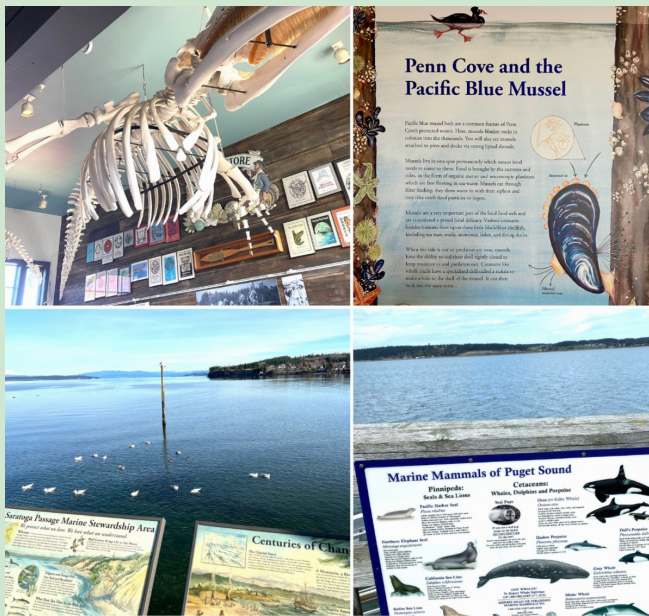


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Whidbey Community News



EARTH DAY EVERY DAY
SELF-GUIDED MARINE EDUCATION
COUPEVILLE WHARF
SAT, 4/20 + EVERY DAY!

EARTH DAY HANDS-ON

**Celebrate Earth Day at the
Coupeville Wharf &
Greenbank Farm**

Sat, April 20th – & Every Day!

**Wharf Marine &
History Exhibits**

Educational exhibits at the Coupeville Wharf offer self-guided tours to learn about the marine and maritime life of Penn Cove.

Plus, Wharf lobby exhibits offer historical photographs and stories about the area's Native American heritage.

Greenbank Farm Educational Gardens

Visit Greenbank Farm's nature exhibits on Earth Day – and every day! Our hands-on learning stations feature demonstrations and educational gardens where you can learn about Composting, Native Plants (many support pollinators), and a Northwest Native Prairie.

You can also explore the Wetlands display. Plus, there's a Bird Watching platform with photos and background info on some of our frequent winged visitors along the Pacific Flyway.



Greenbank Farm SELF-GUIDED TOURS GREENBANK FARM EDUCATIONAL GARDENS

A poster for the 'Rhythms of Nature 3' concert. The title 'Rhythms of Nature³' is at the top in a stylized font. Below it, 'Musicians of Whidbey's Saratoga ORCHESTRA' is written, with a logo for the orchestra. The text 'Percussion, Prose and Poetry' is also present. The date and time '2pm April 6, 2024' and location 'Greenbank Farm' are listed, along with a '\$20 Suggested Donation'. Below this, 'and special guests' is written, followed by photos of Mary Elizabeth Himes and the OKK Japanese Taiko Drum ensemble. A large green plant sprout is in the center. At the bottom right is a logo for 'Whidbey Earth & Ocean Month 2024' and the website 'www.sowhidbey.com'.

Whidbey Saratoga Orchestra Sat, April 6 Greenbank Farm

Join the musicians of Whidbey's Saratoga Orchestra for their annual celebration of Whidbey's Earth and Ocean Month.

Rhythms of Nature celebrates our natural beauty and surroundings through music in honor of Earth Day. Works by Lauren Bernofsky, John Cage, Alan Hovhaness, Stacy Garrop and Morten Lauridson are on the program. Expect a few unexpected moments! Special guests include the fabulous Mary Elizabeth Himes, a Whidbey poet, and members of the OKK Japanese Taiko Drum ensemble. Admission is free and donations appreciated.

