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Saratoga Orchestra celebrates nature's rhythm

By **Kathy Reed** Whidbey Weekly

For anyone in tune with it, it's easy to pick up on the natural rhythm of the world around us. It could be as subtle as the wind rustling through tree branches, the chirping and whistling of birds, the buzz of bees as they flit past, the soft patter of raindrops or the more obvious crash of waves rolling ashore.

The sounds and tempo of nature are the inspiration for this weekend's concerts, "Rhythms of Nature II – A Celebration," by the Saratoga Orchestra. Performances featuring music, poetry and prose will take place at 3 p.m. Saturday at Langley United Methodist Church and again at 3 p.m. Sunday at Oak Harbor Methodist Church and help to kick off Whidbey Island's Earth and Ocean Month observances. Admission is by a suggested donation of \$20.

This is the second annual Earth and Ocean Month concert for Saratoga Orchestra, and has been put together by percussionist Erica Montgomery, who is retired from the U.S. Air Force. She served as principal timpanist for the Air Force Band in Washington, D.C. for several years. She got the idea for such a program while looking for ways to bring music back to Whidbey following COVID shutdowns.

"There were a few compositions I'd been thinking about that I had found during that time that would be perfect for a small group of musicians that had the theme around nature," she told *Whidbey Weekly* via email. "Last year we did pieces that included everything from flowerpots to amplified cactus. That was the musical impetus for me last year. This year's focus is primarily on mallet percussion (like marimbas, vibraphones, etc.), keyboards and strings. We'll also be featuring brass and saxophone on our opening selection, 'Earthscape' by David Marlatt and we'll be combining forces with all the musicians for our final selection by Morton Lauridsen, 'O Magnum Mysterium.'"

Montgomery said it was a piece inspired by Puget Sound's low tides, called 'Minus Nine,' by David Madeira that pointed her in the direction of percussion and strings for this program.

"'Minus Nine' is scored for string and mallet quartets," she said. "Then we looked for pieces that would fit with similar instrumentation and found the beautiful John Luther Adams work, 'In a Treeless Place, only Snow,' referring to a type of stone marker the Inuit and other native peoples use to orient themselves in Arctic spaces."

The compositions selected for "Rhythms of Nature II" are quite different from those one might hear at a typical orchestra concert.

The compositions are all written recently in the past 30 years and the instrumentation is unique —everything from a solo steel drum to 10-plus players, mostly focused on percussion instruments," Montgomery described, adding that it wasn't hard to find musical compositions to go with the Earth month theme. "We do look for pieces that reflect on nature specifically, most often as a jumping off point for inspiration. I do think that music and nature are entwined in their own special way."

Montgomery said organizers wanted to incorporate poetry month into the program and found special guests, The Four Voices, to be a wonderful addition.

"It is a natural collaboration for the Saratoga Orchestra and The Four Voices to bring our mutual arts together to celebrate Earth Month," said Dianne Shiner, one of The Four Voices. "We both attend to beauty and grief, thrive in community, and love rhythm in its many forms."



Photo Courtesy of Saratoga Orchestra
Percussionist Erica Montgomery was instrumental in planning Saratoga Orchestra's "Rhythms of Nature II" concerts to be held this weekend.



Photo Courtesy of The Four Voices
Whidbey Island poets, The Four Voices, will be part of Saratoga Orchestra's "Rhythms of Nature II" concerts, adding their poetry and prose to the music celebrating nature. The Four Voices include Dallas Huth, Janice O'Mahoney, Dianne Shiner and Faith Wilder.

The Four Voices also include Whidbey Island poets Dallas Huth, Janice O'Mahoney and Faith Wilder.

Montgomery said she hopes the program's diversity and the combination of music and poetry will appeal to audiences.

"It gives a very seamless experience that you wouldn't have elsewhere," she said. "Also, this year's program is very meditative and lush in nature — much like our beautiful Island."

Finding the music for this year's "Rhythms of Nature II" concert wasn't difficult and it has been enjoyable exploring the new compositions, according to Montgomery. But that doesn't necessarily mean it's easy, even for the experienced musicians of Saratoga Orchestra.

"Playing new repertoire and sharing it together is very special. I'd say it's challenging as well," she said. "Every composer is different, so for instance the John Luther Adams piece might sound like a lovely wash of sound while the musicians are actually playing quite intricate rhythms. When the concerts are complete it's so gratifying — bringing new works to ourselves, sharing them with our community, letting them take hold and grow. It's a very positive experience."

Both performances of "Rhythms of Nature II – A Celebration," are pay-what-you-will, although a \$20 donation is suggested and appreciated. Organizers say it's important to be able to bring experiences like this to Whidbey Island.

"We really want the concerts to be accessible to all, and follow a non-traditional approach, just like with the concerts themselves," explained Montgomery. "Saratoga Orchestra's ticket prices are extremely reasonable, but this is an opportunity for folks to give what they can. Don't get me wrong, it's a lot of work! Asking musicians to commit to difficult music, moving percussion instruments, keyboards, rehearsing, renting parts, securing venues, etc. — the logistics are quite intense, but we do it as a way to give back to our community and the Earth. It's a win-win."

More information is available online at sowhidbey.com.

Photo Courtesy of Powerofpositivity.com
Saratoga Orchestra of Whidbey Island will present "Rhythms of Nature II – A Celebration" this weekend in Langley and Oak Harbor. The concerts help kick off Whidbey's Earth and Ocean Month. Concerts will be at 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Langley United Methodist Church and Oak Harbor Methodist Church, respectively.

