

The Current

News for December 2020

While 2020 brought many unexpected challenges, we are thankful for our volunteers and community for your continued support of both the Coupeville Wharf and Greenbank Farm.

We wish you and yours a joyful holiday season and Happy New Year!



On the Wharf



A fresh look coming to the wharf entryway starting early December!

Thanks to the port's partnership with the Coupeville Historic Waterfront Association (CHWA), we have replaced the loose gravel at the entrance to the wharf! This sets the stage for our future improvements, including installing new reclaimed wood benches to provide more seating while maintaining our beautiful views of Penn Cove. Additionally, we will be refurbishing the two information kiosks to give them a fresh look, and later next year, a new stepped rock wall to compliment the area between the entryway and the grass area above it. We are grateful to CHWA for their partnership with the Port to make this happen!

Update on the Coupeville Wharf Rehabilitation Project

The wharf repairs are underway and we

are excited to be moving forward with the rehabilitation process! Currently, most of the required permits have been secured and we are waiting on National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) to mitigate the final permit. We expect to complete Phase 1, Piles & Caps, by December 31, 2021. In Phase 2, a new roof and seismic stabilization of the walls for the wharf is expected to be completed by June 30, 2021.



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At Greenbank Farm



[Learn more about Growing Veterans](#)

Greenbank Farming is thriving!

Growing Veterans finished their first farming season under tough conditions, but this group of amazing veteran farmers rose to the challenge. With hard work, they were able to grow over 150 lbs. of produce and will be donating it to the North Whidbey Help House! Tonelli Gruetter, Manager of Growth and Outreach for Growing Veterans stated "It's been a challenging first year between colder than usual conditions and the challenges faced by reduced volunteering due to COVID-19 but I'm really happy to report it didn't stop us from making an impact! We were able to host our first Skagit Valley College internship completing 100 hours of service at Greenbank this spring."

Farming Successes in 2020

Lesedi Farm had a successful growing season at Greenbank Farm! Dorcas Young, Lesedi Farm owner, has grown over 80 lbs. of fava beans. Be on the lookout for her upcoming local sales!

Salty Acres, while not the year they expected, still had a productive growing season and they are planting for the future. They recently completed their fall bulb planting and we can't wait to see them bloom next spring.



Holiday Raffle at Greenbank Farm



The Port of Coupeville is grateful to our dedicated community volunteers **Judi Moore, Billie and Hank Jung, and Hollie Swanson** for procuring donations for a gift basket raffle on December 20. The basket includes a selection of local treats along with gift certificates from our Greenbank Wine Shop, Old Spots Bistro, and the Greenbank Cheese Shop. Tickets can be purchased at the Greenbank Wine Shop for \$1 each or 6/\$5. We greatly appreciate their continual efforts to raise awareness and financial support for Greenbank Farm.

Safety First! Dogs Must Be Leashed Except in Off-Leash Zone

The Port is continues to renew its commitment to ensuring dogs are on leash at Greenbank Farm except when safely inside the off-leash zone. Complaints to Port staff occur daily, citing unleashed dogs in parking lots, play fields, and in farmed areas. ***Dogs are not permitted off leash until they are safely inside the farm's off-leash area marked by red flags.*** Owners who do not comply will be warned and may face a ban from the farm for non-compliance. Please be a safe and responsible pet owner. Follow the leash rules, pick up your dog waste, and encourage your fellow dog walkers to respect and care for this valuable public resource. *(Photo by Unsplash.)*



Know the law: Island County Off-Leash Code

A new face at the Port of Coupeville!

In October, we welcomed our new Community Administrative Specialist, April Booth. She and her family moved to Whidbey mid-2019 to be near her husband's family and their llama farm. April worked for seven years in economic development in Virginia, specifically in the transportation and logistics sector. Additionally, she managed the operations for a national non-profit dedicated to Army women for eleven years. When visiting Whidbey, April appreciated the charm



of both the Greenbank Farm and the Coupeville Wharf. She is thrilled to have joined the Port of Coupeville and the efforts to protect and preserve our historic sites.

Upcoming Events

December 23, 6 p.m.:

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,
Zoom Conference Call. For instructions on participating, visit the Port website here: <https://portoc.org/commission-meetings/meeting-agendas/>

January 6, 10 a.m.:

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

Greenbank Farm is available for weddings and events. Call us at 360.222.3558 or click on the link below for details on how to rent the farm.

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