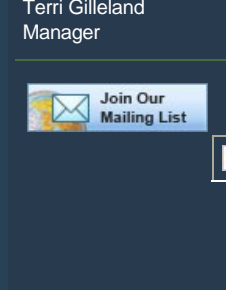


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ORCAS ISLAND'S WEEKLY EVENTS NEWSLETTER

Your one-page guide to events happening on Orcas Island this week.

New Orcas Island Dining Guide (Download Here)
See which eateries are open when you want some great food.

If you haven't done so yet, be sure to visit our Facebook Page and become a Fan! There's a lucky \$10 winner every Friday. It pays to be a Fan of the Chamber.

Events This Week & Beyond

"ENDINGS...AND NEW BEGINNINGS" AT THE ORCAS ISLAND LIBRARY
(Thursday, Jan 27 & Monday, Jan. 31)
An evening discussion about coping with a break-up and creating a new life. This discussion will be facilitated by Virginia Erhardt, Ph.D., Licensed Psychologist.

LIVE MUSIC AT THE DOE BAY CAFE!
(Friday, January 28 @ 7pm)
Join the Doe Bay Cafe for some amazing food and music! This week's band is Low Hums, consisting of the primary duo of Jonas Haskins and Jason Mercier along with a guest: cast of friends.

BARBARA COURTNEY FAREWELL PARTY
(Thursday, January 28 @ 7:30 pm @ the Orcas Center)
The Orcas Center Board of Community members together to a reception honoring outgoing Executive/Artistic Director, Barbara Courtney on Friday, January 28 in the Madrona Room just prior to the Mariachi Huenachi performance which is at 7:30 pm.

MARIACHI HUENACHI PERFORMS AT ORCAS CENTER
(Friday, January 28 at 7:30 pm)
Award-winning mariachi from Wenatchee on Center Stage. Mariachi Huenachi is a national award-winning Mariachi band that has played at Seattle Seahawks and Mariners games and shared the stage with the Grammy Award winning Los Tigros del Norte.

THE FIGHTER ON-SCREEN AT SEAVIEW THEATER
(Friday - Monday @ 7:30 pm) 7 Academy Award Nominations!!
Based on a true story. A look at the early years of boxer "Irish" Mickey Ward and his brother who helped train him before going pro in the mid 1960's.

TALES OF COURAGE AND BRAVERY AT DARVILL'S BOOKSTORE
(Sunday, January 30 from 2 - 3 pm)
Come to Darvill's Bookstore for Tales of Courage and Bravery. Stories, Crafts and treats for children, ages 5 and up.

ATTENTION CHAMBER MEMBERS! PROOFING PARTY TONIGHT!
(Wednesday, January 31 from 5 pm - 7 pm)
A gentle reminder to our members we are getting together at New Leaf Cafe/Outlook Inn for our first Business @ Sunset mixer.

MOVIE NIGHT AT DOE BAY CAFE!
(Mondays, Movie starts at 7:00pm, free popcorn at show time, half-priced bottles of wine)
Come and enjoy dinner and wine while watching a movie on the big screen. Call the front desk to find out this weeks movie at 360-376-2291.

IMRF 2011 IS A CHALLENGE TO YOU! ARE YOU UP FOR IT?
(Saturday, February 5; begins at 2 pm) Odd Fellows Hall
Orcas Island Rowing Club (OIRC) is challenging OIRC and the rest of the world to a rowing challenge on Feb. 5 on the Orcas Has Talent Finale Show!

"ORCAS HAS TALENT" - FINALE SHOW!
(Saturday, February 5 @ 6:30 pm @ the Orcas Center)
It may be cold and wet outside but it's going to be Hot night at Orcas Center on Feb. 5th as the pressure is on for the Orcas Has Talent Finale Show!

BEAVER AND SALMON WORKING TOGETHER? WHAT NEXT?
(Tuesday, February 8 @ 7 pm at Camp Orkila)
Lecture by Greg Hood, Senior Scientist at the Skagit River System Cooperative. When Greg Hood went looking for sweetgale plants in the Skagit River delta, he found something interesting and unexpected.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING
(Thursday, February 10)
The Cancer Support group meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at the Orcas Island Community Church in the Fireside Room.

