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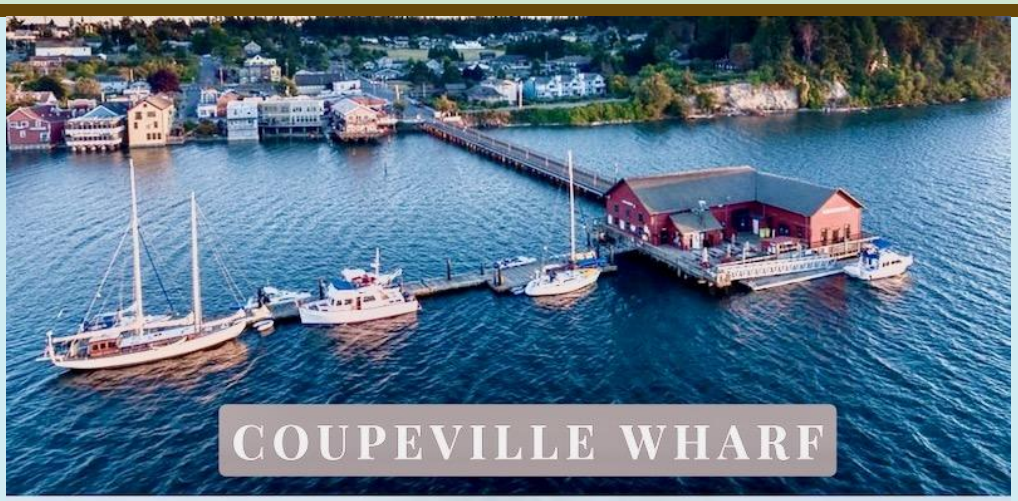




Port of Coupeville News

HOLIDAYS AT GREENBANK FARM

We're pleased to offer the 2nd annual Holiday Markets & Farm Lights Festival at Greenbank Farm.

Holiday Gift Market



on Sat + Sun, Dec 7-8

Farm Lights Festival
Every day in December
Visit Farm shops and enjoy local foods + drinks.

For the latest news on these and other upcoming events at both Port of Coupeville properties – Greenbank Farm and Coupeville Wharf – please follow us on Facebook and Instagram @*PortofCoupeville*

HOLIDAYS AT COUPEVILLE WHARF

The Greening of Coupeville Christmas Parade is Saturday, Dec 7. Festivities begin at 4:00 PM.

□□□ Main Street Parade

□ Tree Lighting

□ Coupeville Wharf Boat Parade

Celebrate the joyous season of Christmas with your family and friends!



To sign up for the parade and for more info, please visit:

Greening of Coupeville

Coupeville Wharf Renovation Work

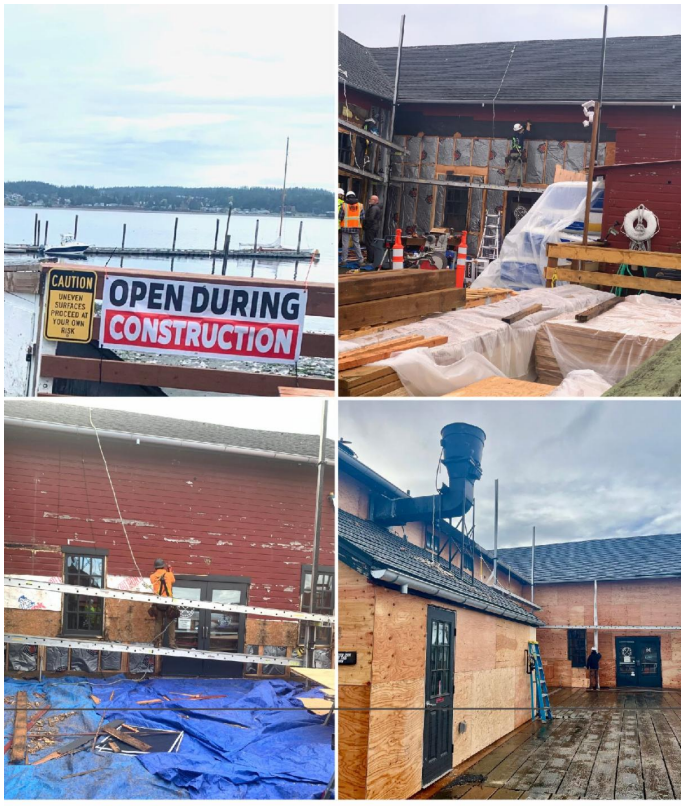
The historic Coupeville Wharf rehabilitation project is almost complete!

