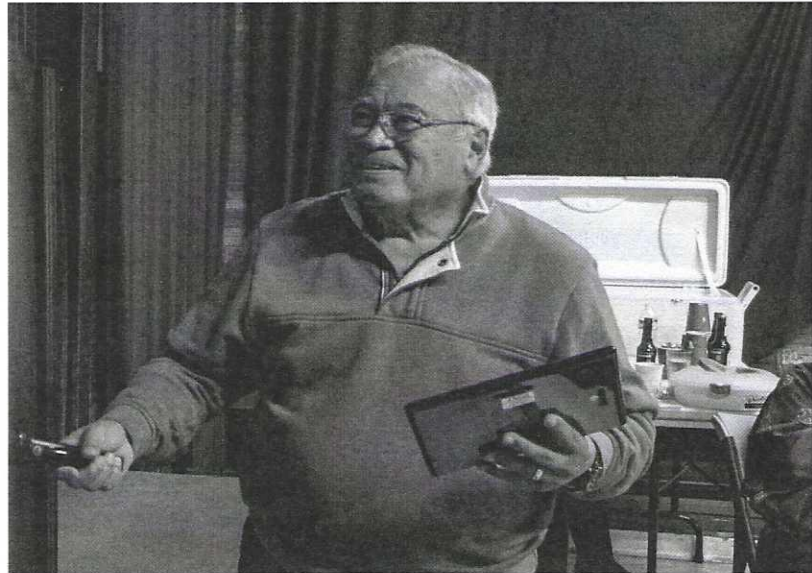
Larry came to Harstine Island in 2001, building a beautiful home on Case Inlet. He has quietly lent his hand to support the hall and community without fanfare over the years. During the 2014 Centennial Celebration at the Art & Much More Auction he purchased a keg of hand-crafted beer made by another islander, which he then generously donated to the Outdoor Picnic. He put in the parking bricks and bollards to designate parking spots between the flag pavilion and garden area. These are just a couple of the many things he has done throughout the years to benefit the community club and the hall. This year he was a major help to the bridge committee with the "Crossing of the Bridge Parade and the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bridge Celebration". Larry creatively put together the booklet "Connection to the Mainland A Brief History of the Island, it's ferries and the Harstine Island Bridge". The booklets were printed by him, which saved the community club over \$500 in printing.

Larry created the *Thumb-Drives of the 2019 Bridge Parade* compiling photos by drone and several individuals at the event. He created a *video presentation* of the historical newspaper articles leading up to the funding and construction of the bridge, the 1969 dedication and parade and the 2009 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary parade. This took hours of time and dedication for a fundraiser for community club raising over \$750.

Following the potluck, he was the master of ceremony for the celebration. He used his artistic talents to build a replica of the bridge, which spanned the two cakes for the celebration. It is now in the display cabinet at the hall.

Larry helped with putting up the signage for the parade and parking before the event.

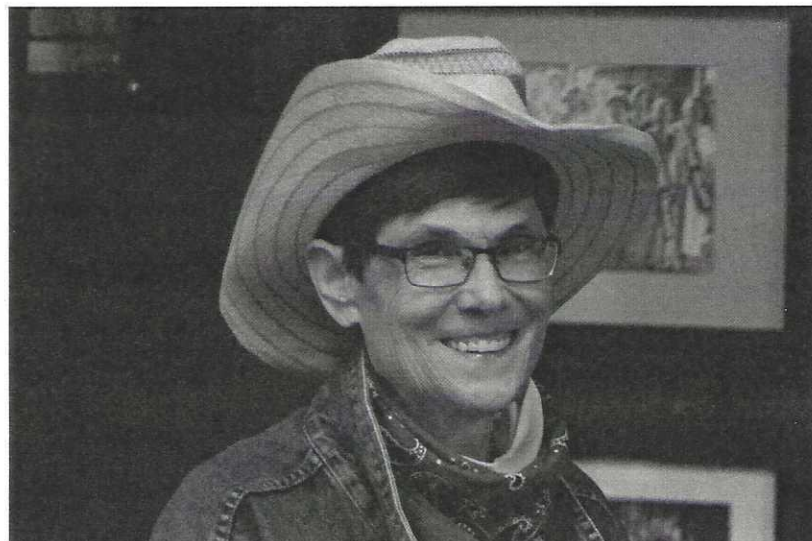
Congratulations Larry Edralin! He certainly deserves recognition this year as our Citizen of the Year for his outstanding efforts to help make the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bridge and Parade a successful event for the whole community, making it one to remember!