Rhythms of Nature Concert

**GREENBANK
GARDEN CLUB**
Annual Fundraiser



Plant Sale

**SATURDAY APRIL 27
10 AM—2 PM**

Come early for the best selection!
Vegetable starts to established plants
(and, everything in between).
Garden Art
Raffle Items
Cash, check or credit card



Greenbank Farm Barn A
765 Wonn Road, Greenbank

Proceeds support community projects such as: South Whidbey Farm to School Program, Coupeville Farm to School Program & The Good Cheer Garden.

Greenbank Garden Club Plant Sale



This popular annual event returns to Greenbank Farm on Sat, 4/27. Arrive early for the best selection!

The plant sale includes everything from vegetable starts to native plants and larger established plants.

Shop for handmade Garden Art by Club members and island artists.

The raffle features items donated by local merchants and raises funds for the Club's ongoing volunteer garden work.

Port of Coupeville News

Port Welcomes New Commissioner

The Port Commissioners are pleased to announce the addition of Martin Vandepas (pronounced VAN-da-pass), to represent Port District #3. He has been a Greenbank resident since 2019. Martin is committed to local agriculture and environmental stewardship. He runs a regenerative farm called Slow and Steady Farm in Greenbank, and he's also board treasurer of the Whidbey Island Grown Cooperative.



Martin has also played a crucial role in agricultural and food projects across the nation through his paid grant review work for the US Dept of Agriculture. With an engineering background from Intel Corporation and a M.S. from Oregon State University, Martin brings analytical skills and a fresh perspective to the Port.

He is committed to promoting local food systems and improving public waterfront access. Martin values transparency and public engagement in the decisions made by the Port Commission.

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Greenbank Farm Pond Restoration

Our staff was busy last month working on a new project to upgrade the Greenbank Farm pond.

The first step was to drain it for surveying. This information will be

used to create a engineering plan to reinforce the pond banks. Invasive blackberries are being removed.

The pond's main purpose is to provide water in case of a fire. But it's home to many ducks and birds, and some water will be used for irrigation.



Penn Cove Water Festival



The popular, annual Penn Cove Water Festival celebrates our Native American heritage.

A highlight is the traditional canoe races!

We're pleased to be a part of this event. Be sure to check out the Coupeville Wharf lobby's native American history displays. There's also a collection of past Water Fest posters that feature local artists. Find more info and a schedule of activities:

[Penn Cove Water Festival Schedule](#)

Save The Date

Penn Cove Water Festival



May 18th, 2024 · 11-5

Tribal Canoe Races · Music
Dancers · Food · Storytelling
Native Arts & Crafts
Youth Activities

penncovewaterfestival.com

Upcoming Events

Port of Coupeville Board Meetings

Zoom Conference Call. For instructions on participating, visit the Port website here:

Island County Master Gardeners Foundation Plant Sale

Saturday, May 11

<https://portoc.org/commission-meetings/meeting-agendas/>

Sat, April 6, 2:00

Rhythms of Nature ☐

Whidbey Saratoga Orchestra

Greenbank Farm

Wed, April 10, 10:00

Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting

To participate, see instructions above.

Sat, April 20 ☐

Earth Day Hands-On

Self-Guided Educational Tours

Greenbank Farm & Coupeville Wharf

Wed, April 24, 1:00

Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting

To participate, see instructions above.

Sat, April 27, 9:00 - 5:00 ☐

Greenbank Garden Club Plant Sale

Greenbank Farm

Sat, May 11, 9:00 - 5:00 ☐

Island County Master Gardener

Foundation Plant Sale

Greenbank Farm

Sunday, May 12, 10:00 - 4:00 ☐

Mother's Day Market

Greenbank Farm

Sat, June 15, 10:00 - 4:00 ☐

Father's Day Fest

Greenbank Farm

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

Rent Greenbank Farm

Greenbank Farm is available for weddings, meetings, and special events. Call us at 360.222.3558 or click on the link below for details on how to rent the farm.

**Find out
more**

Save the Date!

The Greenbank Farm barn will be filled with tomato and veggie starts, sun and shade perennials, native plants, shrubs and trees, ornamental grasses, and ground covers – for all your gardening needs!

Garden art will complement the plants, along with a beautiful array of hanging baskets.



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