

The Current

News for November 2021



From Our Community



Two of the most vital assets for the Port of Coupeville are the historic properties it owns and the community it serves! Our community members and their feedback are key in the Port's decision making processes. Your input is valued and appreciated, and the main reason we now have two meetings per month with 4 opportunities to address the board with feedback. One such member that has been instrumental in helping the Board and staff is Marianne Burr. She has attended almost all of our meetings over the last couple of years and has provided feedback and insight that has made an impact on our

decision-making processes.

"The best part of being at port meetings on a regular basis is getting to know the people in charge and having the chance to share my opinions. By participating at meetings, I have gained information, understanding, and sometimes even entertainment!"

Marianne Burr

Port of Coupeville New Hire



In September the Port of Coupeville welcomed Kelly Webb as our new Community Administrative Specialist. Before moving to Whidbey Kelly was the principal and co-founder of an integrated/sustainable building design and consulting company that also provided sustainable design education. Prior to that, she was the Director of Campus Sustainability and the Institute for

Sustainable Studies for an art and design college, where she developed and implemented sustainability policies, procedures, and curricula. Both positions required a great deal of project management, a skill that transfers easily to the Port. Kelly is a LEED AP O&M and holds several certificates in sustainable building and nonprofit management. Kelly moved to Whidbey in 2018 and has built a net zero energy home here on the Island and has a son that graduated college in her living room during the COVID lockdown. Kelly serves as a Board Member and on the Stewardship Committee of Sound Water Stewards of Island County.

On the Wharf

Awaiting Permit



PoC has partnered with the Island County Commissioners, Representative Rick Larson, Representative David Paul, and others to begin much needed repairs to the Coupeville Wharf. We have already received grants to begin this important work, which includes replacement of pilings and caps, fire suppression systems, sewer and water lines, a new roof

and seismic stabilization of the wharf building. Unfortunately, we are still waiting on permits from the National Marine Fisheries Service to begin these repairs.

At Greenbank Farm

Holiday Market is back!

The Holiday Market is back at Greenbank Farm in 2021! Please join a full barn of vendors and festive holiday cheer on Saturday November 27th and Saturday

Garden Club Volunteers Impacting the Farm

The Greenbank Farm Garden Club Volunteers have worked diligently in 2021 weeding, planting & maintaining the various garden beds around the Farm buildings. This holiday season they are again sponsoring a raffle basket full of local business certificates, a birdhouse, dog & bird treats, goodies & even a decorative pillow. Tickets for this raffle drawing are on sale at Greenbank Wine Shop & the Holiday Bazaar held in Barn A. \$1 for 1 ticket or \$5 for 6 tickets with the drawing being held Dec 19. Proceeds will be used to purchase a metal arbor to install in the Farm Wedding Garden and for garden maintenance.

This past year the volunteers have raised monies to purchase & then plant the new Portuguese Laurel & rhododendron hedge for the wedding garden area & assisted in installing a drip irrigation system for the gardens. Robert Moore, with Facilities Maintenance Technician Brian Hutchins, rehabilitated the 5000 gallon water storage tank & completed the connection of the adjoining pressure pump. This now allows the collected rainwater to be used to water the wedding garden. PLEASE support our Farm & our community open space by buying a raffle ticket. THANK YOU!



Upcoming Events

November 10, 10 a.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/>

November 24, 6 p.m.:

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

November 27, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.:

Holiday Market,
Barn A, Greenbank Farm.

December 4, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m.:

Holiday Market,

We Love Our Wildlife!

This gorgeous Heron visited the Greenbank Farm every day for a couple of weeks! We miss it outside our window.

Barn A, Greenbank Farm.

December 8, 10 a.m.:

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,

To participate, see instructions above.

December 22, 6 p.m.:

Port of Coupeville Board Meeting,

To participate, see instructions above.

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