

# *The Current*

*News for February 2023*



## **From Our Community**



### **PENN COVE MUSSELFEST 2023**

***Celebrate the Bold, Briny  
& Blue!***

Don't miss this popular Whidbey Island tradition! Special activities include:

- Chowder Tastings
  - Chef Demos
- Mussel Farm Boat Tours
  - Mussel Mingle
  - Live Music
  - Kids Activities

The schedule of events is at the link below.  
Tickets go on sale Feb 3rd, don't delay as some events sell out quickly.

**[Musselfest info + tickets](#)**

## Coupeville Sea Level Rise Study



With funding from the Department of Ecology's Shoreline Grant Program, the Town of Coupeville is taking important steps to prepare for the effects of sea level rise by conducting a sea level rise vulnerability assessment. This assessment will evaluate which of the Town's areas and/or assets are considered most at risk from sea level rise-related hazards.

A public meeting webinar will take place February 9th at 6:00 PM

**[Register here](#)**

Sea Level Rise and Coupeville Survey – Share your input about sea level rise vulnerability in Coupeville through the online survey by 5 PM on February 25, 2023. Paper copies are available at the Town Hall front desk.

**[Sea Level Rise Survey & Project Info](#)**

## PNW Art School 2023 Workshops



**Come Inspire Your Inner Artist in 2023 with An Unforgettable Experience!**

What sets us apart from the rest? There are so many reasons! First is the stunning backdrop of Whidbey Island on the edge of the Salish Sea. Escape the ordinary by taking an extraordinary workshop in an equally extraordinary place. Quiet beaches, encircled by mountains, old growth forests, and a quaint historic waterfront full of historic buildings, are all the backdrop for your experience with us.

Located in Coupeville, the Pacific Northwest Art School has been offering visual arts education for more than 35 years. Registration for art workshops is now open for 2023.

Workshops are offered in four mediums: fiber art, mixed medium, painting and photography.

**[2023 PNW Art School Workshops](#)**

## Port of Coupeville News

**New Audit: 1/2019 - 12/2022**

Just in! Our most recent audit from Washington State. In all areas reviewed, the results were positive:

"Port operations complied, in all material respects, with applicable state laws, regulations, and its own policies, and provided adequate controls over the safeguarding of public resources."



See the introduction below on the purpose of audits, and you can read more on the Port's website:

[WA state audit report](#)

## Accountability Audit Report

### Port of Coupeville

For the period January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2021

January 19, 2023

**TO:** Board of Commissioners Port of Coupeville Greenbank

**FR:** Auditor Pat McCarthy

**RE:** Washington Report on Accountability

Thank you for the opportunity to work with you to promote accountability, integrity and openness in government. The Office of the Washington State Auditor takes seriously our role of providing state and local governments with assurance and accountability as the independent auditor of public accounts.

In this way, we strive to help government work better, cost less, deliver higher value and earn greater public trust. Independent audits provide essential accountability and transparency for Port operations. This information is valuable to management, the governing body and public stakeholders when assessing the government's stewardship of public resources.

Attached is our independent audit report on the Port's compliance with applicable requirements and safeguarding of public resources for the areas we examined. We appreciate the opportunity to work with your staff and value your cooperation during the audit.

Sincerely, Pat McCarthy, State Auditor Olympia, WA

## Want to do business with the Port of Coupeville?

The Port of Coupeville subscribes to MRSC Rosters, a shared online database for Small Works, Consultants, and Vendors. To be eligible to work on projects you are required to register (FREE) at [\*\*www.mrscrosters.org\*\*](http://www.mrscrosters.org) and select the Port of Coupeville in your account. If you are already a member of MRSC Rosters please add the Port of Coupeville to your account.

For registration questions, please contact MRSC Rosters at [\*\*mrscrosters@mrsc.org\*\*](mailto:mrscrosters@mrsc.org) or 206-436-3798. If you have questions about Port of Coupeville projects please contact us at [\*\*executivedirector@portofcoupeville.org\*\*](mailto:executivedirector@portofcoupeville.org) or 360-222-3151.







## Welcome to Facilities Maintenance Staffer Jeff Dalton

We're pleased to introduce you to Jeff, who you may see working diligently on the Wharf and at the Farm. Jeff recently hand-built the nice stone retaining wall at the Wharf (in the picture).

After the first King Tide flooded the basement in the historic Gillespie Meat Market building (which the Port manages), Jeff installed a sump pump to prevent future water problems. Luckily there was no serious damage with recent high tides.

Jeff is a veteran having served in the Gulf war. His past experience also includes working as an electrician and managing a dairy farm. Join us in welcoming Jeff to the Port of Coupeville!

## 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, Feb 8, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

### **Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting,**

To participate, see instructions above.

**Tues, Feb 21**

### **Whidbey Island Conservation District Native Plant Pick Up**

Historic Barn A @ Greenbank Farm

**Wed, Feb 22, 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.**

### **Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting,**

To participate, see instructions above.

**Fri & Sat, March 3rd & 4th**

### **Island County Master Gardener Foundation Gardening workshop**

## Native Plant Sale

### **Bare Root Plant Pick Up**

**@ Greenbank Farm**

**Saturday, February 25**

**9:00 - 3:00**

People who pre-ordered plants from the Whidbey Island Conservation District's annual Native Bare Root Plant Sale can pick them up on Saturday, Feb 25.

If you missed pre-ordering but would like to learn more about bare root plants, you can learn more on this WICD factsheet:

[\*\*Bare Root Plants Fact Sheet\*\*](#)

Historic Barn A @ Greenbank Farm

**Wed, March 8, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Port of Coupeville Commission  
Meeting,**

To participate, see instructions above.

**Wed, March 22, 1 p.m. - 2 p.m.  
Port of Coupeville Commission  
Meeting,**

To participate, see instructions above.

**Fri & Sat, April 28-29  
Greenbank Garden Club Plant Sale**  
@ Greenbank Farm – Save the Dates

**Fri & Sat, May 12 - 13  
Island County Master Gardener  
Plant Sale**  
@ Greenbank Farm – Save the Dates

Stay updated on all of our upcoming events  
by checking our [events calendar](#).

**Rent Greenbank Farm**

Greenbank Farm is available for weddings  
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or click on the link below for details on how  
to rent the farm.

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