APRIL VERCH RETURNS TO ORCAS!
(Saturday, February 12; 7:30 pm @ the Orcas Center)
Dynamic Canadian fiddler, singer and stepdancer. There's lots of high-energy fiddling, step-dancing, singing and performing in a charming gal, and Orcas loves her so much we're bringing her back for the 3rd time!

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Announcements

COMPUTER TIPS! FROM TONY
(Simple, yet effective suggestions)
Tony Ghazel Consulting wants you to start the new year off right, with some computing tips we can all benefit from:

- 1. In most cases a system restart resolves many minor issues
2. Make sure that you have current backup of sensitive data
3. If you don't need a software package don't install it - less is better
4. Write down specific error messages before you call your support person
5. Don't give out your passwords and change them often. I recommend quarterly
6. If you haven't upgraded to windows 7 please do so. The system is very stable.

Tony P Ghazel Consulting has new contact information:
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THE ANGELS HOST A 4-STAR DINNER FOR FARM TO CAFETERIA
(Sunday, February 13; 6:30 p.m @ Oddfellows (downstairs-seating limited)
It's perhaps a little early to starting thinking of your Valentine's Day plans but if you haven't tried Angel's Food or had Jacob's cooking since back at the Orcas Restaurant days, you're in for a serious treat on Valentine's Day weekend.

Sign up for a table at the upcoming FIDELIS FLEA MARKET
(Saturday, February 12; 10:00 am - 2:00 pm @ West Sound Community Hall)
Would you like to be a vendor at this year's Fidelis Flea Market in West Sound? You can reserve a table for only \$25.00!

"SELF-HYPNOSIS CLASS" OFFERED AT THE LIBRARY
(Thursdays in February)
"Self-Hypnosis for A Healthier, Slimmer You" will be offered at the Orcas Island Public Library by Virginia Erhardt, Ph.D. This series of four weekly classes for adults will be offered each Thursday in February, beginning February 3rd, from 6 to 8 pm.

TWO WAYS TO CELEBRATE AT OUTLOOK INN
(Special Deal!)
Valentine's Day Weekend Stay 2 Nights Feb 11-14 and receive \$80 credit to the New Leaf. Stay 1 night in a Luxury Bay View Suites and receive an \$80 credit at the New Leaf Cafe to indulge in breakfast or dinner during your stay.

AN "EGG-CITING" ANNOUNCEMENT!
(Calling All Artists!)
The Orcas Island Education Foundation (OIEF) is making plans for its May 19, 2011 Food for Thought event. Previously, OIEF has called on local artists to take an unadorned object and make it their own.

ORCAS CROSSROADS SPRING LECTURE SERIES TICKETS NOW ON SALE
Tickets for the Orcas Crossroads Spring Lecture Series become available to the public on Wednesday, January 19. Four major lectures are scheduled, with a variety of provocative and thought-provoking speakers from local and global.

THE FUNHOUSE HAS CLASSES FOR YOU!
(Call now to sign up)
Featuring Adult Classes in the following areas: Digital photography with Gene Nery; Digital Storytelling - Alex Hoppental; Mac 101 - Gene Nery; and Kids' Stuff - Hannah Adams-Collier. Don't forget Kid Teen Classes & Baby/Toddler Group.

SECOND ANNUAL OISD STUDENT CHEF COMPETITION!
(Be a Sponsor!)
The Orcas Island Farm to Cafeteria Committee will be conducting the 2nd Annual Student Chef Competition on February 12, 2011. The contest is open to all students, K through 12, in the Orcas Island Public School District including Waldron are eligible to submit entries for consideration in the competition, and the public will be invited to watch and cheer their favorite student chef on to victory.

ORCAS ISLAND GOLF COURSE 2011 MEMBERSHIPS!
(Amazing Deals to save you \$\$\$)
We have worked hard the last few years to make many large and small improvements to the course. We have 2000 members and are looking to increase the rates to what they were in the past. Our answer is no. We are going to be dropping the prices for the simple reason that we want more people in our community to have the opportunity to enjoy the course.

Orcas First! Local Shopping & Sales
GORDEAUX'S FEBRUARY SALE!
(Happening Now)
30% to 40% off all regularly marked items. Skirts, dresses, tuxedos, wool overcoats, jewelry, boiled wool jackets, tops, fancy accessories. You name it, all ON SALE through February. Check out our \$20 dress rack, some dresses at 80% off!

