

# *The Current*

*News for April 2023*



## From Our Community



### **SPRING MARKET**

*Local & Handmade*

**Saturday, April 1**  
**@ Greenbank Farm**

Celebrate the arrival of spring at  
**Whidbey Art In Bloom!**

Creations will range from delicious Whidbey fudge to woodcrafts, fused glass, candles, fiber arts, jewelry, local photography, and more.

A youth painting station is upstairs in the barn for Easter/Spring decorations (smocks available). For more info:

*Whidbey Art In Bloom*



## ***Resilient Island Living***

**Saturday, April 29**

**10:00 - 1:00**

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Trinity Lutheran  
Fellowship Hall  
Freeland

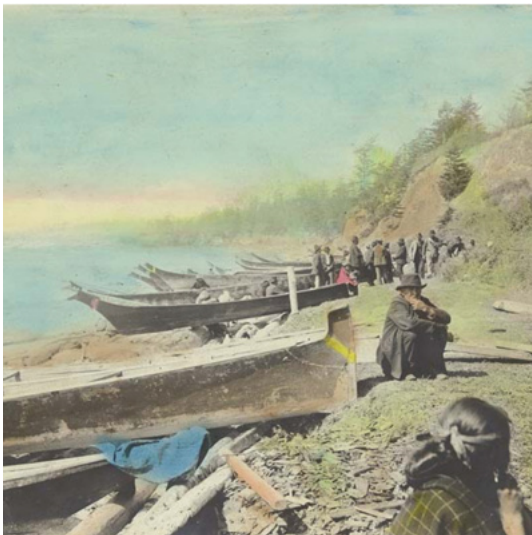
Washington State University Extension is hosting an event focused on "resilient island living." There are a variety of interesting talks and open forums, networking opportunities, and presentations by local organizations.

- Public Health and Safety
- Emergency Preparedness
- Community and Volunteering
- Natural Resource Management
- Wellness and Healthy Living
- Stewardship of Resources
- Educating New and Present Islanders

For the latest list of participating organizations and other information, please visit:

***Whidbey 101***

## **Two-Part Whidbey Island History Podcast**



The regional podcast "Tales of Magic Skagit" has recently recorded two episodes about Whidbey Island history. Podcaster Michael Boss interviews director of the Whidbey Island Historical Museum, Rick Castellano.

The conversations include info on museum exhibits that illustrate stories from Native Americans, agriculture, and maritime history

***Magic Skagit's Whidbey History***

## **Port of Coupeville News**

### **Faster EV Charging at Greenbank Farm**

### **Electric Vehicles On the Rise**



The electric vehicle charging stations at Greenbank Farm could get an upgrade.

New plans are in place to seek a grant to update the EV charging station with faster charging, known as "level three DC." Funds are available to rural communities through the US State Dept's Commerce Community Economic Revitalization Board.

This improvement is timely as the latest news from the Washington State Dept of Transportation reports that electric vehicle registrations in Washington increased 167% from 42,878 in 2018 to 114,600 in 2022.



Stay tuned for more info. A few more details on the grant opportunity are available here:

[\*\*Whidbey News-Times article\*\*](#)

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## **Thanks to Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Volunteers!**

We were pleased to welcome members of NASWI to Greenbank Farm to help with some outdoor chores. Managing hundreds of acres takes a team, and we're grateful for the volunteers' help to their local community – and their service to our nation!



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## **Noxious Weed Removal @ Greenbank Farm**

Shout out to volunteers who are devoting time to removing invasive species from areas at Greenbank Farm. This team tackled Foxtails.



Sound Water Stewards is holding workshops to help educate property owners about non-native weeds. Info includes how to safely and effectively remove – and dispose of them.

### **Noxious Weed Workshop – Poison Hemlock Friday, April 14**

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**10:00 -10:45 education**

**11:00 - 1:00 work party  
Greenbank Farm**

### **Weed Control Workshop Info**

## **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, April 12, 10 a.m.**

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

To participate, see instructions above.

**Fri, April 14, 10 a.m.**

### **Poison Hemlock Noxious Weed Workshop & Weed Removal Work Party @ Greenbank Farm**

**Wed, April 26, 1 p.m.**

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

To participate, see instructions above.

**Sat, April 29, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.**

### **Greenbank Garden Club Plant Sale @ Greenbank Farm**

**Wed, May 10, 10 a.m.**

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

To participate, see instructions above.

## **Greenbank Garden Club Plant Sale**

**Saturday, April 29**

**10:00 - 2:00**

**@ Greenbank Farm**

Come early for best selection! Choose from hundreds of locally-grown plants and vegetable starts. There's also garden art and raffle items. Proceeds from this plant sale benefit community projects.



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**Sat, May 13, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.**  
**Island County Master Gardener**  
**Plant Sale**  
@ Greenbank Farm – Save the Date!

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**Sat, May 13, 11 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**  
**Penn Cove Water Festival**  
Coupeville, WA

**Wed, May 24, 1 p.m.**  
**Port of Coupeville Commission**  
**Meeting,**  
To participate, see instructions above.

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