Larry Edralin

### HICC Honored Citizen 2019

This recipient of the 2019 Honored Citizen Award has been a Theatre Club member over 25 years. Anne is a performer, who prefers backstage to on stage. Her skills include scenery painter, prop procurer, prompter and house manager. Anne has chauffeured many islanders over the years to doctor appointments, grocery stores and airports – day and night! She has worked in the office at Harstine Pointe. She is a reliable, supportive friend who quietly does what needs doing with a smile. It is a pleasure to have Anne Strathairn as a 2019 Honored Citizen.



Anne Strathairn



## Harstine Island Garden Club



**Jill Fish - Garden Club Representative**

The Garden Club meets at noon on the second Tuesday of each month. Each meeting features a program, speaker, or a visit to a place of interest to gardeners. Meetings are often off site. Contact Lee Strohm to find out where the meetings are. Meetings are informal and open to anyone interested. The club sponsors the Farmers Market every Saturday from Memorial Day through September. The indoor market runs from October through May, except January. Market hours are 10 to noon. About 30 vendors sell art, crafts, baked goods, honey, and farm products. The first Saturday in May the club holds a plant sale.

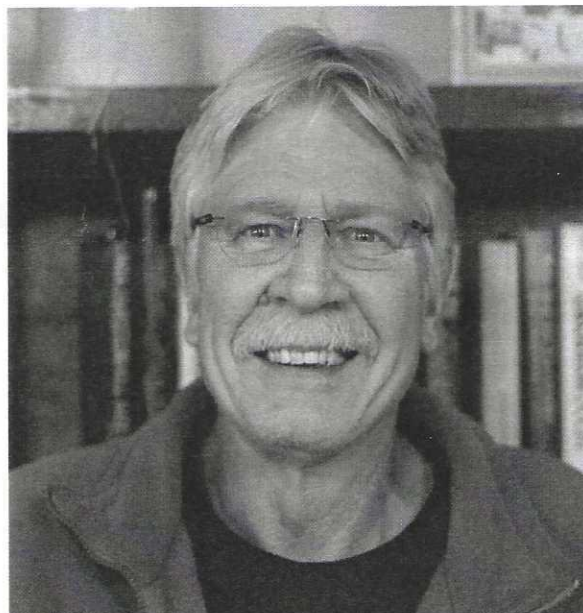
We work during the year to start plants and make hyper-tufa pots, which are planted with sedums. In 2019, the club took on the restoration of the Pioneer School green house and garden. We plan to have it functional by mid-February, 2020. Membership is open to anyone living on or off the island. Dues are \$15 a year.



**Ginny Beach, DeeAnn Meacham**

**Whickey Conway Larson—**

**Spring Play**



**Mike Plomski - Theatre Club Representative**

## Harstine Island Theatre Club

The 2019 season began with the Ivan Manchell play, "The Cemetery Club" presented March 28,29,30 and April 5,6,7, directed by Barb Hubbard. It follows three Queens, NY widows reminiscing and frequently visiting their husband's graves. The cast featured DeeAnn Meacham, Whickey Conway Larson and Ginny Beach. Mike Benson and Pam Mueller completed the cast. The audience kindly gave us raves reviews!

The summer show, "Spreading It Around" by Londos D'Arrigo, was directed by Mike Plomski. This contemporary play featured Karla Lortz, Kenny Latimer, Don Mahlerwein and Malin Almroth and was well received. One of the play nights featured a highly successful dinner theatre serving Mexican cuisine.

Rounding out the year the December play, "The Velveteen Rabbit" by Margery Williams (author), Phil Grecian (playwrite) is directed by Pam Mueller. It features a cast of children and adults. In keeping with our Theatre Club tradition, our Christmas shows are free, our gift to the community. Meetings are the last Monday of each month at 7:00pm at the community hall. Come join us.



## Harstine Island Women's Club



Kathy Doherty, Kathy Wendt, Corrina Birgh and Michelle Mott Azzola

On the first Thursday of the month (except July) you will find many of the women of the island at the Harstine Island Women's Club meeting. The club is involved in social and charitable activities and all island women are welcome to participate. The Women's Club provides a feeling of belonging that only a small community can offer.

At most meetings, members bring a brown-bag lunch while a delicious dessert is provided by the club hostesses. Social time begins at 11:30 with lunch at noon. After lunch there is a program of interest to the group and a business meeting. The Women's Club is a great opportunity to meet neighbors and engage with the Harstine Island community.

When someone from the island passes on, the Women's Club provides a memorial lunch at the community hall. Club members bring home cooked dishes in addition to a main course purchased by the club. The memorial lunch allows the family to grieve while feeling a sense of community.

