



Utsalady Ladies Aid

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Strawberries on Utsalady

Told by Mary Margaret

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Happy Birthday, Ladies!



- Amber Bauman
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- Courtney Hampson
- Cathy Huntington
- Brooke Knight
- Carol Kruse
- Karen Olsen

As a hairdresser I had the opportunity to talk to a lot of women about their life experiences. One such person was **Selina Rolfson, Linda Johnson's great grandmother**, a wonderful lady who lived to be 100 years old. She lived her entire life on the island and was one of our charter members. I asked her about her memories about the Ladies Aid.



She told me how as a new bride she walked to the Olsen farm with her mother in law to attend that first meeting and shared how my grandmother served Strawberry shortcake and noted my grandmother was the first to grow strawberries on the Island. My grandparents had a few cows so I would bet there was a lot of sweet cream with that shortcake. **Constance Olsen was the first president of Ladies Aid.**

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My grandmother loved to grow things. She planted the orchard where a few of those trees are still standing. My father told me how she always planted a garden and as kids they had to weed the garden along with many other chores. She also planted daffodils around where the original house stood, and for years they came back each year.

Over the years as I drove past the farm and saw them I thought about that hardworking pioneer woman my grandmother was and how she took time to plant a few flower to make her home a little brighter. To this day when I see the daffodils in spring I get a smile on my face and think what a special lady she must have been. She died in 1917.

Upcoming Meetings

Our next membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, April 12th at 11:30am with the business meeting starting at 1pm.** One of our members, **Hanna Hazen**, will share some poetry and members are welcome to read their favorites. The month of April honors poetry. The **hostesses** will be **Linda Johnson, Susan Yerkes, Siegrid Hall, Marsha Timmerman and Laurie Ware.** The board meeting will be on **Monday, April 10th from 11am to 1pm.**

FROM THE PRESIDENT

April showers bring May flowers!....We rejoice in Washington rain....Without the rain (the water) there is no life. If it rains...that's why we live in Washington."The Evergreen State". I am seeing signs of Spring as I am about driving the area.

There is a 50's or 60's song...."Poetry in motion". Johnny Tillotson. Hum a few bars and the song will come back to you. Google it. I did.

Blessings dear people of the Ladies Aid.

Love, Jeni



Upcoming Event

Once again we have the sponsorship of Windermere for our **Art Tour Lunch on May 12th and 13th**. The planning meeting was on March 29th and many attended to volunteer. We have shoppers, a pickle bagger, a cookie queen, a soup czar, big Al's ice and tent delivery, decorators, porta potty on order, advertising and a quality control supervisor.

All we need are servers and bakers. **We need you** to make this a successful event!

UFA Gathering ~ Join the Fun!

Our UFA gathering was all about food. We had quilters, rug hookers, card makers, genealogists, card makers and knitters. Kristi and Laurie Ware were the bakers. They made resurrection rolls, plum walnut rolls and individual pizzas. We enjoyed every bite.



The next gathering around the tables will be **Wednesday, April 26th, doors open at 10:00am.**

Our Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences go out to Member Karen Byrum-Garland. She has lost her good friend, James Russell Nunn (known as "Buck") who passed away on March 20th. He was always willing to lend a hand whenever needed at the Ladies Aid. Our hearts go out to you, Karen.