



SEPTEMBER 2025 Newsletter

Making Connections

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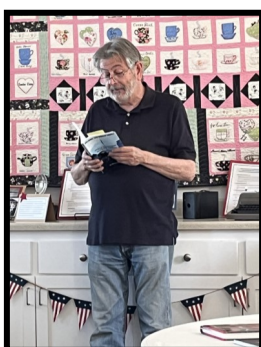
Happy Birthday!



Carolyn Blackler
Edythe Keene
Ardis Moa
Evelyn Moshier
Dean Nelson
Sherrie Pastron
Valerie Spagnolo
Netta Vegar
Charlotte Walker

Our History Day

The purpose of the day was to engage the community to learn and share about the past. The event was planned by Pat Bronson, Wanda Hill, Mary Margaret Haugen and Robin Hanks. The tables were full of people's stories, pictures of WWII and



memorabilia reminiscent of the 1940's. Books were sold and signed by Richard Hanks. Robin led two Utsalady Bay walks with 30 people in attendance. Mary Margaret's cakes and drinks were a big hit with the more than 50 people who came to our



event. I would say it was the most successful Open House of the Camano Stanwood Historic Sites Tour!

Upcoming Meetings

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, September 10th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. Mischa Plesha will be sharing information about the Wreaths Across America Program. The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, September 8th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.



ULA Fun Day will be the last Wednesday of the month which is September 24th. 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. At the August Fun Day we had a send-off party for Lori Peterson. Mary Margaret gifted her with a large John Ebner tile of the Utsalady Ladies Aid building. She will be missed.

FROM THE VP

VP's Message



After relocating and leaving behind familiar friends, I felt it was important for Joan to find new connections and become engaged in community activities. With that in mind, I encouraged her to get involved with local organizations where she could meet new people and contribute to meaningful projects. This decision set the stage for her introduction to the Ladies Aid and the many rewarding experiences that followed.

Attending Joan's first Ladies Aid meeting alongside her, I found myself immediately drawn in by the group's welcoming spirit and active projects. Inspired by their motto—"We Raise Money, To Give It Away"—I decided to become a member as well. Mary Margaret's leadership as President, strongly reinforced my decision to join the Ladies Aid. Her dedication and example inspired confidence that this organization was a place where meaningful contributions could be made.

During that initial meeting, I learned about the diverse range of projects the Ladies Aid supported. Eager to get involved, I joined the Outreach committee, motivated by my commitment to community service. Over the years, I have helped with the Mother's Day Luncheon, assisted with the July 4th Bake Sale, and served on the Scholarship Committee. After more than three years as a member, I am genuinely proud of the impact Ladies Aid continues to have in supporting our community.

Valerie Spagnolo, Vice-President, Utsalady Ladies Aid

Susan's New Adventure

Now that I am settling in to my new home at Lakeview Village, in Kansas, I can take a breath and enjoy what I have to look forward to living here. My apartment is spacious, even though it has boxes still unpacked and lining the walls of my second bedroom! I am on the waiting list for an apartment that has a view of the lake. So unpacking is not my priority at the moment my furniture is in place. My art is hung



and I am starting to feel at home here. I see my daughter's grandchildren and great grandchildren every week which is the whole reason I am here! That is wonderful. Although the weather is quite warm, staying in the 80s and 90s. I am very happy with that kind of temperature must be my being born in Illinois! I am keeping as busy as I can be going to the many exercise classes that are available, special functions, and day trips! I am looking forward to the live band with Western music Wednesday night so that I can practice my newfound passion of line dancing! The main thing that's missing here are my wonderful friends and Ladies Aid. I miss you all so much and think of you often.

Susan Yerkes

