



JUNE 2025 Newsletter

Legend of the Two Snowball Trees

The snowball trees that are on each side of the Ladies Aid porch were planted in honor of Edith Mellum (Pam Lindahl & Jeni Bottin's mom) and Judy Olsen (Mary Margaret's sister in law). They have been growing for over 20+ years. Pam Lindahl was president at the time, I was Vice-President. I think we put in the wheelchair slanted walkway at that time too. The snowball trees are an Utsalady trademark. During the fifties & sixties all the neighbors who lived near the beach, Ida Luce, Auntie Pearl, the Brewers/Wakefields (now the Scott house) Jack Tombs and Hugo Fisher had them growing in their yards. The snowballs are blooming now. Sit on the porch with your coffee or tea enjoy the view.

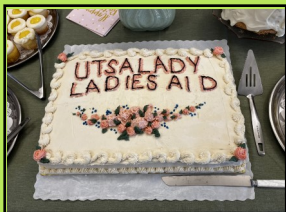
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Happy Birthday!

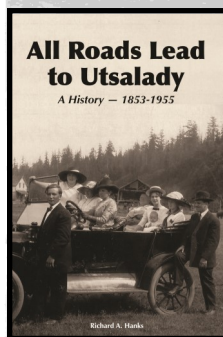


Sarah Bailey
Karen Byram-Garland
Kathy Cunningham
Megan Fisher
Cora Greenway
Jennifer Jorgensen
Cheri Kiefer
Jeanie Larsen
Anne Milton
Judy Pieper
Mary Ann Rehm
Jane Repensek
Ginny Seay

Upcoming Meetings

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, June 11th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. Our hostesses will be Jeni Bottin, Pat Bronson, Nora Ierien, Ann Finne and Cheri Bloomquist. The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, June 9th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

ULA Fun Day will be the last Wednesday of the month which is June 25th. 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.



Summer Tour of Stanwood & Camano Island Historic Sites

The Camano Schoolhouse will be the first site to open its doors on June 14th from 12pm to 4pm. The events include the launching of Richard Hanks' new book, **All Roads Lead to Utsalady** which he will discuss and sign on the hour. Tours will also be given of the Camano Schoolhouse Archive.

There will be a history walk at Camano Island State Park on Saturday, June 21st at 1:00pm.

July 4th Bake Sale

Wanda Hill is calling all bakers and pie makers for the Bake Sale on the 4th. I really want pie makers..... more than last year and people who can come and take pies home to bake for us.....less work for us in the ovens. We should have two new stoves by then!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's Message

The Great Successes of the Utsalady Ladies Aid Art Tour Luncheon 2010 - 2025

In 1999, the Camano Island Studio Tour began in May. There were only 14 artists that first year. Some 26 years later some of the same artists continue to participate in the tour.

In 2010, the Utsalady Ladies Aid tried their hand at serving sandwiches and soup to the community during the Art Tour. That first year, the Ladies sold 130 sandwiches, 80 turkey, 38 ham and cheese, and 12 vegetarian. Each sold for \$7.00 per lunch. They served Lemonade, coffee and water which we still offer today in 2025. 130 sandwiches sold for \$7.00 each.

In 2012, we sold 148 sandwiches. In 2013, the new price for the sandwich was established at \$8.00. 2021 is the next year that I have sandwich sales of 289 selling for \$15.00 per sandwich. In 2023, we sold 359 sandwiches at \$15.00 per sandwich. 2024 sales were 338 lunches, at \$15.00 each. We sold 57 bowls of soup with the Whole sandwiches at \$5.00 per bowl. Total Sales were \$5355. The most recent year 2025 we sold 314 sandwiches. Sandwiches sold for \$15.00 each, with soup sales and extra cookie sales the Income was \$5499.00. This does not include expenses.

This is a fantastic success story for all the Ladies Aid and hard working volunteers. I know there were more than 60 volunteers between baking cookies, making soup and all the members that worked in the kitchen or the dining room. Some volunteers worked for 3 days to make this a success.

The proceeds all go to support our building and community. "It takes an Island" or you can say "It takes our Ladies Aid Community" of endless volunteers who work so hard.

THANK YOU EVERYONE FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS TOWARDS OUR VERY SUCCESSFUL ART TOUR LUNCHEON.

Louise Donaldson, President, Utsalady Ladies Aid



Remembrance for Alice Allen

A long time member passed away on May 20th. She was 100 years old and lived on Utsalady Bay. Her service will be held on June 1st at 3:00pm at the Stanwood United Methodist Church.

Community Outreach

Ladies Aid was responsible for placing flags on Veterans' graves for Memorial Day. Edythe Keene and Christine Galloway baked our Signature cookies for UPS and Grocery Outlet to show our appreciation for their support of our events. Jo Ann Scott and her crew will be preparing lunches for the Soap Box Derby participants on June 14th at Arrowhead Ranch.