



FEBRUARY 2026 Newsletter

GO SEAHAWKS!



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Happy Birthday!



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Birding



Birds are the most visible wildlife in your yard. You can't help but notice their songs and calls, colorful plumage and daytime activities. Almost 300 species of birds are native to the Pacific Northwest. Now, if you expand your birdwatching to Utsalady Bay in front of Ladies Aid you might see Mallards, Buffleheads, Cormorants, Grebes and Goldeneye waterfowl.

At the Snow Goose & Birding Festival on **Saturday, February 28th** at the Floyd Norgaard Cultural Center in Stanwood from 9am to 4pm, you can go places to see Trumpeter Swans and Snow Geese. If you've never seen Snow Geese murmurate you have missed an amazing natural spectacle. Many of these birds are just migrating through during January and February. Birds that are nesting now are the Bald Eagles, hummingbirds and Great Horned Owls. Take the opportunity to support your local community and learn about birds from the volunteer experts!

Upcoming Meetings

Our next **Membership meeting** will be **Wednesday, February 11th**, at 11:30am for socializing and business meeting at 1:00pm. The **Board meeting** will be on **Monday, February 9th**, from 11:00am to 1:00pm.

ULA Fun Day will be on **Wednesday, February 25th**. 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. If you were unable to attend the December 31st Gala we had delicious food and loads of fun. The hit was Cheri's candied cranberries. Here's the recipe: Take a bag of fresh cranberries and soak overnight in orange juice and 7UP (Sprite). Drain and sprinkle with powder sugar, cover bowl and gently shake until coated. Bake on a cookie sheet for 5 minutes at 200 degrees. The only problem is according to the QFC produce man there will be no fresh cranberries until Thanksgiving unless you have them in your freezer!



FROM THE BOARD

I was born and raised in Riverside, California, a city known for its orange groves. I really miss rolling down the car windows during Springtime and breathing in the orange blossom's sweet aroma. My family enjoyed camping and that's where I have my fondest childhood memories and developed a love for nature. I have two sisters and my Mom, we lost my father suddenly when I was 17. It changed my career path from botany at Humboldt to teaching in Riverside. I promised I wouldn't follow in my mother's footsteps but I did. I taught children for 21 years giving them all the nurturing and support possible. I retired in 2010 and Robin, Richard, Mom and I decided to sell our homes and move to Camano Island. I love yoga and reading. My favorite book is "Boys in the Boat". One of my happy places is sitting under an electric lap blanket, cross-stitching and watching the clouds and birds outside. So glad we moved to paradise.

Laurie Dilday



Cookies 4 Neighbors



Members will be boxing cookies and delivering them to the neighbors on **Friday, February 13th** from 10am to 2pm. If you signed up to bake cookies please drop them off and stay and help if you can. Let members know of any people that would enjoy a cookie delivery.

Our Building

The Ladies Aid building has a new heater! The board decided to buy a new one instead of trying to repair the existing 20 year old one. Linda Johnson spent 2 days monitoring the installation. I still can't figure out how they get up into the space above the attic.

Lincoln Talk

Richard Hanks will be presenting another aspect of Lincoln's presidency. The talk will be at the Camano Schoolhouse at 1:00pm, **Saturday February 7th**. There is a \$10.00 suggested donation to support their archive.

Ladies Aid Membership

Utsalady Ladies Aid membership costs \$25.00 due **January 1, 2026**. Please join us for another year filled with good food, kindness, giving spirits, helping those in need, building friendships and opportunities for ladies of all ages to gather and learn from one another. Utsalady Ladies Aid, P.O.Box 1435, Stanwood, WA 98292

Happy Valentine's Day!

Bring a Valentine Card to exchange at the next membership luncheon.