



Mission Statement:

The Guemes Island Community Center Association (GICCA) provides a home for community, cultural, artistic, educational, and social opportunities that enhance the quality of life for our island community.

GICCA creates a sense of community on Guemes Island by providing, maintaining, and enhancing a Community Center to enrich the lives of residents and visitors.

Our Goals:

- ~ Be a welcoming place that meets the diverse needs of our island community.
- ~ Provide an accessible and affordable venue for Guemes Island community organizations.
- ~ Host community forums and town meetings on issues of concern to islanders.
- ~ Offer a place for the community to perform, celebrate, dance and play.

Board of Directors:

- Barb Ohms, President
- Sarah Sibley, Secretary /Trustee
- Marietta Harrigan, Treasurer
- Deb Strathman, Trustee
- Rob Schroder, Trustee
- Loalynda Bird, Trustee

Meetings: The Board meets every third Thursday from September through May at the Community Hall at 7PM. Please contact a Board member if you would like to add an item to our agenda.

Scheduling: To schedule the Hall, the Schoolhouse Park Pavilion or to rent tables or chairs, contact Barb Ohms 303-521-9094 or 360-298-1885, barbaraohms@gmail.com.

The Guemes Island Community Center is a registered 501(c)(3) charitable organization and contributions are tax deductible. Tax ID # 91-1767137

Guemes Island Community Center Association

Summer 2017

Dear Guemes Islanders,

Our Community Center Hall is now three years into its second century having been founded in 1914 by a group of determined and inspired Guemes Island residents. Their dream of providing a home for community, cultural, artistic, educational, and social opportunities continues today thanks to volunteer support and financial donations from people like you. We hope that you will take part in one or more of the many exciting events that your Community Center Association is offering this year and experience firsthand the pride we take in our small island community.

Throughout the year our Community Hall hosts music events, art and craft fairs and workshops, community meals, meetings, educational talks and fitness classes. The facility has also hosted numerous private parties and weddings. Our large inventory of tables and chairs is available for rent, with the fees waived for island residents. The Hall also stands ready to provide shelter for our residents in the event of an emergency or natural disaster.

Past donations have not only funded our annual operating expenses, taxes, insurance, utilities, but have paid for much needed improvements. The new generator has been installed and will provide emergency power for the Hall to enable the lights, well, septic and kitchen to function for displaced residents during a disaster. The Hall foundation has been retrofitted for earthquake protection. Maintenance of a 103 year-old building is also a never-ending responsibility.

Ongoing Association projects include the Schoolhouse Stage performance venue and planning for future Hall expansion. Phase I of the Stage Project is progressing. The phasing plan adopted by the Board can be viewed on our new website, www.myguemes.org. Future hall expansion is being studied by The Second Century Planning Committee, a thoughtful group of individuals representing GICCA (Community Center Association), CERT (Community Emergency Response Team), GHHS (Historical Society), the Library and the Church. Inevitable population growth on Guemes will surely impact our community and the Association wants to be responsive to those expanding needs.

In order to fulfill our mission and accomplish our goals, we rely on the generosity of individuals and businesses for support. Without the assistance of community-minded people just like you, we would not be able to continue to provide these facilities and services to our community.

We have enclosed a donor envelope for your convenience. Every tax-deductible donation makes a difference, regardless of size. Donations can also be made through our website at www.myguemes.org. Your donation can be earmarked for a specific fund if desired, i.e. CERT, Stage, Ground Floor Guemes, or to the General Fund to help sustain our Hall, grounds and programs in the coming year.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Barb Ohms, Rob Schroder, Loalynda Bird, Sarah Sibley, Marietta Harrigan

Your Community Center Association Board