

The Current

News for December 2025 □

DECEMBER HOLIDAYS At Greenbank Farm

Shop for unique gifts at Holiday Markets on the
first three weekends in December □



GREENBANK FARM

HOLIDAY MARKETS

**WHIDBEY ISLAND
WEEKENDS IN DECEMBER**

Santa Arrives By Firetruck
Sat, Dec 6th

FARM LIGHTS
ARTISAN GIFTS
FESTIVE FOODS + DRINKS

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Port of
Coupeville

**GREENBANK
FARM**
EST. 1947
ARTS & EVENTS CENTER



**Santa Arrives By Firetruck
Sat, Dec 6 at 3:00**



**Farm Lights Daily at
Greenbank Farm**

For updates on all three Holiday Market weekends including food + beverage, live music, and Santa Claus hours, visit our Facebook page:

[Port of Coupeville Facebook](#)

Coupeville Holiday Parades By Land & Sea!



**Greening Of Coupeville
Parade & Tree Lighting
Sat, Dec 6 – 4:00**



**Holiday Boat Parade
Coupeville Wharf
Sat, Dec 6 – 5:30
(Weather Permitting)**

NEW YEAR'S EVE Greenbank Farm

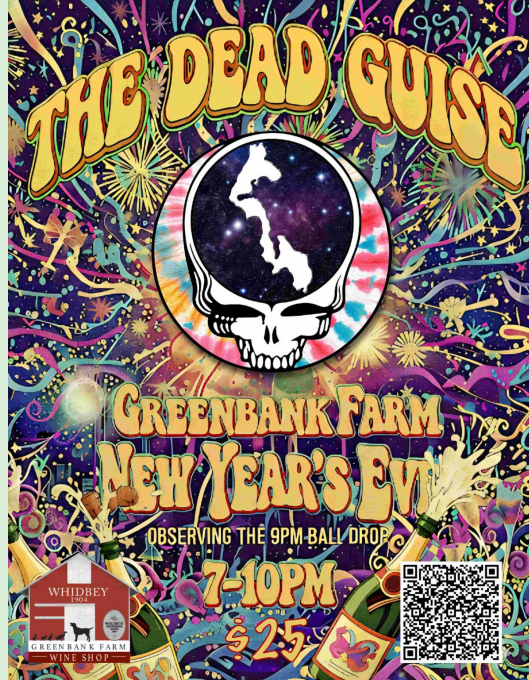
The popular Grateful Dead

tribute band, the
Dead Guise,
perform a holiday concert
from 7pm - 10pm in the
Greenbank Farm barn.

Ring in the new year with a
toast timed with the 9:00 pm
East Coast ball drop!

All ages welcome.

[More Info](#)



Place your orders now for
pick up Sat, March 7, 2026
at Greenbank Farm

[WICD Plant Store](#)

NATIVE PLANT SALE

Whidbey Island Conservation
District's annual bare root plant
sale ordering is
now open!

Plants are available on a first-
come, first-served basis by
online pre-order only. Quantities
are limited, so please order
early.

YEAR IN REVIEW

2025 was an exciting + historic year for the Port of Coupeville.
The highlight of the year was the Coupeville Wharf's 120th
anniversary celebration! Other notable activities include:

The barns at Greenbank Farm got new roofs, and a new coat of paint on
the Wharf capped off a major rehab effort.

Another highlight was the return – for the first time in 50 years – of the
L pod Orcas to Penn Cove! And one of the last remaining Mosquito Fleet
steamboats, the Virginia V, visited the Wharf.



Coming in 2026

Port of Coupeville's 60th Anniversary 1966 – 2026

Next year marks the 60th anniversary of the Port of Coupeville! We'll share some of the Port's history + highlights throughout 2026. Here's a few key dates in the creation of the Port of Coupeville:

On August 15, 1966, Island County commissioners authorized the Port of Coupeville and called for a Port measure to be placed on the November ballot.

