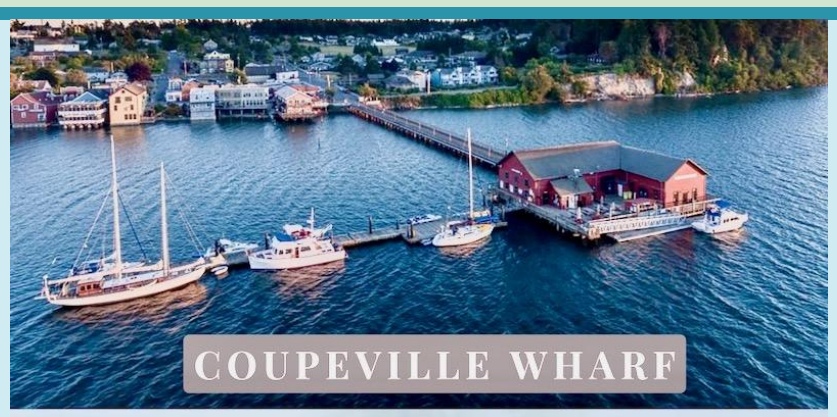
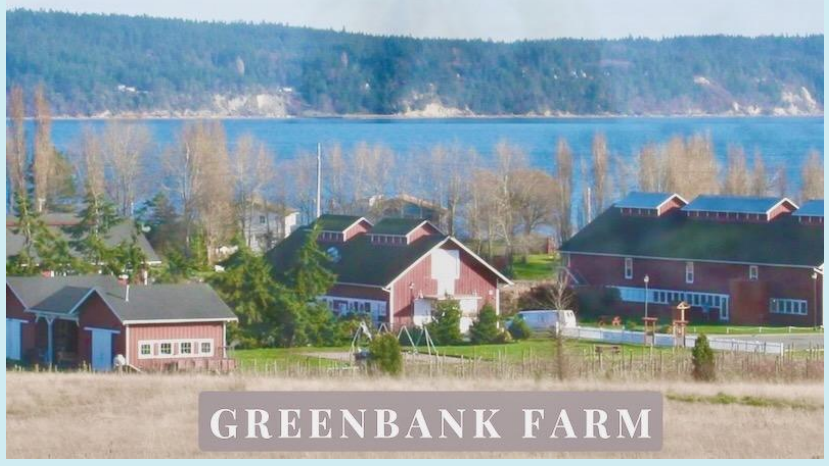
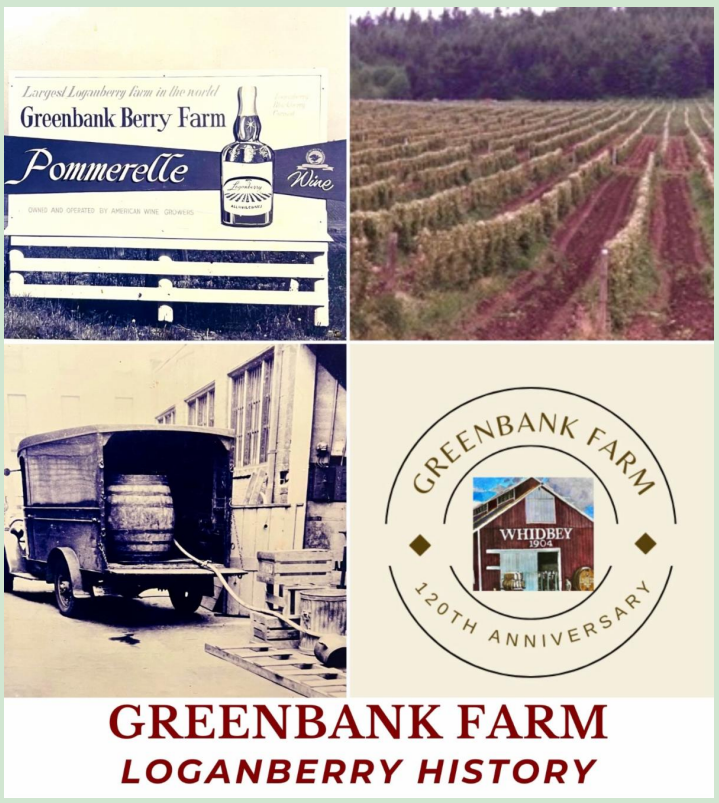
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Port of Coupeville News



