

# Sunset Cove Development Homeowners Association

October 2023 SCHOA

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# From the President



Hi all, as we wind down what has been an awesome Summer from a weather standpoint we are heading into the Fall and Winter seasons which offer a number of great recreational opportunities, the start of the new school year and the end of daylight savings time. The City of Anacortes continues to open up in our ever-changing economic environment. Socially we've had success at a number of local events not the least of which have been our Summer Concert Series, the Anacortes Arts Festival and our local Farmers Market (ongoing through October as scheduled on the Chamber of Commerce calendar of events). As things continue to progress our Board will keep you abreast of any changes to our operating structure along with the opportunities we see impacting Sunset Cove. The opportunities we see for the balance of this year and into next are projects that will increase and enhance property values and the community's aesthetics. Stay tuned for more information as our Board researches projects that are discussed and voted on at Board Meetings.

As a group the SCHOA Board has re-aligned its communication medium(s) and feels good with the go forward plan utilizing a Zoom platform for Annual Meetings and bi-monthly Board Meetings. We will continue to use such mediums as cell phones, conference calls, emails and one-on-one contact in smaller groups where and when necessary. We have adapted well and are pleased that SCHOA business has been conducted efficiently. The Board has and will continue to function at 100% to serve the needs of all SCHOA owners.

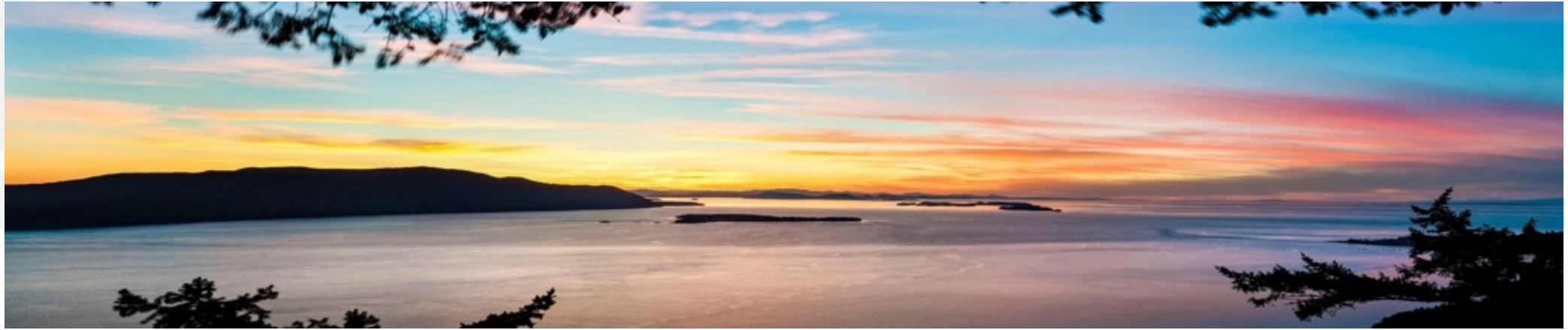
**Doug Berard**

**President, Sunset Cove Development Homeowners Association**

(Email us at [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org) )

# About the SCHOA

## ***Sunset Cove Development Homeowners Association***



Located in Anacortes, WA, at the western edge of Fidalgo Island, Sunset Cove is uniquely situated with views of the San Juan Islands, Rosario Strait and Burrows Bay. Sunset Cove owners enjoy the privilege of adjoining beautiful Washington Park with miles of beaches, trails and picnic and camping sites.

The entire Sunset Cove community consists of Washington Park Estates (homes along Washington Blvd), Sunset Cove Estates (homes along Washington Court) and The Crest at Sunset Cove Condominiums, The Gardens at Sunset Cove Condominiums and Doe Run at Sunset Cove detached Condominiums all along Sundown Court.

The Sunset Cove Homeowners Association (SCHOA) represents all of the aforementioned areas held within the Sunset Cove community. The Crest, The Gardens and Doe Run each have their own HOA's. The SCHOA in totality represents the entire development taking care of the common areas as well as common issues.

Welcome to all our neighbors, new, established and those who are entertaining a move to Sunset Cove!

### **SCHOA Board**



# Where We're Located

## Westend Anacortes



## San Juan Islands



## Sunset Cove Neighborhood



# 2023/2024 SCHOA Board

## 2023/24 Board of Directors by Position:

- President-Doug Berard, The Gardens resident
  - ❑ Term ends 12/31/23
- Vice President-Kathy Edmonds, WA Park resident
  - ❑ Term ends 12/31/24
- Secretary-Lori Campbell, WA Court resident
  - ❑ Term 12/31/23
- Treasurer-Dawn Bachmann, Doe Run resident
  - ❑ Term ends 12/31/23
- ARC Committee Chair-Annie Hayes, WA Park resident
  - ❑ Term ends 12/31/23
- Landscape Committee Chair-Claire Colson, WA Park resident
  - ❑ Term ends 12/31/24
- Social /Publicity Committee-Team sport, all Board Members

**Note:** Our new 2023/2024 Board was announced at our Annual Meeting on Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023.



## SCHOA Board

The Sunset Cove HOA Board has had a difficult time finding volunteers to serve as Board Members. If you have an interest in serving a two-year term please email [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org). We would be happy to answer any questions you might have. The Board meets every other month via Zoom to discuss SCHOA business and future planning needs. Our Board also works with Community Leaders to advance the interests of the City of Anacortes as well as the Sunset Cove neighborhood. Our commitment to City, County and State initiatives lends itself well to building needed infrastructure in and around Anacortes.

Our 2023/2024 Board looks forward to serving the residents of Sunset Cove. As with past Boards, we anticipate and look forward to working with our community and our City to keep our neighborhood moving forward, addressing issues and opportunities as they arise.

**Doug Berard, President Sunset Cove HOA**



**NOTE:** Bi/monthly Board meeting dates and times are finalized a year in advance for planning purposes. Dates, times and Zoom invitations can be found on the SCHOA website





# 2023 SCHOA Board-Director & Committee Chair Updates



## Publicity Committee Update

- Our quarterly newsletter will continue as usual leveraging information from the SCHOA, Skagit County, Island County and the City of Anacortes
  - Anticipated publication dates
    - ✓ First Quarter-***"Posted on the SCHOA website"***
    - ✓ Second Quarter-April 2023-***"Posted on the SCHOA website"***
    - ✓ Third Quarter-July 2023-***"Posted on the SCHOA website"***
    - ✓ Fourth Quarter-October 2023
- Gathering at the Sundown Court Circle-It's been great to see residents using the circle for social gatherings this past summer. The circle is for use by all members of the Sunset Cove HOA.



