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### Meerkerk Gardens Shows Spring at Peak Bloom



By Jon Bach Whidbey Weekly

It's nearing peak bloom time at Meerkerk Gardens in Greenbank. With hundreds of varieties of rhododendrons and azaleas to see (and even purchase), it's primed to be an explosion of color and aromas. "We're noticing that some of our plants are blooming about 2 weeks early due to the weather patterns this year," said Daniel Burns, Publicity Outreach and Event Coordinator for Meerkerk. "There's no time like right now to visit the gardens to see something blooming."

In the 1960s, Ann and Max Meerkerk had a vision for a woodland garden surrounded by a forest preserve. Ann had been active with the Washington Park Arboretum and the Seattle chapter of the American Rhododendron Society. Over the years, the Meerkerks purchased 40 acres to achieve their goal. They began hybridizing rhododendrons and collecting unique specimens of rhododendrons, flowering trees, and conifers. They planted the first five acres, still known today as the "Secret Garden," as a miniature arboretum. also see cedar garden art and decorative plant cages available for sale in a special area near the nursery sales building. Having a nursery means you can come to Meerkerk not only to see the blooms but leave with your own. Nursery sales are a part of what supports Meerkerk. In fact, it recently had its Spring Opening Nursery Sale. "The sale went great thanks to everyone who stopped by to see the new inventory. We can't help but think that the beautiful weather also helped to bring more people out this year, particularly on Saturday," burns said. Be careful, though; he joked that visitors to the nursery are often on the lookout for a special rhododendron, and when they see everything Meerkerk's Nursery offers, they tend to buy more than they planned. "We're grateful to our customers for their continued support," he said.

From the board and staff to the volunteers, everyone pitches in to create "a magical garden experience." Burns encourages people to stop by often, but not just in the interest of sales. "Each week there are new treasures to find. It might be a plant that blooms at that time or learning something new," he said. their main ponds. "We have a reputation for special and unique rhododendrons and azaleas like that," he said. Hybridization was a deep-rooted practice at Meerkerk decades ago, where hybridizers from near and far would send specimens to them to be planted and observed over time to see how they fared. Meerkerk has rhododendrons up to 30 feet tall and some that are 50-60 years old. Many of these giant ones are already in bloom.

"I love seeing the reactions of guests as they soak up the beauty of the Gardens during bloom season. I've heard them literally gasp. It is amazing to see how the blooms of our rhododendrons and azaleas can change from year to year," he said.

While Meerkerk is most famous for its rhodies and azaleas, there are many other features that make it picturesque. There is a rock garden, a path through cherry trees, a "Monkey Puzzle" tree (collected by Ann Meerkerk at the 1962 Seattle World's Fair), a meditation garden, a hillside garden dedicated to Asian rhododendron species, a gazebo with a scenic water view, and 3 different ponds which are teeming with amphibians like frogs, toads, and salamanders. APRIL 4 - APRIL 10, 2024

views simply stunning. And the wildlife we encounter regularly -- the frogs, squirrels, newts, and woodpeckers -- are truly delightful. I feel incredibly fortunate, grateful, and honored to work at such a special place," Newberry said.

You can also come to the Gardens for events. Upcoming activities include Mother's Day festivities on Sunday, May 12, featuring Whidbey Pies sold by the slice, special discounts on rhodies, and musical performances on Meerkerk's gazebo stage by accordionist Lori Hansen, as well as Doug Roraback and the Double Diamonds, and Island Jazz Collective.

Meerkerk Gardens can be found at 3531 Meerkerk Lane in Greenbank. It's open to visitors from 9 am to 5 pm seven days a week, except during extreme weather events. Admission during Peak Bloom season (April & May) is \$10 for adults. (Kids under 13 are admitted for free, and on-leash dogs are also welcome.)

Meerkerk is a non-profit which depends on donations, memberships, nursery sales, and admissions. For more information about the Gardens, its activities (including tours), admission policy, and even "garden etiquette" guidelines, go to meerkerkgardens.org

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Wednesday, April 10th

Before Ann Meerkerk passed away in 1979, she bequeathed the Gardens to the Seattle Rhododendron Society to care for as a "peaceful woodland garden with an emphasis on rhododendrons and companion plants." It officially opened to the public 30 years ago. Today it is an independent non-profit organization open to the public and managed by the Meerkerk Rhododendron Gardens, a local nonprofit established in 2002. It features 53 acres of woodland gardens and forest preserve with over 2 miles of trails.

Meerkerk features woodland companion plants and locally grown trees in the nursery in addition to specialty ferns, heather, and other perennial plants. Visitors can Ron Newberry echoed that sentiment. He's Meerkerk's Garden Operations Manager. "Our volunteer docents are very knowledgeable about the Gardens and Meerkerk history," he said. "So, you get nuggets of interesting facts while also gazing at the stunning beauty around you." There are times when dappled sunlight shines through the tree canopy – a scene about which Newberry says brings "an amazing peace about this woodland garden," adding "there is no more magical place on Whidbey Island." He wants visitors to know especially about a Gold Comet azalea (which resembles a daffodil), expected to bloom soon near one of

According to Newberry, the habitat at Meerkerk is ideal for these and so many other wild creatures. Amphibians migrate from the natural woodlands to the ponds to breed. "Since we have no roads between these two habitats, there's much less risk to their lifespan," he said. "I believe that's why we have so many of them."