The Women's Club has a booth at the Harstine Island Farmers Market. The Women's Club booth sells various items with the Harstine Island logo. Clothing items include sweatshirts, fleece vests, denim shirts, visors, and of course, T-shirts.

Every year there is a Holiday House on the Saturday after Thanksgiving at the community hall and fire hall. This is a popular venue for showcasing hand-crafted items and the perfect way to start your holiday shopping while enjoying a delicious lunch.

The Women's Club uses funds raised from the above activities to provide scholarships for Harstine Island residents. The club gave out several \$1500.00 scholarships to island residents as well as supporting the

Pioneer Middle School marching band. In addition, it contributes to the Pioneer Food Bank and provides funds to help with the expenses of keeping the community hall insured and maintained.

Jennifer, certified by Yoga Alliance, teaches a class on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 8:30. Bring a mat, a blanket and prepare for an hour of stretching and relaxation.

The Women's Club sponsors a Kids' Carnival every year, on the 2nd Saturday in August. Young people and adults work together to provide a fun-filled day including games, clowns and prizes.



Judie Schaaf - Women's Club Board Representative



## Inquiring Minds Series

The Inquiring Minds/Conversations series is a community service project sponsored by the Harstine Island Community Club in cooperation with the Humanities Washington Speakers Bureau, a state-wide organization funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities, Washington State Legislature, and private donations. The Speakers Bureau roster includes many diverse and engaging speakers from which members of Harstine Island Community Club may choose. The goal is to spark conversation and critical thinking. The programs are scheduled the final Sundays of January, February, and March at 1:30 at the community hall. Presentations are free (donations accepted) and open to the public.



**Jan Irving - Secretary**



**Linda Roberge - Past President**

## Harstine Island Board of Directors 2019

President - Lyn Fish

Past President - Linda Roberge

Co-Vice Presidents - Ginny & Dennis Schauls

Treasurer- Jim Irving

Secretary - Jan Irving

Member at Large, Historian- Sandy Murphy

Member at Large - Pam Stephens

Hall Manager- Lee Strohm

Women's Club representative- Judie Schaaf

Garden Club representative- Jill Fish

Theatre Club representative- Mike Plomski

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Fund

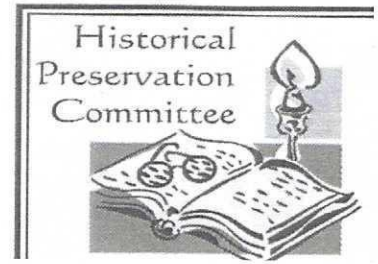
The volunteer spirit has been the cornerstone of the Harstine Island community. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Building Fund can provide you an opportunity to lay your own cornerstone in building future generations a place to grow and thrive. You can do this by making a tax-deductible donation in most any form; cash and/or leave a donation in your will to become a legacy donor. You can create a memorial to honor an islander by using the tax status of the foundation to reduce taxes through gifts of appreciated stocks and mutual funds. Another consideration – you may be able to save tax dollars by contributing IRA and 401K funds by directing it through your RMD (Required Minimum Distribution).

**CASH:** Make your check out to "HICC" and mail it to: Treasurer, HICC, P.O. Box 1635, Shelton, WA 98584. On the check in the "For" line, write: "2<sup>nd</sup> Century Building Fund Donation."

**NAME THE FUND IN YOUR WILL:** Notify your attorney of this donation and the amount. Notify 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).

**REAL ESTATE, SECURITIES OR OTHER DONATIONS:** To make special arrangements for these or other gifts contact Jim Irving





## Historian Report

On June 14, 2019 we enjoyed the *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Harstine Island Bridge with the Crossing of the Bridge Parade and Celebration.*

### Bridge Event Facts:

There were 53+ vehicles, participating in the parade including decorated tractors, trucks, boats, lawn mowers and classic cars. Flag bearers, a marching band, walkers, people lining the bridge sidewalk, road, boat launch and looking up from boats were enthusiastic participants. A drone took photos from above. Spectators showed their spirit by waving flags and cheering.

### It was a BIG success!

Weather: overcast until 4:30 pm; the sun came out just in time for the parade.

The old ferry bell was rung from the island to start the parade as a nod to our history prior to the bridge.

Traffic control was great from the ferry line staging area, parking at Pickering Marine and the boat launch and the islander's fields. We had three sheriff's deputies, three island corner guards and people pitching in wherever needed.

On the island side we had three new signs: a double-sided sign advertising the parade by Whickey Conway Larson; a hand painted island map by Cathy Prins; and a new reader board supplied by the community club. All are excellent additions to our community!