**SCHOA Board**

## Treasurer Update

- Total assets on hand as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023 are \$35,745.05. Working capital balance \$13,165.52, unallocated reserve balance \$22,579.53.
- At the October Board meeting we will review a draft budget with project timelines for 2024-2029. This includes inflation increases for services and projects, as well as suggested project timelines.
- The Board has approved a reserve build of 10% of yearly income which is consistent with Washington State HOA standards. Managing projects out of reserves will anticipate timing and allocate funds. This replaces the Landscape New "expense bucket" we previously used for projects.
- Projects and timelines are part of our reserve management:
  - Buffer zone assessment, at risk tree removal, wildfire brush management
  - Refresh for WA Court, Sundown Court, WA Blvd median, and Gazebo trail
  - Detention Pond(s) cleanup
  - Mailbox replacement
- Following our site visit with the Conservation District of Skagit County we have scheduled a meeting with WA Dept of Natural Resources. We are investigating cost sharing and grants for buffer zone forest mgmt.

**Dawn Bachmann SCHOA Treasurer**

# 2022 SCHOA Board-Director & Committee Chair Updates



## Architectural Review Committee Update

- The community is down to 1 vacant lot, SCE 17. All other lots are are built out or under construction i.e. SCE 6
- Sunset Cove Construction Update
  - Lot #SCE 6; construction started
  - Lot #SCE 17 construction not started
- For more information regarding the Architectural Review Committee (ARC) and its function can be found in the CC&Rs section III through VI.
  - Section III- Architectural Review Committee overview
  - Section IV-Approval Requirements
  - Section V-Building Restrictions
  - Section VI-Land Use Restrictions

## Annie Hayes ARC Committee Chair



## Landscape Committee Update

- As discussed at our Annual meeting the Board will be researching several projects for the 2023, 2024 time frames and beyond. Below are a number of projects that have been completed and some that are being researched:
  - WA Court circle refresh-Phase 1 cleanup complete June 2023
    - ✓ Phase 2-Design, layout and execution
  - Landscape lighting WA BLVD-Completed May 2023
  - Observation Ave detention pond cleanup-Completed June 2023
  - Sundown Court refresh-Research cost
  - WA Blvd refresh-Research cost
  - Gazebo trail refresh-Research cost
- To help research, facilitate and coordinate projects the Board is always looking for volunteers to serve on our standing committees. If you have an interest in volunteering your time, please email the Board at [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org).
- The Gardens at Sunset Cove condo's recently completed their irrigation and landscaping project on the property using a combination of dry beds, trees, shrubs perennials and grasses. (pics next page)



# 2022 SCHOA Board-Director & Committee Chair Updates



## Landscape Committee Update

- A big shout out to Javier and Juan at Dust To Beauty for their design work and attention to detail as they were installing the irrigation system and laying out and planting at The Gardens condo's
  - The irrigation system was sourced from Ewing Landscape Supply
  - The plants were sourced locally from Home Depot and Lowe's



# Washington State Master Gardeners



## What is a Master Gardener?

Master Gardeners are community educators trained to work in partnership with WSU Extension to teach the public and enhance the quality of life in the community by promoting sound gardening practices with research-based information. From big box retailers to smaller IGC garden center formats, Masters Gardeners contribute their time and knowledge with in-house educators to meet, teach and train shoppers of all ages. Having Master Gardeners available in a retail setting is a golden opportunity to learn the latest trends in gardening.

## Skagit County WSU Extension Master Gardeners

Program Contact: Alex duPont, Master Gardener Program Coordinator  
360-395-2367 • [alex.dupont@wsu.edu](mailto:alex.dupont@wsu.edu)

## Want to Become a Master Gardener? Sign up for WSU Skagit County Master Gardener Training

### The Certification Process

The application deadline in Skagit County is October 31 for training which begins in January. Applicants are interviewed during November. The cost of the Master Gardener education is \$400. A refund of \$100 is returned to the Master Gardener once the required volunteer time is completed by the end of their intern year.

The Skagit County Master Gardener program starts with a 12-week course combining classroom and online computer based education. The weekly classes are held on Mondays at the Padilla Bay Interpretive Center, beginning mid-January. The curriculum includes lectures in botany, horticulture, soil science, sustainable garden management, integrated pest management, plant health, pesticide safety, entomology, pest management, plant pathology, plant disease diagnosis and control, weed identification, tree fruit and small fruit production.

After completing the academic syllabus, Master Gardener Interns must complete 60 hours of supervised learning to become fully certified. This hands-on training is completed at plant diagnostic clinics, the Discovery Garden, and other community outreach and education events such as rain garden education, community school gardens, farmers markets, and the Skagit County Fair.

After qualification, MGs must complete 25 hours of public service annually, including 4 hours of educational outreach to the public and 10 hours of MG continuing education to maintain their certification. Volunteers often give back much more!



# Washington State Master Gardeners



## Upcoming Clinics

### [Master Gardener Plant Clinic – Burlington WA](#)

**October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**|Recurring Event ([See all](#))

[WSU Skagit County Extension](#), 11768 Westar Lane, Burlington, WA 98233, USA

*Burlington, WA 98233 United States* + [Google Map](#)

### **Free**

Burlington Clinic - Wednesdays Apr-Oct from 10am-2pm at WSU Extension Skagit County Office; 11768 Westar Lane. Get Help Online – Year Round Support! Check out the clinic website. Learn how to prepare samples, take photos for analysis, and submit your problems online. Clinic Contact Info: Call 360-395-2368 and leave a message. Email us at [skagitmgplantclinic@gmail.com](mailto:skagitmgplantclinic@gmail.com)

### [Master Gardener Plant Clinic – Anacortes](#)

**October 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**|Recurring Event ([See all](#))

[Anacortes Farmers Market](#), 7th St & "R" Ave

*Anacortes, WA United States* + [Google Map](#)

### **Free**

Anacortes Plant Clinic and Plant ID at the Anacortes Farmers Market in the Depot (7th St & R Ave) from 10am- 2pm. Check out the clinic website. Learn how to prepare samples, take photos for analysis, and submit your problems online.

