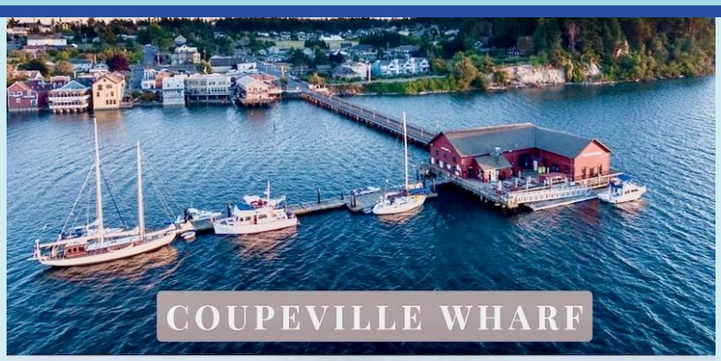
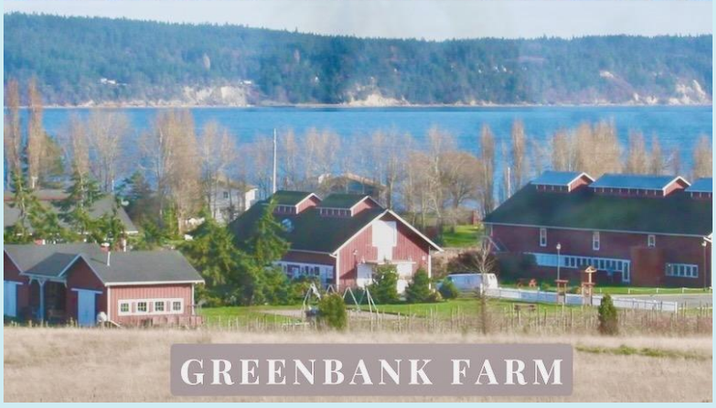
The Current

News for May 2025





Port of Coupeville News

Celebrate Mother's Day at Greenbank Farm

Join Us to Celebrate Moms

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

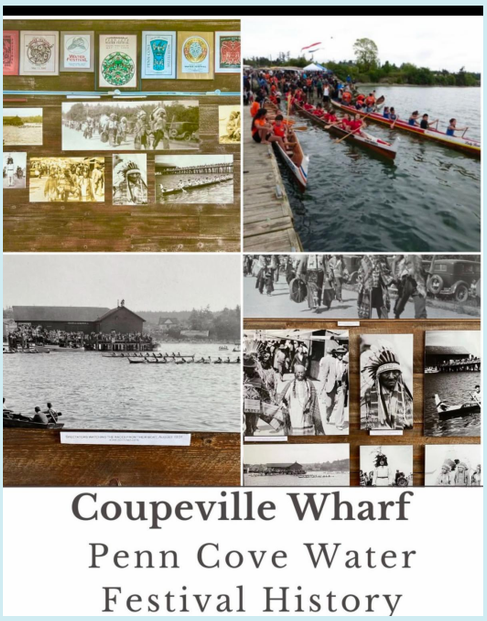
- **Enjoy festive food + drinks**
- **Crafts in the Farm barn loft**
- **Tour the Farm gardens**
- **Play on swings + monkey bars**
- **Hike the trails + birdwatch**
- **Dogs on leash welcome**

Presented by the Port of Coupeville as part of our mission to provide economic development opportunities for Whidbey's small businesses.



Penn Cove Water Festival
Coupeville, WA
Sat, May 10th





The festival features native arts & crafts, story telling, musical and dance performances, artist demos, authentic Native foods, youth activities, exhibits and displays.

Don't miss the historic Native American canoe races in Penn Cove. The Coupeville Wharf is the perfect viewing location for the canoe races.

Water Festival Info

The Coupeville Wharf lobby has displays of many of the past event posters. Each year, a new design is created by a local Native American artist.

There are also historic photos of past Water Festivals. The Island County Historical Museum has a video about the tribal canoe races, here's the link:

Canoe Culture History



Master Gardeners Plant Sale

□ □ □

It's planting season, and this is the final spring plant sale at Greenbank Farm. The island County Master Gardeners grow veggie starts in greenhouses, divide and pot up perennials and start from a wide variety of plants. Arrive early for best selection.

□ News To Know □

Port of Coupeville Economic

Development
Part Two

Last month we wrote about the small business tenants the Port of Coupeville supports at the Coupeville Wharf + Greenbank Farm. This is one way the Port supports economic development on Whidbey.

The Port also produces + supports seasonal events such as the September Harvest Faire and December Holiday Markets.