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SUMMER SALMON FORECASTS

The Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) and tribal representatives co-manage our Puget Sound salmon and set our saltwater and river salmon seasons. The "North of Falcon" process (named for the cape on the Oregon coast that marks the southern boundary of the management area for Washington salmon stocks, which extends to the Canadian border) is a series of meetings, some of which we are not allowed to attend, which is also used to forecast/guess-timate how many of the five species of pacific salmon will be returning to the Puget Sound. Since we are restricted from seeing all of the historical data and are relying on yearly salmon catch, and by-catch numbers that are being reported by the tribes and non-tribal commercial fishing, I believe returning fish estimates are bound to be vague at best. I DO NOT expect the numbers to be adjusted so it favors the recreational fishermen, HOWEVER, I DO expect the numbers to be correct and fair when it comes to catchable quotas for recreational fishermen. Plus, true numbers will justify the need for serious hatchery fish enhancement for the struggling species like Chinook and Coho. I love to fish for salmon so I take what we are given each year, but it sure would be nice to have a Chinook season longer than six to 10 days a year in our local waters (Marine Areas 6, 7, and 9).

Here is what the North of Falcon participants are forecasting will be the combined numbers of hatchery and wild salmon headed our way this summer and into early fall:

- **PINK SALMON (HUMPIES):** Because of an odd year we get Humpies back this summer; the Puget Sound is expecting 3,944,500 fish to return; 2,920,579 fish returned in 2021. This should make for some good bank fishing opportunities for the near shore migrating fish and be equally as good from a boat. The pinks are heading for the inner rivers and Whidbey Island is in their path.
- **COHO SALMON (SILVERS):** Coho are prized salmon. Almost as popular as Chinooks, they fight hard, are very acrobatic, and travel close to shore similar to pinks, making them very appealing to shore fishermen. 760,029 fish are forecast to return; 666,317 coho returned in 2022.
- **CHINOOK SALMON (KINGS):** These fish are what drives most of us to fish for salmon. Kings are generally the biggest and most popular of all the Pacific salmon, unfortunately because of this, returning numbers continue to stay on the low side. Our extremely short summer Chinook seasons over the last four or five years have been greatly impacted by the

Stillaguamish tribe's claim of low numbers of Chinook returning to the river, disregarding the non-selective gillnetting that takes place in the Stillaguamish River each year. 208,445 Chinook are forecast to return; 198,563 returned to surrounding Puget Sound Rivers in 2022.

- **CHUM SALMON (DOG/SILVER BRIGHT):** Chums are the Brahma bulls of the salmon world. They are big, strong and not afraid of shallow water. If they want to stay deep, they will. If they want to get through sticks and debris put there by a beaver, they can. If they know getting to their spawning grounds means traveling in two inches of water, they will. Catching chums in the salt is rare so rivers are our best bet to hook into a chum. Because they spend so little time in the fresh water after hatching, they perish quickly after returning as adults, so target them in the rivers early. 699,163 summer and fall chums are forecast to return.
- **SOCKEYE SALMON (REDS):** Sockeye are the poster fish. Most of the pictures, stuffed fish, wooden carvings and metal art are of the sockeye. They have a bright red body with a brilliant green head while in their spawning phase, which makes them colorfully beautiful. I don't fully understand why we don't get larger runs of sockeye in our bigger rivers like the Skagit. The Frazer River, for example, will get 1.6 million back this year. We are expected to get 53,147 fish back to the Sound with the majority of the fish headed for Lake Washington and Baker Lake. Sockeye are another rare fish to catch in the saltwater, as primary plankton/krill feeders, they like small baits in red colors; however, in the river they will bite baits the size of sand shrimp.

There will be enough salmon returning in 2023 to give us a chance to put a few of them on the grill and in the freezer this summer. The biggest challenge will be to have your gear ready at a moment's notice for Chinook and coho, because the state will close the season when the low quotas are met by successful fishermen. Be mindful of what you report back at the docks - 25 to 30 percent of salmon encounters (under legal-size or wild released kings and coho) will reflect against the total allowed quota. Late June is sockeye season in the lakes; July will be Chinook season for saltwater opportunities; coho, pink, and chums will arrive in good numbers from the middle of August through the end of September. Rivers will be the primary fishing grounds in October and November.

Our current fishing licenses expire at the end of March so keep that in mind. Here is my email; feel free to contact me with any fish stories or questions: tlfishmonger@gmail.com.

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Bits & Pieces

Letters to the Editor

Editor,

Why is the Island Angler telling whoppers about breaching the four lower Snake River dams? In the 3/4/23 *Whidbey Weekly*, he blames imminent extinction of the Snake River's salmon and steelhead on tribes, who have fished here for millennia and define themselves as the people of the salmon and on wildlife (cormorants, not recent, not imported).

He further claims that breaching the dams is politically motivated and the \$30 billion breaching plan was the work of Gov. Inslee and Sen. Patty Murray. Huh? He must know the \$30 billion plan was proposed by Republican Rep. Mark Simpson of Idaho. He must know fisheries experts are united behind the science which points directly to the dams for the destruction and that hatcheries are not a solution.

We are used to fishermen telling whoppers (fantasies about the big one that got away, no witnesses), but here the evidence is easy to access. The Army Corps of Engineers has wasted billions of our dollars on ineffective solutions to save the fish. Twenty five years of court decisions have supported this conclusion. These dinky dams, which were primarily built to make Lewiston a port city, produce nothing that cannot be compensated for. They produce pitiful amounts of electricity, mostly in the spring when electricity is abundant. They do provide a cheap way for grain to be transported by barge to Portland but trains can do the same. They are also getting old and overhauling them will cost us more billions. All of this is established fact and why the Inslee/Murray Task Force agreed with the scientists/fisheries experts, "If the lower Snake River dams are not breached, Snake River threatened and endangered salmon and steelhead will become extinct." Mr Loescher has proven Mark Twain right when he said "There are lies, damned lies and fisherman."

Gary Piazzon
Coupeville, Wash.

Morning Bird Walk at Deception Pass State Park



Greater Scaup is likely to be seen.

