

The Current

News from the Port of Coupeville

November 2018



Holiday Market Returns to Greenbank Farm!

Join us at Greenbank Farm for the return of the Holiday Market, featuring unique gifts and hand-crafted items from Whidbey artists and artisans. Hosted by the Port of Coupeville and Greenbank Farm businesses, the Market will be open weekends December 8-9 and December 15-16. You'll enjoy shopping in our historic barn decked out in festive fashion--a perfect scene for holiday photos. Plus, don't miss **Santa's grand arrival** by fire engine on Saturday, December 8 at 4 p.m. to celebrate the farm's traditional tractor lighting ceremony. He'll be available every Saturday in December from noon to 2:30 p.m. and Market Sundays for children's visits and photos. For Market hours, [visit our website](#) or check us out on [Facebook](#). Vendors interested in participating can contact Hollie Swanson at 206.713.4798 or email hollie.swanson1567@gmail.com.

In Town

Port Responds to NASWI

Recently, Naval Air Station Whidbey Island requested public input on the proposed expansion of flight operations at OLF, and the impact on historic structures in Coupeville. The Port's Board of



Commissioners responded in a letter expressing their concerns, with specific regard to the Coupeville Wharf and Greenbank Farm. [Read the letter.](#) (Photo courtesy of Whidbey Camano Islands Tourism)

At Greenbank Farm

Grant-Funded Pond Restoration Makes Evening News

Successful cleaning of Greenbank Farm's Pond has been completed, thanks to funding from Island County's Rural Economic Development Program. The project was critical to maintain the farm's irrigation and fire suppression systems. Local contractors Ken Petry and Tony Franz used an innovative technology that was environmentally-friendly, attracting the attention of **KING-5 News**. [Watch the news clip now.](#)



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Dog Park Advisory Group Forms

The Port has formed a small community group to help advise its policies and operations for the Greenbank Farm Dog Park. The advisory group met in November to review current park operations and boundaries. The group will be meeting over the winter to offer suggestions on improvements for the safety and enjoyment of dog owners and the general public. To provide comment, please contact the Port at 360.222.3151 or [email us.](#)



Greenhouse Becomes a Home

The Port is thrilled to welcome the **Greenbank Garden Club** to their new nursery home at Greenbank Farm. The club has been eyeing an empty greenhouse for months with plans to raise native plants for sale to the public. Busy as bees, members are painting, cleaning and refurbishing the structure, with planting to begin soon. Members will host their plant sale this spring at the farm, with a focus on



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native and local starts.

Volunteers Support Harvest Faire Success

The farm's first annual Harvest Faire on Sept. 29, held in partnership with Whidbey Island Grown, was a great success. Our volunteers played a vital role in planning, promotion and execution. Special thanks to Judi Moore, whose raffle basket raised more than \$150 for farm preservation. Also Cassandra Scarfone for event assistance, and Mark and Melissa Stewart for the scenic tractor rides. Stay tuned for Harvest Faire 2019.



Gardener Nurtures Farm Plots with Care

Greenbank Farm's community gardens are flourishing, thanks to the efforts of lead gardener, Kath Stetz, who has helped build a sense of camaraderie with fellow gardeners by sharing advice on everything from cultivation to composting--knowledge she has accumulated over 20 years as a master gardener. [Read more](#) about Kath on our website. Email her at katstetz@gmail.com to learn more about the gardens.



[Rent a Garden Patch](#)

Upcoming Events

November 18, 5-9 p.m.:

Whidbey Homeless Coalition Community Celebration at Greenbank Farm. Open to the public. Details at whidbeyhomeless.org or call 360.900.3077.

December 8, 9, 15,16:

Greenbank Farm's Holiday Market, December 8-9; and 15-16. Saturdays 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sundays 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. To reserve a space, vendors may contact hollie.swanson1567@gmail.com.

December 8, 4 p.m.:

Santa Grand Arrival and Tractor Lighting Ceremony for all ages. [Facebook for details.](#)



Santa visits every weekend in December on Saturdays from noon to 2:30 p.m; and Sundays during the market.

December 12, 10 a.m.:

Port Board of Commissioners Meeting,
Masonic Lodge, Coupeville

**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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