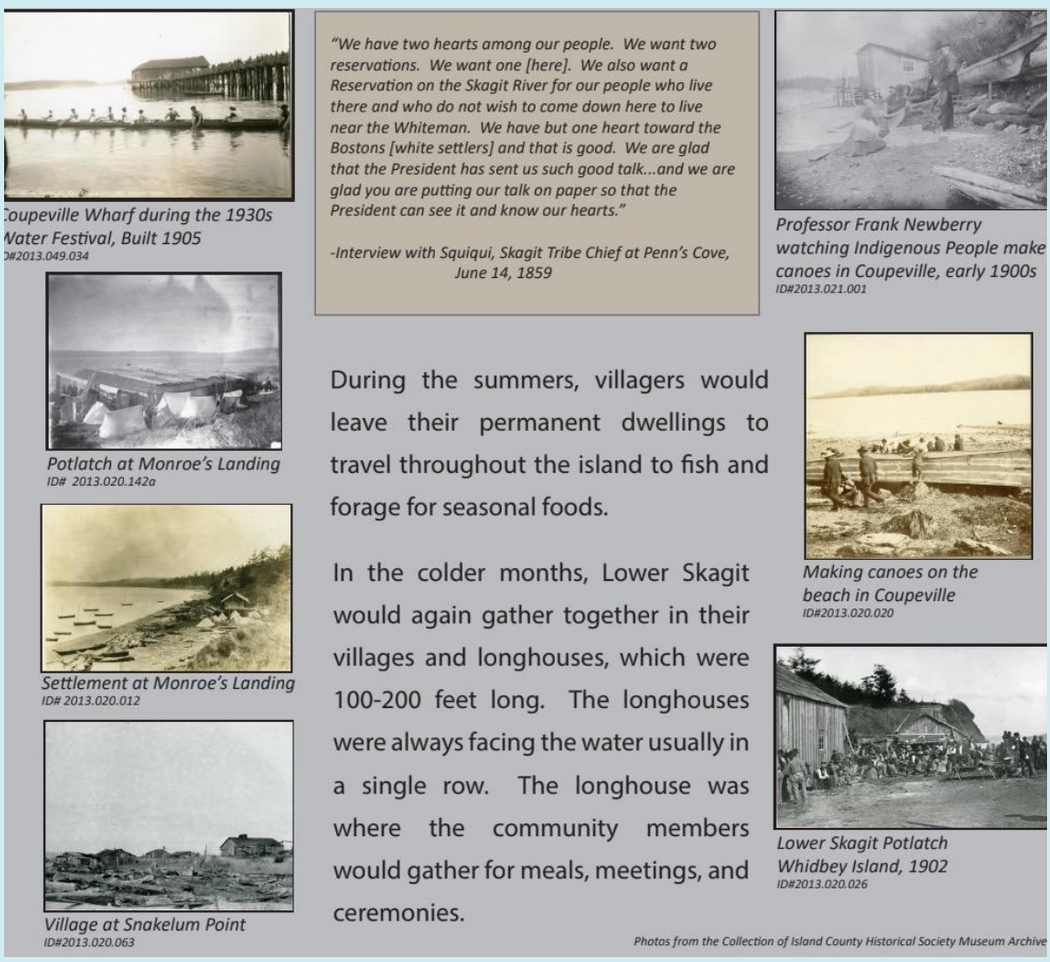
Many artisan entrepreneurs + small business vendors participate in these events. The events offer a high-visibility, affordable way to sell their products.



Coupeville Wharf 120th Anniversary
First People of Penn Cove

In honor of the Penn Cove Water Festival in May, we're commemorating the Wharf's history with a look at early tribal presence in Penn Cove. There were once Coast Salish villages along the shores that are now downtown Coupeville. The tribes were reliant on the sound and marine resources. They built canoes to trade and commune with other villages.

Photo + info courtesy Island County Historical Museum



Mosquito Fleet Ship Virginia V
at Coupeville Wharf Anniversary Party!



We're excited to welcome one of the last remaining Mosquito Fleet ships to our anniversary event! The Virginia V will be docked at the Wharf during the event for public tours.

They will also offer two cruises, stay tuned for details on tickets.

Learn more about the Mosquito Fleet:

Virginia V

You're Invited!
Wharf Anniversary Party:
Sat, July 19th
Noon to 6:00

Volunteer at the Wharf Party
If you'd like to volunteer for this historic event, please email our Wharf Manager Danielle: wharf@portofcoupeville.org. Or stop by the Wharf office for more info.

We're offering a FREE anniversary t-shirt to volunteers!



