

The Current

News from the Port of Coupeville

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Dear Friends,

Join us as we celebrate the best of Whidbey's farming heritage at Greenbank Farm's first annual **Harvest Faire**, featuring festivities for the whole family, Sunday, September 30 from 12 noon to 5 p.m. Held in partnership with Whidbey Island Grown Week, we'll be showcasing local artisans, farmers, artists and craftspeople who contribute to our island's economic vitality. Plus enjoy fabulous food, live music, vintage cars and activities on the grounds of historic Greenbank Farm. So grab a friend and head to the farm to welcome fall's arrival. You'll find event details on our [website](#) or visit us on [Facebook](#). We promise an unforgettable day! Interested in being a vendor for the event? Check out the [vendor application](#) and [flyer](#) for details.

On the Wharf

Wharf Drives Local Economy

The numbers are in! The Coupeville Wharf has been a hot spot in 2018, drawing tourists and generating revenue for local businesses. Consider these year-to-date facts:

- Nearly **1500** paid passengers have



sailed on the historic ships Suva, Hawaiian Chieftain and Cutty Sark.

- **1752** vessels have visited the Wharf, 924 of which carried guests who spent the night.
- **828** vessels dropped in for the day bringing multiple passengers who shopped or ate locally.



Wharf Moorage Rates to Drop

Don't pull up anchor just yet! Penn Cove offers plenty of sunshine and cooler days in the fall for boating, plus easier access and lower moorage fees at the Coupeville Wharf. Beginning Oct. 1, moorage rates drop by 50 percent, so shove off for a day of shopping or dinner in Coupeville. Get the full scoop on moorage rates and more on our [website](#).



A Welcome Incentive

The Port of Coupeville has teamed up with the Coupeville Chamber and Historic Waterfront Association to offer incoming boaters a sturdy 'welcome' backback for visiting overnight. Included are coupons and incentives to encourage local shopping and dining. More than 100 bags have been distributed so far. Chris Michalopoulos, the Port's executive director, said the bags have been a great way to "enhance the visitor experience and increase awareness for local businesses."

At Greenbank Farm

Celebrities to Celebrate Pie at Harvest Faire

Don't miss a highlight of Greenbank Farm's **Harvest Faire**, when five local notables compete in the Whidbey Celebrity Pie-Eating Challenge. Each contestant will attempt to polish off a stunning hand-made pie, courtesy of wildly-popular Whidbey Pies. The winner will be crowned king or queen of the Harvest Faire, and take home a Whidbey Pie to enjoy with family and friends. Cheer on your favorite contestant,



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Sept. 30 at 1 p.m., front and center on the main stage.

Pond Restoration to Begin

Thanks to funding made possible through Island County's Rural Economic Development Program, work will begin in mid-September to clean and restore the pond at Greenbank Farm. The pond is an integral feature of the farm. It supplies water for field irrigation and the critical fire suppression for the historic main barn. Work will begin mid-month and wrap up by Sept. 28. Shops at the farm will remain open during restoration efforts.



Port Partners with Whidbey Island Grown

The Port of Coupeville has joined Whidbey Island Grown, in a effort to help increase awareness and economic capacity for local farmers, buyers and residents. WIG works to promote the growth and consumption of agricultural products from Whidbey. As custodians of the 1904 Greenbank Farm, the Port is proud to share our farming heritage and broaden the regional footprint of local farm and agricultural enterprises. You can too by attending events during **Whidbey Island Grown Week**, Sept. 28-Oct. 7.



[More on WIG](#)

Upcoming Events

Sept. 8, 11 a.m.:

Second Saturday, Greenbank Farm. Open to the public.

Sept. 12, 10 a.m.:

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting, Jim Davis House at Greenbank Farm, 765 Wonn Road.

Sept. 28-Oct. 7:

Whidbey Island Grown Week, offering events celebrating local farms and agriculture. [Details.](#)



September 30:

Greenbank Farm's Harvest Faire, 12 noon to 5 p.m., in partnership with Whidbey Island Grown, Whidbey Pies, the Greenbank Farm Wine Shop and farm merchants. A celebration featuring glorious food, arts, music and family fun. [Details](#)

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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