## **Contact Information**

### **Skagit County Extension**

11768 Westar Lane, Suite A

Burlington, WA 98233

Call: 360-428-4270

Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

<https://extension.wsu.edu/skagit/>



# Washington State Master Gardeners



## Upcoming Clinics

### [Master Gardener Know & Grow – Mosses and Lichens](#)

**October 17 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

[WSU Skagit County Master Gardener Discovery Garden](#), NWREC; 16650 State Route 536

Mount Vernon, WA 98273 United States [+ Google Map](#)

### **Free**

Skagit County WSU Extension Master Gardeners Free Know and Grow Lecture Series Mosses & Lichens Deborah Smeltzer, Skagit County WSU Extension Master Gardener Tuesday, October 17 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. NWREC Auditorium Discover and learn about two interesting life forms that are ubiquitous in the Pacific Northwest. Come hear about how mosses and lichens enrich our forests and our landscapes. You may be surprised at what they add to our environment! For each of mosses and lichens, Deborah will...

Email us at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/skagit/event/master-gardener-know-grow-mosses-and-lichens/>

### [Master Gardener Know & Grow – Irises for NW Gardens](#)

**November 14 @ 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm**

[WSU Skagit County Master Gardener Discovery Garden](#), NWREC; 16650 State Route 536

Mount Vernon, WA 98273 United States [+ Google Map](#)

### **Free**

How to Grow Iris Patrick and Margaret Spence Owners of Cascadia Iris Gardens Tuesday, November 14th 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. NWREC Auditorium An in-depth discussion into the best practices to ensure your irises will perform at their very best year after year. Patrick and Margaret Spence are the owners of Cascadia Iris Gardens, a commercial nursery featuring the genus iris. Patrick is a past President of Siberian Iris Society, the Society for Japanese Iris and is the current president of the King County Iris Society. Margaret...

Email us at: <https://extension.wsu.edu/skagit/event/master-gardener-know-grow-irises-for-nw-gardens/>

# Neighborhood Updates

- As Fall begins and daylight savings time ends our days seem shorter and we lose daylight earlier in the day. With very few streetlights let's be mindful of the speed limit in our community which is 25 MPH. We've also got kids and adults playing in the streets which supports driving at the speed limit or below.
- Yard maintenance-As temps have dropped it becomes increasingly important to stay on top of yard maintenance. Raking leaves, pruning and debris removal from your gutters is a must. Should you be struggling with yard maintenance the Board can recommend a number of local landscapers and maintenance companies to use.
- Habitat for deer-We all enjoy seeing deer in the immediate area. That said, let's not make it a practice to feed them. Rats, mice etc also like what deer eat; lets avoid an infestation by not feeding them.



- Trash disposal and pick up-Friday is trash pick up day for our neighborhood. Let's respect the appearance of Sunset Cove and bag all trash for pickup. Let's also be mindful of returning trash cans to an area on your property not visible to the public. For large trash and debris removal you can also use the following facility:  
***Skagit County Recycling and Transfer Station***  
***14104 Ovenell Rd***  
***Mount Vernon, WA 98273***  
***(360) 416-1570***
- Please contact Dawn Bachmann, Treasurer, to make changes to the information found in the Sunset Cove HOA directory; email address(s) and phone #'s. We want to ensure that all SCHOA communication(s) is received in a timely manner. (Email us at [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org) )

# Neighborhood Updates



- Sidewalk clearance for walkers-Its that time of year when the days get shorter, cooler temps kick in and our daylight hours decrease. Residents still like to get out and walk pet's, hike and look for general exercise traversing the neighborhood and WA Park. If you have plantings that encroach onto the sidewalks let's be mindful of others and prune them back for ease of access. It's a great time of the year to be outside enjoying the neighborhood.
- Construction update-Currently there is 1 home under construction (Lot SCE 6). Let's be mindful of any construction debris that you encounter in the street or on the sidewalk and move it back onto the lot. Nails, screws, utility knife blades etc. should be discarded in the trash receptacle located on the lot. Thanks in advance for your help.
- Pets-For those of us that walk pets in the neighborhood it is our responsibility to clean up after them. Let's all pitch in!
- The mailbox locks have just been lubricated for the Summer and Fall seasons. The locks are maintained twice a year, the winter cycle is approaching. If you have problems with your lock, please email the Board at [board@sunsetcove.org](mailto:board@sunsetcove.org).
- Observation Ave. fire access lane-The city has been out recently to cut back the brush in the fire access lane and has let the SCHOA Board know that the amount of trash and dog waste has increased in the general area. Let's pick up after ourselves and keep the area clean for others.
- Local Pickleball Courts-For those of you that enjoy the game of pickleball there are 4 courts located at Clearidge Park that are open to the public, 4455 Blakely Drive. There is also a free app to join a group that plays regularly at Clearidge. See below: Team Reach ([HTTP://www.teamreach.com/](http://www.teamreach.com/)). Enter code: 676719
- Several residents have noticed an increase in coyote sightings in the recent past. Like other canids, **coyotes don't hibernate**. They remain active throughout the year and increase their level of activity in the colder months. Coyotes are more active in the winter not only because they spend more time searching for food but because their young disperse from groups which happens mostly from October to January. A reminder for pet owners, please be cautious. In the event of an immediate public safety issue, wildlife violation, or injured or dangerous animal, please call the WDFW Enforcement office at (360) 902-2936 or email [enforcement-web@dfw.wa.gov](mailto:enforcement-web@dfw.wa.gov), or call 911.



# Fall/Winter Garden Tips-How to Prep for and Recover From Winter Weather



Some winter storms are more severe than others, but harsh, cold snow and ice can all sabotage your gardening efforts. Heavy frost can also weigh down branches and compromise your soil. Read below for tips on preparing for extreme winter weather and how to recover when the temperatures begin to rise.

## Prepare for Winter Storms

**Before the winter storm season arrives, take a few steps to prepare your garden**

- Trim with pruners any low-hanging branches and overgrown plants. This should be part of your routine maintenance schedule, but it's especially important during storm season
- Secure small plants. Bring smaller, potted plants indoors to protect them from snow, ice and extreme cold. You could also put them in a portable greenhouse or other greenhouse
- Add mulch and compost to vegetable gardens. This will add an extra layer of soil protection. This is also a good time to test the pH and add nutrients as needed
- Cover flowering plants and seedlings. Bedding can help shield them from intense frost

## Initial Recovery and Safety Tips

**Once the extreme temperatures break, take some time to review the damage and start the recovery process**

- Evaluate excessive damage first and determine if there are safety hazards like weak and broken limbs
- Let ice melt on its own. Trying to manually remove it may cause further damage
- Don't try removing snow from branches hanging over your garden beds. The weight of the excess water may cause limbs to break

## First Steps

- Dust off heavy snow from shrubs and hedges. Sweep upward from the bottom since they're still fragile at this time. Let the rest melt and give them time to recover naturally; most varieties will bounce back on their own
- Prune the weak limbs and smaller, cracked branches. This will help prevent further damage and promote healthy new growth
- Look for any branches that may have spread as a result of heavy snow, and tie them in to help retain their shape
- If newly planted trees have fallen over, prop them back up and cover any exposed roots with fresh soil.