He mentioned seeing about 50 roughskinned newts with bright orange bellies one afternoon last summer.

"The rhododendrons in bloom are breathtaking, the water and mountain

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### Wednesday, March 20

**08:12:17, SE PIONEER WAY** A vehicle has been on location since at least yesterday, showing expired registration. Nobody has been seen around the vehicle.

#### 08:27:10, SE PIONEER WAY

Subject found sleeping in the night drop room.

#### 08:29:17, SE PIONEER WAY

A glass window at the front of the building has been shattered. No one was seen in the area.

#### 08:46:57, SW BARLOW ST

Reporting party reports a broken glass door. Reporting party advises her uncle is on scene but does not speak English.

### 09:10:14, HOFFMAN RD

Suspects attempted to attack the reporting party with a gun. Reporting party has fled the scene.

### Thursday, March 21 10:19:49, NE GOLDIE ST

A 2007 silver Mercedes Benz requires assistance due to a disablement. Roadside assistance was contacted for a tow, but unable to provide assistance. Customer is now not answering calls.

### 10:32:28, SE BARRINGTON DR

Reporting party requests a call, expressing concern because her granddaughter, who lives in the area, has not been seen in a while.

#### 14:10:45, SW BOWMER ST

Reporting party advises of lots of transient activity in the area at night, with individuals hanging out in the trash area. Requests checks from patrol.

### 14:44:50, SE 8TH AVE

Wanted person taken into custody. Not being an issue.

### 20:38:12, SW ERIE ST

Reporting party advises of a male subject outside Walmart throwing boxes and knocking over plants, requesting trespassing.

### 21:19:38, SR 20

A male is reportedly messing around the trash and attempting to steal firewood.

Friday, March 22 08:17:17, E WHIDBEY AVE Reporting party advises of a male acting erratic.

### 09:33:01, SW 1ST AVE

Reporting party requests a welfare check on a three-year-old at the location, stating no one else was home when the doctor's office called.

### 09:40:06, SR 20 & SE 8TH AVE

Reporting party advises of two loose dogs: a brown poodle and possibly a puppy.

### 10:45:13, Location: NE 11TH AVE

Open line, nothing heard; reporting party states that son told her to get out and ran her over.

### 11:58:19, NE 11TH AVE

Female came outside of the house and asked the reporting party to call 911 due to husband inside the house stealing her phone and threatening to kill her.

### 12:24:42, SW OTTERCREST ST & SW 7TH AVE

Reporting party advises of watching a male walking around the neighborhood trying to get into vehicles.

#### 13:08:33, SW JUDSON DR

Reporting party advises of a male seen walking around location, peeking in windows, and searching under mats looking for a house key.

### 13:37:36, SR 20 & NE FABER ST

Male almost hit by a dump truck; reporting party may have video of him walking into traffic.

#### 13:41:50, SR 20

Reporting party advises a deputy came to his business at Walmart Mini Storage last week looking for a person of interest; reporting party just saw him at the Haggen bus stop.

Report provided by OHPD & Island County Sheriff's Dept.



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Tuesday, April 9th

6 - 8 p.m.

# **BITS & PIECES**

### **PUBLIC NOTICE:**

On March 29, 2024, at approximately 8PM, 67-year-old Scott Severson was struck and killed while walking on Lancaster Road Near Wahl Road in Freeland. The vehicle that struck Severson did not stop. The Island County Sheriff's Office and the Washington State Patrol are conducting the investigation into Severson's death.

Anyone who may have information regarding this case is asked to contact the Island County Sheriff's Office via the ICOM dispatch center at 360-679-9567 or via e-mail at tips@islandcountywa.gov.

### Island County 2045 – Planning for Our Future

What will Island County look like in 2045? That is the question Island County's next comprehensive plan will be answering. By 2045, Island County is anticipated to have 102,639 residents, that is more than 15,000 new residents.

A comprehensive plan guides growth over a 20-year period and determines how and where growth will occur. The goals and policies in a comprehensive plan should reflect a communities' values.

Island County's Comprehensive Plan update is due by June 30, 2025. Throughout 2024 we will be asking for feedback to inform the update process. Share your thoughts and help shape how our community will grow. Multiple sections of this survey are available online, from General Comments, a Land Use Survey, a Housing Survey, and General Q. & A. Follow this link: https://www.islandcounty2045.com/index.php?clD=480 or Scan this QR Code to be directed to the survey and offer your feedback.

No prior experience is needed – you don't need to be an expert in comprehensive plans to speak up. Maybe you are brand new to Island County, or maybe you are a lifelong resident, either way - we want to hear from you!

#### Publisher Note:

Multiple sections of this survey are available online, from General Comments, a Land Use Survey, a Housing Survey, and General Q & A. It is my suggestion that every resident take the time to follow this link: https://www.islandcounty2045. com/index.php?cID=480 or Scan this QR Code to be directed to the survey and offer your feedback. We've attempted to contact Island County to verify if there's a write-in submission option. We have not received confirmation at this time and will update accordingly if these details are provided in the future.



