



Utsalady Ladies Aid

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Happy Birthday!



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Historic Sites Summer Tour Events

Lace up your walking shoes because there is a lot to see. You can start the month by touring the 1880 Log Cabins at Pioneer Village during the Stanwood Camano Community Fair on August 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. Then on August 9th there will be barn tours at Kristofer-son Historic Farm from 11am-2pm and on the same day tours of Camano Island Fire Museum from 12pm-4pm. Wait there are more events! On Saturday, August 16th at the Camano City Schoolhouse a talk by the first school teacher about the history of the schoolhouse plus charter tours around historic sites at 9:30am and 1:00pm. I saved the best for last. The Utsalady Ladies Aid will open its historic doors on August 23rd with a panel discussion on how WWII opened up careers for women. We will also have walking tours of historic homes and places on Utsalady Bay at 10am and 2pm. Our Open House is from 10am to 4pm and of course there will be refreshments.

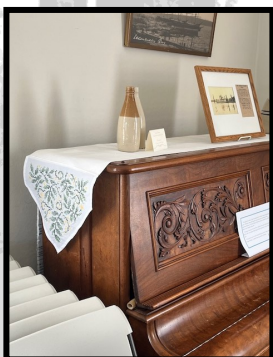


Upcoming Meetings

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, August 13th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. We are having a pot luck luncheon. So bring something yummie. Mary Beth Fisher will be sharing information about senior fraud. The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, August 11th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

ULA Fun Day will be the last Wednesday of the month which is August 27th. Doors open at 10:00am. As usual bring a project to work on or not. You can always just come and have a cup of coffee with friends.

My Mom's Gift



My mom, Pauline, has cross stitched a runner for the top of the Ladies Aid piano. When I was doing my research to find out it was made in 1894, I noticed it was in need of some cleaning and that the top of the piano was badly damaged. I told my mom and she said I'll cross stitch a runner. She is 97 and has been sewing for as long as I can remember. Laurie Dilday

Cama Beach Quilters



Sunrise cabin quilt made by Valerie

The Cama Beach Quilters began their work for the park in 2002 as an offshoot of the Camano Island Quilters. Their goal was to have 100 quilts ready for use in the cabins by the time the park opened, which turned out to be in 2008. By then they had exceeded their goal and by 2010 had made around 150 quilts and had convinced park staff that we could host an outdoor quilt show on the last Saturday of July to share our quilts with park visitors. After requests from visitors to buy our quilts, we discovered that we could do that to make money for the park which would offset the costs of quilting and supplies. We were able to do that for 15 years, and by that time had made a total of over 800 quilts. The abrupt closing of the cabins in February of 2025 eliminated the park's need for our quilts. After a presentation by Cocoon House in Everett, the group de-

cided to continue to make quilts to be donated to them, and to become a not-for-profit organization with the privilege of being able to continue to meet and store our supplies at the park. The CAMA quilters rent our building to meet and sew just like our members did back in the war years of the 1940s. The women in the community used it as a sewing center to make articles for the Red Cross and also bandages. Our old building serves the community too.

Valerie Spagnolo, Vice-President, Utsalady Ladies Aid

Lopez Island Ice Cream

A small ice cream company making everything from scratch — and I mean everything — is unique. [Lopez Island](#) brings in raw milk from local farms, such as Edaleen, and pasteurizes the milk to create an ice cream base. Plus, the 16% butterfat puts a premium spin on the creaminess.

Owner Alex Thieman tells Food & Wine that the company has processed each step of production in house since 1994, blending berries that are picked and processed locally. "It adds a lot of freshness to it," he says, noting that sometimes they even get complaints when customers find berry seeds in their ice cream. "Most of the time people are excited there is proof they are real berries."

The creamery uses dairy from Washington cows to make its caramel and local lavender, strawberries, and blueberries for seasonal flavors. The most popular flavor, though, is the blackberry. It's "what we are known for," says Thieman. "It is very fresh with a great hit of flavor."

Fans of the ice cream can watch it being made through a window at the Anacortes factory.

If you would like to know where to buy Lopez ice cream, Kristoferson Farm sells their ice cream sandwiches in their farm stand along with fresh lavender bundles.



ULA Cart

Ladies there will be no more multiple trips to your car at the Ladies Aid because Mary Margaret Haugen has bought us a handy cart! Thank you MM!

I scream, you scream, we all scream for ICE CREAM!