On November 8, 1966, central Whidbey Island voters approved the Port measure and elected three commissioners. And on November 17, 1966, Island County commissioners officially recognized the new

Port of Coupeville district.

The Port of Coupeville purchased the Coupeville Wharf in 1969.
Three decades later, the Port of Coupeville purchased
Greenbank Farm in 1997.



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Port Commissioner News

John Mishasek has served as Port commissioner since 2015, he was re-elected in November. John's work demonstrates his commitment to projects that address community needs. He values partnerships, and has worked collaboratively with Island County commissioners, local city councils, and nonprofit organizations.

John's ongoing goal is to help the public better understand the role that the Port plays in the community, and the unique contributions a port entity can make.



John Mishasek
Port Commissioner
District 2

Welcome Commissioner Clyburn

A new commissioner was also elected for Port District 3, Shane Clyburn. We profile him in next month's newsletter – stay tuned!

Thank You Commissioner Vandepas

In November, we said goodbye to Port Commissioner Martin Vandepas who represented District 3. We wish you well on your new adventures!

New Coupeville Wharf Dock



See the video of Wharf repairs in recent years

[Wharf Restoration Project](#)

The Port is in the process of replacing the Coupeville Wharf dock.

Work begins after the new year, and will be completed in the first quarter of 2026.

This infrastructure improvement is one of the final repairs of a multi-year effort to rehabilitate the Coupeville Wharf.

Port of Coupeville News

Here's a roundup of comings + goings at the Port:

- Dahlia farmer Salty Acres is moving on this month. We thank flower farmer Kim for making our lives more beautiful!
- Sadly, we also say goodbye to Growing Veterans. Their federal grant funding ran out and will not be renewed, so the Whidbey location is closing.
- We're pleased to report that our maintenance handy-woman Shelly is back to work after a long recovery from a car accident – welcome back Shelly!
- Our Wharf Manager Danielle had a baby girl, Archie! Barb French is our interim wharf manager while Danielle is on maternity leave.
- Congratulations to owners of Penn Cove Outfitters: Mike and Michelle, they got married in November – on the wharf!
- As we reported last month, Old Spots Bistro closed, stay tuned for exciting news about new café tenants!



Holiday Gift Idea Wharf Anniversary T-shirt

We have some 120th anniversary commemorative t-shirts available. They'd make a great holiday gift!

Visit the wharf office near the dock entrance to purchase.



Monthly Book Club Greenbank Farm

Is your new year's resolution to read more books? Start 2026 at the book club!

January's book is "Educated, A Memoir" by local author Eldritch Black

Reading Between the Wines

First Wednesday of every Month at 5pm

Book Club

at Greenbank Farm Wine Shop



SHOP LOCAL

Gift Cards are available at Coupeville Wharf +
Greenbank Farm businesses for last minute gifts!



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, Dec 10, 10:00

Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting

To participate, see instructions above.

Sat + Sun, Dec 6 – 7, 10:00 – 5:00

Holiday Market

Greenbank Farm

Sat, Dec 6, 3:00

Santa Clause Comes to Town

Greenbank Farm

Sat, Dec 6, 4:00

Greening of Coupeville Parade

Coupeville

Sat, Dec 6, 5:30

Penn Cove Boat Lights Parade

Coupeville Wharf

Sat + Sun, Dec 13-14, 10:00 – 4:00

Port Commission Meetings

Thanks to everyone who participated in the October commissioner meeting. Your voice matters! Meetings take place on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

Note the second December meeting will be on Tuesday, Dec 23 due to the holiday.

You can participate in person, or online. We always post the dates + times of public meetings on the calendar to the left. Agendas and more info is on our website.



Holiday Market
Greenbank Farm

Sat + Sun, Dec 20-21, 10:00 – 4:00
Holiday Market
Greenbank Farm

Tues, Dec 23, 1:00 – special date
Port of Coupeville Commission Meeting
To participate, see instructions above.

New Year's Eve, Dec 31, 7:00 – 10:00
Dead Guise Tribute Band
Greenbank Farm

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

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