Celebrate the first Earth and Ocean Month event and join AmeriCorps interpretive naturalist Hayley Johnson and Whidbey Audubon field trip leader Carlos Andersen, for a morning bird walk to discover some of the common, and not so common, species of birds that pass through or live at Deception Pass State Park. Meet at 10:00AM Saturday at the West Beach Parking lot, 2699 West Beach Road, Oak Harbor, for this two hour experience. This bird walk is a great opportunity for birders of all levels to practice bird identifica-

tion skills, learn about unique bird habitats and learn from other birders. It's recommended each attendee bring their own binoculars and/or scopes, but there will be a few on hand to borrow. A Discover Pass is required per vehicle. Pre-registration is not required for this free event. For more information, contact Johnson at 360-675-3767 or hayley.johnson@parks.wa.gov, or visit the event page on the Whidbey Audubon Society website, whidbeyaudubonsociety.org/events-calendar. For more Earth and Ocean Month 2023 events visit whidbeyearthday.org.

[Submitted by Susan Prescott, Whidbey Audubon Publicity Chair]

Risk of Giardia Contamination from Hastie Lake Road Property

Cases of Giardia, a reportable communicable disease, have been found in animals rescued Dec. 24 at a property now listed for sale on Hastie Lake Road near Oak Harbor, according to Island County Public Health officials.

Anyone who acquired any items from the property through purchase or donation during a garage sale held March 18-19, or who visited the property on any other date, is asked to monitor themselves for symptoms of Giardia, said Public Health officials.

People exposed to Giardia may experience mild or severe diarrhea, gas, stomach cramps, nausea, or dehydration. Some people experience no symptoms at all. Fever is rarely present, according to Island County Public Health officials.

Anyone who is exhibiting symptoms of Giardia should consult with their health care provider and call Island County Public Health at 360-679-7350. Identities will remain confidential.

Giardia is a parasite that causes the diarrheal disease giardiasis. Giardia is found on surfaces or in soil, food or water that has been contaminated with feces from infected people or animals, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. You can get giardiasis if you swallow Giardia germs.

Some of the animals rescued Dec. 24 from the Hastie Lake property are in the custody of Whidbey Animal Improvement Foundation, or WAIF, and are being held in quarantine to prevent spread of the disease.

Animals infected with Giardia can exhibit symptoms like those of infected humans.

The Hastie Lake Road property from which the animals were seized is very wet and muddy, making it an ideal environment for the incubation of Giardia, according to Public Health officials. Anyone who has entered the property should be advised they are at risk of contracting the disease, which can travel on shoes and into their home or workplace.

Additional information about protecting yourself from Giardia can be found at <https://doh.wa.gov/you-and-your-family/illness-and-disease-z/giardia>.

[Submitted by Keven Graves, Island County Public Health]

Miss Oak Harbor 2023 Royal Court Announced



The 2023 Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant, sponsored by Thrive Community Fitness and held March 18, at Oak Harbor High School, culminated with the

crowning of Miss Oak Harbor and Teen Miss Oak Harbor 2023. Fifteen contestants embarked on a six-week journey to gain valuable coaching in many life skills, numerous networking opportunities, new friendships, powerful mentoring, and thousands of dollars in college scholarships. In total, \$19,000 in scholarships and prizes were awarded.

"We're so grateful to our judges who took on the very difficult job of scoring contestants in the areas of personal interview, speech/talent, formal wear, and stage presence," stated Pageant Director River Powers. Participants were also scored in 10 additional categories, including academics, service, extra-curricular activities, work, marketing, health and wellness, style and self-expression, physical fitness, attendance and board of directors input.

The 2023 Miss Oak Harbor Royalty, who will spend their year of reign serving their community and raising funds and awareness for their service project are:



Miss Oak Harbor 2023 – Kiersten Tyson
First Princess – Cali Pretti

Second Princess – Jordan Garstin

Teen Miss Oak Harbor 2023 – Laurianna Newcomb

Teen First Princess – Elizabeth Hauter

Teen Second Princess – Danielle Becherer

Additional titles awarded were:

People's Choice – Lauryn Lopez

Miss Scholar – Cali Pretti

Teen Miss Scholar – Laurianna Newcomb

Miss Congeniality – Jaycee Ray

Miss Service – Abby Brinker

Miss Fitness – Kiersten Tyson

Since 2015, the Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant has awarded over \$113,000 in scholarships and awards. It is produced by Miss Oak Harbor, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit whose mission is to inspire, challenge and mentor contestants while providing opportunities for them to develop life skills that will enhance their confidence, self esteem and sense of accomplishment. The unique six-week high school program focuses on personal and professional growth through the development of leadership, communication and marketability. The organization also produces the Miss Pioneer Way Pageant, an all-natural, one-day event for girls ages 0-14. Additional information and (shortly) a link to view the replay of the 2023 Miss Oak Harbor Scholarship Pageant can be found at MissOakHarbor.com.

[Submitted by River Powers, Pageant Director]

Preserving Important Conservation Values for Years to Come



The 231-acre Kristoferson Farm, one of the scenic and historic gems of Camano Island, was preserved by the Whidbey Camano Land Trust in late February through purchase of protective farm and forest conservation easements. The acquisition marked a celebratory conclusion to

What goes into a retirement 'paycheck'?

During your working years, you generally know how much money you're bringing in, so you can budget accordingly. But once you're retired, it's a different story. However, with some diligence, you can put together a "paycheck" that can help you meet your income needs.