Sandy Murphy - Historian





## **HICC Bridge Celebration Attendance: 136**

There were 20 tables set for people and food, with all the theater seats taken and people milling around. The Bridge Committee and HICC Board and families were seated on the stage.

From the video, potluck, guest speaker, program, sharing of bridge stories, Bridge Trivial Pursuit game and raffles to the clean-up it was a fun and rewarding event!

"It Takes an Island" thank you flyers were placed on each table along with the HICC regular business reports.

The hall was bursting at the seams, as noted by the 2nd Century Building Committee spokesperson. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Century Committee sold Bridge T-Shirts as a fundraiser.

"Connections to the Mainland: A Brief History of the Island, it's ferries, and Harstine Island Bridge" booklets were made available and thumb drives of the parade were ordered for delivery in three weeks.

The HICC paid all of the event expenses and came out with a profit of \$790.00.

Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup> was not only the Bridge Parade & Celebration, it was also Flag Day and the Army's 244th birthday (1775). The actual date of the bridge dedication was on Sunday, June 22, 1969.

Thank you to the Harstine Island Community Club, the Bridge Committee, and to our community for participating in the *Bridge Experience* making it a day to remember!

## **Jarrell's Cove Cemetery**

Last year's regrouping of the Cemetery Committee has resulted in a significant boost in the attention given to the cemetery during this last year. The committee and volunteers have increased the maintenance of the shrubbery in the park. Much of the maintenance was due to the snow damage last winter. Fresh gravel was brought in for the driveway.

The Grace Spice family donated a lovely angel statuary last summer for the benefit of the entire park. We would like to encourage others to consider donating towards the health and appeal of our park. Plans are coming together to define our available space to accommodate the inevitable influx of future interments, as well as how to approach some long neglected items such as identifying older graves without any or disintegrated markers.

While many families have long maintained plots of their late relatives, many sites have gone without attention. Your donation to the park as small as \$10 to \$50 is ample to help purchase etched brick markers to preserve the identification of these sites where we can, lest they become forever 'unknown'. You are welcome to note how you would like your donation utilized. We thank you in advance for any consideration you may afford.



## 2020 Calendar of Events

### January

2 Women's Club  
10 HICC Mtg. & Potluck  
14 Garden Club  
18 Women's Club Crafts  
22 Senior Lunch  
26 Inquiring Minds  
27 Theatre Club

### February

5 Senior Lunch  
6 Women's Club  
8 Indoor Market  
11 Garden Club  
14 HICC Mtg. & Potluck  
19 Senior Lunch  
23 Inquiring Minds  
24 Theatre Club

### March

4 Senior Lunch  
5 Women's Club  
10 Garden Club  
11 HICC Mtg. & Potluck  
14 Indoor Market  
18 Senior Lunch  
29 Inquiring Minds  
30 Theatre Club

### April

1 Senior Lunch  
2 Women's Club  
5 Spring Play  
6 Spring Play  
7 Spring Play  
10 HICC Mtg. & Potluck  
11 Indoor Market  
15 Senior Lunch  
26 H I Choir sponsored Concert  
27 Theatre Club

### May

7 Women's Club  
8 HICC Mtg. & Potluck  
9 Indoor Market  
12 Garden Club  
13 Senior Lunch  
23 Saturday Market  
23 Memorial Day BBQ  
27 Senior Lunch  
30 Saturday Market

### June

1 Theatre Club  
4 Women's Club Luncheon  
6 Saturday Market  
9 Garden Club

### 10 Senior Lunch

12 HICC Mtg. & Potluck  
15 Saturday Market  
20 Saturday Market  
24 Senior Lunch  
26 Summer Play  
27 Saturday Market  
27 Summer Play  
28 Summer Play

### July

2 Women's Club  
3 Summer Play  
4 Summer Play  
4 Saturday Market  
5 Summer Play  
8 Senior Lunch  
10 HICC Mtg. & Potluck  
11 Saturday Market  
14 Garden Club  
15 Saturday Market  
25 Saturday Market  
27 Theatre Club

### August

1 Saturday Market  
5 Senior Lunch  
6 Women's Club  
8 Kids Carnival  
9 Saturday Market  
11 Garden Club  
14 HICC Mtg. & Potluck  
15 Saturday Market  
19 Senior Lunch  
22 Saturday Market  
29 Saturday Market  
31 Theatre Club

### September

2 Senior Lunch  
3 Women's Club  
4 Taco Bar  
5 Saturday Market  
8 Garden Club  
11 HICC Mtg. & Potluck  
12 Saturday Market  
16 Senior Lunch  
19 Saturday Market  
26 Saturday Market  
28 Theatre Club  
30 Senior Lunch