Our teams have been working diligently over the last 5 years. Over the past few weeks, the final work stage has included:

- replacing all the siding
- removing and rebuilding some of the walls
- rebuilding the storage areas
- painting the exterior

We will have all of the windows and doors replaced by Christmas to complete the work!

Next year marks the wharf's 125th Anniversary! We're planning a celebration, stay tuned for more details.



COUPEVILLE WHARF
REHABILITATION PROJECT

Businesses are OPEN during construction.
It's a great time to support them!

Greenbank Farm 120th Anniversary
1904 - 2024

Greenbank Farm was a special gathering place for Native Americans from prehistoric and historic times, probably because of its location at an unusually narrow juncture of Whidbey Island and its attraction for hunting, fishing and trading.

History Overview

- The Calvin Philips family owned and operated a family farm at Greenbank in the early 1900's, harvesting trees and maintaining a dairy herd. The main barn at the Farm dates from 1904 and the other buildings replicate farm buildings of the early 1900's.

- In the 1940's the property, which then consisted of 522 acres of fields and woodlands, was sold to John Molz, who introduced loganberries and built the Farm into the largest loganberry farm in the United States by 1970.

- Chateau Ste. Michelle acquired the property in the early 1970s in connection with the purchase of the wine company. In 1995, the company shocked the local community with plans to sell the property for residential lot development.

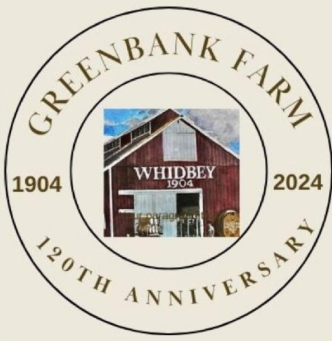
- During the timeframe 1995–1997 residents, islanders, and friends rallied to raise money to save the farm!

- In 1997, a consortium consisting of Island County, the Nature Conservancy and the Port of Coupeville purchased the 522-acre property. The Port acquired the 151-acre operating farm, and the other parties acquired the adjacent woodlands.









Today, Greenbank Farm is a popular gathering place for special events. It's home to many community gardeners, and features Educational Gardens through a partnership with WSU Extension Master Gardeners. The Farm also leases space to a variety of small businesses and nonprofits.

The South Whidbey Historical Museum has an historic 18 mm movie of Greenbank Farm taken by William "Bill" Hunziker between 1935 and 1939.

Farm Film From 1930s

Rent Greenbank Farm

We're now taking rental reservations for 2025

The Greenbank Farm barn is a great setting for special events, meetings, fundraisers – and more!

For more info, please contact Muri

adminassistant@portofcoupeville.org



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/***

***Note*: The Port Commission will only meet once in December.**

Sat & Sun, Nov 30 -Dec 1
10:00 - 5:00
Holiday Market & Farm Lights Fest
Greenbank Farm

Wed, December 11, 10:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Sat & Sun, Dec 7-8, 10:00 - 5:00
Holiday Market & Farm Lights Fest
Greenbank Farm

Farm Lights Fest through December

Stay updated on all of our upcoming events by checking our ***events calendar***.

Rent Greenbank Farm

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

Volunteer At Greenbank Farm

We seek volunteers to help with special events

If you are interested, please contact Muri at: adminassistant@portofcoupeville.org or call 360-222-5121

HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM ALL OF US AT THE PORT OF COUPEVILLE

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