Where will this paycheck come from? Social Security benefits should replace about 40% of one's pre-retirement earnings, according to the Social Security Administration, but this figure varies widely based on an individual's circumstances. Typically, the higher your income before you retire, the lower the percentage will be replaced by Social Security. Private pensions have become much rarer in recent decades, though you might receive one if you worked for a government agency or a large company. But in any case, to fill out your retirement paycheck, you may need to draw heavily on your investment portfolio. Your portfolio can provide you with income in these ways:

- **Dividends** – When you were working, and you didn't have to depend on your portfolio for income to the extent you will when you're retired, you may have reinvested the dividends you received from stocks and stock-based mutual funds, increasing the number of shares you own in these investments. And that was a good move, because increased share ownership is a great way to help build wealth. But once you're retired, you may need to start accepting the dividends to boost your cash flow.

- **Interest payments** – The interest payments from bonds and other fixed-income investments, such as certificates of deposit (CDs), can also add to your retirement income. In the years immediately preceding their retirement, some investors increase the presence of these interest-paying investments in their portfolio. (But even during retirement, you'll need some growth potential in your investments to help keep you ahead of inflation.)

- **Proceeds from selling investments** – While you will likely need to begin selling investments once you're retired, you'll need to be careful not to liquidate your portfolio too quickly. How much can you sell each year? The answer depends on several factors — your age, the size of your portfolio, the amount of income you receive from other sources, your spouse's income, your retirement lifestyle, and so on. A financial professional can help you determine the amount and type of investment sales that are appropriate for your needs while considering the needs of your portfolio over your lifetime.

When tapping into your investments as part of your retirement paycheck, you'll also want to pay special attention to the amount of cash in your portfolio. It's a good idea to have enough cash available to cover a year's worth of your living expenses, even after accounting for other sources of income, such as Social Security or pensions. In addition, you may want to set aside sufficient cash for emergencies. Not only will these cash cushions help you with the cost of living and unexpected costs, but they might also enable you to avoid digging deeper into your long-term investments than you might like.

You may be retired for a long time — so take the steps necessary to build a consistent retirement paycheck.

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MAKING SENSE OF INVESTING

a multi-year partnership between the Land Trust and the Kristoferson family.

With its rolling fields, historic red barn, large lake and classic northwest forest, Kristoferson Farm is an unmistakable feature along Camano Drive, the island's main arterial road. "The natural beauty of the farm brings peace at my first glance of the barn from the highway," said Kristoferson sibling Melissa Elliott, a sentiment undoubtedly shared by many island residents and visitors.

Alfred Kristoferson, a Swedish immigrant, purchased the farm in 1912 to support his thriving Seattle dairy. Now, 111 years later, the fourth generation of his family is stewarding the farm. "Kristoferson Farm is a special place to our family and the community," said Kris Kristoferson, another sibling. "Preserving and protecting it is our generation's mission, so we are excited and proud to partner with the Land Trust to honor that mission long after we are gone." Under terms of the conservation easements the family will continue to own and manage the farm, or could sell the property, but it can never be subdivided or significantly developed.

Kristoferson Farm boasts important conservation values that benefit both the human and natural communities of Camano Island. The farm currently produces organic hay, lavender, pumpkins and apples, among other crops, and the forest will continue to provide sustainably harvested timber. Kristoferson Creek, the island's only salmon-bearing stream, flows through the heart of the farm, supplying Kristoferson Lake, the largest body of fresh water on the island, and a network of wetlands on the property. These varied habitats support a diversity of wildlife, including Chinook salmon, beaver, river otters, wood ducks, porcupine, amphibians and numerous bird species. The property



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is also adjacent to Camano Ridge Forest Preserve, which was already the largest protected area on the island. The farm also is the site of one of the oldest cabins in Island County.

Kristoferson Farm welcomes visitors for a variety of activities that align with its conservation values, including its Canopy Tours Northwest zipline operation, you-pick lavender harvesting, and farm-to-table dinners. "We are always exploring new partnerships and new ways to provide engaging and transformational experiences at the farm," said Mona Campbell, another Kristoferson sibling.

The Land Trust is honored to have worked with the Kristoferson family and numerous other partnerships and funding agencies to protect this Camano Island gem. Funding for the project came from Island County, the Washington Recreation and Conservation Office, Oregon Community Foundation and the U.S. Navy.

By partnering with willing landowners and the broader community, the Whidbey Camano Land Trust works to preserve, protect and expand healthy, diverse and connected natural areas, public parks and family farms. Its work benefits climate resiliency, clean air and water, safe local food, refuges for fish and wildlife and provides places for people to connect with nature. Smart conservation also helps our local economy by attracting new people and businesses to these treasured islands. For more information, visit www.wclt.org or call 360-222-3310.

[Submitted by Haley Viers, Communications Specialist, WCLT]

Local Business News

Pacific Indoor Tactical Rebrands to Anchor Point, Pledges to Focus on Community Safety and Training

Pacific Indoor Tactical, a leading retailer

of tactical gear, firearms, and accessories, announced last month that it will rebrand as Anchor Point. The rebrand reflects the company's evolution and renewed commitment to community safety and training.

"We have spent five years learning what works and doesn't work. We are recalibrating and are excited for the opportunity to move forward with a new focus on community safety and training," said Philip Sellers, owner and general manager of Anchor Point.

As part of the rebrand, customers may have noticed changes within the last week, such as the new sign on Goldie, the renaming of social media pages to Anchor Point, and the e-newsletter changing to "Get To The Point." In the coming weeks, customers can expect to see the transition of the website to AnchorPointWA.com and see branding inside the building start shifting to the new Anchor Point theme.

In-store, Anchor Point has already introduced drinks and snacks for purchase, ensuring that customers can stay fueled and refreshed while they shop and train.

In the coming months, Anchor Point will launch an online store, where customers can order their favorite products (including coffee) from the comfort of their couch anywhere in the country. With hundreds of thousands of products available for purchase, Anchor Point aims to make shopping as convenient as possible. Buy now, pay later options will also be available.

In addition, the in-store inventory will become more diverse, offering a broader range of products to meet the needs of all customers.