### October

1 Women's Club  
9 HICC Mtg. & Octoberfest  
10 Indoor Market  
13 Garden Club

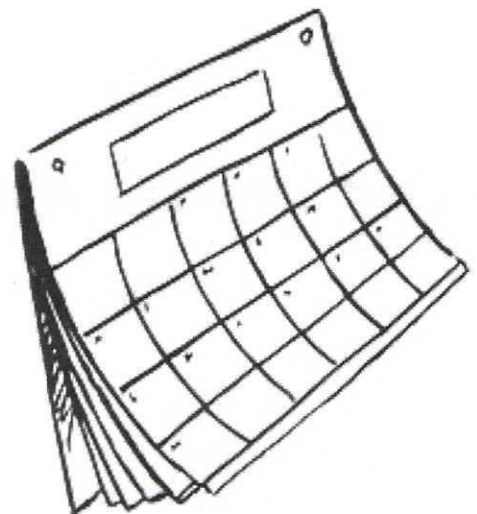
14 Senior Lunch  
26 Theatre Club  
28 Senior Lunch

### November

5 Women's Club  
10 Garden Club  
13 HICC Mtg. & Potluck  
14 Indoor Market  
26 Thanksgiving Dinner  
28 Holiday House  
30 Theatre Club

### December

3 Women's Club  
4 Holiday Play  
5 Holiday Play  
7 Holiday Play  
8 Garden Club  
9 Senior Lunch  
11 HICC Mtg. & Potluck  
28 Theatre Club



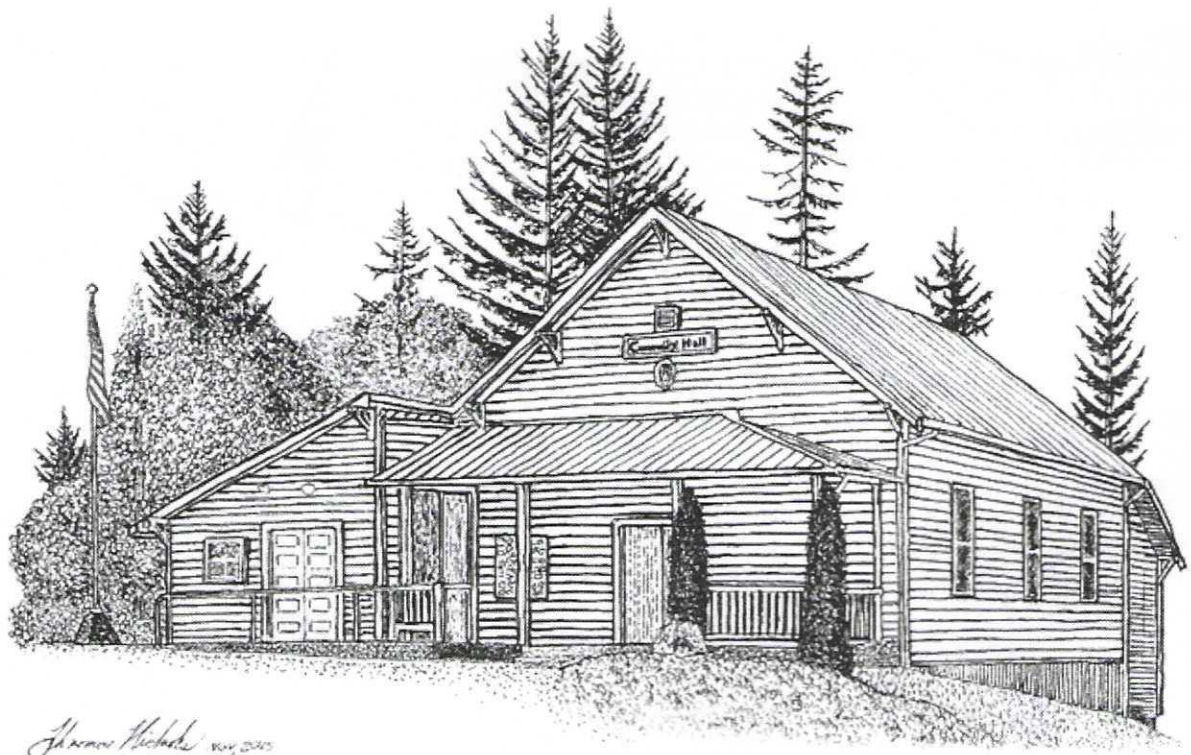
Pam Stephens Board Member  
At Large



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