NEW MERCHANDISE NOW AT JILLERY!
JILLERY is receiving new merchandise nearly every day now! To make room for the new, we're putting a lot of great goodies on sale. You should stop by to take a peek at some of the new, and while you're at it, make a few notes in the Gift Registry of items that you are particularly fond of, just in case your Sweetie comes in to buy you

STYLIN' SALE & MAKEOVER GIVEAWAY AT HEADSPACE!
During the month of January all in-stock styling products from PureOlogy, John Masters, Simply Organic, MOP, and Kusco-Murphy are 25% off. AND every \$75 you spend on product, tools or accessories, will enter you in the drawing to win a fabulous make over! The winner will receive a \$250 tax-free detox (but with the oil), deep conditioning (in with the "Aah..."), and a fresh new cut, color and style- with plenty of tips on how to duplicate your new look at home, of course! Now you're stylin'! Open Tues-Fri 11-5.

Restaurant News & Dining Deals

NEW LEAF CAFE RE-OPENS FEBRUARY 4
Dinner: THRU SUNDAY Monday from 5:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Breakfast: Saturday and Sunday from 8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
"TW0" HAPPY HOURS FOR YOU THIS SEASON
Dinner 3:30, 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.
That's right, not just early but a late night happy hour! Please "wink" with diners on Orcas Island. We have lots of fun things up our sleeves as defined by winks and some that are only for our special email subscribers, so go to our website and sign-up for the New Leaf Local Letters!

MIA'S CLOSED THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7
Mia's will be closed from Monday, February 7 through Sunday, February 13 for Spring Cleaning. We will be reopening on Monday, February 14 with the usual hours. Aside from that week, we are still having Trivia every Wednesday night, serving food from 6 pm until the start of the Game around 7 pm.

VALENTINE'S EVENT AT DOE BAY!
(Saturday, February 12th)
Come and celebrate this day at a place that radiates with love. The Doe Bay Cafe will prepare an always delectable meal with an aphrodisiac flare to celebrate cupid's success. It will be a four course prix fixe menu at \$50 per person with an optional wine pairing. This is one love affair that shouldn't be missed! The Cafe will be open from 5-9 pm, but reservations can be made at 360-376-8059.

INN AT SHIP BAY RE-OPENS FEBRUARY 11
We are ready to start 2011... Inn at Ship Bay is re-opening on Friday, February 11th! As a special Valentine's Day dinner, Dinner Reservations now available at 376-5886. (Our Dining Room and Lounge hours for 2011 will be: Tuesday through Saturday, starting at 5:30pm.)

LOWER TAVERN EVENTS
Friday night - 9:30 pm Karaoke Fridays!! Come sing to your heart out!! Get ready for Super Bowl Sunday!! Customer Appreciation Day at the Tavern!!

DRAGONFRUIT CAFE & EATERY NOW OPEN FOR DINNER
(Thursday, Friday and Saturday nights)
And open everyday! This cafe and eatery, which offers Thai curries & American-style soups, rois, sandwiches, Indian vegetarian dishes, and American-style breakfasts. Located at 29 North Beach Road (formerly the Sunflower Cafe) in Eastsound.

Continuing Art & Museum Shows

WEEKLY PIZZA AND OPEN MIC PERFORMANCE AT DOE BAY CAFE
(Thursdays; Open Mic starts @ 7:30 pm; Piza served 5 pm - 10 pm)
Come and take part or just sit back and enjoy. Piza served 5 pm - 10 pm goes to a local non-profit. This month it's the Student Chef Competition, sponsored by the Food-to-Cafeteria school program! Email us if you are part of a non-profit that wants to be considered for this weekly donation - manager@doebay.com

OPEN MIC NIGHT AT THE LOWER TAVERN
(Every Tuesday; Open Mic starts at 5:30 pm)
Come watch Orcas Bands set back - and that includes you! It's Open Mic and you'll never know who might be on-stage.

Classes & Seminars

YOGA AT DOE BAY!
(\$10 drop-in class in the yoga studio-equipment provided)
Join Doe Bay's certified instructor Megan Stockin for classes in the yoga studio! Call the front desk for the January Class schedule (360-376-2291) or check out our Events Calendar online!

WINTER WDRK SHOPS AT CENTER FOR THE ARTS STUDIO
Workshops begin the week of January 17th, with an Artists Release workshop is Jan. 23rd at 2pm only.
Introduction to Plates Marketwork: Come learn or review the beginning Pilates Mat Exercises, strengthen your core, and find a whole new way of moving and being in your body! 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.
Plates Primer: A comprehensive introduction to Plates marketwork, plus all the apparatus in the studio-all the classes we offer will be options for you after you have completed this course! 1x per week for 5 weeks, \$150.00 plus tax-a \$100 savings!