"We are committed to providing our community with the tools and training needed to stay safe," added Sellers. "With the rebrand to Anchor Point, we are excited to deliver a fresh shopping experience and focus on our renewed commitment to community safety and training."

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Spiritual Events

Work Parties

See the full calendar of events at

whidbeyearthday.org

What's Going On



Bunny Trail Egg Scramble

Saturday, April 8, 10:00AM-12:00PM
Downtown Coupeville

Check in 10-10:30AM at the registration tent next to Island County Museum on Front St. Bring an Easter bag/basket or grab one of ours. Pre-registration requested by April 4 at <http://bit.ly/3YzPCjO>. Presented by Soroptimist of Coupeville.

Guemes Island Bus Tour

Friday, April 14

Let's go island hopping by bus, bridge and boat to Fidalgo and Guemes Islands with Island and Skagit Transit. Play Transit Trivia and win prizes on the way. Have lunch at the General Store. Then visit old town Anacortes. To RSVP call 360-678-9536 or email Travel@IslandTransit.org.

A Vintage Spring Market

Friday, April 14, 4:00PM-9:00PM
Saturday, April 15, 10:00AM-4:00PM
Coupeville Recreation Hall,
901 NW Alexander St.
Tickets: \$20

Enjoy shopping for antiques, collectibles, great junk and more. There will be raffles, food and beverages. Tickets available at Dina's Great Finds in Oak Harbor. Limited tickets available - presale only. For more information, email dinasgreatfinds@gmail.com.

Upcoming Sno-Isle Library Events

See schedule below
Cost: Free

The Buzz About Bees

Saturday, April 1, 2:00PM
Clinton Community Hall

Discover beginning beekeeping, plants that extend the bee feeding season, and learn how to tell the difference between wasps and bees. The Clinton Community Hall is located at 6411 S. Central Ave.

Sew a Nature Bag with Green Art Labs

Thursday, April 6, 10:00AM-12:00PM
Coupeville Library

We'll re-purpose a huge coffee bean bag into smaller nature bags you can sew yourself and take home for your nature adventures. This is a great first sewing project for young ones, who will need help from patient adults or older siblings. For families with children of all ages.

Bees, Honey & Our Shared Cultural Connections

Thursday, April 6, 4:00PM
Oak Harbor Library

Jeremy Kyncl of Hierophant Meadery shares the many ways bees are ingrained in our shared cultural experiences, particularly via mead.

Sanctuary Animal Stories and Pen Pals

Friday, April 14, 10:00-11:00AM
Coupeville Library

Join us for Sanctuary Stories with Pasado's Safe Haven, a storytelling-based animal experience that brings real issues to life in a way that inspires empathy and compassion in children. After learning about the charming animals that call Pasado's Safe Haven home, you are invited to participate in Pasado's Pen Pals program. Choose an animal resident and write them a letter or draw them a picture. Once the animals receive their letters, you will get something in return! All letter-writing materials will be provided.

Religious Services

Unitarian Universalist Sunday Service

Sundays, 10:00AM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation,
Freeland

All are welcome. Values-based children's religious exploration classes and childcare

will be provided. Visit www.uucwi.org for more information. The Unitarian Universalist Congregation building is located at 20103 Highway 525, two miles north of Freeland.

Unity of Whidbey

Sundays, 10:00AM
5671 Crawford Road, Langley

If you're one of the "spiritual but not religious" people who question their childhood faith or are looking for something more, Unity of Whidbey may feel like a homecoming. Unityofwhidbey.org even offers a Zoom link for attending online.

Whidbey Quakers

Sundays, 4:00-5:00PM
Unitarian Universalist Congregation,
Freeland

Whidbey Island Friends Meeting (also known as Quakers) meet in silent worship and community, with occasional spoken messages, every Sunday at the Unitarian Universalist building. For more information, contact Tom Ewell at tewell@whidbey.com or go to www.whidbeyquakers.org.

First Church of Christ, Scientist

Worship, 10:00AM
Sunday School to age 20, 10:00AM
Wednesday Testimony Meeting, 2:30PM
Christian Science Reading Room
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday,
11:00AM-2:00PM

The church and Reading Room are located at 721 SW 20th Court at Scenic Heights Street, Oak Harbor. Call 360-675-0621 or visit cs-oh-wa.com for more information. Services and Sunday School are also held at 10:30AM on South Whidbey at 15910 Highway 525, just north of Bayview and across

from Useless Bay Road; testimony meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM.

Meetings & Organizations

Al-Anon

Every Wednesday, 9:30-10:30AM
Online

If a friend or relative has a problem with alcohol, you can find solutions for yourself at Al-anon. For more information, visit <https://wa-al-anon.org>.

Al-Anon Group

Every Tuesday, 5:30-6:30PM
Oak Harbor Lutheran Church,
1253 NW 2nd Ave.

Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon group can help. Call Randy at 360-914-8084 for meeting information.

Alcoholics Anonymous

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There's something for everyone during Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month

By Kathy Reed Whidbey Weekly

Education. Community. Action.

Those three words are at the heart of Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month, which begins Saturday but truly kicks off Wednesday, April 5 from 4 to 7:30 p.m. at the Bayview Cash Store in Langley with an information fair, art show and performance, demonstrations and a keynote address. It begins a month of all different kinds of activities, ranging from concerts to cleanups and bird walks to nature talks.

For nearly 20 years, Goosefoot Community Fund has helped to coordinate and facilitate Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month and organizers are pleased to get things rolling in person.

"This event has always been a collaboration between the environmental and sustainable organizations all around Whidbey, Goosefoot just functions as the convener," said Sami Postma, events and education coordinator for Goosefoot. "It couldn't happen without them. And while last year, the organizing committee felt it was still too early to have a big central event and just focused on promoting the individual events from organizations all month long, the loss of having one central event where we can all see and talk to each other as well as promote the events the rest of the

month was really felt, so we jumped on the opportunity to get back together in person for a kickoff event."

