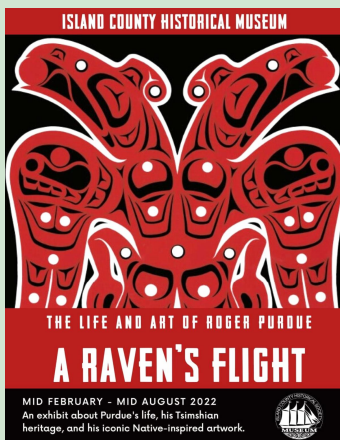


# *The Current*

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## **From Our Community**



### **Roger Purdue Exhibit at Island County Historical Museum**

The legacy of Roger Purdue is evident in several places on the Coupeville Wharf. A highlight of his artistic career was the “Spirits of the Salmon” wheel, which was originally displayed at the base of the Wharf. In 2011, it was replaced with the Whale Whorl Wheel, designed by Purdue and carved by community artists in 2011. Stop by and give it a spin!

The Salmon Wheel is now on display in the museum exhibit. Five different salmon on the wheel represent the five species that live in this area. The wheel commemorates the importance and spirituality of the salmon and the environment; the circle and its ability to spin represent the cycle of life.

Purdue's artistic legacy is also memorialized on Penn Cove Water Festival posters. Many are displayed in the Coupeville Wharf foyer.

### **Port of Coupeville Working With Island County to Own AJ Eisenberg Airport**

The Port of Coupeville met with the Board of Island County Commissioners to

discuss the purchase and operation of the AJ Eisenberg Airport, a now-private airport located just south of Oak Harbor. The Board of County Commissioners went into executive session to consider the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase (RCW 42.30.110(1)(b)). The Board came back into session and passed a motion directing staff to negotiate purchase of the Eisenberg Airport within the parameters discussed in executive session.



## Wharf Wednesdays Live Music



The historic Coupeville Wharf and Penn Cove are the backdrop for a live music series each Wednesday at 4:00 through June. The events are free and a great way to get outside mid-week.

For more information about the musicians, please visit [Wharf Wednesdays Busker Series](#)

## On the Wharf

### Wharf History Photo Wall



The Suva schooner is back in the marina, the kayaks are out on the dock, and the cafe is set to re-open – lots of reasons to visit the Coupeville Wharf!

Be sure to step inside the Wharf foyer to see our new historic photo display of Native American history and the Penn Cove Water Festival.

**Whale Watching Season** – June is Orca month and we've been lucky to have many Orca sightings this spring in Penn Cove. Ring our whale bell if you see one!

# At Greenbank Farm

## Summer Is In The Air On The Farm

Our agriculture program is growing! We now have five farms utilizing our rich soils on the farm. Lesedi Farms, Growing Vets, Salty Acres, One Willow Farms, our Community Garden, and now a professional Dahlia grower! We can't wait to see the color and magic being planted this year!



### "Cottagecore" Lifestyle on Whidbey Island

Greenbank Farm was featured in this Seattle Times article about things to do and places to see on Whidbey. The article starts with an introduction to the "cottagecore" lifestyle!

"In case you're unfamiliar with the concept, "cottagecore" is a life of gardening and farming, wild forest exploration, baking, knitting, handicrafts, art, foraging and other pastimes amid a rural backdrop."

Read the article here [Rural Life and Respite on Whidbey Island](#)

### Pie, Cheese, Wine – Oh My!

Greenbank Farm businesses have many delicious offerings, plan a picnic in the gardens.

## Upcoming Events

### Port of Coupeville Board Meetings

Zoom Conference Call. For instructions on participating, visit the Port website here:

<https://portoc.org/commission-meetings/meeting-agendas/>

**Wed, May 25, 6 p.m.:**

### Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,

To participate, see instructions above.

**Sat, May 28, 9 a.m - 3 p.m.**

### Emerging Artists & Craftspeople Fair Greenbank Farm's Historic Barn

**Sat, May 28, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

### Community Flea Market

Last Saturdays of the month

### WSU Master Gardeners' Educational Gardens

The Greenbank Farm educational gardens are blooming. There's many displays if you're looking for ideas. Thank you to all of our volunteers gardeners who tend the Greenbank Farm grounds!

**Waterfront Wednesdays, 4 - 5 p.m.**  
**Busker Music Series**

Save the dates, every Wed thru June!

**Wed, June 9, 10 a.m.**

**Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,**  
To participate, see instructions above.

**Wed, June 23, 6 p.m.**

**Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,**  
To participate, see instructions above.

Stay updated on ALL of our upcoming events by check our [events calendar](#).

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