## Later Recovery

- After you've taken those first few steps to repair winter storm damage, let your garden and landscape rest. As the weather begins to warm, most plants will begin to flourish again with your normal tending and maintenance routine
- For especially cold-sensitive plants, wait until the buds begin to emerge to see exactly how much should be pruned
- When spring arrives, start staking and reshaping plants that are still bent. This is easier to do when the weather is warm and branches are less fragile

**Tip:** If you're still unsure whether certain plants can be saved, continue fertilizing regularly and wait until late spring to make the call. Some plant varieties need extra time to recover

# Fall/Winter Best Practices

## Fall Maintenance Checklist

- Inspect gutters for debris and damage
- Remove garden hoses from faucets and place a frost cover over the valve
- Drain and store garden hose(s)
- Drain your sprinkler system and turn your timer to the off position
- Prune plants for their winter nap
- Winterize your lawn with fall/winter fertilizer
- Check your roof for debris damage
- Bring in or cover your outdoor furniture
- Clean and cover your barbeque
- Maintenance and store outdoor power equipment
- Protect exposed water pipes with pipe wrap
- Check your fireplace, chimney and flue for blockage and creosote buildup
- Check for drafts around windows and doors and insulate accordingly



## Fall Maintenance Checklist-cont'd

- Protect plants from frost using frost cloth or mulch
- Replace batteries in smoke alarms, carbon monoxide detectors and thermostats
- Replace furnace filters
- Close exterior vents that were opened for summer
- Open furnace vents

## Fall/Winter Household Necessities

- Snow shovel(s)
- Ice melt
- Ice scraper(s)
- Flashlights
- Spare batteries
- Emergency car kit
- Firewood
- Windshield wash-Fall mix 0-32 below mix
- Battery (jumper) cables
- Portable heater(s)
- Winter clothing essentials-Hats, gloves, scarf(s), coats

# Fall and Winter Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club

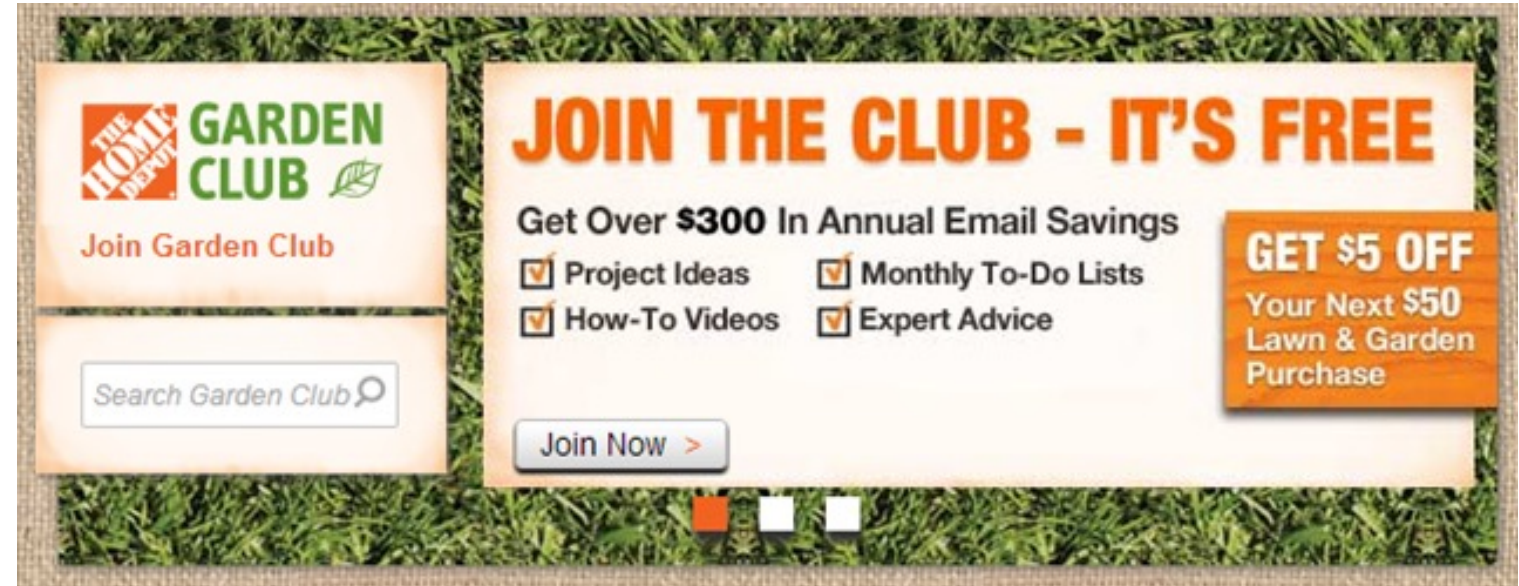


**Leverage the Home Depot Garden Club website for all your Fall and Winter projects.**

**NO** cost to join, **NO** annual dues, fees etc.

## ➤ Access to

- Project guides
- Buying guides
- Inspiration guides
- Influencer guides
- DIY workshops
- Garden ideas and projects
- How to videos
- Expert gardening advice
- Local and regional gardening tips
- Coupons, discounts, special promotions and offers



## ➤ How do I join?

- Visit the Garden Club website at [pages.homedepot.com/garden](https://pages.homedepot.com/garden)
- Sign up and start saving
- Get \$5 off instantly for joining
- Receive coupons outlining promos and promotions



# Fall and Winter Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club



## Plan the Year with The Home Depot Garden Club Calendar

### October



- Add fall color with mums and pumpkins.
- Rake and mulch leaves.
- Plant trees, shrubs and spring-flowering bulbs.
- Empty and put away garden hoses and accessories.

For more info visit - <https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/fall-porch-ideas/9ba683603be9fa5395fab90f80a74dc>

### November



- Force paperwhite narcissus and amaryllis for Christmas blooms.
- Prepare next year's flower beds, including rose beds.
- Clean and store garden tools. Seal with gear oil and let dry.
- Enjoy the bounty of your harvest at the Thanksgiving table.