[Source: Island County website]

### A New Map for a New Generation!

There will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Saturday April  $6^{th}$ , 3:00 pm to celebrate a new map on the Old SR 525 pull out north of Greenbank, WA.

For more than several decades, there stood a map that overlooked the view of the Lake Hancock estuary, which was placed there well before the trees grew up and around it. The map also overlooked the fields of the Greenback Farm where the public could viewpoints of interest of Central Whidbey Island. This Whidbey Island Landmark Map was the brainchild of the Coupeville Lions



Club many years past, who created and installed the map for the public's use. Over time, the map had become worn by our famous Washington State wet weather and was in much need of restoration to save the crumbling map.

The map was seen as a valuable asset to the public and the Coupeville Lions Club felt that it should be cleaned and refurbished. Lions Zone Chair Carolyn O'Dell agreed with them on this idea, and she expanded on it by suggesting that we make it to include Whidbey Island, Fidalgo Island, San Juan Island, Orcas Island, and Lopez Island and visually show Lions logos on the map where all the Lions Clubs are located. Along with all the islands, tourist destinations are outlined as well. Coupeville Lion Patrick Hussey led a dynamic team with the inspiration to bring the Old SR 525 Map back to life! To get the project started the Coupeville Lions Clubs provided the brunt of the financial resources, but each of the contributing Lions Clubs provided generous donations along with individual donations to truly bring this map to life!

A note of thanks goes out to Map Artist Kay Parsons and Humphrey Signs, who manufactured and installed the new map. In addition, Mazen Mahmoud from the WSDOT Northwest Region Traffic Operations arranged for four new Brown Heritage Highway Signs directing traffic to the new map. And thanks to the participating Lions Clubs: Anacortes, Coupeville, Coupeville Central, Lopez Island, North Whidbey, Orcas Island, San Juan Island, South Whidbey, and Whidbey Island Lions Clubs. A Special Note of thanks goes out to ZC Brian Pulk, ZS Marilyn Pulk, PZC Ricardo Reyes, Vicky Reyes, Sandra Johnson, David Fish, PZC Bruce MacNair, PZC Bob O'Dell and particularly to Patrick Hussey for leading this dream team to the success of the now completed project and for securing the New Brown Heritage Highway Signs with the WSDOT.

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[Submitted by Coupeville Lions Club]

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What's Going On!

### Whidbey Climate ACTION presents ISLAND CONVERSATIONS: Down-to-Earth Conversations

*Thursday, April 4, 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.* Community Room, Bayview Corner, 5603 Bayview Rd, Langley

Fay Weller will briefly share success stories about creating the Climate resilience of Gabriola. Then we will discuss together what we can learn, replicate, and adapt here on Whidbey. Supporting organizations include the Organic Farm School, the Whidbey Institute, and the Greening Congregations Collaborative. Free, donations appreciated.

### Airplane Palooza

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#### **Airplane Palooza**

*Thursday, April 4,10:00 p.m. –11:00 p.m.* Oak Harbor Library, 1000 SE Regatta

Build your own miniature airplane and watch it fly! Add some air travel to your spring break by constructing, decorating, and flying a mini glider. For children ages 3+ with an adult caregiver. No reservation necessary!

### Ranger Hour: Prepare Your Defenses

*Friday, April 5, 4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.* Join staff from Deception Pass State Park once a month to learn about parks, wildlife, native plants, and more! Play games, be creative, and discover the natural world in our own community. Many plants and animals have to protect themselves in order to survive. Learn all about the different ways that wildlife defends against predators.



### The Whidbey Playhouse presents Cash on Delivery

April 5th - 28th Friday and Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. Sunday Matinee at 2:30 p.m. 730 SE Midway Blvd, Oak Harbor

A Comedy by Michael Cooney. Directed by Bob Hendrix. Produced by Selene Muldowney. Our hero, Eric has been laid off and hasn't found the courage to tell his wife. Instead, he has invented a string of imaginary people living at his house and cashes their benefit checks! Gloria Ferry-Brennan. Expect to hear elegant waltzes and playful blues. Bossanova, swing, hoedowns, and fiddle tunes also influence their music. This concert funded by the generous support of the Friends of the Freeland Library. Seating is limited, please register in advance. The doors will open at 1:45, please arrive early for best seat selection. At 1:55, any remaining seats will be made available to those on the waitlist or not registered.

### Live DJ and Music at the Oak Harbor Café and Lounge

Every Friday and Saturday, Apr 5-6, 9:00 p.m. midnight Oak Harbor Cafe and Lounge, 430 SE Pioneer Way, Oak Harbor

Free to Dance

More information online at: https:// www.oakharborcafeandlounge.com/

### Meerkerk Peak Bloom Season Tours

April 6-7, 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. \$10.00 admission, Ages 13 and under are free.

