



# March 2024 Newsletter

## We Remember Ruth

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**Ruth Rankin** lived on Juniper Beach on a 40 acre farm. One of her memories of Utsalady in 1930's was the rows of small cabins along the shore where her dad and she collected crushed shells to feed to their hens. Her dad would shovel the shells and Ruth's job was to hold open the burlap sacks. Sometimes while at the beach they might see the Mellums in their boat catching smelt in very long nets. Ruth and her dad would buy some and her mother would cook over an open fire in the cook stove.

Ruth grew up to be best friends with **Betty Garrison** and was even her maid of honor at her wedding. The Rankins owned a summer home Utsalady Point for over 20 years. Ruth was our oldest living ULA member but sadly passed away at the age of 96 on February 20, 2024. She had been living with her son Doug in Seattle. Ruth waited for and looked forward to receiving news from the Ladies Aid every month, with a smile on her face as her son read the latest news from Camano Island.

### Happy Birthday, Ladies



- Alice Allen
- Allison Schwender
- Pat Bronson
- Randi Sue Case
- Laurie Dilday
- Ann Finne
- Mary Hanger
- Jacki King
- Bonnie Lemkin
- Michelle Maiers
- Patty Miller
- Arlene Moa
- Carol Roesch
- Shellie Van Duker

### Upcoming Meetings

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**, at 11:30 am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. Your hostesses will be Nora Ierien, Chris Galloway, Edythe Keene, Terry VillaCruz, Bonnie Brown and Cindy Heath.

The **Board meeting** will be **Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>** from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

**UFA Fun Day gathering** will be the last Wednesday of the month on **March 27<sup>th</sup>**. The doors open at 10:00am with hot coffee soon to follow. You can bring a project to work on or just come to visit with friends.



February 28<sup>th</sup> we honored Laurie Ware's birthday by baking and eating the ULA Signature Cookies.

**Our Limited Edition Centennial Tiles** are now for sale. *Only \$10.00.*

### February 14th Member Meeting



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### "Preserving the Past For the Future"

We have been blessed to be a part of the Utsalady Ladies Aid for the last 30+ years. We have wonderful members each with a story to tell about their lives. We come together for the common good of the Ladies Aid. We learn how to work side by side one another, whether we are making sandwiches, making 500 cookies, baking bread, creating a luncheon for 50-60 people, making sandwiches for the Soap Box kids. We give of ourselves, we are flexible and we adjust to the situation at hand.

Thank you to **Jennifer Woods** who helps apply for grant money to help defray our costs. Sometimes we receive the grant requested but sometimes we don't. Your help is needed...here's why & how.

Our little building has 68 chairs, 2 wooden chairs, & 2 benches on the porch. With our celebration recently we had 95-100 people attend. The guests kept coming and coming through our door, they were standing around our perimeter and standing in the kitchen. We could certainly use 20-25 more chairs. Perhaps you might be able to help us to acquire more chairs. Each chair costs around \$40. If you could consider a donation at this time, we would appreciate any and all monetary donations.

Send a check to P.O. Box 1435, Stanwood, Wa. 98292 or donate online on our website. Locate the donate button.

Kudos to all of you and a big thanks. *Jeni Bottin*

### Native Americans of Camano Island Event

What a wonderful event! **Kathleen Duclos** read a Land Acknowledgment which recognizes Indigenous Peoples as traditional stewards of this land. They had videos from the Tulalip History Project to tell their own stories. **Chris Galloway** shared research about Native women who married white pioneers and told of their lives. **Linda Younce** played music which was influenced by the Native Americans. The event was attended by about 100 people who also enjoyed the Ladies Aid's delicious baked goods.



*Daylight Savings March 10th, Spring Forward!*