Wednesday's event will feature several organizations, such as Puget Sound Energy and Best-foot Sustainability (both sponsors of Earth and Ocean Month), along with groups like Sound Water Stewards, South Whidbey Tilth, Greening Congregations Collaborative, Langley Climate Crisis Action Committee, Whidbey Camano Land Trust, Whidbey Watershed Stewards and more.

The event also includes an artist talk and performance at 5 p.m. from Joan Green and Melissa Koch, who are part of the Rags, Rubbish and Refuse art show as well as a keynote address from Dr. Jennifer Atkinson at 6:30 p.m. Atkinson will discuss how the climate change crisis can impact our mental health.

"While of course our current climate health is grim and requires a lot of attention and work to repair, we cannot forget about sustainability," said Postma. "People who get burned out cannot carry on the fight, cannot continue to help roll that boulder up the hill until we see real improvement. And so many of us are inclined to feel guilty any time we even think of taking a break, especially when you look at all the work that's left to be done. But we have to balance the needs of the world with those of ourselves as well. I think Dr. Atkinson has many great lessons to share about building ourselves up. It takes stamina to tackle a long-term problem, and if you're just trying to tackle the problems in a full-out sprint all the time, you're going to lose that vital stamina and do a real disservice to yourself and your community."

Atkinson, who lives off-island, will appear live via Zoom and audience members can be there in person or, for the first time, join the discussion virtually, according to Postma.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month
Dr. Robert Pelant will share the mission of the Pacific Rim Institute, a living laboratory located on central Whidbey Island, at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday. Learn more at whidbeyearthday.org.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month
Dr. Jennifer Atkinson will share her presentation on Climate Grief, Hope and Action as the keynote speaker at the Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month kickoff event Wednesday at the Bayview Cash Store in Langley. This event is also available virtually.



Photo Courtesy of Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month
Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month includes several bird walks and even a youth photo contest currently underway, sponsored by the Whidbey Audubon Society.

"Goosefoot has made improvements to its facilities during COVID that enable us to more easily offer hybrid events, and we're taking advantage of it for this," she explained. "While people will need to attend the tabling part of the session in person if they want to learn more about our many wonderful organizations located all around Whidbey, they can tune in to the important keynote address from the comfort and safety of their homes. The link will be made available on whidbeyearthday.org a little closer to the event."

As noted, the Earth and Ocean Month kickoff event is just that. There are more than three dozen events listed on the calendar throughout the month. While attendance and interest vary from year to year, there seems to be a great deal of interest this year.

"The outpouring of excitement, attention, and energy this year definitely feels like it's at a higher level than I've experienced before," Postma said. "We were all pretty hunkered down for the last few years, dealing with what seemed like a never-ending crisis. While I don't know if I can say it's over, it has settled enough that people are starting to reappear, look around themselves, and get more involved in their communities. Not to mention, COVID times gave plenty of people time to look at their habits, routines, and impact, and learn newer and better ways, and those same people are itching to either share the knowledge or learn even more."

The entire list of Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month activities is available at whidbeyearthday.org. One of the organizations offering several different Earth Month classes and activities is Sno-Isle Libraries, which has in-person and online events planned across its region.

"Our local staff plan events to align with their local communities' interests and needs," said Katie Leone, marketing and communications manager for Sno-Isle Libraries. "We have some programs across our library district designed for Earth Month/Day. Gardening and nature events have been so popular, we have even started a Gardening Book Club in Clinton."

Whidbey Island libraries will be buzzing throughout Earth and Ocean Month, partially due to the Whidbey Reads program, which is a perfect fit this year.

"Sno-Isle Libraries has hosted Whidbey Reads for over 20 years, bringing Whidbey Island residents together to enjoy and discuss literature," Leone shared. "This year's title is 'The Music of Bees,' by Eileen Garvin. Our amazing staff have coordinated events around themes from the book."

Those interested can check out offerings such as "The Buzz About Bees" on Saturday, or "Bees, Honey and Our Shared Cultural Experience" on April 6 or April 8. These particular classes lead up to Garvin's Author Talks on April 19 in Oak Harbor or April 20 at Freeland Hall, when Garvin will discuss her books, writing and taking care of 120,000 honeybees. Sno-Isle offers several other options featured on the Earth and Ocean Month website.

For those interested in really digging in, there are various workdays/work parties planned throughout the month, community discussions on how to reduce waste in our homes and communities, bird and nature walks and even a community town hall on conservation and stewardship on April 13, hosted by Island County Commissioner Janet St. Clair.

"The organizations putting [these events] on have really spent a great deal of time, effort, and thought to put together a phenomenal schedule of activities, with the hope there's something anyone can be really passionate about," said Postma. "In 2019, we spent a great deal of time looking into how environmentalism can seem intimidating and elitist to people who haven't started down the path yet, and we worked hard to make all the events open to every experience level, political background, and region of the island, and I think this year's wide range of activities really lets that work shine."

Learn more about Whidbey Earth and Ocean Month and all the events offered at whidbeyearthday.org.



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WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

Requests from friends, associates and family this week can have your nerves on end, Aries. You may have to escape the crowds to recharge. Plan a getaway in the next few days.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

You are awesome at staying on track when you need to be, Taurus. That is what makes you a potentially ideal fitness guide. Try to inspire others to be regimented as well.