For more info visit - <https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/festive-holiday-houseplants/9ba683603be9fa5395fab906d8e19ec>

### December



- Find the perfect fresh-cut Christmas tree.
- Decorate with poinsettias and evergreen garland, and create a Christmas Tree Dress.
- Clean and store power tools for winter.
- Choose orchids and tropical houseplants for gift-giving.

For more info visit - <https://www.homedepot.com/b/Outdoors-Garden-Center-Indoor-Plants/N-5yc1vZc8rn>



# Fall/Winter Project Ideas-Home Depot Garden Club



## Inspiration Guide How to Plant Bulbs in Fall

Every experienced gardener knows a beautiful spring landscape begins in fall.

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/ideas-for-spring-flowering-bulbs/9ba683603be9fa5395fab90a0b18f42>



## Inspiration Guide Planting Fall Bulbs

Bulbs are easy to grow and most will flower for years

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/ideas-for-spring-flowering-bulbs/9ba683603be9fa5395fab90a0b18f42>



## Inspiration Guide Gardening Calendar for October

With an abundance of mums, pumpkins and gourds, you'll be tempted to decorate with more than one. Once done decorating, turn your attention to your garden.

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/gardening-calendar-for-october/9ba683603be9fa5395fab901b7f90d2e>



## Inspiration Guide Growing Vegetables in Winter

You can grow a vegetable garden in winter, even with snow on the ground

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/growing-vegetables-in-winter/9ba683603be9fa5395fab90e1049721>



## Inspiration Guide Fall Garden Chores to Prep for Spring

Take advantage of cooler weather and prep your garden for spring

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/fall-garden-chores-to-prep-for-spring/9ba683603be9fa5395fab90672d8708>



## Inspiration Guide How to Insulate Your Garden with Mulch

Protect your garden from weather extremes with a layer of mulch

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/how-to-insulate-your-garden-with-mulch/9ba683603be9fa5395fab90f4039c7b>

## December Garden Checklist



### • Find the Perfect Christmas Tree

Begin the holiday season with a fresh-cut or artificial Christmas tree. Decorate mantels and doors with garland and evergreen trimmings. Use branches to create a [one-of-a-kind Christmas tree dress](#).

### • Decorate Your Home With Poinsettias

Fill your home with traditional red poinsettias and the newer varieties with white and even pink blooms. Get decorating inspiration from [these Garden Club ideas](#).

### • Choose Houseplants for Gift-Giving

Give the gift of gardening when you select just the right houseplant to present to family, neighbors or other friends. Try orchids, kalanchoe, bromeliads and amaryllis for gifts that last beyond the season.

### • Replenish Bird Feeders

Be kind to pollinating birds and wildlife during the winter by refilling feeders.

<https://www.homedepot.com/c/ai/gardening-calendar-for-december/9ba683603be9fa5395fab9010fb3795a>



# Experience Anacortes



## Anacortes

Travel prep demands both planning and dreaming, and Experience Anacortes is your guide to get started doing both. Read on to discover some of the many things you can enjoy while visiting this vibrant seacoast town.

Anacortes, the crown jewel of Fidalgo Island, is conveniently situated halfway between Seattle & Vancouver BC, and is the destination point for the San Juan Islands and International Ferry runs. The island is known for its historic waterfront, 50-miles of hiking trails, and a mix of annual festivals.

Its year-round music scene is lively and visitors can soak up a range of tunes from rock to bluegrass to jazz at outside venues during the summer and restaurants and bars throughout the year. The culinary scene is ever-growing and you'll find a variety of restaurants with farm-to-table menus, scratch and house-made ingredients, and their specialties like BBQ, fusion, and rustic scratch.





# Experience Anacortes-Hiking and Biking Trails



Find Your Favorite Fidalgo Island Hike



Anacortes trails meander through 2,800 acres of forests, meadows, wetlands, lakes, and offer spectacular woodland and seascape views. With more than 50 miles of multiple-use trails, it's easy to choose a route to explore and find your favorite Fidalgo Island hike.



# Experience Anacortes-Hiking and Biking Trails



## Visit the Great Outdoors as you traverse the trails in and around Anacortes!

The **Tommy Thompson Trail** starts at 11th and Q Avenue, near the Port of Anacortes, and follows the old Burlington Northern Railway route for 3.3 miles. Most of the trail hugs the shoreline and has outstanding views of the Cascade Mountains and Mount Baker. It's paved and flat, which makes it popular for walking and biking. The southeastern portion crosses the railway trestle over Fidalgo Bay, which many consider the highlight of the trail. Along the route are access points, doggie bag stations, and restrooms.

**Cranberry Lake Area** has a handful of trails. The main trail follows a 1.5-mile loop around Little Cranberry Lake with various off-shoots that lead hikers on different routes and into neighborhoods like Rock Ridge, which offers outstanding views of the San Juan Islands. At the southern end of the lake, the trail continues past Little Beaver Pond, Big Beaver Pond, and Mitten Pond. For the most part, the trail is easygoing, but it can get muddy and rugged in some parts. The most popular access points are at Cranberry Lake Road, which has a small parking lot and easily accessed view area of the lake, and A Ave. with a large parking lot along the side of the road.

**Heart Lake Trail** is 2.86 miles long and almost does a complete loop around the lake through cedar and hemlock forests with pockets of views of the lake. The trail is easy, and the lake is a popular spot for fishing, kayaking, and families. On the weekends the voices of excited children can be heard as they discover the wonders of nature. There are several access points, but the large gravel parking lot off Heart Lake Road offers ample parking, restrooms, and beach access.

Adjacent to Heart Lake is the **Whistle Lake Trail** system. This is the largest trail system in Anacortes Community Forest Lands and those desiring a longer hike can follow the trails from Heart Lake to Whistle Lake or vice versa. Near Heart Lake are the two of the highest points in Anacortes: Mt. Erie at 1,273 ft. and Sugarloaf at 1,044 ft. There are pull-ins along Heart Lake Road but the best place to park is a gravel parking lot at the base of Mt. Erie, which also has a paved road leading to the top. For those wanting to start their hike at Whistle Lake, access is on the east side of the island off of Whistle Lake Terrace Road. There, the 3.7-mile trail passes by swamps, through wooded forests, a lake that gets warm enough to swim in the summer, and rocky outcroppings.

**Ship Harbor Interpretive Preserve Trail** hugs 2000 ft. of Ship Harbor's sandy beach shoreline. There are interpretive platforms and benches to ponder the views of the ferry, birds, and islands. A boardwalk, completed in 2013, leads visitors through a portion of the wetlands and the 25-acre perimeter of freshwater wetlands. Travel west on Hwy. 20 until Ship Harbor comes into view, then turn right onto Ship Harbor Boulevard, take the next left and wind down to a cul-de-sac next to Guemes Channel.

