



NOVEMBER 2024 Newsletter HONOR AND GRATITUDE

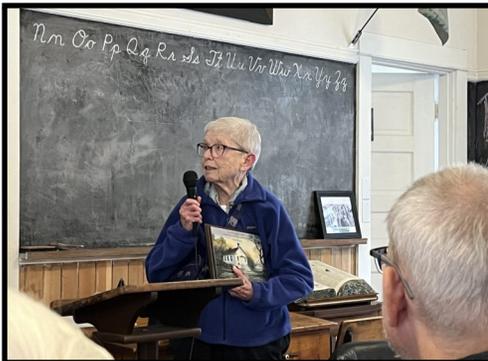
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Happy Birthday!



Linda Blankenship
 Tricia Bordeau
 Crystal Cameron
 Gay Campbell
 Gloria Haury
 Marla Heagle
 Joan Spagnolo
 Terry Villacruz
 Cindy Ware
 Jennifer Woods



Pat Bronson

Pat Bronson was honored for outstanding advocacy and leadership for the Utsalady Ladies Aid, the Stanwood Area Historical Society, the CAMA Beach Foundation and the Stanwood Camano Historic Sites Tour. She was presented the Heritage Bank Preservation Award on Saturday,

October 26th at a lovely brunch held at the Camano City Schoolhouse. Since 1988, Pat has effectively collaborated with her many volunteer groups to promote the history of our local community. We are so honored to know her and call her our friend.

Camano Pioneer Cemetery

The cemetery was established in 1887 and expanded over the years. Many of the pioneers buried here, like Peter D'Jorup and Daniel Caldon were part of the Utsalady logging community. In 1981, the Boy Scouts took an interest in the historical landmark spending time



sprucing up the neglected grounds and thanks to their effort the county pledged to continue keeping up what the scouts had started. Now, a flag and wreath are placed on 8 Veterans' graves on December 14th to keep their memory alive.

Upcoming Meetings

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, November 13th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. Our hostesses will be Lucy Armstrong, Wanda Hill, Edythe Keene, Nora Ierien, Ann Finne and Gloria Haury.

The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, November 11th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

UFA Fun Day will be the last Wednesday of the month on November 27th. The doors open at 10:00am with coffee. Please stop by to work on a project and visit with your friends.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's Message

Yes, it is 2024. We may be wearing different clothes than in 1908, we may be driving cars, talking on cell phones, and yet the spirit of the Pioneer women lives in our hearts today. We are forever grateful that they had the courage and determination to establish a place of their own here in the now famous Utsalady area. They loved their community, they worked hard, they played hard, they fished hard, they helped their neighbors, they cried together, they laughed together, they shared stories of life with one another.

We are "Preserving the past for the future". We continue that Spirit of love and kindness, rolling up our sleeves to make pizza dough, pie crusts or cookies. Thank you to all for being a part of the story.

*Love & Blessings,
Jeni Mellum Bottin, President*

Soup & Bread Supper

For those of you who have not come to our Christmas Soup and Bread Supper, this event is a wonderful way to start your holiday season. The event is on Sunday December 8th and the festivities start at 4 pm. We serve a complimentary bowl of homemade soup with hot rolls and our famous Bread Pudding with Bourbon Sauce and Whipped Cream. We also have a little Christmas Program and Santa Claus makes a surprise visit.



Isabella Loy's Coverage of ULA

The Stanwood Camano News was recently honored with three awards from the Washington Newspaper Publishers Association's annual Better Newspaper Contest. One of the awards was a second place in the History Features Story category. It was earned by Assistant Editor Isabella Loy for her coverage of the Utsalady Ladies Aid celebrating 100 years in their historic building.

ULA Front Porch Remembrance

At sundown on November 7th, members will be gathering on the ULA front porch to remember our good friend Laurie Ware. It has been one year. There will be hot apple cider and hopefully a lovely sunset. Join us if you'd like.



Don't forget to turn your clocks back on November 3rd