Explore the hidden corners of Meerkerk Gardens, discover its unique history. Join a docent to learn something new about rhododendrons, and the habitat that supports them in this peaceful woodland garden overlooking the Salish Sea. Tour is free with your admission. Additional donations are welcome. Learn more at: https://www.meerkerkgardens.org/



### Saratoga Orchestra presents: Rhythms of Nature 3 for Earth and Ocean Month

Saturday, April 6, 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. \$20 admission Greenbank Farm, 765 Wonn Rd, Greenbank coming-to-terms, and balanced action. We invite Participants to add their own experiences with the spiritual tools and life practices that work for them. Participants will receive annotated lists of in-print and online resources, and we will build a list of eco-grief resources we have or want to see created locally. Led by Jeanie McElwain, PhD in Transpersonal Psychology, grief counselor and beach naturalist, and by participants and guests of Whidbey's Greening Congregations Collaborative. Wheelchair accessible.

Doors open at 1:30 For questions, contributions, or more resources, contact: GCCWhidbey@gmail.com

### Spring Break Open Swim at Oak Harbor Community Pool

Saturday and Sunday, Apr 6-7, 1:15 p.m. -3:45 p.m. Oak Harbor Community Pool, 85 SE Jerome St, Oak Harbor

For more information on standard pricing, see their website here: https:// nwpprd.org/admission-rates or contact (360) 675-7665



### First Saturday Art Walk in Langley

Saturday, April 6, 5:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.

Stroll the streets of Langley and visit galleries that are open late and treat your, "inner artist!" This is a time to meet the featured artists and take in the vibrant Langley art scene. Most galleries serve complimentary wine and hors d'oeuvres, and some feature live music on First Saturday.

#### Spring Hawaiian Dance Party

Sunday, April 7, 12:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. Coupeville Rec Hall, 901 NW Alexander St

Enjoy some Dancing, potluck, arts & crafts, and more. If you are able, please bring a side dish, snack, or dessert to share. Dress up Hawaiian, or come as you are. Everyone welcome.

#### **LEGO® Block Party**

Monday, April 8, 3:45 p.m. –5:00 p.m. Coupeville Library Meeting Room, 788 NW Alexander St

Create with LEGO<sup>®</sup> at the library! Build independently or with others. We'll provide the LEGO<sup>®</sup>; you provide the imagination. This is a drop-in program designed for ages 5 and up.



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### Aldo Leopold, A Sand County Almanac, and the Land Ethic Wednesday, April 10, 2024, 4:00 p.m. -5:30 p.m. Freeland Library, 5495 Harbor Ave

Join Barbara Terao, Land Ethic Leader, as we watch "The Green Fire" and discuss pioneering conservationist Aldo Leopold (1887-1948) is best known for A Sand County Almanac, published 75 years ago. Written in part at his tiny home known as the Shack in Baraboo, Wisconsin, the book begins: "There are some who can live without wild things, and some who cannot. These essays are the delights and dilemmas of one who cannot."

One of Leopold's delights was sitting around the fire pit with his family, listening to cranes and geese nearby. Though Aldo Leopold was not around for the establishment of Earth Day (or Month), he's a significant part of it now!

Barbara Terao is the author of the memoir "Reconfigured," and a Whidbey Resident.

### The Mystery of Owls with Izzy Edwards

*Thursday, April 11, 7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m.* Coupeville Recreation Hall, 901 NW Alexander Street, Coupeville

Have you ever been curious about owls? If you would like to learn more about these mysterious nocturnal birds, please join the Whidbey Audubon Society and welcome Isabelle (Izzy) Edwards. Izzy will be doing a deep dive into owl photography and life history. Follow along as she shares her experiences of how she began her photographic/ naturalist journey and what led her to become immersed in the world of owls. This meeting is free and open to the public. Join us for this Hybrid meeting at the Coupeville Recreation Hall. If not attending in person, register to receive a Zoom link at https://www. whidbeyaudubonsociety.org/events-list/ the-mystery-of-owls-with-izzy-edwards-1

### The Sip & Science Series presents: Welcome Sounders Gray Whales!

Friday, April 12, 1:00 p.m. -2:00 p.m. Beaver Tales Coffee – Oak Harbor, 1900 SE Pioneer Way, inside SVC College – look for the Coffee Flags from Pioneer Way

Sip your favorite brew while you learn a thing or two! The Sip & Science series is meant to offer an informal, welcoming environment for learning about the world around you. No science background is necessary—just a thirst for knowledge!

Gray whales make one of the longest migrations of any mammal in the world. Each year a small group of grey whales, known as The Sounders, make a detour into North Puget Sound to feed on ghost shrimp. Learn more about these whales and help us welcome them to Whidbey.

Reserved Seating: Tickets are \$25.00 each and can be purchased online at www.whidbeyplayhouse.com or by phone at: 360-679-2237.

### Whidbey Island String Trio in Concert

Friday, April 5, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Freeland Library, 5495 S Harbor Ave

Join us for a concert featuring The Whidbey Island String Trio. The String Trio includes cellists Gideon Freudmann and Aniela Marie Perry and violinist Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra celebrates Whidbey's Earth and Ocean month with special guests, Mary Elizabeth Himes "A Poet on Whidbey," and OKK Taiko Drums of Oak Harbor. For more information www.sowhidbey.com or 360-929-3045.