In that same cul-de-sac is **Guemes Channel Trail**, which will eventually connect to downtown Anacortes and the Tommy Thompson Trail. The newest section of the trail opened in May 2015 and extends to Illinois Avenue. The trail is paved and follows the old railroad bed along Guemes Channel.

**Sharpe Park** and **Montgomery-Duban Headlands Trail** is a 2.6 miles loop with some rough-and-tumble hiking through the largest undeveloped and privately owned waterfront on the island. The trail passes through 110 acres of marshlands and woods with large firs and madrones and offers scenic viewpoints of Lopez Island, the Olympic Peninsula, and 400 ft. headlands rising from the sea. There is only one access to the trail. From Hwy. 20 turn left onto Rosario Road and follow it for 1.7 miles to a pull-in parking lot on the left side of the road.

**Washington Park** is on the western point of Fidalgo Island and has handfuls of trails that lead through 220 acres of forest to breathtaking views of the Olympic Mountains and the San Juan Islands. At Juniper Point, on the southwestern tip, is a bench and harbor porpoises can often be seen surfing in Burrows Bay Channel. Be aware that parts of the trails are steep and rooty. For a paved, yet hilly walk, take the 2.25-mile loop that curves through the park. Green Point, a grassy area on the northwestern tip, is easily accessed from the paved road and a good place to watch boat activity or climb on the shoreline rocks near West Beach. Follow Hwy. 20 past the ferry, continue down Sunset Ave. to the large parking lot at the end. There is also beach access, restrooms, and a playground. If you only have the opportunity for one Fidalgo Island hike, this one is great for all ages & skill levels.

**Rosario Head, Bowman Bay, and Pass Lake** are part of **Deception Pass State Park** and part of the **Pacific Northwest Trail**. For Rosario Head and Bowman Bay, the trails can start and end in either location. The length all depends on how long of a hike you want to take. For a shorter hike follow the trail to Rosario Head, past a pole carving of the Maiden of Deception Pass and around the .3-mile rocky point loop with views of Rosario Strait, Deception Island, Whidbey Island, and the Olympic Mountains. The trail does follow the cliff sides and can be steep at times so it is important to keep an eye on small children and pets. Urchin Rocks, on the south end of the beach, is a good place to explore the tide pools. From Hwy. 20 turn left onto Rosario Road, then turn left onto Cougar Cap Road, and another left onto Rosario Beach Road. This leads to a large parking lot with picnic tables and bathrooms. Please note this park closes in the winter. [Click here for the Deception Pass Trail Map.](#)

# Experience Anacortes-Cap Sante Park & Marina



Cap Sante is a forested rocky headland jutting out into Fidalgo Bay from the northeast corner of Anacortes. The name is French for "Cape Health," and was bestowed by Anne Curtis Bowman in 1877. Her maiden name was itself the inspiration for the name "Anacortes." The historical note below offers links for more details.

The streets of the cape provide access to a number of homes, some quite new, others historic. The headland itself is a dedicated park (Cap Sante Park) that has a few trails. An area along the southwestern shore also is a park (Rotary Park) that has a broad shoreline trail leading to a picnic area, plus a disc golf course that offers additional hillside trails.

It's an easy drive to the viewpoint (Cap Sante Lookout) at the tip of the cape, and if you have limited time, or if anyone in your party has mobility issues, that would be a good bet.

To get to know the area on foot, there are a number of options for a hike. Any hike here will involve a mix of city streets and actual trails. You can explore on your own if you like, or follow the route suggested here that will get you to the most interesting areas efficiently. Since the route passes by homes, please stick to the public sidewalks and trails, and respect neighbors' property.



Begin near the intersection of 4th St and T Ave, and head east up 4th St to the junction with V Ave. Turn right and follow V Ave as it first drops a few feet and crosses 5th St (your return route.) Then continue on V Ave as it begins to climb and bend around to the left, passing through a partially forested area. Soon it bends around to the right and becomes W Ave. A group of homes here, both new and vintage, occupy a compact enclave surrounded by park land.

Continue past the homes and head uphill again, once again in forest. Near the top of the hill, just before a sign proclaiming "Welcome to Cap Sante Park," there is a wide spot on the right where 1 or 2 cars could park. A well-established trail heads into the forest from here. Follow it, and in about 300 feet reach an area with a lot of bare rock.

First, check out the knoll to your right that offers a good view toward downtown Anacortes and beyond. Then backtrack a few feet and follow a narrow uphill path around the left side of the rocky area to reach more open, rocky slopes heading uphill to the high point of the cape, only a few hundred feet away.

At the high point, the views to the west, south and east are superb. From the eastern edge of the high point, Mount Baker may be visible. On an exceptionally clear day you may be able to make out the summit dome of Mount Rainier, over 120 miles away to the southeast.

It's possible to scramble down the east side of the cape to the lookout parking area but it's safer to return to W Ave and follow the road around instead. From the lookout area, find good views to the south and east. A sign offers info about Anacortes in the early 1900s when many wood-processing mills were operating.

Once you have looked around the rocky headland, start back on the road and be alert for a trail on the right, just before you reach a speed limit sign. It's fairly obvious but like other trails in the park it is unsigned. It's well-established, and even is shown (very approximately) on online maps. Partway along there is a very well-worn, vintage stone staircase.

As you head farther down that trail you will pass a few side trails on the right. These apparently no longer enjoy regular maintenance. The first two may seem prohibitively rough and you should pass them by. The third side trail is much more inviting, and you can explore it easily. It leads to the site of "Marine Stadium," an impressive stone amphitheater built as a WPA project in 1938, but unfortunately now abandoned. It once was the site of band concerts, and a viewpoint for boat races.

# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar October 2023



October 2023						
<span>ALL</span> <span>CHAMBER EVENTS</span> <span>COMMUNITY EVENTS</span>						
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1	2	3 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Tuesday Trivia Night	4 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	5 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm Open Mic Night	6 Beer on the Pier	7 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Sea to Shore Seafood Co. @ Anacortes Farmers Market 7:30 pm - 10:00 pm Live Music at the Rockfish Grill
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15	16	17 8:00 pm - 9:00 pm Tuesday Trivia Night	18 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm Live Music at the Rockfish Grill	19 8:30 pm - 10:00 pm Open Mic Night	20	21 9:00 am - 2:00 pm Sea to Shore Seafood Co. @ Anacortes Farmers Market 10:00 am - 1:00 pm Wag-O-Ween 6:00 pm - 9:30 pm Rotary Fall Fundraiser + 1 More
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## Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar October 2023

### ➤ Hi-lights

- 10-7, 14, 21, 28-Live Music at the Rockfish Grill starting at 7:30pm
- 10-7, 14, 21, 28-Sea to Shore Seafood Company @ the Anacortes Farmers Market
- 10-5, 12, 19, 26-Open Mic Night at the Brown Lantern starting at 8:30pm

Note: For more information on Chamber activities subscribe to the Chamber Calendar of Events at; <https://anacortes.org/events>



# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar November 2023



November 2023						
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## Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar November 2023

### ➤ Hi-lights

- 11-2, 9, 16, 23, 30-Open Mic Night at the Brown Lantern starting at 8:30pm
- 11-4, 11, 18, 25-Live Music at the Rockfish Grill starting at 7:30pm
- 11-7, 14, 21, 28-Tuesday Trivia Night at the Brown Lantern starting at 8pm

# Anacortes Chamber of Commerce Event(s) Calendar December 2023



December 2023						
<span>■ ALL</span> <span>■ CHAMBER EVENTS</span> <span>■ COMMUNITY EVENTS</span>						
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## Chamber of Commerce Events Calendar December 2023

### ➤ Hi-lights

- 12-1-Coastal Christmas Tree Lighting starting @ 6pm, more details to come
- 12-2, 9, 16, 23, 30-Live Music at the Rockfish Grill starting at 7:30pm
- 12-2-Lighted Boat Parade, starting at 6:30pm weather permitting. Viewers, bring flashlights to the view-point

# San Juan Islands



## *About the San Juan Islands*

Say farewell to worry and stress and say hello to the mellow islands vibe, a temperate year-round climate, and long, lazy hours of doing just what you want. Count on temperatures around 70° in the summer and 40° in the winter. A happy confluence of weather systems also accounts for the high level of air quality you'll appreciate across the San Juan's. So, relax—you're on "island time" now!





# San Juan Islands-Friday Harbor Film Festival



## Explore the 2023 FHFF Program Guide

Delve into the cinematic world of the Friday Harbor Film Festival. Whether you choose to journey through our interactive online guide or relish a printed copy aboard the Washington State Ferries or at our Friday Harbor office, our guide promises a rich exploration of this year's outstanding films and events.

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**FEATURE FILMS** 21

**20 DAYS IN MARIUPOL**  
A film by Mstyslav Chernov  
2023 | 95 Minutes

**Things to Consider**  
**20 DAYS IN MARIUPOL**  
Directed by: Mstyslav Chernov  
2023 | 95 Minutes  
As the Russian invasion begins, a team of Ukrainian journalists trapped in the besieged city of Mariupol struggle to continue their work documenting the war's atrocities.

**SCREENINGS**  
FRI • 10/27 4:00 PM **PALACE FRONT**  
SAT • 10/28 4:15 PM **PALACE BACK**  
In-Theatre Only

On the eve of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, a team of Ukrainian journalists enter the strategic eastern port city of Mariupol. During the subsequent siege and assault, as bombs fall, inhabitants flee, and access to electricity, food, water, and medicine is severed, the team — the only international journalists left — struggles to cover the war atrocities and to transmit their footage out. Eventually surrounded by Russian soldiers, they shelter in a hospital, unsure of how they'll escape.

Chernov offers a window into the practices of conflict zone reporters and an unflinching, anguishing account of their time in Mariupol. Their footage documents the death and destruction, and directly refutes Russian misinformation. Seeing so much death, Chernov wonders how capturing any more could make a difference. But residents inspire them to let the world bear witness.

**ABLED: THE BLAKE LEEPER STORY**  
Directed by: Einar Thorsteinsson  
2023 | 89 Minutes

**Tales from the Heart**  
**ABLED: THE BLAKE LEEPER STORY**  
Directed by: Einar Thorsteinsson  
2023 | 89 Minutes  
Setting its focus on double-leg blade sprinter Blake Leeper, who aspires to be in the Olympics, this is an inquiry into the deliberate bias against disabled athletes who want to compete against the "able-bodied" and the dubious science used to bar them from their dreams.

**SCREENINGS**  
FRI • 10/27 4:15 PM **PALACE BACK**  
SUN • 10/29 10:15 AM **PALACE BACK**  
On-Demand Oct 30 - Nov 5

Meet Blake Leeper, a medal-winning Paralympian sprinter and world record holder in the 400m. Born with both legs missing below the knee, Leeper embraced sports from a young age but did not turn his eye to competitive running till his late teens. He became a major competitor in 100m, 200m, and 400m sprints, earning silver and bronze medals at the 2012 London Paralympics. Leeper intended to compete at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics against "able-bodied" runners. But, despite the one-time precedent set by Oscar Pistorius at the 2012 Olympics, World Athletics, the sport's governing body, claims Leeper's blades give him an advantage over non-disabled runners.

Using candid interviews, incisive reporting, and rigorous scientific testing, the film reveals the deliberate biases faced by disabled athletes and the dubious science and deceptive publicity used to bar them from cross competitions.

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# San Juan Islands-Great Hikes, Orcas Island



## Mount Constitution

If you want the challenge of a steep hike and the reward of breathtaking views, grab your hiking boots and a packed lunch and head to Mount Constitution in Moran State Park, the highest point in the San Juan Islands—2,409 feet. It's not a hike to be rushed, however, as there is a lot to appreciate on the way up. Hike from the cool shade of old-growth forest to sunshine and wildflowers in alpine meadows.

From the summit, you'll have 360-degree views of the San Juan Islands, Vancouver, and the mainland, bracketed by snow-tipped Mt. Baker and Mt. Rainier. Enjoy an added touch of historical interest in the watchtower, built from hand-cut stone by the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1936.

If you have small children or just fancy something less strenuous, there are a multitude of easier hikes farther down the mountain. Or arrange to be dropped off at the top and have someone pick you up at the bottom for a leisurely downhill hike.

There is a paved road all the way up Mount Constitution, so consider parking partway up for a leisurely and beautiful three-mile stroll around Mountain Lake—you can even jump in for a cooling swim. Beyond Mountain Lake, trails lead out to Cascade Falls and Twin Lakes. With over 38 miles of trails, 5,200-acre Moran State Park offers something for every fitness level.