GEMINI – May 22/June 21

There is nothing wrong with putting rose-colored glasses on from time to time and looking at the world in a more positive way. A more positive outlook can be helpful, Gemini.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22

Cancer, be sure that your generous nature does not come at the expense of your own well-being. You tend to put other people's needs before your own quite often.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, for some reason you are having problems finding balance in your life right now. You may have to experiment a little bit to see if new strategies might work.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

Let others in on some of your secrets, Virgo. You can't hold everything in all of the time, and you have been shouldering a lot of responsibility for some time.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, the personalized touches you put on any project will showcase your personality and passion. Think about embracing a crafty task to really showcase your talents.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, friends are lining up to be quite helpful of late. When you figure out how much you're getting done with the assistance of others, you may be more welcoming of it in the future.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21

Overcome resistance to listening to another person's side of the story, Sagittarius. Embrace this person's desire take the lead on something at work or in your home life.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

A changing environment has you figuring out how to adapt your schedule and your skills, Capricorn. With a support team in your corner, you can achieve quite a bit.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18

Spending is a tad out of control this week, Aquarius. Money is flying out of your wallet at a rapid rate. You may need to be a bit more choosy with your spending moving forward.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

Wait a few more days before making major decisions as your emotions are high right now, Pisces. You want a level head to prevail.



MOVIE SHOWTIMES 3/31 thru 4/6/2023

JOHN WICK: CHAPTER 4 (R)
Friday - Thursday: 1:00pm, 4:20pm & 7:30pm

**DUNGEONS & DRAGONS:
HONOR AMONG THIEVES (PG-13)**
Friday - Thursday: 1:30pm, 4:15pm & 7:00pm

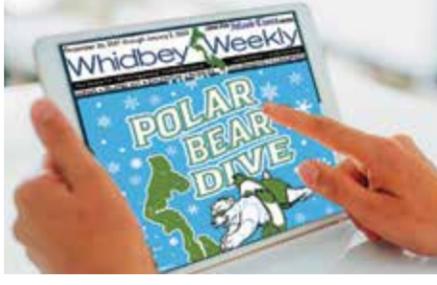
SHAZAM! FURY OF THE GODS (PG-13)
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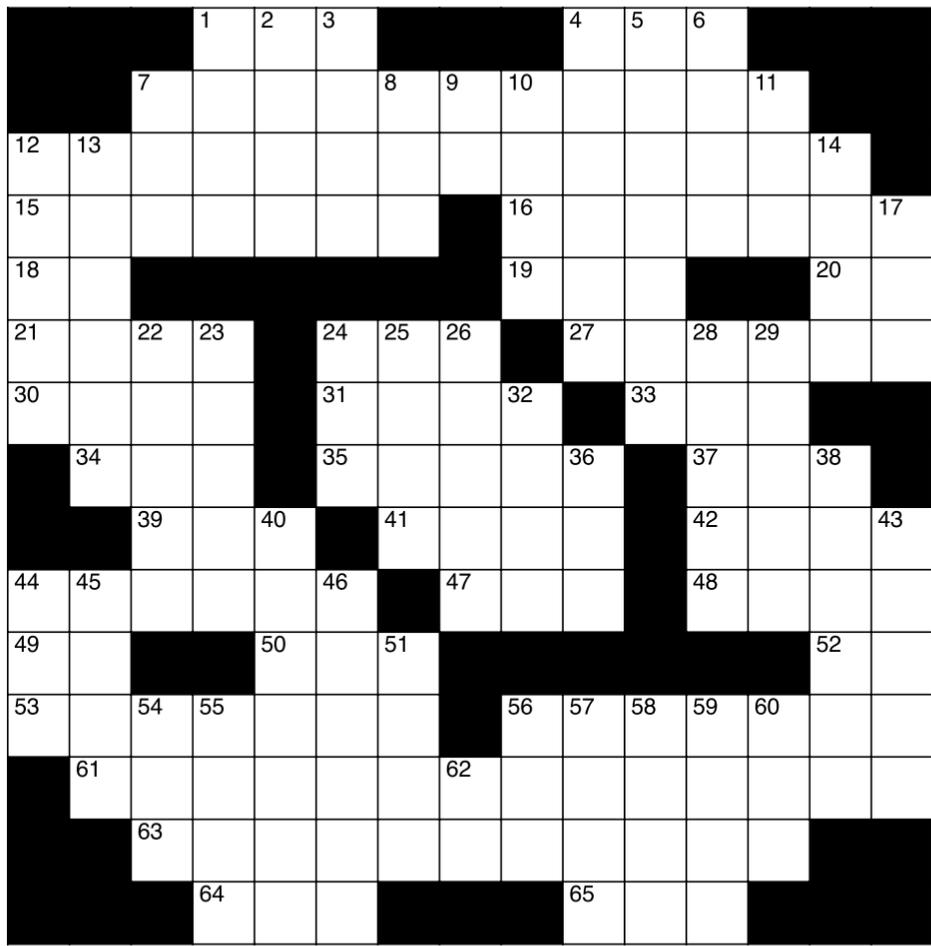
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Crossword Puzzle



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Relaxing place
- 4. Plant by scattering
- 7. A type of explorer
- 12. Unique traits
- 15. Lady
- 16. Dismayed
- 18. Railway
- 19. Type of whale
- 20. Sodium
- 21. Manning and Lilly are two
- 24. Where golfers begin
- 27. Entrapped
- 30. Influential punk artist
- 31. Hebrew calendar month
- 33. Car mechanics group
- 34. Undesirable rodent
- 35. Minneapolis suburb
- 37. Witch
- 39. Get free of
- 41. A written proposal or reminder
- 42. British School
- 44. Country on west coast of Africa
- 47. Cool!
- 48. Information
- 49. ___ route
- 50. Jim Nantz's network

- 52. Something to register (abbr.)
- 53. Give cards incorrectly
- 56. One who's learning on the job
- 61. Stevenson adventure novel
- 63. Taking careful notice
- 64. CNN's founder
- 65. Speak badly of