### EcoGrief: Caring for Earth, Caring for Self

Saturday, April 6, 2:00 p.m. -3:30 p.m. We will draw on Spiritually-based pathways through grief, denial, anger, acceptance and more as we face life on a warming Earth. These will include multiple spiritual traditions from around the earth, including such practices as lament, mindfulness, resignation, hope,

### Science

### The Sip & Science Series presents: Change and Cattle

*Tuesday, April 9, 4:00 p.m. -5:00 p.m.* Island Nosh, 8898 WA-525, Clinton

Sip your favorite brew while you learn a thing or two! The Sip & Science series is meant to offer an informal, welcoming environment to learning about the world around you. No science background necessary—just a thirst for knowledge! John Fetrow is a retired professor of dairy medicine at the University of Minnesota's College of



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### Larsen Extends 2024 Congressional Art Competition Deadline to Monday, April 15

Invites All Eligible Second District Students to Participate

Rep. Rick Larsen (WA-02) is extending the deadline for high school-aged students who live or attend school in Washington's Second Congressional District to submit their art to the 2024 Congressional Art Competition. All art entries must be original in concept, design, and execution. Art submissions and forms are due to Larsen's office no later than Monday, April 15, at 5:00 p.m. PT. Interested students can find details and a full list of contest rules on Larsen's website.

#### How to Participate:

The Congressional Art Competition is open to all high school-aged students (grades 9-12) who live or attend school in the Second District; students can verify whether they are Second District residents or attend school in the district online. Interested students can find details and a full list of contest rules on Larsen's website.

Entry forms must be signed by the student, a parent or guardian, and a school faculty member and can be found Larsen's website. Forms and art submissions are due by Monday, April 15, at 5:00 p.m. PT.

Forms can also be mailed or delivered with art pieces to Larsen's Everett office:

#### Office of Rep. Rick Larsen - Everett Re: Art Competition Wall Street Building 2930 Wetmore Avenue, Suite 9F

Everett, WA 98201

[Submitted by the office of Representative Rick Larsen]

### Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce Announces Executive Director Transition Oak Harbor, WA – April 2, 2024

The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce announced the departure of Executive Director, Magi Aguilar, who has accepted a position with the City of Oak Harbor. Magi will transition from her role at the Chamber end of May 2024.

"I want to express my deepest gratitude to the Chamber members, Board of Directors, staff, ambassadors, and volunteers for their continued engagement and trust over the past two years," said Magi. "Together, we accomplished significant milestones, including growing membership, expanding our social media presence, developing new tourism initiatives, creating impactful marketing strategies, and building strong community partnerships. I'm incredibly proud of the team we've built at the Chamber.' During Magi's leadership, the Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce has experienced a period of prolonged expansion, from increased membership to popular new events. The Chamber plays a vital resource for the local businesses and community. It is anticipating sustained growth and positive business outlook in the months to come.

Steve Bristow, President of the Board of Directors, Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce said, "Magi has been thoroughly accomplished guiding the Chamber to new levels of success. We thank her for her tireless efforts, look forward to working with her at the City, and wish her complete success in all future endeavors."

The Board of Directors is committed to ensuring a smooth transition and will soon announce a plan for selecting a new Executive Director. Magi has pledged her lasting support to the Chamber and looks forward to remaining the Chamber's strongest advocate and supporter for Oak Harbor businesses.

The Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce is a non-profit organization dedicated to serving and promoting the business interests of greater Whidbey Island. The Chamber serves as a resource for businesses, residents, and tourists.

[Submitted by Oak Harbor Chamber of Commerce]

#### **Celebrate Local Wool and Local Fiber Arts**

Whidbey Weavers Guild presents the 51st Annual Spin-In on April 6 and 7, 2024 in Oak Harbor. This year we are featuring local wool, local wool processing, and local fiber artists. Over 30 vendors from throughout the Salish Sea area will be in the marketplace all weekend as spinners from the region come together to celebrate spinning yarn and fiber arts. Join us for fun, laughter, and learning.

This year's presentation and workshop features Anna Hosick-Kalahan and Jessica Schwab, owners and operators of Skagit Woolen Works in Mount Vernon, WA. Anna and Jessica purchased a 100-year-old carder (called Rosie) and operate a zero-waste fiber processing facility. The presentation is at 1:00PM Saturday and the hands-on workshop begins at 10:30AM Sunday.

In addition to the Marketplace, group spinning continues throughout the weekend. There will be a People's Choice Competition, many door prizes, a raffle, and a liquidation table will be available for used fiber arts equipment that can be sold or purchased.

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The event is held from 10:00AM to 4:00PM on Saturday and Sunday, April 6 and 7 at the Oak Harbor High School. A registration fee of \$20 covers all day Saturday and Sunday. An optional fiber pack for the Sunday workshop will be available. The Marketplace is available for free to members of the public from 11:00AM to 1:00PM on Saturday.

Coffee and teas are available, and participants are encouraged to bring their own lunch. Workshop participants should bring a wheel, e-spinner (with battery pack) or spindle, and a pair of hand cards, a flicker or metal comb to prepare locks for spinning.

