



Utsalady Ladies Aid

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OCTOBER 2025 Newsletter

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Happy Birthday!



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Iverson Spit Preserve

Iverson Beach is located between the forested bank and the southwest corner of Livingston Bay. The many different habitats of shoreline, shrubs, marshes and forest provide food, shelter and water for more than 125 species of birds that have been recorded. Hikers can walk the relatively flat easy .9 mile trail starting along the dike.



O.B. Iverson bought the land and platted it for homes. In 1903, his son Edward Iverson took over the farm on the western shore of Livingston Bay. He used a scow to pole across the bay to purchase supplies until Iverson and his neighbor S.J. Barnum built a road (now Sunrise Boulevard) to deliver strawberries to Stanwood.

Iverson has a rich history and is a favorite spot for many islanders to peacefully enjoy the day.

Upcoming Meetings and Upcoming Events



Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, October 8th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. We will have a guest speaker. The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, October 6th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

ULA Fun Day will be the last Wednesday of the month which is October 29th.

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.

Pancake Breakfast

The Ladies Aid will be hosting a pancake breakfast for the community on October 11th from 8:00am to 11:00am. Please come enjoy a hot breakfast and good company in our adorable old building.

FROM THE VP

VP's Message

My name is Kristi Kjargaard Kaufman, and I am one of your VPS. In choosing a last name, I never anticipated the many ways people could spell it, though I did hope for one that would be easy to pronounce.

My family's history is deeply rooted on Lopez Island. My grandparents inherited a farm there, and my father was born in Denmark but raised on the island, as was I. On my mother's side, our family has called Lopez Island home since 1890, while my father's family settled there in 1914. My father worked as both a farmer and a carpenter, building many homes across Lopez Island. My mother was a nurse, attending a three-year hospital school of nursing—a path I would later follow myself.



Kristi and Hazel

I met my husband, Skip, 58 years ago. Our story began on Lopez Island, where he would go rabbit hunting with his best friend Roger, who later married my older sister. Before Skip and I could marry, he had to patiently wait for me to finish my nursing studies, a wait that lasted five years—interestingly, my father also waited more than three years to marry my mother under similar circumstances.

Skip and I spent 30 years in Stanwood, during which both of us commuted to work in Mount Vernon. I dedicated over 38 years to Skagit Valley Hospital, while Skip worked with WSDOT. Our only daughter also chose a career with WSDOT, having decided early on not to work with blood.

For the past 33 years, we have lived on Camano Island, with the last 13 years spent in our current home—a house originally featured in the 2008 Seattle Home Show. Before moving to Camano, we built and lived in an underground home in Stanwood for three decades.

Kristi Kaufman, Vice-President, Utsalady Ladies Aid



Utsalady Road Closure

On October 6th through the 20th, no vehicles will be allowed except emergency and local access for adjacent property owners. The road closure is located on Utsalady Road from Arrowhead Road to Rolfson Road. Delays should be anticipated. The construction activity is to enhance drainage infrastructure and improve fish passage.



Enjoy the Fall Colors!