



Utsalady Ladies Aid

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Terry's Corner

The land known today as Terry's Corner on Camano Island, was initially farmland owned by Irishman John O'Brien and his Native Kikiallus wife, Kate. Its most prominent feature were the roughly 40 acres of cranberry bogs which stretched to Livingston Bay. That property later became the ranch of Dr. Daniel McEacheran,



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the first physician in Stanwood. In 1892 McEacheran married Bertha Pearson, the oldest daughter of Stanwood merchant, D. O. Pearson. Bertha died suddenly in 1896 and in 1898, he married Maybelle Hatch and lived in Stanwood until his death in 1925. It is likely that Dr. McEacheran purchased the Camano property after he married Maybelle and she sold the property in 1929 to William Engle Terry, who was a first cousin of Bertha Pearson McEacheran. William's father Charles Townsend Terry was an early pioneer resident of Whidbey Island having come west in 1852 by wagon train with his family. He married Georgia Pearson in 1867 on Whidbey and she gave birth to William. Georgia was Bertha Pearson's aunt. William lived and farmed the Camano property until his death in 1961. He followed in his father's political footsteps becoming a county assessor, state representative and commissioner of Island County. Commercial development of the property didn't begin until the early 2000s. William's 32-year residency on the property, however, has permanently attached his name to the very active center it is today.

By Richard Hanks

Upcoming Meetings

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, August 12th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm.

The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, August 10th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm. **ULA Fun Day** will be on **Wednesday, August 26th**.

Doors open at 10:00am. Come have a cup of coffee and visit with friends.



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Linda Johnson's Story

My first introduction to Camano Island began a two weeks of age, when my parents took me to my Great Grandma Siena Rolfson's home on Camano Island. She was one of the founding members of the Utsalady Ladies Aid in 1908. Followed by my grandmother and my mother, Betty and I have all been members of the Ladies Aid. For probably the next 12 years, Sundays were spent at Grandma's along with aunts, uncles, great aunts and uncles, cousins and other friends and relatives. For my Brother and I, the day was spent on the beach digging clams, crabbing and raking smelt; knowing all the while that dinner would consist of Grandma's famous baked beans, fried chicken, lots of vegetables from her garden, raspberry jello topped with whipped cream and sugar cookies for dessert.



I grew up in Marysville. The summer after graduating I met my husband, Terry on a blind date. We married four years later and just celebrated 57 years of marriage.

In 1970, Terry and I moved to Arlington and bought a farm. During the years of living in Arlington, we became what I like to call, "Gentlemen Farmers". (Besides farming, I worked in Everett at the original Providence Hospital in diagnostic imaging and Terry was a firefighter for South Snohomish County Fire Department). We raised beef cattle... full-blood and purebred Simmental cattle for F.F.A. and 4-H projects. Calving the most memorable...for the expectant momma cows meant we would check throughout the night every couple of hours for possible calving problems. Sometimes having to call the vet, performing CPR on the newborns, bottle feedings, sometimes cows delivering twins or triplets. Ask me sometime about cow stories!!

We still have the farm, but have enjoyed living on Camano Island for the past 13 years. I am so happy living here and being part of the Utsalady Ladies Aid...being associated with a diverse, Multi-talented, wonderful group of women and men.

Summer Tour of Historic Sites

History Day at the Ladies Aid will be on **Saturday, August 22nd** from 10:00am to 4:00pm. Events throughout the day will include talks about the early explorers, a Kikiallus village and a guided walking tour of Historic Utsalady Bay. At 3:00 let's share stories and honor our ancestors. FOCIP Charter tours leaving from Camano Center and Barn Tours at Kristoferson Farm are also available.

Please mark your calendar on **Saturday, September 12th** for a Grand Opening of the Camano Island Fire Museum.

Our 4th of July Fundraiser was super successful!