CREATIVE WAVES - 5RHYTHMS MOVING MEDITATION DANCE
(Fri/Sat events) from 5:30 - 7:30 am
Ranna McNeil says: Come dance the 5Rhythms this winter and find inspiration for the new year. We will dance, create art and play with dreams. Each class will be a playshop! We will drop in to the bigger dance of Spirit and bring forth new ideas and make it yours in the Student Chef Competition, necessary and all art levels are welcome. The art will be more about seeing what our dreams are calling for us to be than about a finished project. Dates: January 7, 14, 21, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 2011. Suggested donation: \$10. (Orcas Island Yoga Studio, 184)

Public Meetings on Orcas Island

Thursday, January 27 (12 noon). Port of Orcas Commissioners meeting (Airport conference room). Call 376-5285 for more information. For the remainder of 2010, the Port will meet on the second Thursday of the month at 6 pm, and the fourth Thursday of the month at 12 noon. Call 376-5285 for more information.

Thursday, January 27 (5:30 pm). Orcas Island School Board meeting (School library). Call 376-2284 for more information. Regularly meets on the fourth Thursday of the month.

Thursday, February 3 (3 pm). Eastsound Planning Review Committee (Eastsound Fire Station). Meets first Thursday of the month. Next meeting: March 3.

Tuesday, February 8 (4:30 pm). Eastsound Sewer and Water District meeting (East side of Airport, at end of Cessna Lane). Meetings scheduled on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Tuesday, February 8 (7:30 pm). Orcas Fire District Commissioners meeting (Eastsound Fire Hall). Call 376-2331 for more information. Regularly meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month.

Wednesday, February 9 (9:45 - 5:30 pm). Deer Harbor Plan Review Committee (Deer Harbor Community Center). Call 376-3199 for more information. Public is welcome. Regularly scheduled on the second Wednesday of the month.

Thursday, February 10 (12 noon - 1:30 pm). Orcas Island Park & Recreation District (Eastsound Fire Station). Meets second Thursday of the month.

Monday, February 14 (9 am start). Orcas Island Public Library Board (Public Library). Call 376-9885 for more information. Meets the second Wednesday of the month.

Wednesday, February 23 (5:30 pm). Sustainable Orcas Island meeting (Public Library). Call 376-4885 and speak with Phil for more information. Meets last Wednesday of the month.

Sports on Orcas Island

ORCAS ISLAND HIGH SCHOOL BASKETBALL
(Starting January 29)
Boys Varsity: game time 12:30 pm
Girls Varsity: game time 12:30 pm (old gym)
Girls Varsity: game time 2 pm
Boys Jr. Varsity: game time 2 pm
Watch the Vikings and Lady Vikings take on concrete.

Continuing Art & Museum Shows
ORCAS ISLAND HISTORICAL MUSEUM
(Open Saturdays from 10 am - 3 pm)
Come in and enjoy the local Destination Orcas Exhibit that was part of the Smithsonian Institute traveling exhibit "Journeys: Stories" that was here this summer.

MORAN MANSION MUSEUM TOURS!
(Open Daily 9 am - 8 pm)
The Moran Mansion Museum is now open daily from 9 am - 8 pm, and is free to tour.

ROSARIO MUSIC CONCERT AND HISTORICAL NARRATIVE
(Saturdays at 4 pm)
Enjoy a presentation of music and photography that walks guests through the history of the Moran family and the Rosario estate with Christopher Peacock. Highlights of the presentation include the historic Moran Photography Collection, Phantom of the Opera music performed on the Mansion's 1,972 pipe Aeolian organ with the silent film, stories of the Mansion's most colorful residents, and Christopher's original piano compositions played on the 1900 Steinway Grand piano.

The Orcas Island Chamber of Commerce works daily to support our community's businesses and organizations. Please support Chamber of Commerce members when making your buying decisions. The value of a dollar spent locally cannot be overstated. Think Local - Buy Local - Orcas First!

The Chamber of Commerce is happy to answer any questions you have about our beautiful Island!

Lance Evans, Executive Director
Orcas Island Chamber of Commerce