More details, a list of vendors, and driving directions are available at

https://whidbeyweaversguild.org/

[Submitted by Whidbey Weavers Guild]

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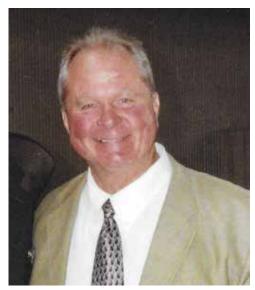
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### Warren Eugene Ove, Jr.

01/17/1949 - 3/10/2024



Warren Eugene Ove, Jr. fell asleep in death from a cancerous brain tumor on March 10, 2024. Warren was the oldest of 4 children born to Warren and Elsie Ove, in Weed, California on Jan 17, 1949.

He spent most of his school years in northern California and Eugene, Oregon. While in Eugene he met Venita Hisey, and they married on December 30, 1972. They welcomed their daughter Megan in 1975 and their son Tyson in 1977. Warren and Venita moved their family to Whidbey Island in 1979. They continued in the construction business forming OVE BROS. Construction with his brother Wayne. He was known in the community for his integrity, honesty, and quality of work.

Warren was an active member of one of Jehovah's Witnesses. He served as an Elder in the Coupeville Congregation and then in

Oak Harbor. Whether he was caring for his family, serving his brothers and sisters in the congregation, engaging in the door-to-door ministry, or donating many hours as part of the RBC; constructing, remodeling Kingdom Halls in Washington, Oregon, his love, and dedication to Jehovah God never wavered.

In 2014 he became a Papa. A role he treasured deeply. Kiera and her Papa molded clay animals, built forts and houses, played with dolls, read books, collected rocks at the beach, thrift store shopping, and playground trips. You could catch them holding hands whenever they walked together.

Warren loved music and singing, even Karaoke. He baked bread and cooked meals for those he loved. He will be missed; his absence leaves a large void.

He loved his heavenly father Jehovah and his life reflected that by the way he lived. He also had a hope for the future if he should fall asleep in death.

Warren is survived by his wife of 51 years, Venita Ove, daughter Megan Ove, son Tyson Ove and granddaughter Kiera. His brothers Wayne Ove, Steven Ove and sister Anita Pope and nieces.

A Memorial service will be held on April 13, 2024, at 3:00 in the Oak Harbor High School Commons Room. In lieu of flowers please donate to jw.org.

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Ingredients are shared by many different cultures, and similar dishes may be found on tables across the globe. For example, the hamburger, which is wildly popular in North America and across Europe. In areas of the Middle East as well as Morocco and other parts of North Africa, people enjoy a similar dish of kefta. Kefta is a kind of ground meat made into small loaves or patties, which are then char-grilled.

Kefta is considered a national dish in Morocco, and beloved by children and adults alike. Those who want to try this tasty meal can look to "Kefta & Olive Toast" from "Casablanca My Moroccan Food" (Firefly Books) by Nargisse Benkabbou for inspiration.

### **KEFTA & OLIVE TOAST**

#### (Makes 4)

- 1/2 pound ground beef, 10 to 20 percent fat
- 1/2 pound ground lamb, 10 to 20 percent fat
- 1 large onion, grated
- 1/3 cup flat-leaf parsley, finely chopped
- 1/3 cup cilantro, finely chopped mint sprigs, leaves picked and 4 chopped
- 2 tablespoons paprika
- To make the Kefta:

- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- teaspoon salt 1
- 1/2 teaspoon ground black pepper Pinch cayenne pepper

#### To serve:

- tablespoons olive oil 2
- quantity of kefta 1
- 4 slices of bread, char-grilled or toasted
  - cup drained pitted green olives, chopped

Chopped parsley, to garnish

#### Place all the ingredients in a large bowl, then use your hands or a large spoon to mix them together. Cover the bowl with plastic wrap and keep in the fridge until ready to use. Shape and cook as desired, or follow the next step.

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#### To serve:

Heat the olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Add the kefta and cook, breaking up the meat with a wooden spoon, for about 5 minutes until it is no longer pink.

Spoon the cooked kefta over each slice of warm char-grilled or toasted bread and top with chopped olives and chopped parsley to garnish. Serve immediately.

### WEEKLY HOROSCOPES

### ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20

You may have a chance to get to know someone better this week, Aries. Trust your instincts rather than listening to what is running through the rumor mill.

### TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may be ready to shake things up in regard to your social life or even with a professional pursuit. Work out the path you want to take.

### GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21

Following your curiosity may lead you down some interesting paths, Gemini. Things can change on a moment's notice, so be prepared to respond.

### CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

An intellectual debate could grow somewhat tiresome this week, Cancer. You need to know when to pull out of the conversation to help maintain your mental well-being.

### LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23

Have an important conversation with a loved one, Leo. You need to clear up a misunderstanding that has been growing more significant. Once you take care of this, smooth sailing awaits.

### VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22

You may want to rely on someone else to bring some stability and comfort to your life, Virgo. Now may be the time to seek out a new relationship.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23 Libra, have a good time over the next

couple of weeks. You deserve it. Recognize that fun interactions do not necessarily have to be shallow experiences. You can learn something new even while being entertained.

### SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

It might feel like your peer group has shifted in a way that no longer gels with you, Scorpio. It may be time to find some new friends who share your current interests.

### SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

You may seek validation from peers or even people on social media if you feel like you are being inhibited by current insecurities, Sagittarius. Others can corroborate your value.

### CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20

Proactive changes you make this week may improve your love life, Capricorn. That can be a good thing if you have encountered relationship issues lately.

### AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Aquarius, setting out on an impulsive adventure could be worth the effort right now. It can be refreshing to spend time outside your usual surroundings.

### PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20

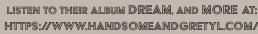
Putting up a tough front may be a protection strategy right now, Pisces. Over time, you may need to let your guard down and ask for some help if the situation is chronic.

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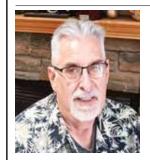
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# **OUR Community** An Upbeat Question of the week By Helen Mosbrooker

Where is the most beautiful place you have ever been, and why?



### Jim Breiling Freeland

During the early 1990's I found myself making numerous business trips to various parts of Japan as a local aerospace company was looking at cost savings opportunities. One of those trips took me to Hiroshima, Japan. Our host took us on a passenger ferry to the Itsukushima shrine. The shrine complex is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. As the ferry boat passed under the massive floating red lobster timber Tori, I marveled at the craftsmanship. I was told the current Tori has

been standing sometime since the 1800's which to me is amazing considering the salt water, tides and storms over the years. And yet it stands there welcoming people to come and enjoy themselves at the shrine.

### Samantha Beeson Oak Harbor

You don't spend a career in the Navy and not see a lot of beautiful places. Desert sunsets are their own shade of red, turquoise water so clear you could read through it, mountains capped in snow year-round, and in the middle of the ocean on a cloudless night when every star is two. But these are just beautiful, without a meaning, without a "why". To answer your question, I'd have to say Rosario Beach in Deception Pass. On a perfect August day, clear blue skies, warm temps, light breeze, the summers we brag about, rather than walking me



down the aisle, my dad walked me up the cliff, at high noon, and I married my baby. This most beautiful place on the perfect day brought together the people I love to witness. Together we raised 3 boys, we took turns deploying, we took turns being both parents, and this fall it will be 25 years since we made this beautiful place the perfect memory. Yes, Rosario Beach.



### Valarie Cohn Clinton

The places that I have been to include Glacier Bay and it was beautiful. I've seen the plains of the Midwest during thunderstorms and that was impressive. Watched antelopes in Montana, and bison grazing in Wyoming, the wonder of Old Faithful. All these places have their own unique beauty. But to me the most beautiful place I've been is here on Whidbey Island. No where else I've been can you look across the water of the ocean and see the Cascade mountains and then travel few miles and across more of the ocean see the

Olympic mountains. On a clear day the sky is such an amazing shade of blue. And so often you can see hawks or eagles soaring above and traffic stops so deer can cross the road. Whidbey is so picturesque I'm always in awe.

So why do I find Whidbey the most beautiful place? It is a gorgeous picture postcard, and the icing on the cake is there are incredible people that live here. People here are friendly, kind, caring and generous. That makes Whidbey the most beautiful place I've been.

### Callahan McVay Langley

South Whidbey state park: it is a magical place, a real old growth forest facing the strait of Juan de Fuca and my uncle Jack helped save the forest from being logged in the 70's. The trails are well maintained: the ferns and trees glorious, it's nice to walk though even on a rainy day. The west side of the park



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- response
- 32. Distress signal
- 33. Engine additive
- 35. "No Scrubs" trio
- 36. Very fast airplane
- 39. A reward (archaic)
- 41. Commercial
- 42. Spots where golfers start
- 44. Polite form of address (Indian)
- 46. French river

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- 62. Office of the Pope

- 2. American Board of Orthopedic Surgery
- 3. Ancient Syrian city
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- 5. In a way, misleads

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- 10. Took apart
- 12. Mild yellow Dutch cheese
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- 48. Hand (Spanish)
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- 51. Actor Idris
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- 54. Northern U.S. lake
- 55. Marvin and Horsley are two
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- 52. A way to categorize
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has good salmon fishing in the fall and the parking lot has a real phone booth.



### Jan Powell Oak Harbor

My husband and I love to travel. I grew up on Whidbey Island and it is a beautiful place to live. There are so many things to see here. But on my travels, there is one place we go that always draws me back. I marvel at the awesome beauty that is in Utah, Zion National Park. The colors vary from light tan to deep orange, the shapes are like rolling hills with striations like the fingers of a paintbrush sweeping all around in swirls. It makes me feel as if I'm standing in the middle of a painting. It is so very different from where we live

here, it's hot, it's dry, and it touches my soul to see the wonder of nature spread out all around me. I could go back time and again and never be disappointed. I love my home on Whidbey Island and I have the memories of the beautiful canyon landscapes to warm me on a chilly day.