Greenbank Farm 120th Anniversary! 1904-2024

Loganberry History

Greenbank Farm was a successful dairy farm until the 1930s, when the cattle herd was struck by tuberculosis and the tragedy forced the farm's sale.
The new owner, John Molz grew loganberries, a hybrid between blackberries and raspberries. He produced Pommerelle wine, and the Farm became the largest loganberry producer in the United States with 125 acres.

In 1984, Pommerelle was sold and the name changed to Ste. Michelle Vintners. A tasting room and wine shop was opened in 1987 by Chateau Ste. Michelle. But in 1995, they decided to sell the Farm to developers, which jumpstarted a community effort to protect the Farm from development.

The Farm was transferred to public ownership in 1997 and the Port of Coupeville was asked to manage it. Shortly afterwards, it was determined that the loganberry crop was no longer feasible due to soil depletion from mono-crop farming over many decades. The loganberries were removed.

Here's an article published in 2004 for the Greenbank Farm's centennial:
Greenbank Farm 100th Anniversary

Loganberry Pie & Wine

Fortunately, the longstanding Greenbank Farm Wine Shop carries on Greenbank Farm's loganberry wine tradition! They



offer a semi-sweet Loganberry wine made from berries grown on regional farms.

And Whidbey Pies bakes a delicious Loganberry pie – it's an island favorite. Available in the Farm restaurant Old Spots Bistro.

We're grateful that these businesses carry on this Greenbank Farm tradition!

2025 Valentine's Gift Market

□. SHARE THE LOVE

□ Shop for unique handmade gifts from local artisans -- and support small businesses

□ Enjoy festive food + drink

□ Celebrate Greenbank Farm's 120th birthday with cake Saturday at 2:00 (first come, first served)

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Coupeville Wharf Renovation

Seawall Repair Underway

The Wharf comprehensive rehab work continued in January with repair of the sea wall (aka bulkhead).

Constructed in 1983, the seawall suffered storm damage last year and began crumbling.

Once permits were obtained, a barge with replacement rocks and equipment came into Penn Cove.

The new seawall is expected to be completed soon.

News To Know

The Farmer Veteran Fellowship Fund is a small grant program that provides direct assistance to veterans who are in their beginning years of farming or ranching.

Awards range from $1,000 to $5,000, and some of the most common purchases include equipment, feed, fencing, etc.

Deadline to apply is February 13, 2025. Award notifications will be made in May.

Farmer veterans who are selected as Fellowship recipients have six months to use their award. For grant details, instructions and more info, please visit:

Farmer Veteran Fund Info

Penn Cove Musselfest 2025

Tickets on Sale February 7th

We look forward to this annual event! The Port of Coupeville continues the tradition of offering boat tours of the Penn Cove mussel rafts. For ticket info and a schedule of events, please visit:

More on Musselfest



WICD Seeks Volunteers For Native Plant Sale!

March 4-8, Shifts Vary

Help pack and distribute over 400 orders from the Native Plant Sale at Greenbank Farm. Volunteers will pack orders in teams March 4-7, then distribute orders to the public March 8! There are a variety of shifts available to choose from. For more info and to register:

Volunteer Sign Up



Event Calendar

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, February 5, 10:00
Port of Coupeville Commissioner Workshop

Sat & Sun, February 8-9, 10:00 - 4:00
Valentine's Gift Market
Greenbank Farm

Sat, February 8 at 2:00
Greenbank Farm 120th Birthday Cake
Greenbank Farm Barn

Wed, February 12 at 10:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Wed, February 26 at 1:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Sat & Sun, March 8-9
Penn Cove Musselfest

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