## Turtleback Mountain

The distinctively shaped Turtleback Mountain is a much-loved area for hikers—at 1,520 feet, the second-highest summit in the islands. For hikers and nature lovers, that translates into fantastic views and fascinating flora and fauna. The south-end approach, up the turtle's "head," is for those willing to tackle a steep ascent. You'll enjoy wide-open vistas for much of the climb, but this also means more exposure to the sun.










For those less inclined to pant up an exposed climb, choose the north ascent. Here, conifer forest and wetlands replace the grasslands and Garry oaks of the south face.

## Obstruction Pass State Park

Obstruction Pass is a small gem for those seeking the atmosphere of a wilderness escape. Situated at the far southeastern tip of Orcas, Obstruction Pass offers 80 acres of parkland to explore plus 10 primitive campsites. The main trails run well under a mile through lush vegetation and forest.

The easterly trail leads to a 150-yard beach unique in the islands, covered with marble-sized multicolored pebbles—as well as views of Lopez Island, Blakely Island, and Obstruction Island. The westerly trail ends in a panoramic water view and great picnic site.

## Places to Stay on Orcas Island

 <b>Once In A Blue Moon Farm &amp; Sea Lodging</b> 360-376-7035 info@sleepingsea.com Orcas Island <a href="#">View Website for Rates</a> <a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>	 <b>Orcas Rest Cabin</b> 646-543-2861 contact@orcasrest.com Orcas Island <a href="#">View Website for Rates</a> <a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>	 <b>Doe Bay Resort and Retreat Camping</b> 360-376-2291 office@doebay.com Orcas Island <a href="#">View Website for Rates</a> <a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>
 <b>Orcas Island Getaway @ Rosario</b> 213-267-2276 info@orcasislandgetaway.com Orcas Island <a href="#">View Website for Rates</a> <a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>	 <b>Kingfish at West Sound</b> 360-376-4440 info@kingfishinn.com Orcas Island <a href="#">View Website for Rates</a> <a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>	 <b>Buckhorn Farm Bungalow</b> (360) 376-2298 rental@buckhornfarm.com Orcas Island <a href="#">View Website for Rates</a> <a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>
 <b>Inn at Ship Bay</b> 877-276-7296 shipbay@rockisland.com Orcas Island <a href="#">View Website for Rates</a> <a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>	 <b>Smuggler's Villa Resort</b> 800-488-2097 smuggler@rockisland.com Orcas Island <a href="#">View Website for Rates</a> <a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>	 <b>Water's Edge Suites at Outlook Inn</b> 360-376-2200 info@outlookinn.com Orcas Island <a href="#">View Website for Rates</a> <a href="#">VIEW DETAILS</a>

For places to stay on Orcas Island visit → <https://www.visitsanjuans.com/stay-ocras-island>

**Note:** For more information on hiking on beautiful Orcas Island visit → <https://www.visitsanjuans.com/hiking-ocras-island>

# WSDOT Ferry System

If you're heading to the islands plan ahead!



## Washington State Ferries

Getting here is half the fun aboard a Washington State Ferry! Take a scenic ride through the islands as you make your way to your final destination. You can drive your car right onto the boat, or board as a foot passenger and simply walk on. The ferries run year-round and there are several sailings each day to and from each of the four main islands - Lopez, Orcas, San Juan, and Shaw. An [interisland ferry](#) allows island hoppers to travel between the islands and an international ferry offers service to Sidney, B.C. March - December.

All San Juan Islands ferries depart from the Anacortes Ferry Terminal located at 2100 Ferry Terminal Rd, Anacortes, WA 98221. Allow a comfortable 2 - 3 hours to enjoy the drive and the scenery from Seattle or Vancouver B.C. Make sure this includes enough time to arrive 30-minutes before departure for your reservation check-in.

**Washington State Ferries Vehicle Reservations Home Page**

<https://secureapps.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/reservations/vehicle/default.aspx?op=Make+reservations>



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## Washington State Ferries Vehicle Reservations Home Page

### Vehicle reservations

**Vehicle reservations on the Port Townsend/Coupeville and Anacortes/San Juan Island routes are currently available to reserve through December 30, 2023.**

**Please be advised that International service to and from Sidney, B.C. is out of service until at least Spring 2030 due to vessel availability challenges.**

**Customers can stay up to date on service changes by signing up for rider alerts as well as checking our website and social media accounts.**

**A reservation is a way for a vehicle to save a spot on a few ferry routes. These routes include:**

- Port Townsend/Coupeville
- Anacortes/San Juan Islands (Friday Harbor, Orcas Island, Shaw Island, Lopez Island).

A vehicle reservation is not a ticket. It has no cost unless you no show - If you do not show up, you will be charged a fee. If you make multiple reservations and only use one, you will be charged a no-show fee for the unused reservation(s).

**Purchase your tickets online or when you arrive at the terminal or tollbooth to pay your fare.**

**Vehicle reservations are not required, but are strongly recommended - Limited stand-by space is available on all sailings.**

**Vehicle reservations are one way - Be sure to make reservations for both your outbound and return trips. Please note that there are no reservations eastbound departing Shaw or Lopez Island to Anacortes. All vehicles are loaded first-come first-served from these terminals.**

**Reservations are for vehicles only - Walk-on passengers and those bringing bicycles can buy a ticket online or pay when you arrive.**

### Vehicle reservations space release dates

Space and release dates depend on the route and the seasonal sailing schedule. Find the current and upcoming schedules on the schedule page.

#### On the Anacortes/San Juan Islands routes:

90% of the space on each vessel is available to reserve. The remaining 10% of vehicle deck space is always held open for emergency and stand-by vehicles. Additional stand-by space may also be available due to no shows. Space is released according to the following schedule:

**2 months before the season start date** at 7:00 a.m. PT:

- 30% of standard vehicle space is released
- All 90% of tall, non-standard vehicle space is released

**2 weeks before each sailing date** at 7:00 a.m. PT:

- Additional 30% of standard vehicle space is released

**2 days before each sailing date** at 7:00 a.m. PT:

- Final 30% of standard vehicle space is released

#### On the Port Townsend/Coupeville route:

**2 months before the season start date** at 7:00 a.m. PT:

- All reservation space - 80% of the vehicle spaces are released

20% of the vehicle deck space is always held open for emergency and stand-by vehicles. Additional stand-by space may be available due to no-shows.

[Washington State Ferries Vehicle Reservations Home Page](https://secureapps.wsdot.wa.gov/ferries/reservations/vehicle/default.aspx?op=Make+reservations)

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