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#### VOLUNTEERING

Looking to make a meaningful difference in your community? Join us at Habitat for Humanity of Island County and discover a fulfilling volunteer experience! Your support in the stores directly contributes to providing families with a pathway to homeownership. We offer a variety of volunteer opportunities at our Oak Harbor and Freeland locations. Whether you enjoy assisting customers, organizing donations, or maintaining the store, there's a role for you. Best of all, schedules are flexible, allowing you to volunteer in whatever way suits you! In addition to store support, we're also seeking volunteers for construction projects throughout the area. If you're passionate about building homes and changing lives,

### VOLUNTEERING CONT.

committee and everything in between. We also would love to have you get involved with the board and association. And if you're unable to volunteer, consider making a donation to help us cover the costs of the event. Every little bit helps! Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the festival. Visit penncovewaterfestival. org under Volunteer. The Coupeville Farmers Market is looking for volunteers for our 45th

consecutive season! If you want to help support your local market and have interest in volunteering either on a market day for set up/tear down or helping in a different capacity we would love to talk to you. Please email us at whidbeyfarmersmarket@ gmail.com if you would be interested in learning more about volunteering with the market!

#### WEEKLY MEETINGS

Have you ever been affected by someone else's drinking? Al-Anon may be for you. AL-ANON: Tuesdays at 5:30-6:30 Oak Harbor Lutheran Church Library 1253 NW 2nd Ave. There is help and hope: Contact for more info: Danielle 360-840-7181 or Randy 360-914-8084

MEMORY CAFÉ Every 1st and 3rd Tues of the Month 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church 1050 SE Ireland Street Oak Harbor, WA. Join our bimonthly gathering for people with memory loss and their family to enjoy a time of fun, conversation, music and laughing (and snacks). This is a dementia friendly setting. For information: 360-720-4535 SOUTH WHIDBEY NAR-ANON FAMILY GROUP meets every Wednesday at 6pm at the Langley Methodist Church, 301 Anthes in Langley. We meet in the Fireside Room, rear of church Karol:360 914 76

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Alzheimer's/Dementia Caregivers Support Group Oak Harbor 2nd Thursday of the month, 2 -3:00 p.m., 1st Reformed Church, 250 SW 3rd Ave, Oak Harbor. Build a support network with people who understand. Alzheimer's Association® support groups conducted by trained facilitators are a safe place for people living with dementia and their caregivers. Contact Kayla at 360-333-9004, or Mykel Husk at 360-969-1248.

### SHELTERS/HOUSING

CADA Emergency Shelter -Confidential crisis shelter for women and children fleeing domestic violence/sexual assault/stalking. This is NOT a homeless shelter. Office: 360-675-7057 Crisis Line: 360-675-2232 Toll Free: 800-215-5669

Island County Housing Support – 105 NW 1st St., Coupeville 360-678-8284 For homeless or at risk of losing housing. Mon-Thurs, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Ryan's House for Youth -19777 SR 20, Coupeville 360-331-4575

For at-risk adults ages 18-24 Whidbey Homeless Coalition - Serving Island County 360-900-3077

The Haven Overnight Shelter: Night-to-night shelter for up to 30 individuals. Must follow check-in rules and must register Mon-Fri between 4 and 4:30 p.m. at SPiN Café, 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor. House of Hope Emergency Housing, Langley 360-708-4533 Temporary shelter for families and adults at severe risk of homelessness; to apply, contact the Housing Support Center or call the number above.

Oxford Houses – Recovery housing oxfordhouse.org -Men:360-246-4101 - Women & Children: 360-682-5773

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#### RESOURCES **Basic Food Benefits**

Community Services Office: 275 Pioneer Way #201, Oak Harbor 877-501-2233 Food Banks: -Gifts From the Heart, 203 N Main St., Coupeville 360-672-5502 Distribution on 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, 2-5 p.m. -Good Cheer, 2812 Grimm Rd., Langley 360-221-4868 Mon-Fri, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. -North Whidbey Help House, 1091 SE Hathaway St. Oak Harbor 360-675-0681 Mon-Fri, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (5 p.m. on Tuesdays) Closed 12-1 p.m. for lunch

Island Church of Whidbey Soup Kitchen: 503 Cascade Ave., Langley 360-221-0969 Tues & Thurs 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. SPiN Café: 1241 SW Barlow St., Oak Harbor Daily, 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

St. Anthony's Soup Kitchen: 804 3rd St., Langley 360-221-5303/sthubert@whidbey.com Tuesday orders for home; Wednesday kitchen meals 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

HUB After School: 301 Anthes Ave., Langley 360-221-0969

Food and activities for middle and high school youth. Mon, Tues, Thurs, Friday 2-6 p.m., Wed 1-6 p.m. Ryans House for Youth: Food, fun, support, 19777 SR 20, Coupeville 360-331-4575 Drop-in center for adults ages 18-24; Daily 6 a.m.-8:30 p.m., 35 SE Ely St., Oak Harbor 360-682-5098 Drop-in center for youth ages 12-21; Mon-Fri 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Women, Infants & Children (WIC): -Oak Harbor/North Whidbey: 1791 NE 1st Ave. Mon-Thurs 360-240-5554 Text: 360-544-2239

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