



OCTOBER 2024 Newsletter

Camano Island Parks

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Happy Birthday!



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FOCIP

In 1948 the South Camano Grange petitioned the state for land for a state park. The following summer an all day work party was planned and 900 volunteers showed up. Margaret Kincaid and Alma Olsen were named as serving coffee from the

Utsalady Ladies Aid. The Camano State Park was created this day.

In 1991, Gwyn and Carol Triplett retired and helped found Friends of Camano Island Parks (FOCIP). They volunteered numerous hours in construction and maintenance of the trails. Carol carried on after Gwyn passed away as president of FOCIP. Tom Eisenberg followed her as president retiring this year. Every Tuesday there is a FOCIP work party of volunteers that maintain the trails, cutting brush, clearing fallen trees, constructing board walks and picnic tables. The parks on our island are well cared for because of an organization of volunteers.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, October 9th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. Our hostesses will be Judy Pieper, Sole Somers, Louise Donaldson, Kathleen Duclos, Cindy Heath and Mary Margaret Haugen.

The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, October 7th** from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

UFA Fun Day will be the last Wednesday of the month on October 30th. The doors open at 10:00am with coffee and sometimes baked goodies. Please stop by to work on a project and visit with your friends. The last UFA gathering was very creative. We made our own pizzas. St. Aidan's marquee says: "Creativity is intelligence having fun."



FROM THE PRESIDENT

President's Message

"What a blessing!"

Thank you one and all!

If you are reading this you have had a miracle for the day. Being able to wake up and live one more day on earth.

"As long as the earth remains, there will be seed time and harvest". One of my favorite verses from the Good Book.

The wind is blowing, the leaves are dropping, the autumn season of the seasons and life.

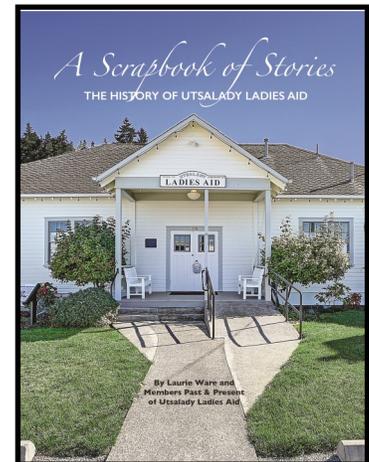
Each one of our members are precious and thank you for continuing to keep our little Utsalady Ladies Aid a cheerful and welcoming place. "Preserving the past for the future". Enjoy the season, enjoy the fall time of year, have a cup of coffee and sit on our porch.

Come when the lights are on around the building. Our little building just glistens when its gets dark.

*Love & Blessings,
Jeni Mellum Bottin, President*

Our Scrapbook of Stories Goes to Missouri

The Utsalady Ladies Aid website received an inquiry from Todd Zittlow, the archivist at Concordia Historical Institute. It is the official department of archives and history of The Lutheran Church and is located in Missouri. He wanted to know more about our book so we offered to send him a copy. He was delighted and said, "It will be nice to have this preserved in our library collection."



ACE Hardware Round Up

Utsalady Ladies Aid was the round up for Camano ACE Hardware for the month of August. The employees choose what community programs they want to support, so we always

make sure to supply them with homemade goodies. You'll have to attend the meeting to find out how much was donated. The October round up at both IGA and Camano ACE Hardware will be for Wreaths Across America to place 765 wreaths on local Veterans' graves.