CLUES DOWN

- 1. A person with unusual powers of foresight
- 2. Single sheet of glass
- 3. Portrays a character
- 4. Expresses happiness
- 5. Acquires
- 6. "The Martian" author
- 7. Degree
- 8. 60-minute intervals
- 9. A detective's pal
- 10. Group of nations (abbr.)
- 11. Popular Georgia rockers
- 12. Fencing swords
- 13. Basement
- 14. Samoan monetary unit
- 17. Male parent
- 22. Finnish lake

- 23. A smooth fabric
- 24. Arctic explorers (abbr.)
- 25. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
- 26. Very willing
- 28. Expressed pleasure
- 29. Lasso
- 32. Hindu model of ideal man
- 36. Move your head in approval
- 38. Ill-__: gained illegally
- 40. Die
- 43. Accused publicly
- 44. Precious stone
- 45. Individual thing or person
- 46. Behaved in a way that degraded
- 51. Derogatory term
- 54. No seats available
- 55. Liability
- 56. Popular beverage
- 57. Tough outer skin of fruit
- 58. ___ Spumante (Italian wine)
- 59. Troubles
- 60. Negative
- 62. Camper

Answers on page 11

YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS OURS WEATHER FORECAST

Thurs, March 30	Fri, March 31	Sat, April 1	Sun, April 2	Mon, April 3	Tues, April 4	Wed, April 5
North Isle H-53°/L-41° Cloudy with Sunbreaks	North Isle H-50°/L-41° Mostly Cloudy PM Showers	North Isle H-49°/L-40° Rain	North Isle H-50°/L-37° Showers	North Isle H-49°/L-39° Cloudy	North Isle H-50°/L-42° Showers	North Isle H-50°/L-41° Showers
South Isle H-50°/L-40° Mostly Cloudy	South Isle H-50°/L-40° Mostly Cloudy PM Showers	South Isle H-48°/L-39° Rain	South Isle H-49°/L-36° Showers	South Isle H-47°/L-37° Cloudy	South Isle H-48°/L-38° Showers	South Isle H-49°/L-39° Cloudy



OUR Community

An Upbeat Question of the week

By Helen Mosbrooker

As a food bank manager, what are your needs right now? And, what brings you joy?



Jean Wieman, Oak Harbor

Our biggest need right now is food donations. In 2022, we spent approximately 48 percent more on food than we did in 2021. Along with the increase in food costs, we are continuing to see an increase in the number of "food baskets" we give out two times a month. The extra food stamps that were given out during the pandemic have now gone back to "normal." We anticipate there will be more and more requests for food. I always get asked if it's better to give food or cash and here is my response - if you like to shop and see a great deal on something you know we can use, buy it and bring it in; if you don't like to shop you can make a monetary donation and we will do the shopping for you.

When someone who we haven't seen a while comes in and hands us a donation (no matter how big or small) and says, "This is a little something to pay you back for helping us when we needed it," there's nothing better than that!

Stefanie, Lisa, and Karen, Good Cheer Food Bank co- leaders, Langley

What Good Cheer Food Bank is in need of most is a variety of fresh produce and dairy items.

What brings us joy? We are delighted with our new partnership with Island County Housing Support Services. They visit Good Cheer food bank's Community Connection space every Thursday to support the housing needs of our shoppers.



Molly Hughes, Coupeville

What is our biggest need right now? I have volunteered with Gifts from the Heart Food bank for 21 years and this is the first time I would answer this question with "money, lots of money!" We are in the process of a building capital campaign to build a modest, 2,000 square foot food bank that will include two, two-bedroom, workforce housing apartments on the second floor. We have been using free space or renting small spaces all this time and are so excited to build a "forever home" for the food bank. We are even more excited to provide some reasonably priced rental housing for our community. We already own the land, we have already raised 55 percent of the funds needed from our community, we have applied for several grants, but I believe we will still need to finish up the fundraising in our community. The drawings and floorplans of the new food bank and apartments can be viewed on our website and people can also make donations directly to our building fund there also. www.giftsfromtheheartfoodbank.com

What has given me joy? So many stories spring to mind, some fun, some touching, and they always revolve around our compassionate, respectful, kind, funny, hardworking volunteers. Like the volunteer who delivers food to an elderly lady who does not have money for cough medicine, so the volunteer generously buys her some. Or the volunteer who compassionately puts together a special bag of food for a young person living in their car without cooking facilities or refrigeration. Or the volunteer who researches recipes to teach our clients how to prepare a vegetable they have not had before. Or the volunteer who discreetly gets hygiene products to those who need them. And all the volunteers who patiently and kindly listen to our clients' stories, some happy, some sad, when they just need someone to hear them, someone to show an interest in how their day's going. I LOVE our volunteers. They bring me joy every single time I get to work with them.

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Answers below

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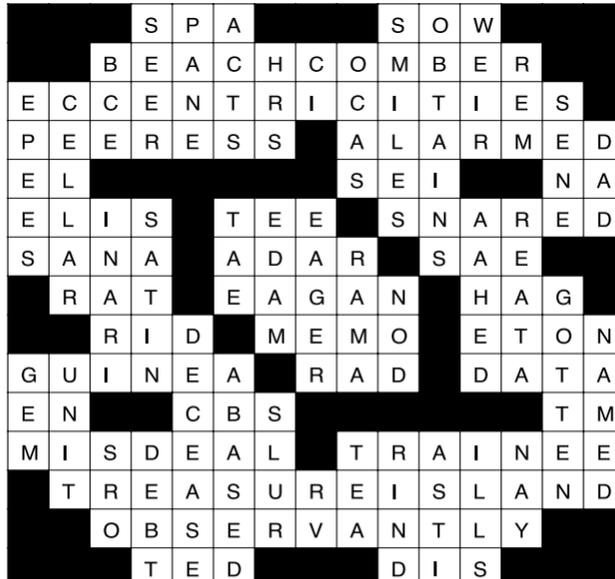
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