Free Garden Education Workshops at Greenbank Farm

2025 Master Gardener Education Series

Master Gardener Education Garden at Greenbank Farm

765 Wonn Road - 3rd Sunday each month

Sunday, May 18, 1-2 pm
Wildfire Resilient Landscaping & the Home Ignition Zone
Presenter Collin McAvinchey
Whidbey Island Conservation District representative
Western wildfires can ignite at any time. Put these fire-resistance landscaping ideas in place and protect your home.

Sunday, June 15, 1-2 pm
Exploring Plants in your Garden for Pest and Disease
Presenter Jenny Glass - WSU Puyallup Extension Coordinator / Plant Diagnostician
Learn to incorporate plant disease and post detection/diagnosis into your gardening habits. You will get tools to help prevent/manage diseases and pests and see a variety of samples for investigation.

Sunday, July 20, 1-2 pm
Ground Covers: Planting in Layers to Create a Living Mulch
Presenter Tobey Nelson
Certified Professional Horticulturist
Using plants as a living mulch offers many benefits: weed suppression, maintianin soil water content, and nutrient cycling. We'll discuss many great shrubs, perennials, and grasses to use as living mulch and to maintain a robust soil microbiome.

Sunday, August 17, 1-2 pm
What to Do About Soil
Presenter Gary Ketcheson
Island Co. Master Gardener
Discover important properties of soils with special attention to Island County soils. Learn how to maintain healthy soils and plants and promote human health.

Sunday, September 21, 1-2 pm
Assessing Tree Health and Diseases
Presenter Sue Nicol
retired Head Horticulturist at Woodland Park Zoo
Learn to identify vulnerable trees and make good choices about planting and replacing trees.

All are welcome to attend and they are FREE!

Master Gardener Hotline
360.639.6058

WSU EXTENSION
Island County

Seminars qualify for Continuing Education for Master Gardeners

Reasonable accommodations will be made for persons with disabilities and special needs who contact Loren Imes at least two weeks prior to the event at WSU Extension 406 N. Main St. Coupeville, WA 98239 360-639-6059 or loren.imes@wsu.edu.

Comings + Goings at the Wharf + Farm



Penn Cove Outfitters

Same name but we're pleased to welcome the new owners of Penn Cove Outfitters at the Coupeville Wharf!

Stop by and say "hi" to Mike & Michele. Shop for lots of unique gifts and local treasures.

Penn Cove Outfitters



Fire of the Heart Gallery

Gallery owner Becca announced she is closing up shop at the end of May.

Items in the store are on sale. We wish her good luck in her next adventure!

Space For Lease– This retail space is for lease, see below.

Farm Space For Lease



Greenbank Farm's Unit #102 is for rent starting June 1st.

The space is 1080 square feet, with a private entrance and bathroom.

For info, please email: executivedirector@portofcoupeville.org

☀ 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/***

Sat, May 10, 11:00 – 5:00
Penn Cove Water Festival
Coupeville Wharf

Sat, May 10, 9:00 – 1:00
Island County Master Gardeners Plant Sale – Greenbank Farm

Sun, May 11, 10:00 – 4:00
Mother's Day Market
Greenbank Farm

Wed, May 14, 10:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Sunday, May 18, 1:00 – 2:00
Master Gardener Education Workshop – Wildfire Landscaping
Greenbank Farm

Wed, May 28, 1:00
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

Sat, July 19th, Noon to 6:00
Wharf 120th Anniversary Party
Coupeville Wharf

Sat, Sept 6, 11:00 – 5:00
Greenbank Farm Harvest Faire

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

Bon Voyage Muri!

It's with mixed emotions we say goodbye to the Port's administrative leader, Muri. During her time at the Port, she was instrumental in jumpstarting popular events at Greenbank Farm including the Harvest Faire + Holiday Farm Fest.

Muri's energy + hard work kept the organization's engine running. We'll miss her, but wish her the best at her new job just down the road at the Pacific Rim Institute.



Thank You Muri!

Share *The Current* with friends and colleagues!

Help us expand our network by forwarding this newsletter to others. New contacts can sign up by simply clicking on the link below.

SUBSCRIBE HERE

Port of Coupeville

Contact **the editor with suggestions.**
Like us on *Facebook* and *Instagram*

P.O. Box 128, Greenbank, WA 98253-0130
Phone: (360) 222-3151; Fax: (360) 222-3484

Visit our Website

Website **About** **Contact**

Port of Coupeville | PO Box 128 | Greenbank, WA 98253 US

Unsubscribe | Update Profile | Constant Contact Data Notice

Constant Contact

Try email marketing for free today!